



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 2014

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

Part II. Elementary Books of Note and series listing

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

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

Committee

Magna Diaz (Philadelphia Schools-retired)
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Linda McNeil (CCIU#24)
Lois McNicol (Garnet Valley High School-retired)
Pat Naismith (Springfield High School)
Susan Ogintz (Fred S. Engle Middle School-retired)
Stephanie Pennucci (Garnet Valley Schools)
Martha Squaresky (Milton Hershey School)
Joan Theal (Milton Hershey School-retired)
Hilary Welliver (Director – Kent Co. Public Library, DE)

- ms/hs **Abramovitz, Melissa** *Volleyball* LF,LM
Gale/Lucent 2013 128p 34.95 978-1-4205-1157-4 Science Behind Sports
The sport of volleyball is examined starting with a brief history and then delving into the science behind the sport. This science includes biomechanics, anatomy, physiology, and physics.
- elm/ms **Adkins, Jan** *What If You Met A Cowboy?* LMN,MD
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2013 48p 17.99 978-1-59643-149-2
Topnotch color sketches make the Old West come alive. A factual, realistic look at the life of a cowboy: his tools, his horse, his beeves, famous people of the era, life on a cattle drive as well as life on a ranch. Excellent. Grades 4-8.
- ms/hs **Adler, David** *Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad* MD,LM
Holiday House 2013 140p 18.95 978-0-8234-2365-1
Harriet Tubman was born a slave. She was a woman who believed in freedom and was willing to go the extra mile to make sure she could help as many runaway slaves as possible through the Underground Railroad.
- elem **Adler, David A.** *Things That Float and Things That Don't* LMN,SO
Holiday House 2013 unnp 16.95 978-0-8234-2862-5
Easily comprehensible description and explanation of buoyancy, density, hydrostatics and displacement. Using readily available household items, young people can see for themselves and experience why some things float and other do not float. Grades 1-4.
- elem **Adler, David and Michael S.** *A Picture Book of Daniel Boone* HW,LM
Holiday House 2013 unnp 17.95 978-0-8234-2748-2
Provides a brief summary of the life of American pioneer, Daniel Boone.
- hs **Albin, Gennifer** *Altered (Crewel World: Book2)* VM,LF
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2013 390p 17.99 978-0-374-31642-6
Sixteen-year-old Adeline Lewys, along with her boyfriend Jost and his brother Erik, accidentally fall to Earth from Arras by powers unleashed by Adeline's rage as the trio uncover many secrets and experience much danger as they try to get back to Arras and save their families.
- ms/hs **Alender, Katie** *Marie Antoinette, Serial Killer* LM,LMN
Scholastic Press/Point 2013 292p 18.99 978-0-545-46809-1
Colette Iselin goes on a class trip to Paris. While there, she discovers her family was tied to the betrayal of Marie Antoinette during the French Revolution. She enjoys the sites of Paris, a little romance with the tour guide, and researches her family connections while evading the ghost of the dead Queen.
- ms **Allman, Toney** *Radiation Sickness* HW,BG
Gale/Lucent 2013 104p 36.45 978-1-4205-0900-7 Diseases & Disorders#4
Explores radiation sickness in detail, covering causes and effects, treatments, and medical advancements.
- ms/hs **Applegate, Anne** *The Last Academy* BG,LM
Scholastic Press/Point 2013 316p 17.99 978-0-545-50204-7
Cam goes away to private school leaving many things unsaid to her friends and family back home but soon finds herself entangled in a sinister mystery at her new school which may reveal things better not brought to light.
- * ms/hs **Aquirre, Ann** *Horde (Book 3: Razorland Trilogy)* MS,JT
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2013 422p 17.99 978-1-250-02463-3
Fade works through the PTSD caused by his imprisonment in Book 2. His inability to reach out to Deuce is resolved along with the conflict between the Freaks, who are growing ever more intelligent, and the townspeople who try to preserve their way of life under the threat of annihilation.
- ms/hs **Aretha, David** *A Time for Martyrs: Life of Malcolm X* LMN,LM
Morgan Reynolds 2013 144p 28.95 978-159935328-9 Civil Rights Leaders (Morgan
Provides background to the times in which Malcolm X lived as well as facts about his life. More importantly, readers glimpse what events helped shape his beliefs. Readers come away feeling they know the man behind the image. Grades 6-12.
- ms **Auch, M.J.** *One + One = Blue* HW,VM
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2013 268p 16.99 978-0-8050-9405-3
Twelve-year-old Basil's rank as class loser may be in jeopardy after meeting a bossy new girl, who, like Basil, has synesthesia.
- ms/hs **Balliett, Blue** *Hold Fast* MS,JT
Scholastic Press 2013 274p 17.99 978-0-545-29988-6
Dash disappears one night leaving his wife and two children to survive alone in the harshness of a Chicago winter. Thieves break into their small apartment, ransack and threaten, and daughter Early must figure out how to help her mother survive while attempting to find out what happened to Dash.
- * hs **Bardugo, Leigh** *The Siege and Storm* BG,HW
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2013 435p 17.99 978-0-8050-9460-2
Mal and Alina are on the run from the Darkling and trying to save Ravka in this excellent sequel to Leigh Bardugo's *Shadow and Bone* which introduces intriguing new characters, intriguing new places, and exciting new magics, while improving on fantastic storytelling that made *Shadow and Bone* a bestseller.
- elm/ms **Barnhart, Norm** *Dazzling Card Tricks* LF,MS
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 27.32 978-1-4765-0133-8 Magic Manuals (Capstone)
As the title implies, this is a little book that presents several card tricks and the steps to make them happen.
- hs/adult **Baron, Ruth** *Defriended* MS,JT
Scholastic Press 2013 238p 9.99 978-0-545-42357-1
Through Facebook, a teen boy is drawn into a mystery involving a new relationship. Curiosity about Lacey motivates him to learn more but what he learns is that she is dead. He teams up with his best friend to try to solve the mystery.

- ms/hs **Barrow, Randi** *Finding Zasha* HW,VM
Scholastic Press 2013 343p 16.99 978-0-545-45218-2
Twelve-year-old Ivan has escaped from the Siege of Leningrad but, when the town he has taken refuge in is occupied by Hitler's troops, he sees his chance to help the partisans he has met -- and to rescue two German shepherd puppies, Zasha and Thor, from the cruel Commander Recht.
- * ms/hs **Bascomb, Neal** *The Nazi Hunters* VM,MS
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2013 245p 16.99 978-0-545-43099-9
Describes how a team of spies and survivors locate and capture Adolf Eichmann, one of the world's most notorious war criminals of WW II and a mastermind of the Holocaust.
- ms/hs **Bates, Sonya Spreen** *Topspin (Orca Sports)* LMN,CK
Orca 2013 147p 9.95 978-1-4598-0385-5
A hi/lo sports title. At a Melbourne Park tournament, Kat has singles potential and, with Miri, may have a chance to win doubles. Hamish is trying to capture the men's tennis championship. Subterfuge, skill, and grit all interplay with great tennis action. Gr 6-12.
- ms/hs **Baxter, Roberta** *Ernest Rutherford and the Birth of the Atomic Age* LF,LM
Morgan Reynolds 2013 112p 28.95 978-159935171-1
Often called the father of nuclear science, Ernest Rutherford, with scholarship in hand, left his early studies in his native New Zealand to become a Nobel Prize winner for his work in element degradation and radiochemistry. This biography presents these studies and achievements, and others, along with his childhood and family life as an adult.
- ms/hs **Bennett, Sophia** *The Look* LMN,CK
Scholastic/Chicken House 2013 327p 17.99 978-0-545-46438-3
Ted always thought her older sister had fashion model flair. When a talent scout selects Ted to be the next hot model, Ted is surprised and must decide whether to put her sister's leukemia diagnosis ahead of this exhilarating opportunity. Grades 7-12.
- hs/adult **Berlatsky, Noah** *War in Erich Maria Remarque's All Quiet on the Western Front* HW,LMN
Cengage 2013 135p 29.45 978-0-7377-6392-8 Social Issues in Literature(Gale)
Essays offer a variety of views regarding pacifism and war as influenced by Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front*.
- elm/ms **Biskup, Agnieszka** *Amazing Story of Space Travel: Max Axiom STEM Adventures* LF,SO
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 29.99 978-1-4765-0124-6 STEM Adventures
Max Axiom, super scientist, explores the world of space travel from training through rocket boosters, to life on the space station.
- * ms/hs **Blackcrane, Gerelchimeg** *Black Flame* JT,HW
Douglas McIntyre/Groundwood 2013 238p 15.95 978-1-55498-135-9
Reminiscent of Kjelgaard, this title follow the ups and downs in the life of a young Tibetan mastiff born on the great plains. He survives bad masters and learns to give his heart to the good. Middle school up.
- * hs/adult **Block, Francesca Lia** *Love In the Time of Global Warming* CK,LMN
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2013 230p 16.99 978-0-8050-9627-9
Penelope finds herself a survivor after a post-apocalyptic flood in this retelling of *The Odyssey* set in modern times. In searching for her family, she joins up with other survivors to defeat the forces of evil and salvage as much love as she can.
- elm/ms **Bolte, Mari** *Fashion Drawing Studio* LMN,LM
Capstone Publishers 2013 144p 16.95 978-1-62370-005-8
For future fashion designers, art students, or those who wish to illustrate books, this book provides contemplative tips on the components of various fashion styles, tips on coloring drawings, and shows how line drawings morph into a finished product. Gr. 4-10
- all ages **Bolte, Mari** *Watercolors* MD,LM
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 27.32 978-1-4765-3108-3 Paint it (Capstone)
A step-by-step instruction book on watercolor painting for children of all ages.
- * hs **Bow, Erin** *Sorrow's Knot* HW,LF
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2013 342p 17.99 978-0-545-16666-9
Otter must find a way to stop the White Hands or become one herself.
- ms **Brendler, Carol** *Radio Girl* HW,LF
Holiday House 2013 202p 16.95 978-0-8234-2861-8
Cece's greatest wish is to be a radio star -- even if she has to go behind her mother's back to become one!
- elem **Brickweg, Jason** *Chris Jericho* LMN,CK
Scholastic Press 2013 24p 23.00 978-0-531-26805-6 Pro Wrestling Champions
With excellent color photos, this biography of WWE wrestler Chris Jericho will thrill fans of the sport. Gaining fame in the late 1990s and early 2000s, Jericho was a nine time champion who wowed the world with his signature moves. Grades 3-6.
- ms/hs **Brockenbrough, Martha** *Finding Bigfoot* LF,LM
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2013 150p 14.99 978-1-250-04090-9
The companion book to the Animal Planet series *Finding Bigfoot*, this provides the reader with everything you ever wanted to know, and more, about Bigfoot.
- * all ages **Brown, Don** *The Great American Dust Bowl* LM,all
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 80p 18.99 978-0-547-81550-3
A graphic explanation of when the "Dust Bowl" started and what caused it to become so devastating beginning on Sunday, April 14, 1935 and in years to follow.
- elem **Bruel, Nick** *Bad Kitty School Daze* CFM,LMN
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2013 159p 13.99 978-1-59643-670-1
"When Kitty's owners have finally had enough of her bad behavior, it's time to ship her off to obedience school."

- elm/ms **Burgan, Michael** *Ellis Island: An Interactive Adventure* LF,LM
Capstone Publishers 2014 112p 31.32 978-1-4765-0253-3 You Choose: History (Capstone)
- The reader gets to place him/her self in one of three roles immigrating to the United States early in the 1900s. The choices are: a Jewish youth leaving the violence of Russia, an Italian teen who lands at Ellis Island during WW I, or a German immigrant who faces deportation.
- ms **Burgan, Michael** *John F. Kennedy* SO,LM
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 56p 32.65 978-1-4329-8096-2
- This book offers a look at the personal life and political career of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. It begins with a short account of his assassination in Dallas and then returns to a description of Kennedy's family history. It continues with a limited discussion of the key events of his presidency: America's growing involvement in Vietnam, the Bay of Pigs disaster, his advocacy for the new civil rights legislation, the race for space, and his death in Dallas.
- elem **Burlingame, Jeff** *Demi! Latina Star Demi Lovato* LF,MD
Enslow 2013 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-4169-1 Sizzling Celebrities (Enslow)
- Demi Lovato is the subject of this brief but informative biography.
- hs **Cameron, Sharon** *A Spark Unseen* JT,MS
Scholastic Press 2013 335p 17.99 978-0-545-32813-5
- Katherine moves to Paris with two purposes: to protect her inventor uncle and to find her love, Lane. Both purposes put her in danger from elements she does not suspect.
- * ms/hs **Carlton, Kat** *Two Lies and a Spy* LM,SO
Simon & Schuster/ 2013 256p 16.99 978-1-4424-8172-5
- What could a sixteen-year-old girl, Kari Andrews, do when her boyfriend's father labels her super spy parent's traitors? How can she protect her little brother Charlie and clear her parents? Action packed pages throughout.
- elm/ms **Castrovilla, Selene** *Revolutionary Friends* LM,LMN
Boyd's Mills/Calkins Creek 2013 unpag 16.95 978-1-59078-880-6
- Revolutionary Friends* is the story of how the Marquis de Lafayette came to America during the American Revolution and impressed George Washington with his youth and determination.
- elm/ms **Catel, Patrick** *Skiing* LF,LMN
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 32.00 978-1-4109-5452-7 Winter Sports
- Skiing, in all of its diversity, including its history, skills, and equipment is the topic of this title.
- ms **Chambers, Catherine** *American Indian Stories and Legends* JT,MD
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 32.00 978-1-4109-5469-5 All About Myths (Capstone)
- Myths and stories of various Indian tribes from the Americas are presented with related information. Myths and legends are differentiated. Stories are grouped by topic. Middle School.
- elm/ms **Chan, Crystal** *Bird* LF,LMN
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2014 298p 16.99 978-1-4424-5089-9
- Jewel, born on the day her brother John "Bird" died, has always felt disconnected with her parents and mute grandfather. Her friendship with Eugene, and their positive influence on each other, as well as her entire family dynamic, come to a head when he has an accident.
- * ms/hs **Charbonneau, Joelle** *The Testing* VM,BG
Houghton Mifflin 2013 344p 17.99 978-0-547-95910-8
- Malencia is doubtful that she will be chosen for the Testing but, when she is chosen, she is fearful from her father's experience and the disappearance of those that have not passed the Testing.
- ms/hs **Citra, Becky** *If Only* MD,LMN
Orca 2013 232p 12.95 978-1-4598-0286-5
- Walking home one evening, 15-year-old Pam and her twin brother Danny decide to take the trail through the park. The assault on Pam happened so quickly that neither had time to react. Thankfully a neighbor's dog stopped the attacker from viciously hurting Pam.
- ms/hs **Clark, Kristin Elizabeth** *Freak Boy* LMN,SO
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2013 432p 18.99 978-0-374-32472-8
- Brendan is an outstanding wrestler and his long running relationship with his girlfriend Vanessa, is reaching a crossroads. Compelling novel in verse that explores the thoughts of a boy wondering if he is a transsexual. No graphic sex scenes. Gr 7-12.
- elem **Clay, Kathryn** *Signing at School: Sign Language for Kids* MS,BG
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 26.65 978-1-62065-052-3 Time To Sign (Capstone)
- Bus stop vocabulary, subjects in school, and cafeteria-related words are just a few of the chapters in this volume about signing in which visual aids combine with text to creatively instruct early learners in this useful language.
- ms **Claybourne, Anna** *Octopuses* BG,SO
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 32p 29.00 978-1-4109-5240-0 Animal Abilities
- This book looks at the amazing and often unexpected abilities that octopuses possess as well as the ways humans use these animals to help them and how scientists have tried to replicate their abilities using technology.
- elem **Clement, Nathan** *Speed* LMN,LM
Boyd's Mills Press 2013 unpag 16.95 978-1-59078-937-7
- Provides an explanation of the various race flags drivers need to know. As a stock car race starts, the excitement is high. Race incidents and a thrilling finish will keep readers attention. The ending is a real surprise that comes from nowhere. Gr PreS-2.
- * elm/ms **Coleman, Janet Wyman** *Eight Dolphins of Katrina* JT,MS
Houghton Mifflin 2013 unpag 16.99 978-0-547-71923-8
- During Hurricane Katrina, the tank housing eight dolphins was damaged and the dolphins were released into the Gulf of Mexico. This title details their miraculous survival and rescue.

- hs **Cook, Eileen** *Year of Mistaken discoveries* MD,HW
Simon & Schuster/ Simon Pulse 2014 257p 17.00 9781442440227
Avery is very popular and has everything any teenager could possibly want but she has encountered trouble getting into the university of her choice. Then one of her friends commits suicide and leave Avery a special notebook/diary that places Avery on a road to discovery of who she is and what she really wants in life.
- ms/hs **Coriell, Shelley** *Good Bye, Rebel Blue* MS,HW
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2013 307p 16.95 978-1-4197-0930-2
Rebecca Blue has lost her mother and almost loses herself when she takes on the bucket list of a girl she met at detention.
- elm/ms **Cornwell, Betsy** *Tides* HW,LF
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2013 294p 16.99 978-0-547-92772-5
When Noah mistakenly rescues a selkie, he feels compelled to identify the mystery person who is harvesting young selkies for unknown reasons.
- ms/hs **Crane, Caprice** *Confessions of a Hater* HW,CK
Macmillan/ Feiwei & Friends 2013 358p 17.99 978-1-250-00846-6
Hailey thinks she's found the inside track to popularity and she is putting her plan to the test in her new school.
- ms **Crowder, Melanie** *Parched* MD,CK
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 154p 15.99 978-0-547-97651-8
Musa's gift is also a curse! In a time of plenty being able to detect and find water is helpful but when there is an extreme drought it can cost you your life and that of your family.
- ms/hs **Cunningham, Kevin** *Classical Civilization: India* CK,LM
Morgan Reynolds 2013 112p 28.95 978-159935175-9 World History(MR)
This introduction to the ancient Indus Valley Civilization, and subsequent Indian eras, puts them in the context of world history, is comprehensive, and includes colorful photographs and discussions of literature, archaeology, religion, language and trade.
- hs **Damico, Gina** *Rogue* LF,MD
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 326p 8.99 978-0-544-10884-4
In this book, the last of a trilogy, the story takes the quirky heroine and her gang of grim reapers around the globe to close the portals that lead to the Afterlife. Only by sealing these portals, can the process of death and the passing of souls return to what is considered to be normal.
- elm/ms **de la Pena, Matt** *Curse of the Ancients (Infinity Ring series Bk4)* JT,BG
Scholastic Press 2013 188p 12.99 978-0-545-38699-9
Three time travelers are sent to fix one of the "Breaks" in time. This title sends them into ancient Mayan times to secure the correct codex so that it makes it into the future. Grades 4-7.
- elm/ms **de Saint-Exupery, Antoine** *The Little Prince* LF,LM
Houghton Mifflin 2013 96p 9.99 978-0-547-97884-0
The classic tale of a man stranded in the desert and the young boy prince who has fallen to this planet who shares poignant times and unique stories with the man and then leaves.
- ms/hs **Doktorski, Jennifer Salvato** *Famous Last Words* BG,SP
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2013 279p 17.99 978-0-8050-9367-4
As an intern at a local paper tasked with writing obituaries, Sam learns her way around both the news room and the real world as she starts to make some momentous realizations about politics, ethics, her family, romance, and herself.
- elm/ms **Duffy, Chris, editor** *Fairy Tale Comics* SO,LM
Macmillan/ First Second 2013 125p 19.99 978-1-59643-823-1
Eighteen fairy tales from around the world are retold and illustrated by different cartoonists in this graphic representation. The artists take their tales and interpret it in their own manner through very different styles and mediums.
- elem **Dybvik, Tina** *Sadie's Seed Adventures: Learning about Seeds* CK,LM
Capstone/Picture window 2014 24p 26.65 978-1-4048-8316-1 Take It Outside
Sadie is a rising gardener who wants to find out how seeds are dispersed and she teams up with Marv the gardener to do so. When they put on their adventure hats, they are able to follow the routes of various seeds and find out how they travel.
- ms/hs **Ellis, Leanne Statland** *The Ugly One* MD,TW
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2013 245p 16.99 978-0-547-64023-5
Micay has a deep scar on her face that causes dislike among her people. They are afraid of her. She can not remember how she got the scar but her wish is to be able to find her own happiness in her world of beautiful people.
- ms/hs **Engle, Margarita** *The Lightning Dreamer: Cuba's greatest abolitionist* MD,TW
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 182p 16.99 978-0-547-80743-0
In 1827, women were supposed to be quiet, demure, and defer to men. Women married at 14 and their lives belonged to their husbands. Into this world, Tula was born. Tula was different. She wanted to learn how to read and write and she had a strong sense of right and wrong especially concerning the slaves.
- elm/ms **Enz, Tammy** *Engineering a Totally Rad Skateboard with Max Axiom, Super Scientist* JT,SO
Capstone Publishers 2013 32p 29.99 978-1-4296-9935-8 Graphic Science and Engineering
In graphic novel format, this title explains the process engineers use with improving a skateboard as the example. Familiar series of action around scientific principles. For grades 3-7.
- hs **Falls, Kat** *Inhuman* HW,VM
Scholastic Press 2013 375p 17.99 978-0-545-37099-8
Lane must retrieve an artifact from the forbidden Feral Zone in time to save her father's life.

- hs **Falls, Kat** *Inhuman* LF,HW
Scholastic Press 2013 375p 17.99 978-0-545-37099-8
Scared for her father and desperate to save him, Lane goes into the feral world on the other side of the Titan wall, a wall created by the Corporation after a deadly virus killed off a large part of the population. Those who survived on the safe side of the wall suffer from "feral" mutations that are very beast-like. In the quest to find her father, Lane learns about herself and the realities of her world both under the dome and in the Savage Zone.
- ms/hs **Farmer, Nancy** *The Lord of Opium* LF,JT
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2013 411p 17.99 978-1-4424-8254-8
In this sequel to Farmer's *House of the Scorpion*, Matteo, the worthless 14-year-old clone of El Patron, becomes the very human El Patron. Finding himself in charge of the country of Opium and overseer of the mind controlled populace, Matt decides to change the order of things.
- ms/hs **Featherstone, Mark** *Computer Games Designer: The Coolest Jobs on the Planet* VM,SO
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 32.00 978-1-4109-5489-8 (The Coolest Jobs on the Planet)
Provides information about the career of a computer games designer including the commitment, the process of making a game, a day in the life of a games designer, different roles, game genres, working as a team toward production, and learning how to make the games.
- ms **Fein, Eric** *Vehicles of World War II* BF,LF
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 27.32 978-1-4296-9915-0 War Vehicles (Capstone)
This informative book describes, with succinct words and mostly historical photos, the tanks, ships, airplanes, and other fighting vehicles used by the Allies and the Axis during World War II. It also includes a glossary and suggested reading materials.
- ms/hs **Fforde, Jasper** *The Song of the Quarkbeast (The Chronicles of Kazam)* SO,JT
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 289p 16.99 978-0-547-73848-2
Jennifer Strange returns to Hereford in the Disunited Kingdoms to continue her management of Kazam Mystical Arts in this outstanding sequel to *The Last Dragonslayer*. Fforde holds the reader entranced throughout this engaging and suspenseful fantasy. It is thoughtful, thought provoking, and wonderfully funny, all at the same time. Jennifer is a worthy soul sister to Pratchett's Tiffany Aching.
- * ms/hs **Fitzgerald, Sarah Moore** *Back to Blackbrick* VM,SO
Simon & Schuster/ McElderry 2013 208p 15.99 978-1-4424-8155-8
Cosmo is being raised by his grandparents and his grandfather is the wisest person he knows until his grandfather begins to experience memory loss and gives Cosmo a key to go through the south gates of Blackbrick Abbey that will give him the answers to his life.
- ms **Fletcher, Susan** *Falcon in the Glass* LF,LM
Simon & Schuster/ McElderry 2013 302p 13.49 978-1-4424-7710-0
Young, fatherless Renzo dreams of being a famous glassmaker but, without a patron, has to work doing menial labor in a glassworks on the island of Murano around the turn of the 15th century. He uses what little time he has to himself to make works of art in glass, especially falcons, and comes to the attention of the owner of the glassworks.
- elem **Flood, Nancy Bo** *Cowboy Up! Ride The Navajo Rodeo* LMN,LM
Boyd's Mills/Word Song 2013 40p 17.95 978-1-59078-893-6
Crisp, action packed color photos of Navajo young people competing in local rodeos. Each two page spread starts with an announcers' set up for the event, a poem related to the event, rules of the event and a color photo of a rider in action. Excellent! Gr. 2-6.
- all ages **Flowers, Arthur, Manu** *I See The Promised Land* MD,TW
Dōuglās McIntyre/Groundwood 2013 154p 18.95 978-1-55498-328-5
A graphic novel about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement in the USA.
- elm/ms **Ford, Carin** *Women of the Civil War Through Primary Sources* CK,LM
Enchanted Lion Books 2013 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-4128-8 Civil War Through Primary
The roles that women played during the American Civil War are described with examples of primary and secondary sources of information and in the illustrations that are scattered through the book.
- ms **Freedman, Russell** *Becoming Benjamin Franklin* CFM,SO
Holiday House 2013 86p 24.95 978-0-8234-2374-3
"A biography of Benjamin Franklin that follows him from his childhood in Boston, where he was the son of a poor soap and candle maker with seventeen children, to his death, describing how Franklin became a self-made man who died a renowned statesman, scientist, printer, author, and inventor."
- ms **Frost, Helen** *Salt* HW,LMN
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2013 138p 17.99 978-0-374-36387-1
Anikwa and James' friendship in the frontier settlement of Fort Wayne is tested by the tensions between the British and Americans.
- hs **Gansworth, Eric** *If I Ever Get Out of Here* HW,MS
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2013 358p 17.99 978-0-545-41730-3
A Tuscarora Indian and the child of a military airman connect through their mutual passion for music, especially the Beatles.
- elem **Gibbons, Gail** *Beavers* CFM,CK
Holiday House 2013 32p 17.95 978-0-8234-2412-2
"Explores the lives of beavers, including where they live, what they eat, how they raise their young, and more."
- elm/ms **Gibbs, Stuart** *Poached* JT,VM
Simon & Schuster/ 2014 330p 15.99 978-1-4424-67774
Teddy solves the mystery of a kidnapped koala at a wildlife park where he lives. He is the prime suspect because he is caught on camera leaving the enclosure but he did not do it. Very funny sequences. Grades 4 up.

- * ms **Gier, Kerstin** *Emerald Green (Ruby Red Trilogy)* HW,LM
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2013 451p 17.99 978-0-8050-9267-7
This is the final book in the *Ruby Red Trilogy* in which readers will learn the ultimate secret of this time traveling Circle of Twelve. Readers will be pleased with the intrigue, romance, historical settings, and fast paced trips back into various time periods
- ms/hs **Goelman, Ali** *The Path of Names* SO,MS
Scholastic Press 2013 339p 16.99 978-0-545-47430-6
Ghosts, murder, and mystery... what better introduction to summer sleep-away camp? Dahlia attends Camp Arava and notices a pair of young girls walking through the walls of her cabin. Things just get stranger by the minute. Paired with the camp weirdo and channeling the spirit of a murdered young man from the 1940s, Dahlia must save the campers from unspeakable evil.
- elm/ms **Goldsworthy, Steve** *A Daredevil's Guide to Stunts* MS,SO
Capstone Publishers 2013 48p 31.32 978-1-4296-9987-7 Daredevils' Guides (Capstone)
The performance of stunts of all kinds appears in this guide and includes world famous stunts at a variety of venues as well as Hollywood stunts which appear in movies. Includes motivation and "how-to" descriptions for a variety of stunt performances.
- elem **Gordon, Nick** *Paris Catacombs* LM,LMN
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 24p 20.65 978-0-531-29054-5 Scariest Places on Earth
The Paris Catacombs is one of the scariest places on earth. The book explains about the Empire of Death to young readers.
- elm/ms **Gordon, Nick** *The Bone Chapel* BG,HW
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 24p 22.95 978-0-531-29051-4 Scariest Places on Earth
Engaging images accompany information about the Czech Republic's Sedlec Ossuary. The volume also includes a glossary and recommended reading page.
- * ms/hs **Grant, Vicki** *Triggered* CK,MD
Orca 2013 122p 9.95 978-1-4598-0526-2
Mick wants to break off his romance with Jade but she makes it very difficult for him. The fact that her little brother is counting on his continuing presence does not help the situation.
- ms **Gratz, Alan** *Prisoner B-3087* HW,LMN
Scholastic Press 2013 260p 16.99 978-0-545-45901-3
Based on the life of Jack Gruener, this book relates to his story of survival from the Nazi occupation of Krakow when he was eleven, through a succession of concentration camps, to the final liberation of Dachau.
- ms/hs **Greenfield, Amy Butler** *Chantress* BG,LMN
Simon & Schuster/ McElderry 2013 324p 13.20 978-1-4424-7712-4
Fifteen-year-old Lucy discovers that she is a chantress who can perform magic by singing and the only one who can save England from the control of the dangerous Lord Protector.
- ms **Greenwald, Tommy** *Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Summer Vacation* CK,SO
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2013 222p 14.99 978-1-59643-757-9
Charlie Joe Jackson makes another appearance, this time at a super-academic summer camp to which he is ill suited. But he makes the best of it and ends up having a pretty good time with lots of laughs along the way.
- elm/ms **Grimes, Nikki** *Words with Wings* LMN,LM
Boyd's Mills/Word Song 2013 84 15.95 978-1-59078-9985-8
Gabriella, named for the famous angel, often lets her mind take flight and gets into trouble for daydreaming. Her move to a new school after the divorce of her parents leaves her wondering if she will make new friends since she is so quiet. Gr. 3-9.
- ms/hs **Hamilton, Kersten** *When the Stars Threw Down Their Spears (Goblin Wars)* VM,LF
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2013 388p 16.99 978-0-547-73964-9
Teagan and Finn join together to battle the Dark Man of Mag Mell and close the portal which has opened onto Chicago and destroy the creatures it has released in order to save their loved ones.
- elem **Harbo, Christopher L.** *Frankenstein's Monster and Scientific Methods* MS,BG
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 29.99 978-1-4296-9931-0 Monster Science (Capstone)
In this graphic novel, science pairs up with Frankenstein to teach young students the steps of the scientific method.
- * elm/ms **Harper, Benjamin** *The Tell-Tale Heart* MS,JT
Capstone/Stone Arch 2013 72p 26.65 978-1-4342-3023-2 Edgar Allen Poe Graphic Novels
A care provider plots to murder the man to whom he owes his livelihood due to the man's "evil eye." After the deed is done, his guilt and/or lunacy overtake him.
- hs **Haugen, David & Susan** *Juvenile Justice* LMN,CK
Gale/Greenhaven 2013 175p 33.71 978-0-7377-6488-8 Teen Rights & Freedoms
Pro/con articles about punishment for teenagers who commit a crime. Focuses heavily on Supreme Court cases. A few personal responses by teenagers convicted of crimes and their parents. Definitely for the student comfortable with legal text. Grades 9-12.
- ms/hs **Hay, Jeff** *The Arab-Israeli Six-Day War* SO,CK
Gale/Greenhaven 2013 197p 35.33 978-0-7377-6361-4 Perspectives on Modern World
In order to formulate an accurate opinion of a topic, a reader must be able to evaluate different information and different points of view. In this book about the Arab-Israeli Six-Day War, the editors present opposing viewpoints on topics using primary and secondary source material.
- elem **Hicks, Betty** *The Worm Whisperer* JT,MD
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2013 185p 16.99 978-1-59643-490-5
This gentle story involves a boy who wants desperately to win the Annual Worm Race where contestants race wooly worm caterpillars up a string. Funny events happen and Ellis learns much about friendship and family.
- ms **Hicks, Deron R.** *Tower of the Five Orders (Shakespeare Mysteries)* LM,SO
Houghton Mifflin 2013 310p 16.99 978-0-547-83953-0
Coly Letterford's life is once again a treasure hunt with her cousin Julian in order to save her father's reputation and reinstate him as head of the Letterford Printing Company.

- * hs **Hill, C.J.** *Slayers: Friends and Traitors* JT,VM
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2013 390p 16.99 978-1-250-02461-9
Modern day, urban fantasy involving dragons and the people who desire to kill them (Slayers) and those who want to use them (Dragon Lords) for political gain. Lots of both physical and psychological action. High school.
- * elm/ms **Hobbs, Valerie** *Wolf* LM,CFM
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 117p 15.99 978-0-374-31575-7
"Jack, the border collie, has finally found a home and a purpose on a farm." He can't disappoint Luke, but can an old dog learn new tricks and save the farm from a marauding wolf.
- ms/hs **Honeyman, Kay** *The Fire Horse Girl* MD,TW
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2013 321p 17.99 978-0-545-40310-8
Jade Moon was born in the year of the Fire Horse. In China, this means she is a child born with bad luck for the family and anyone who comes close to her. It also prepared the person for a tough life so that they learned how to survive in this world.
- hs **Hoover, P.J.** *Solstice* SO,LM
Macmillan/Tor Books 2013 381p 17.99 978-0-7653-3469-5
This debut YA novel is an interesting mix of dystopian existence and Greek mythology. The convoluted plot unfolds gradually and the characters retain the characteristics of their legendary counterparts.
- ms/hs **Horowitz, Anthony** *Oblivion (Book Five of the Gatekeepers)* MS,LF
Scholastic Press 2013 590 17.99 978-0-439-68004-2
Five teenagers with super powers must unite to save society from the Old Ones who have taken control of Earth. The journey each teen takes to Antarctica is as thrilling as the final confrontation. The Old Ones have a few tricks as well and the deciding battle is certain to be memorable.
- * hs **Howard, J.J.** *That Time I Joined the Circus* VM,MD
Scholastic Press 2013 262p 17.99 978-0-545-43381-5
In the middle of her high school senior year in New York, Alex's dad suddenly dies and she is sent off, on her own, to search for her estranged mother who joined the circus and left her family years ago.
- ms/hs **Hrdlitschka, Shelley** *Allegra* BG,HW
Orca 2013 256p 12.95 978-1-4598-0197-4
Allegra wants to dance but when her music-theory teacher insists she undertake a composition project; their collaboration brings unforeseen changes in both their lives.
- elm/ms **Hunter, Nick** *Women in World War I* CFM,MS
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 32.65 978-1-4329-8084-9 Remembering World War I
"Shows how women played a vital role in the war effort of every nation during World War I; describes how the lives of women changed, and what happened when the war ended."
- * hs/adult **Jahn-Clough, Lisa** *Nothing But Blue* MS,JT
Houghton Mifflin 2013 214p 16.99 978-0-618-95961-7
Blue lives in "Now" and "Before" and must bring the two time periods together to remember what tragedy befell her family. A dog named Shadow joins her and helps her at unusual times.
- elem **Jeffrey, Laura S.** *Choosing a Bird* PN,LM
Enslow 2013 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-4078-6 Pet Care Series (Enslow)
This useful volume, in the American Humane Society's *Pet Care* series, discusses the avian breeds, selection, housing, diet, handling, grooming, exercise and health of a new bird.
- ms/hs **Jenkins, Steve** *The Animal Book* HW,LM
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 208p 21.99 978-0-547-55799-1
Provides an overview of the diversity of animal life on our planet.
- ms/hs **Jenks, Andrew** *My Adventures as a Young Filmmaker* LMN,CK
Scholastic Press 2013 224p 19.99 978-0-545-41727-3
Andrew Jenks became serious about films in high school. This book reads like a diary. Features his first documentary picked up by HBO, a baseball documentary funded by ESPN, and his MTV show. Must reading for budding film makers. Gr 7-12.
- * ms/hs **Jinks, Catherine** *How To Catch A Bogle* VM,HW
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 312p 16.99 978-0-544-08708-8
In 1870s London, Alfred Bunce, a Go-Devil man or bogler, and orphan Birdie, his apprentice, trap and kill bogles, which are monsters that eat children, while Miss Eames, a Toff or well-to-do, studies bogling and tries to convince Alfred that he should not use Birdie as bait.
- hs **Kacvinsky, Katie** *Middle Ground (Awaken sequel)* JT,LMN
Houghton Mifflin 2012 324p 16.99 978-0-547-86336-8
Maddie is thrown into a detention center where they attempt to brainwash her. She fights back with the help of a few friends. Quite intense and more suitable for high school.
- ms **Kadohata, Cynthia** *The Thing About Luck* MD,TW
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2013 271p 16.99 978-1-4424-7877-0
When Summer's parents go to Japan on an emergency, she and her brother are left in the care of her grandparents who are old-fashioned and demanding. Summer feels that "good luck" has abandoned them and the stay with her grandparents is going to be a long one.
- ms/hs **Kallen, Stuart A.** *The History of Latin Music* MD,TW
Gale/Lucent 2013 126p 35.95 978-1-4205-0947-2 Music Library Gale/Lucent
A historical view of Latin American music throughout time and its influence on the American culture.
- elem **Kalz, Jill** *Out-of-the-World Aliens: Hidden Picture Puzzles* JT,MS
Capstone/Picture window 2014 32p 25.99 978-1-4048-7942-3 Seek It Out (Capstone/Picture
Fun and fairly difficult hidden picture puzzles involving aliens. Students will enjoy searching for the hidden items. They aren't all easy.

- elm/ms **Kaplan, Arie** *The Awesome Inner Workings of Video Games* LMN,LF
Lerner/Graphic 2014 32p 26.60 978-1-4677-1250-7 Shockzone Games and Gamers
Provides a programmer's viewpoint of how video games operate. Perfect for the inquisitive student who wants to know the history of game development and terminology used by computer programmers. Grades 3-8.
- elm/ms **Karwoski, Langer** *Search and Rescue Dogs* LF,CFM
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 27.32 978-1-4765-0131-4 Dogs On The Job (Capstone)
Many dogs have jobs and work with human partners to create a Search and Rescue (SAR) Team. These teams are sent to disaster sites to help find and recover survivors and victims.
- ms **Kelley, Jane** *The Desperate Adventures of Zano & Alya* JT,MD
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2013 201p 15.99 978-1-250-02348-3
An African Gray Parrot, Zeno, is on the loose and looking for a friend to take care of him. Alya has leukemia and desperately needs a friend and a reason to keep trying. A perfect match if it can only happen.
- ms/hs **Kelly, Shannon** *Reality TV* BG,VM
Gale/Lucent 2013 120p 33.95 978-1-4205-0905-2 Hot Topics (Lucent/Cengage)
Provides clear, balanced, and thoughtful examination of the controversy surrounding reality television through crafted narrative, primary and secondary source quotations, informative sidebars, and study questions enhanced by full-color photographs.
- hs **Kessler, Jackie Morse** *Breath (Riders of the Apocalypse)* VM,LMN
Houghton Mifflin/ Graphia 2013 321p 8.99 978-0-547-97043-1
Death decides to end his existence until Xander, who gave Death a gift years ago, convinces him to reconsider his plan to preserve balance in the universe.
- ms/hs **Kessler,M.D., David** *Your Food Is Fooling You.* VM,LM
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2013 183 9.99 978-1-59643-831-6
Explains how the brain is hijacked by sugar, fat, and salt, leading to the inability to choose wholesome foods and to the growing obesity globally.
- ms **Kim, Melissa** *Endocrine and Reproductive Systems* MS,MD
Enslow 2013 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-4158-5 Learning About Human Body
This book examines glands, the production of hormones, and the interaction of each with respect to the role they play a rôle in reproduction.
- elem **Kim, Patti** *Here I Am* LF,CFM
Capstone/Picture window 2014 40p 27.32 978-1-4048-8299-7
The story of coming to America as seen through the eyes of a child is presented without words just in pictures.
- elem **Kimmel, Eric A.** *Hannukkah Bear* SO,CFM
Holiday House 2013 unp 16.95 978-0-8234-2855-7
Kimmel retells his classic story of *The Chanukkah Guest* (o.p.) with new illustrations but the story is still as charming as ever.
- hs **Klass, David & Perri Klass** *Second Impact* LF,LMN
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2013 279p 16.99 978-0-374-37996-4
Jerry Downing and Carla Jensen, who share a high school English class, blog about football in small town America (specifically New Jersey). The community culture, the pressure on the players, the consequences of bad choices, and most importantly the topical issues of head injury in high school sports, all come to play in the dialog that ensues in the blogs of both students.
- hs/adult **Knisley, Lucy** *Relish: My Life In the Kitchen* LMN,JT,SO
Macmillan/ First Second 2013 173p 17.99 978-1-59643-623-7
Knisley, an avid comic reader and artist, reflects on her upbringing shuttling between divorced parents who love food whether as a critic, farmer, or gourmet cook. Recipes also appear in this memoir in graphic novel format. Humor abounds. Grades 10-adult.
- * hs **Konnigsberg, Bill** *Openly Straight* HW,CFM
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2013 320p 17.99 978-0-545-50989-3
Tired of being known as "the gay kid," Rafe Goldberg decides to assume a new persona when he enters an elite prep school.
- elm/ms **Kontis, Alethea** *Hero* LM,SO
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 282p 17.99 978-0-544-05677-0
Saturday comes from a large family in which her siblings all have magical talents. She thinks her life is boring. All that Saturday has is a fey-blessed sword. That all changes when she breaks a mirror and creates an ocean in her backyard. She sets off to find Trix only to be kidnapped and enslaved.
- hs **Kopp, Dwight** *Coma (Moderator)* VM,LMN
Dwight Kopp (November 20, 2013 204p \$9.13 978-0989585347
The players in the game have compared notes and collectively seek the identity of the Moderator to put an end to the terror and havoc he causes: most recently the disappearance of Lana and the accusations that are cast on Nick and Seth.
- ms/hs **Kopp, Dwight** *Moderator* LMN,VM
Dwight Kopp 2013 202 11.95 978-0-9895853-1-6
When a moderator of an online gaming site requires participants to carry out his commands, all equally horrific, a town is turned upside down as the commands must occur with real-life citizens. Bullying, mind control, and online predators. Grades 7-12.
- elem **Korman, Gordon** *Hideout* JT,SO
Scholastic Press 2013 273p 16.99 978-0-545-44866-6
Swindle returns to town to take back his dog Luthor, whom he had abandoned. The children take Luthor to camp with them to foil Swindle. Hilarious happenings occur as Luthor is repeatedly moved to a new hideout. Grades 3-6.
- all ages **Korte, Steve** *DC Super-Pets Character Encyclopedia* MS,BG
Capstone/Picture window 2014 128p 25.28 978-1-4795-2030-5 DC Superpets(Capstone)
DC Comics' archivist Steve Korte amassed his listing of super hero and super villain pets to create this encyclopedia of critters which includes text and drawings of more than 100 animals.

- ms/hs **Krohn, Katherine** *Adele* MS,SO
Gale/Lucent 2013 104p 33.95 978-1-4205-0882-6 People in the News
Adele's rise to stardom, her struggles and successes along the way, and her sources of inspiration are highlighted in this biography.
- elm/ms **Krull, Kathleen & Kathryn** *Lives of the Scientists* VM,SO
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 96p 20.99 978-0-15-205909-5 Lives of... Books
Describes the lives and accomplishments of famous eighteen scientists.
- elem **Kurtz, Chris** *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig* CFM,JT
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 278p 16.99 978-0-547-63455-5
"Flora the pig ditches the sedentary life on the farm for an adventure in Antarctica, where she escapes the knife and lives her dream of pulling a sled with a team of dogs."
- ms **Lacey, Josh** *The Sultan's Tiger* HW,LF
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 298p 16.99 978-0-544-09645-5
Tom and his Uncle Harvey set off for India to find the family treasure but they are not the only ones looking for it.
- * hs/adult **LaFevers, Robin** *Dark Triumph (The Fair Assassin Bk II)* HW,BG
Houghton Mifflin 2013 388p 17.99 978-0-547-62838-7
Sybella, a cold-hearted assassin, finds redemption in an unlikely character: Beast.
- elm/ms **Lapham, Steven Sellers &** *Philip Reid Saves the Statue of Freedom* CFM,LM
Cengage/Sleeping Bear 2013 36p 16.99 978-1-58536-819-8
"Explores the life of Philip Reid, a slave who helped cast the 'Statue of Freedom' that was placed atop the Capitol building in 1863."
- ms/hs **Laybourne, Emily** *Monument 14: Sky on Fire* LM,CK
Macmillan/ Feiweil & Friends 2013 215p 17.99 978-0-312-56904-4
This post-apocalyptic YA novel is a sequel to *Monument 14*. Brothers Dean and Alex and the others survived so far by working together. This the story of Alex taking off to get help and Dean staying behind to protect the little kids. Escalating disasters make this a gritty tension filled read.
- elm/ms **Lewis, J. Patrick** *Fact Bug (Poems)* LMN,LM
Boyd's Mills/Word Song 2013 36p 16.95 978-1-59078-925-4
A perfect combination of yucky photos, facts, and drawings of insects that will merrily gross out readers. The up-close photos of bug faces, a poem of their lifestyle, and pen and ink drawings that add humor will challenge readers to look more closely. Gr 3+.
- elm/ms **Lieberman, AJ & Darren** *The Silver Six* MS,SO
Scholastic/Graphix 2013 188p 11.99 978-0-545-37098-1
Six children are inadvertently thrown together in a futuristic orphanage. They figure out their connection and escape Earth to go to a moon where their parents were working on a secret mission to discover a new fuel to power earth before they were killed.
- ms/hs **Lieberman, Leanne** *Lauren Yanofsky Hates the Holocaust* SO,HW
Orca 2013 256p 12.95 978-1-4598-0109-7
Lauren Yanofsky is sixteen and in Grade 11 in a Vancouver, B.C. high school. After her bat mitzvah at thirteen, Lauren decides that she would become "non-Jewish by choice" and attends a public high school. When she discovers that the boy she likes is involved in playing Nazi war games, she is faced with a huge ethical dilemma: say something or renounce her heritage.
- elm/ms **Limos, Anna** *Earth-Friendly Christmas Crafts in 5 Easy Steps* MS,BG
Enslow 2013 32p 22.60 978-0-7660-4188-2 Earth-Friendly Crafts in 5 Easy
Holiday crafts presented in a user-friendly fashion with step-by-step instructions, both visual and textual, supportive photographs of each step, and a colorful, clearly finished product complete with a use for each.
- elem **Limos, Anna** *Earth-Friendly Crafts from Recycled Stuff in 5 Easy Steps* LF,LM
Enslow 2013 32p 22.60 978-0-7660-4190-5 Earth-Friendly Crafts in 5 Easy
Thirteen different craft ideas are described in this book that are made from repurposed items.
- elem **Loewen, Nancy** *Frankly, I Never Wanted to Kiss Anybody!* MD,VM
Capstone/Picture window 2014 24p 26.665 9781404883048 The Other Side of The Story
The retelling of the fairy tale *The Frog Prince*. However, it does have a twist at the end. Children will enjoy this book
- ms **Lupica, Mike** *Game Changers/Play Makers* LMN,CK
Scholastic Press 2013 201p 16.99 978-0-545-38183-3
Ben, an outstanding athlete, must come to terms with what it means to be a leader both on and off the court. Plenty of basketball action as well as a side story of jealousy related to a longtime female friend make for a well-rounded story. Grades 5-8.
- * ms/hs **Lynch, Janet Nichols** *My Beautiful Hippie* CK,LMN
Holiday House 2013 186p 16.95 978-0-8234-2603-4
In the summer of love, 1967, Joanna is a fifteen-year-old girl living in Haight-Ashbury and experiencing her first real romance, while the culture around her changes very quickly.
- elm/ms **Macaulay, David** *Toilet: How It Works* CK,CFM
Macmillan(Farrar 2013 32 3.99 978-1-59643-780-7
In this gem of a book, Macaulay explains how toilets work through his words and his pictures.
- * ms **Maddison, Kate** *The Incredible Charlotte Sycamore* LM,JT
Holiday House 2013 282p 17.95 978-0-8234-2737-6
Charlotte, 16-year-old daughter of the royal surgeon, prefers sword fighting and playing Robin Hood to the poor instead of focusing on her prearranged marriage. Some friends help her solve the mysterious rabies outbreak and mechanical dog attacks in order to save Queen Victoria.

ms/hs **Marcovitz, Hal** *E-books* SO,LM
Gale/Lucent 2013 112p 29.21 978-1-4205-0902-1 Technology 360 (Cengage)

The incredible advancement of computer and information technologies have led to a sea change in the publishing world. The book takes the reader through the history of publishing from Gutenberg's first Bible and continues with a discussion on how e-books are changing the way people read, how the publishing industry has been changed by the growth of these e-books, and what the future might hold for readers.

elm/ms **Markle, Sandra** *Bats: Biggest! Littlest!* CK,LM
Boyd's Mills Press 2013 31p 16.95 978-1-59078-952-0

With gorgeous full-color photographic illustrations, this wonderful book discusses bats and, specifically, the ways in which size is important to each variety. The book is laid out like an easy reader but there are facts galore, and sophisticated concepts as well.

elem **Mason, Paul** *Dogs: Animal Family Album* JT,MS
Capstone/Heinemann 2013 32p 29.99 978-1-4109-4936-3 Animal Family Album (Capstone)

Introducing young readers to the range of dog breeds, this title gives a good overview. It does not go into care at any depth but does highlight 14 domestic varieties and three wild dogs. Elementary school.

hs **Massey, David** *Torn* LMN,CK
Scholastic/Chicken House 2013 274p 17.99 978-0-545-49645-2

Told from the viewpoint of a young British female medic on the front lines, this book on the Afghan War shows the complexity of the war and effects on local citizens, especially children. Motives and actions of all armed forces involved are suspect. Gr. 8-12.

ms **Matthews, Patrick** *Dragon Run* JT,LF
Scholastic Press 2013 325p 16.99 978-0-545-45068-3

Al is assigned the rank of zero on testing day. From then on, he is chased by cullers who aim to eliminate him and all his family. There is another fate awaiting him if he can survive long enough.

ms/hs **McClintock, Norah** *My Side* MS,LMN
Orca 2013 110p 9.95 978-1-4598-0511-8

Addie finds herself in a terrifying setting, alone in the woods with an attacker. When she realizes that her attacker is a fellow high school student, Addie suffers further humiliation when she discovers that her kidnapping was filmed and spread throughout the school by mean girls.

all ages **McCurry, Kristen** *How to Draw Incredible Ocean Animals* MS,LM
Capstone Publishers 2013 64p 24.99 978-1-4296-9940-2 Smithsonian Drawing Books

This book contains a comprehensive selection of sea creatures for new and more experienced artists to create amazing sketches. There is text to support each drawing and a photograph of the actual ocean animal as well.

hs **McInnes, Nicole** *Brianna On The Brink* MS,JT
Holiday House 2013 170p 16.95 978-0-8234-2741-3

Brianna has "arrived." She is both pretty and popular, and she hangs out with the in-crowd. During a one-night stand with a man that she picked up in a bar, she must face new challenges when he dies suddenly during their tryst.

elem **McKissack, Patricia C.** *Ol' Clip-Clop: A Ghost Story* JT,LM
Holiday House 2013 unsp 16.95 978-0-8234-2265-4

A wonderful read aloud ghost story where the words help with the pacing of the story. A mean landlord demands payment but hides one coin. As he rides home, he is pursued by a ghost horse. He is never heard from again. Elementary grades.

ms/hs **McMann, Lisa** *Island of Fire (The Unwanteds)* LF,LM
Simon & Schuster/ Aladdin 2013 464p 16.99 978-1-4424-5845-1

The third book in *The Unwanteds* series find Artime struggling without its magic. Young Alex is now The Mage and has to first restore Artime to its magical state and then rescue his friends from the island of Quill.

ms **McMullan, Kate** *Hit The Road Helen!* JT,SO
Capstone/Stone Arch 2014 240p 23.99 978-1-4343-4990-6 Myth-o-mania

Hades, ruler of the underworld tells the story of the Trojan War from his own point of view. In this title, Hades makes himself come out the hero of the event. May pique the interest of middle school readers for reading more Greek myths.

ms **Miller, Bobbi** *Big River's Daughter* JT,LM
Holiday House 2013 200p 16.95 978-0-8234-2752-9

Blend of historical events and characters and fabulous fictional characters, River Fillian must make her own way on the Mississippi River of 1811. Adventure and humor with a spunky heroine. Middle school, grades 5-8.

* ms/hs **Moriarty, Chris** *The Watcher in the Shadows (Inquisitor's Apprentice)* SO,CK
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 326p 16.99 978-0-547-46632-3

At last Sacha Kessler returns to the Lower East Side of New York City to help save the city from the machinations of the evil J.P. Morgaunt and the troubles he has let loose in the city. Sacha's world, at the turn of the twentieth century, is an alternate universe where magic is part of ordinary daily living and everyone uses it to some extent.

hs **Moriarty, Jaclyn** *A Corner of White* LF,PN
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2013 373p 17.99 978-0-545-39736-0

This is the story of two teens, Madeleine and Elliot, learning to live without their dads, but each lives in one of two parallel worlds. In the 'real' world, Madeleine cannot understand why she and her mother left her dad and why he doesn't write back to her. In the 'fantastical' world, Elliot is looking for his dad who may in fact be dead. The two communicate and help each via letters that they send through a crack that has opened between the two worlds.

hs **Morris, Paula** *Unbroken* VM,LF
Scholastic Press/Point 2013 291p 17.99 978-0-545-41641-2

Rebecca Brown travels to New Orleans with her father and best friend and winds up engaged in mysterious ghost-related adventure once again in this sequel to *Ruined: A Novel*.

elm/ms **Mull, Brandon** *Sky Raiders (Five Kingdoms)* LF,LM
Simon & Schuster/ Aladdin 2014 421p 16.99 978-1-4424-9700-9

Young Cole, while chasing after his friends under a haunted house, finds himself in the Five Kingdoms, a place that exists somewhere between the realities of this world and those of another; a world found between life and death or between being aware and dreaming.

- ms **Murray, Stuart A.P.** *Score With Football Math* VM,MD
 Enslow 2013 48p 23.94 978-0-7660-4173-8 Score With Sports Math (Enslow)
 Relates mathematical skills to the game of football and how math is used in this sport and provides strategies to solve real-life mathematical problems.
- * ms/hs **Myers, Walter Dean** *Invasion* MS,SP
 Scholastic Press 2013 205p 17.99 978-0-545-38428-5
 Country boy, Josiah Wedgwood, tells the story of the battle at Normandy's beaches in 1944. Prequel introduces Marcus Perry, whose offspring provide the protagonists for books on Vietnam War and Iraqi war.
- hs **Napoli, Donna Jo** *Storm* LMN,JT
 Simon & Schuster/ 2014 368p 17.99 978-1-4814-0302-3
 A captivating, tense drama, action adventure story based on the flooding told in Genesis and Jewish literature. This book contains grisly scenes of survival juxtaposed with amazing acts of compassion as Sebah becomes a stowaway on the Ark. Gr 8-12.
- * ms/hs **Nielsen, Jennifer** *Runaway King (Ascendance Trilogy)* BG,SO
 Scholastic Press 2013 331p 17.99 978-0-545-28415-8
 King Jaron, formerly known as Sage, must save his kingdom and his throne by leaving the country in disguise to seek out a dangerous pirate gang, risking more than just his life.
- all ages **O'Connor, George** *Olympians: Aphrodite Goddess of love* MD,LM
 Macmillan/ First Second 2014 76p 10.00 9781596437395 Olympians
 Introduction to individual Olympian Gods. In this volume, the author introduces Aphrodite, Goddess of love, beauty, and power.
- elm/ms **O'Neill, Alexis** *The Kite That Bridged Two Nations* LMN,LMN
 Boyd's Mills/Calkins Creek 2013 unnp 16.95 978-1-59078-938-4
 This is the story of how the building of the first suspension bridge in the U. S. was managed by stretching the first line across the gorge through a kite flying contest. This 1847 accomplishment bridged a connection between Canada and the U. S. at Niagara Falls.
- elem. **Obed, Ellen Bryan** *Twelve Kinds of Ice* CFM,HW
 Houghton Mifflin 2012 61p 16.99 978-0-618-89129-0
 "From the first ice, a thin skin on a bucket of water, through thickly iced fields, streams, and gardens, a girl, her family, and friends anticipate and enjoy a winter of skating, ending with an ice show complete with costumes, refreshments, and clowns."
- elm/ms **Ottaviani, Jim & Maris Wicks** *Primates* LMN,CK
 Macmillan/ First Second 2013 133p 19.99 978-1-59643-865-1
 This graphic novel introduces readers to the lives and research done by primate scientists: Dian Fossey, Jane Goodall, Birute Galdikas, and connecting factor Louis Leakey.. Excellent way to pique interest in the lady scientists as well as primates. Gr 4+
- ms **Oxlade, Chris** *Mountains: An Explorer Travel Guide* SO,JT
 Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 29.00 978-1-4109-5430-5 Explorer Travel Guides
 This clearly written book offers a detailed survey of the geography of the Earth's mountains. The information is up-to-date and the attractive format makes it a winner. It ends with a fact file with mountain statistics, a glossary, a bibliography of books and web sites, and an index.
- hs **Parks, Peggy J.** *Waterborne Illnesses* CK,LMN
 Gale/Lucent 2013 104p 35.95 978-1-4205-0935-9 Diseases & Disorders#4
 The problem of contaminated water that causes illness in human beings is examined in depth in this well written informative book. Especially in countries where sanitation is not good, various viruses and bacteria thrive in water and cause devastating illness.
- ms/hs **Patterson, Valerie** *Operation Oleander* LMN,MS
 Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2013 187p 16.99 978-0-547-24437-2
 Jess and friends have started a charity to help orphans in Kabul. When two of their parents are injured/dead due to a bomb planted at the orphanage, Jess has to deal with backlash to their project, concern for her dad, and her best friend's loss. Gr 7-12.
- * ms/hs **Pfeffer, Susan Beth** *The Shade of the Moon* LM,CK
 Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 288p 17.99 978-0-547-81337-0
 Life is a struggle in a world of limited resources. Jon Evans relies on his soccer prowess to help him keep his family safe. All is endangered when Jon has to make choices on doing what is right.
- ms/hs **Pierce, Tamora** *Battle Magic* VM,BG
 Scholastic Press 2013 440p 17.99 978-0-439-84297-6
 Rosethorn and her two young mages are invited to the emperor's birthday celebration but the trio has little to celebrate when they discover the emperor's plan to attack their homeland, Gyongxe.
- * ms/hs **Poblocki, Dan** *The Haunting of Gabriel Ashe* MD,TW
 Scholastic Press 2013 277p 16.99 978-0-545-40270-5
 It all started with a game called "The Hunter." Gabe never imagined that an innocent game could turn deadly for all who played and their families.
- ms **Ponti, James** *Blue Moon (Dead City)* LMN,SO
 Simon & Schuster/ Aladdin 2013 336p 16.99 978-4424-4131-6
 Molly Bigelow is a member of a secret society (Omega) that protects Manhattan from zombies. It appears that there is going to be an uprising of zombies this year during the New Year's celebrations. Molly and three friends risk censure by their school when they try to stop zombies from over taking NYC.
- ms/hs **Pope, Paul** *Battling Boy* HW,SO
 Macmillan/ First Second 2013 202p 15.99 978-1-59643-145-4
 Acropolis is desperate, but when help comes in the form of a 12-year-old demigod, no one is more surprised than Battling Boy himself.
- hs **Porter, Sarah** *The Twice Lost (Lost Voices Trilogy)* HW,LM
 Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 471p 16.99 978-0-547-48252-1
 Luce, a mermaid, organizes exiled mermaids to prevent the United States government from slaughtering them. Can she negotiate a peaceable compromise?

- ms **Price, Stewart** *World War II Spies* SO,LM
Capstone Publishers 2014 48p 31.32 978-1-4765-0112-2 Classified (Capstone)
This book focuses on several of those secret agents active during World War II: Josephine Baker worked undercover for the Allies in France, Takeo Yoshikawa for the Japanese in Hawaii, Richard Sorge for the Russians in Japan, Elyesa Bazna for the Germans in Turkey, Claire Phillips for the Allies in the Philippines, and Gunnar Sonstebj for the Allies in Norway.
- elm/ms **Pringle, Laurence** *Scorpions! Strange and Wonderful* CK,LM
Boyd's Mills Press 2013 32p 16.95 978-1-59078-473-0
This beautifully illustrated introduction to scorpions will find several kinds of readers: elementary youngsters who love science, middle-school reluctant readers who love bugs, and even some older students who need to see accurate facts for their research.
- ms **Rau, Dana Meachen** *Dessert Designer: Creations You Can Make and Eat!* SO,LM
Capstone Young Readers 2013 112p 12.95 978-1-62370-006-5
Detailed instructions teach bakers of all ages how to make individualized cupcakes, cakes, and cookies decorated with all matter of designs crafted from icing and other edible delights.
- elm/ms **Raum, Elizabeth** *Expanding A Nation: Causes and Effects of the Louisiana Purchase* MD,TW
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 26.65 978-1-4765-0236-6 Cause and Effect (Capstone)
The story behind the greatest American purchase of Louisiana and the events that led up to the purchase of that land.
- ms/hs **Reef, Catherine** *Leonard Bernstein and American Music* LF,LM
Morgan Reynolds 2013 128p 28.95 978-159935125-4
From his somewhat privileged childhood in a well-to-do suburb of Boston during the Great Depression, to his musical education and eventual fame as a composer and conductor, and his beliefs about civil rights and Israel, this book will provide students with a most comprehensive look at the life of Leonard Bernstein.
- elm/ms **Robinson, Sharon** *Jackie Robinson, American Hero* SO,JT
Scholastic Press 2013 48p 16.99 978-0-545-56915-0
This book offers a fascinating look at Robinson. The information is well organized and presented in a lively and entertaining manner.
- ms/hs **Rodman, Sean** *Night Terrors* MS,JT
Orca 2013 128p 16.95 978-1-4598-0420-3
Dylan witnessed the death of his brother and hasn't come to terms with his grief. In this thriller laced with some supernatural, Dylan mistrusts his boss, a "mad" man at a summer camp where he works, and he must figure out whether his fears are real.
- * ms/hs **Rooney, Anne** *A World After Super-Plague* BG,VM
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 56p 33.50 978-1-4329-7621-7 A World After
An intriguing and chilling book that traces the possible consequences of a global pandemic event, with ideas and evidence based on similar scenarios from fact and fiction. Also includes a glossary, a Find Out More section, and suggestions for writing stories set during pandemics.
- elm/ms **Rosenstock, Barb** *Thomas Jefferson Builds A Library* LM,LMN
Boyd's Mills/Calkins Creek 2013 32p 16.95 978-1-59078-932-2
The story of Thomas Jefferson's love of books and reading. This desire to read and learn led to the establishment of the Library of Congress.
- hs/adult **Roskos, Evan** *Dr. Bird's Advice for Sad Pets* MS,HW
Houghton Mifflin 2013 310p 16.99 978-0-547-92853-1
Depressed and contemplating suicide almost daily, James Whitman tries to solve the mystery of his sister's expulsion during her senior year, attempts to find a place in his dysfunctional home, and builds upon both old relationships and new to heal himself.
- elem **Rotner, Shelley & Sheila M.** *Yummy! Good Food Makes Me Strong!* CK,LMN
Holiday House 2013 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2426-9
In an easy-to-read book with gorgeous full-color photographs, children and their parents are instructed on healthy eating habits. This one is a winner, featuring every kind of food and many beautiful, ethnically diverse children.
- elem **Royston, Angela** *Hip-Hop* JT,MS
Capstone/Heinemann 2013 32p 21.99 978-1-4109-4922-6 Love to Dance (Capstone)
This title introduces readers to the Hip-Hop dance style. It gives some history, shows some basic moves, and other related information. Easy text, exciting photographs, and encouragement to young dancers. Elementary level.
- ms/hs **Ruby, Lois** *Rebel Spirits* LM,SO
Scholastic Press/Point 2013 292p 17.99 978-0-545-42623-7
Lori Chase's parents buy a haunted inn in Gettysburg just when the yearly enactments occur. Shortly after moving in, she meets a ghost who desperately needs her help. This cross-dimensional novel will make a great read.
- * ms/hs **Rudnick, Paul** *Gorgeous* LM,LMN
Scholastic Press 2013 326p 18.99 978-0-545-46426-0
Rebecca Randle lives in a trailer in a small Midwestern town. She meets a top designer who offers to make her the most beautiful woman who ever lived but first Becky must learn who she is before her fantasy falls apart.
- elm/ms **Rundell, Katherine** *Rooftoppers* LM,JT
Simon & Schuster/ 2013 288p 16.99 978-1-4424-9058-1
Sophie was the victim of a shipwreck. She was found in a cello case and taken home by an eccentric bachelor who home schooled her. She and Charlie eventually set off to find her mother in Paris. The hunt took her across the rooftops of Paris.
- ms/hs **Ryan, Tom** *Totally Unrelated (Orca Limelights)* LMN,CK
Orca 2013 120p 9.95 978-1-4598-0458-6
Neil is ready to break out on his own as a rock musician and split from his family which performs as a Celtic music/dance troop. A hi/lo book that is upbeat with strong family values while still allowing room for divergent family viewpoints. Grades 5-12.

- elm/ms **Sackett, Frances** *The Misadventures of the Magician's Dog* HW,JT
 Holiday House 2013 178p 16.95 97-0-8234-2869-4
 Peter can become a magician and save his father from fighting in Iraq as well as rescue another boy, but wielding magic may come with a price that is too high to pay.
- ms **Salane, Jeffrey** *Lawless* JT,LM
 Scholastic Press 2013 277p 16.99 978-0-545-45029-4
 M Freeman has been home schooled until she applies to Lawless School. It is not what she expected. They train criminal masterminds. M excels at her lessons but in unorthodox ways. Fun read for middle school.
- ms/hs **Salerni, Dianne K.** *The Caged Graves* MS,JT
 Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2013 328p 16.99 978-0-547-86853-0
 When Verity returns to her hometown to meet her betrothed, she discovers a fountain of secrets about her mother's death and burial that turns her into a detective.
- hs **Sales, Leila** *This Song Will Save Your Life* HW,SP
 Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2013 276p 17.99 978-0-374-35138-0
 Elise Dembowski stumbles on a warehouse party where she develops of group of friends and a love for DJ-ing.
- ms/hs **Scherer, Lauri S.** *The Taliban* LMN,LF
 Gale/Greenhaven 2013 132p 26.65 978-0-7377-6283-9 Introducing Issues w/Opposing
 Presents articles written in the last 5 years to support and refute basic ideas about the power of the Taliban, their influence in the drug trade, and how the international community should negotiate with them. Grades 8-12.
- ms **Schreiber, Joe** *Lenny & Cyrus School Virus* LM,SO
 Houghton Mifflin 2013 284p 15.99 978-0-547-89315-0
 A humorous account of a science experiment that goes wrong. Lenny Cyrus tries to find out more about Zoey (a girl he has liked since third grade). He does this by shrinking himself down to amoeba size and has his friend Harlan put him in her soda can. It is an interesting and humorous ride through Zoey's internal pathways.
- * ms **Schwartz, E.** *Girls Rebel: Amazing Tales of women Who Broke the Mold* SO,VM
 Capstone Publishers 2014 64p 33.99 978-1-4765-0232-8 Girls Rock! (Capstone)
 This is a collection of biographies of a very eclectic selection of intrepid women who broke societal norms throughout the last 200 years across the world.
- hs/adult **Sedgwick, Marcus** *Midwinter Blood* PN,LM
 Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2013 262p 17.99 978-1-59643-800-2
 Reporter Eric comes to the Scandinavian island of Blessed in 2011, setting off a chain of events, destined to happen seven times, as the result of an old Viking curse.
- ms/hs **Senker, Cath** *A Teen Guide To Being Eco in Your Community* CK,LF
 Capstone/Heinemann 2013 56p 33.50 978-1-4329-7044-4 Eco Guides (Capstone)
 This book discusses many things that teens can do at home, in their communities, and at school to limit their environmental footprints and encourage others to do the same. It is filled with ideas, projects, and inspirational stories.
- ms/hs **Senker, Cath** *Kennedy and the Cuban Missile Crisis* SO,CFM
 Capstone/Heinemann 2014 64p 35.00 978-1-4329-7637-8 Days of Decision
 This book offers a thoughtful and realistic look at the Cuban Missile Crisis, a most dangerous time in American history, and is enhanced by contemporary photographs, primary source quotations, maps, timelines, informative fact boxes, and "What do you think?" sidebars that involve the reader in the decision making process.
- ms/hs **Shen, Prudence & Faith Erin** *Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong* MD,TW
 Macmillan/ First Second 2013 279p 16.99 978-1-59643-659-6
 All Charlie has ever wanted is to play basketball and to have his family back together. So how did he get in the middle of a fight for school funds and class president where the battles lines have been drawn?
- ms **Sherman, M. Zachary** *Bloodlines: Heart of War* BG,MD
 Capstone Young Readers 2013 235p 7.95 978-1-62370-002-7
 This compilation of seven previously published works, edited to form a single narrative, follows the Donovans through four generations of American wars, from World War II to the War in Afghanistan.
- * hs **Skilton, Sara** *Bruised* BG,HW
 Amulet Books 2013 274 16.95 9781419703874
 A young black belt hides under a table during a holdup and must thereafter contend with the guilt and trauma stemming from this incident while dealing with high school, friends, family, and boys in this powerful, beautifully written book.
- ms/hs **Sonnenblick, Jordan** *Are You Experienced?* BG,VM
 Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2013 294p 17.99 978-1-250-02564-7
 After sneaking into his dad's office, Jimi Hendrix-obsessed guitarist Rich is transported back in time to Woodstock, where he has the opportunity to change the future and save a life.
- * ms **Spencer, Octavia** *The Case of the Time-Capsule Bandit Randi Rhodes Ninja Detective* MD,TW
 Simon & Schuster/ 2013 224p 16.99 978-1-4424-7681-3
 Moving to a new place is always hard but if that place holds memories of your mom it is even worse! How can Randi make Sleepy Deer Creek her home?
- ms/hs **Spilsbury, Richard** *Emotions: From Birth to Old Age* BG,LF
 Capstone/Heinemann 2013 64p 35.00 978-1-43297082-6 Your Body For Life (Capstone)
 This book shows how emotions are vital for human social behavior and how they affect the way we interact with the world around us, looking at the ways our bodies change as we grow and get older. The book also includes a 14-question quiz, facts and figures page, glossary, and suggestions for further research, as well as colorful pages and thought-provoking information boxes.

- ms/hs **Spilsbury, Richard** *Health and Disease: Investigating a TB Outbreak* SO,LF
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 56p 33.50 978-1-4329-7609-5 Anatomy of An Investigation
The book offers a straightforward and clearly presented profile of tuberculosis, a discussion of the history, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and possible prevention of different types of tuberculosis and the impact of current and future research into controlling it.
- all ages **Sports Illustrated Kids** *Full Count: Top 10 Lists of Everything in Baseball* LM/JT
Capstone Publishers 2013 96p 26.49 978-1-4765-0047-8
This book includes descriptions of the top ten moments in all of thirty-six areas of play from mascots to best moments in baseball.
- hs **Standiford, Natalie** *The Boy on the Bridge* HW,MD
Scholastic Press 2013 248p 17.99 978-0-545-33481-5
Laura is a foreign exchange student to Russia. When she develops feelings for Russian rebel Aloyasha, she must consider if she is being manipulated into marriage so he can become an American citizen.
- hs/adult **Steagle & Kristiansen** *Genius* LF,HW
Macmillan/ First Second 2013 126p 17.99 978-59643-263-5
Ted is a very bright man working as a theoretical physicist in a very prestigious facility. However, his creativity and productivity have dropped and he worries that he no longer has anything to give. He just needs a "new idea." Ted worries about keeping his job and, more importantly, about the benefits he needs to help his seriously ill wife. How he copes and the realizations of life that he arrives at provide an ending that I won't ruin with spoilers.
- ms/hs **Stern, Rebecca & Brad Wolfe,** *Breakfast on Mars* LF,CK
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2013 206p 16.99 978-1-59643-737-1
Well known authors from news to novels, have taken their given prompts and written this collection of essays. The prompts fall into one of five essay forms: persuasive, informative, literary, personal and illustrated.
- elem **Stevenson, Emma** *Hide-and-Seek Science: Animal Camouflage* CK,LM
Holiday House 2013 32 16.95 978-0-8234-2293-7
This wonderful book combines lessons about camouflage with a sort of "Where's Waldo" kind of game, asking readers to find camouflaged animals in a variety of habitats. It is beautifully illustrated and very informative.
- elm/ms **Stewig, John Warren** *Nobody Asked the Pea* BG,JT
Holiday House 2013 unnp 16.95 978-0-8234-2224-1
Each character has a say in this delightfully illustrated retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale "The Princess and the Pea," and they do so hilariously.
- hs/adult **Stiefvater, Maggie** *The Dream Thieves (Bk2 Raven Cycle)* HW,BG
Scholastic Press 2013 435p 18.99 978-0-545-42494-3
In this powerful sequel to *The Raven Boys*, Stiefvater delves more deeply into the lives of Blue and her friends from Aglionby as they continue their search for the sleeping King.
- elem **Stringer, Lauren** *When Stravinsky Met Nijinsky* BG,LM
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 unnp 16.99 978-0-547-90725-3
This colorful text describes how a composer and a choreographer shook up the world of performing arts during a time when *Swan Lake* ruled, by introducing *The Rite of Spring* to Paris and creating a whole new way to dance and compose music.
- * hs/adult **Swanson, James L.** *The President Has Been Shot: Assassination of J.F.K.* MD,BG
Scholastic Press 2013 270p 18.99 978-0-545-49007-8
A graphic and historical account of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States of America.
- hs **Tan, Shaun** *The Bird King: an artist's notebook* HW,LMN
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2013 unnp 19.99 978-0-545-46513-7
A book of sketches, artwork, and personal reflections by author/illustrator Shaun Tan.
- * elm/ms **Tashjian, Janet** *My Life as a Cartoonist (My Life as)* MS,CK
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2013 258p 13.99 978-0-8050-9609-5
When Umberto comes to Derek's school, he picks on Derek relentlessly. Confrontations continue to confound Derek because it is difficult to know how to fight back when the bully is in a wheelchair.
- elm/ms **TenNapel, Doug** *Tommysaurus Rex* MD,TW
Scholastic/Graphix 2013 138p 10.99 978-0-545-48383-4
Ely and his dog Tommy were inseparable until the day Tommy suffered a terrible accident. To Ely and his family, it was a devastating loss. That is when they decided to send Ely for a visit to his grandpa out in the country.
- * ms **Toffler-Corrie, Laura** *My Totally Awkward Supernatural Crush* MD,VM
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2013 342p 17.99 978-1-59643-733-3
Jenna is not sure why she baby sits her next door neighbor's son who is 9. He is always out to get her and, as expected, he pulls a fast one on her. She finds herself on the roof of his house trying to get him to safety when all of a sudden she feels herself slip off the roof. Then the most unexpected thing happened as she felt herself float down to the ground!
- ms/hs **Tulien, Sean, Blake Hoena, & Rudyard Kipling's Just So Comics: Tales of the World's Wildest Beasts** LM,MS
Capstone Young Readers 2013 144p 12.95 978-1-4342-4880-0
Collection of Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories* in graphic novel format.
- elm/ms **Urban, Linda** *The Center of Everything* LMN,CK
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 194p 15.99 978-0-547-76348-4
Ruby is concerned that she didn't do the right thing when her grandmother died. She makes a wish to relive the moment. She believes that if she listens carefully enough the wish will come true. A quiet, contemplative novel about grief and friendship. Gr. 5-8.
- ms **Vande Velde, Vivian** *Frogged* SO,JT
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 198p 16.99 978-0-547-94215-5
Vande Velde has written a lighthearted rendition of the *Princess and the Frog* in this reworking of the classic fairy tale.

- * pre K- **Villa, Alvaro F.** *Flood* JT,LM
Capstone/Picture window 2013 32p 15.74 978-1-4048-8006-1
This wordless picture book shows the impact, struggle and aftermath of a flood on a family. A non-threatening way to introduce young children to a traumatic event. Ages pre K and up.
- elm/ms **Von Finn, Denny** *Stanley Hotel* LMN,LM
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 24p 20.65 978-0-531-29055-2 Scariest Places on Earth
The Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, CO has a long standing history of being haunted. With eerie illustrations and enough facts to peak the interest of ghost hunters, this book will entertain young readers and make them request a visit to the hotel. Gr. 4-8.
- elm/ms **Waldron, Melanie** *Adaptation* LF,SO
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 32.65 978-1-4329-7805-1 Essential Life Science
Adaptation is the key to survival on this planet and this book explains adaptation and diversity across the continents.
- elem **Waldron, Melanie** *How to Read a Map* SO,LM
Capstone/Heinemann 2013 32p 29.99 978-1-4109-4899-1 Let's Get Mapping (Capstone)
This slim book provides an excellent introduction to the skills necessary to read a map correctly.
- ms/hs **Walters, Eric** *Tagged* JT,BG
Orca 2013 136p 16.95 978-1-4598-0168-4
Oswald, graffiti artist, is rebelling against the establishment by continuing to paint public buildings. When his identity is about to be discovered, his friends find a unique way to save him. Middle to high school.
- hs **Whaley, John Corey** *Noggin* MS,LF
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2014 346p 17.99 978-1-4424-5872-7
Travis wakes up five years after his death with a new body attached to his head which had been preserved by cryogenics. He finds his girlfriend engaged to someone else, his best friend Kyle poised to announce his sexuality, and a mystery involving his parents.
- elm/ms **White, Ruth** *The Treasure of Way Down Deep* LF,SO
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2013 165p 16.99 978-0-374-38067-0
Ruby is turning 13 and her wish, when blowing out the candles on her cake, was to find the treasure said to be buried in the town of Way Down Deep. This town is just an ordinary place with ordinary people. However, the 'magic' of this ordinariness is what makes this tale of life in the early fifties in an impoverished part of West Virginia, good historical fiction with a touch of the fantastical.
- * ms/hs **Winters, Cat** *In The Shadows of Blackbirds* BG,LMN
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2013 387p 16.75 978-1-4197-0530-4
In San Diego, Spanish flu and World War I leave no one unscathed. Sixteen-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches desperate mourners flock to seances and spirit photographers for comfort and, despite her scientific leanings, must consider whether ghosts are real when her first love, killed in battle, returns.
- * elm/ms **Wissinger, Tamera Will** *Gone Fishing A Novel in Verse* MD,SO
Houghton Mifflin 2013 120p 15.99 978-0-547-82011-8
Sam loved going fishing with his father and he had a trip coming up. He could not hide his excitement. Then his little sister insisted on going and his father said yes. Oh no, this will ruin his trip.
- ms **Wolf, Mike and Lily** *Kid Pickers: How to Turn Junk Into Treasure* VM,SO
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2013 113p 18.99 978-1-250-00848-0
Describes what a kid picker is, how to become a kid picker, and find deals to turn junk into treasure.
- elem **Yamasaki, Katie** *Fish for Jimmy* LF,LM
Holiday House 2013 40p 16.95 978-0-8234-2375-0
Based upon one experience of the author's family, this children's tale shares a bit of what it was like to be a Japanese-American after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.
- ms/hs **Yolen, Jane** *Curses Foiled Again* SO,LM
Macmillan/ First Second 2013 162p 15.99 978-1-59643-619-0
Jane Yolen continues the saga of Alieria, the teen-aged girl chosen to be the Defender of Faerie, Avery, a magically glamourous troll bonded to Alieria, and Alieria's disabled cousin Caroline. Fast-paced and action-packed, this graphic novel provides readers with a strong female protagonist who is not afraid to take matters into her own hands.
- elem **Yolen, Jane & Rebecca Kai** *Grumbles from the Forest: Fairy-Tale Voices with a Twist* LM,LMN
Boyd's Mills/Word Song 2013 40p 16.95 978-1-59078-867-7
The book presents a bewitching brew of poems that present what the fairy-tale characters were really thinking. Readers are warned to be surprised and dazzled and to beware of magic. A delightful twist on the usual fairy-tale.
- ms **Young, Karen Romano** *Stuck In The Middle* MD,TW
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2013 unpag 12.99 978-0-312-55596-2
Dodo loves to doodle and the only way she can get through her school day is by doodling a daily diary. Through her doodles, we see how her day develops and how she interacts with her friends.
- * ms/hs **Zettel, Sarah** *Palace of Spies* SO,LM
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 362p 16.99 978-0-544-07411-8
Peggy Fitzroy, a sixteen-year-old orphan has been summarily dismissed from her uncle's household because she refused to marry the man he had chosen for her. Left utterly without funds or future, she makes the decision to take the identity of a dead girl and become a spy in the guise of a lady-in-waiting to Caroline, Princess of Wales in eighteenth century London. The author mixes adventure, political intrigues, mystery, an eighteenth century background, and a little romance into this very well done book.
- ms/hs **Zevin, Gabrielle** *In The Age of Love and Chocolate* LM,LMN
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2013 286p 17.99 978-0-374-38075-5
This is the finale to the saga of Anya Balanchine who tries to make chocolate a legal business.

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- hs **At Issue (Cengage/Gale/Greenhaven) #12** LF,CK,LMN
Cengage 2013 120p 25.45
At Issue provides pro/con articles taken from a variety of journals, most published within the last three years. A summary of the article appears at the beginning of each chapter. An annotated list of organizations to contact, bibliography, and index complete each book.
- elm/ms **Biography of Numbers(MR)** LM,LMN
Morgan Reynolds 2013 64p 27.45
The *Biography of Numbers* contains four titles written with engaging text and colorful illustrations. A quick history of mathematics and the use of numbers. Famous people who developed concepts, practical applications of numbers and timeline. Strongly recommended as a resource to support STEM initiatives in schools. Gr. 6-12.
- ms **Calling All Innovators (Scholastic)** MD,BG,VM,HW
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2013 64p 30.00
The four book *Calling All Innovators* series is geared for readers in grades 5-8 and highlights the careers that are changing the world today.
- elm/ms **Cornerstones of Freedom (Sch/Childrens)** ALL
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2013 64p 30.00
This is an extensive collection of books written about topics relevant to students interested in the United States and its history, documents, and important people. Well written, brightly illustrated, and very informative, these titles will capture the interested of upper elementary and middle school students, as well as their teachers.
- ms/hs **Creative Writing in 5 Simple Steps (Enslow)** JT,MS,LMN,BG,
Enslow 2012 48p 23.93
Creative Writing in 5 Simple Steps focuses on genres of fiction including graphic novels. Tips and exercises focus on writing specific genre fiction making characters and plot vibrant and entertaining. Editing with an eye toward grammar rules and publication tips too. Gr 4+.
- ms/hs **Eco Chic (Enslow)** MS,MD,CFM,
Enslow 2013 32p 22.60
Eco Chic teaches teens how to accessorize, revamp their bedrooms, pamper themselves and stylize a wardrobe. Through the use of recyclables, children and teens can produce crafts by following easy instructions which are provided in a colorful and interesting layout.
- ms/hs **Enchantment of the World(Sch/Childrens)*#5** ALL
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2013 144p 40.00
Enchantment of the World provides up-to-date books about various countries. These books include up-to-date information about politics as well as a look at past history. Maps, charts, photographs, timelines, fast facts, and Internet resources add to the appeal of this series.
- elm/ms **Fast Wheels (Enslow)** VM,CFM,MD,
Enslow 2013 48p 13.95
Fast Wheels looks at muscle cars, motorcycles, race cars and dragsters. Colorful photos, statistics galore and reasons why they were so groundbreaking provide a quick history for those who like fast vehicles. Gr. 3-9.
- elm/ms **Genius Inventors & Their Great Ideas (Enslow)** LF,CFM,CK,VM,
Enslow 2014 48p 23.93
All of the inventors in this series will be of interest to youngsters, and these books to a good job of presenting their biographies in a very easily read format.
- ms **Hall of Fame Sports Greats (Enslow)** CFM,VM,LMN,
Enslow 2013 64p 14.95
Each title in this series as of this review provides readers with a noteworthy athlete that has been inducted into the Hall of Fame of his or her chosen sport. Athletes include Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Cal Ripken, Jr., Deion Sanders, Nolan Ryan, and Troy Aikman.
- ms **Handy Health Guides (Enslow)** ALL
Enslow 2014 48p 23.93
Handy Health Guides looks at colds and flu, diabetes, eyes, and much more. Organization of the information, support charts and photographs and a glossary of new vocabulary provide textual support to young readers who have to examine the human body and healthy lifestyles.
- ms/hs **Inspiring Collective Biographies (Enslow)** LF,CFM,BG,VM,
Enslow 2014 112p 31.93
The series *Inspiring Collective Biographies* contains books about American World War II generals, 20th century American inventors, daredevil American heroes of exploration and flight, the Harlem Renaissance, pioneering American computer geniuses, and American jazz musicians. These biographies are excellently presented and add much to the knowledge base. Unfortunately, the book about exploration and flight needs better editing.
- ms **Keeping and Caring for Your Pet (Enslow)** CFM,BG,CK,SP,
Enslow 2014 72p 27.93
Each title in this series of five titles as of this review discusses how to choose and care for a different pet, including its diet, training, behaviors, housing, grooming, exercise, popular breeds, and vet care. Titles include: guinea pigs, fish, kittens, puppies, and rabbits.
- ms/hs **Military Experience (MR)** LM,LMN,LF
Morgan Reynolds 2013 64p 27.45
The *Military Experience, In the Air* series contains 7 titles. Each covers a specific aircraft with one book discussing training needed for pilots. Crisp color photos, easy reading informative text accompanied by quick fact boxes, first person narratives. These first person narratives of pilots set these books apart from the traditional books on aircraft that just present facts about fighter and their missions. Gr 6-12.

elem **Nature's Children (Sch/Childrens)** ALL
 Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2013 48p 28.00

Adding still more titles titles, *Nature's Children* is a delightful collection of books about animals that will no doubt interest young readers. The format is interesting and draws the reader through the book with vivid photographs and concise text. Each title in this series focuses how creatures survive in the wild, how they raise their young, how they are related to other species, and conservation methods used to protect them.

hs **Opposing Viewpoints#4 (Gale/Cengage) #12** LF,BG,LMN,MS,
 Cengage 2013 various 30.95

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 discusses many current topics in the news.

* ms/hs **Scientists In the Field (HM)#8** LM,SO,HW
 Houghton Mifflin 2013 80p 18.99

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

elm/ms **You Wouldn't Want to be (Sch/Watts)** ALL
 Scholastic/ Watts 2013 35p 29.00

You Wouldn't Want to Be A series now has many titles, all of which would be of great interest to all ages, with emphasis on upper elementary and middle school students. With a *Mad Magazine-like* approach to the topics, this series provides a somewhat unique approach for study.



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 2014

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.

- elm/ms **Adkins, Jan** *What If You Met A Cowboy?* LMN,MD
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2013 48p 17.99 978-1-59643-149-2
Topnotch color sketches make the Old West come alive. A factual, realistic look at the life of a cowboy: his tools, his horse, his beeves, famous people of the era, life on a cattle drive as well as life on a ranch. Excellent. Grades 4-8.
- pre K- **Adler, David** *Millions, Billions, & Trillions: Understanding Big Numbers* MD, JT
Holiday House 2013 unnp 17.95 978-0-8234-2403-0
What does a million look like? If you use a bag of granulated sugar it will measure about 1/4 cup. If you want to know what a billion looks like well then you need to check out this book.
- elem **Adler, David A.** *Things That Float and Things That Don't* LMN, SO
Holiday House 2013 unnp 16.95 978-0-8234-2862-5
Easily comprehensible description and explanation of buoyancy, density, hydrostatics and displacement. Using readily available household items, young people can see for themselves and experience why some things float and other do not float. Grades 1-4.
- elem **Adler, David and Michael S.** *A Picture Book of Daniel Boone* HW, LM
Holiday House 2013 unnp 17.95 978-0-8234-2748-2
Provides a brief summary of the life of American pioneer, Daniel Boone.
- pre K- **Arndt, Ingo** *Best Foot Forward* CK, LM
Holiday House 2013 unnp 16.95 978-0-8234-2857-1
In a series of gorgeous photographs, the author zeroes in on the features of various animals' feet, claws, and flippers that help them adapt to their habitats. There is just enough text to get the message across that all of the animals evolved just the way they needed to.
- elm/ms **Barnhart, Norm** *Dazzling Card Tricks* LF, MS
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 27.32 978-1-4765-0133-8 Magic Manuals (Capstone)
As the title implies, this is a little book that presents several card tricks and the steps to make them happen.
- elm/ms **Biskup, Agnieszka** *Amazing Story of Space Travel: Max Axiom STEM Adventures* LF, SO
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 29.99 978-1-4765-0124-6 STEM Adventures
Max Axiom, super scientist, explores the world of space travel from training through rocket boosters, to life on the space station.
- all ages **Bolte, Mari** *Watercolors* MD, LM
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 27.32 978-1-4765-3108-3 Paint it (Capstone)
A step-by-step instruction book on watercolor painting for children of all ages.
- * all ages **Brown, Don** *The Great American Dust Bowl* LM, all
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 80p 18.99 978-0-547-81550-3
A graphic explanation of when the "Dust Bowl" started and what caused it to become so devastating beginning on Sunday, April 14, 1935 and in years to follow.
- elem **Bruel, Nick** *Bad Kitty School Daze* CFM, LMN
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2013 159p 13.99 978-1-59643-670-1
"When Kitty's owners have finally had enough of her bad behavior, it's time to ship her off to obedience school."
- elem **Burlingame, Jeff** *Demi! Latina Star Demi Lovato* LF, MD
Enslow 2013 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-4169-1 Sizzling Celebrities (Enslow)
Demi Lovato is the subject of this brief but informative biography.
- pre K- **Cabrera, Jane** *The 12 Days of Christmas* MS, CFM
Holiday House 2013 unnp 16.95 978-0-8234-2870-0
Cabrera's special rendition of famous holiday song changes from the nonsensical use of partridges and turtle doves to animals and objects that most young children know.
- elem **Clay, Kathryn** *Signing at School: Sign Language for Kids* MS, BG
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 26.65 978-1-62065-052-3 Time To Sign (Capstone)
Bus stop vocabulary, subjects in school, and cafeteria-related words are just a few of the chapters in this volume about signing in which visual aids combine with text to creatively instruct early learners in this useful language.
- elem **Clement, Nathan** *Speed* LMN, LM
Boyd's Mills Press 2013 unnp 16.95 978-1-59078-937-7
Provides an explanation of the various race flags drivers need to know. As a stock car race starts, the excitement is high. Race incidents and a thrilling finish will keep readers attention. The ending is a real surprise that comes from nowhere. Gr PreS-2.
- elm/ms **Duffy, Chris, editor** *Fairy Tale Comics* SO, LM
Macmillan/ First Second 2013 125p 19.99 978-1-59643-823-1
Eighteen fairy tales from around the world are retold and illustrated by different cartoonists in this graphic representation. The artists take their tales and interpret it in their own manner through very different styles and mediums.
- elem **Dybvik, Tina** *Sadie's Seed Adventures: Learning about Seeds* CK, LM
Capstone/Picture window 2014 24p 26.65 978-1-4048-8316-1 Take It Outside
Sadie is a rising gardener who wants to find out how seeds are dispersed and she teams up with Marv the gardener to do so. When they put on their adventure hats, they are able to follow the routes of various seeds and find out how they travel.
- elm/ms **Enz, Tammy** *Engineering a Totally Rad Skateboard with Max Axiom, Super Scientist* JT, SO
Capstone Publishers 2013 32p 29.99 978-1-4296-9935-8 Graphic Science and Engineering
In graphic novel format, this title explains the process engineers use with improving a skateboard as the example. Familiar series of action around scientific principles. For grades 3-7.

- elem **Flood, Nancy Bo** *Cowboy Up! Ride The Navajo Rodeo* LMN,LM
Boyd's Mills/Word Song 2013 40p 17.95 978-1-59078-893-6
Crisp, action packed color photos of Navajo young people competing in local rodeos. Each two page spread starts with an announcers' set up for the event, a poem related to the event, rules of the event and a color photo of a rider in action. Excellent! Gr. 2-6.
- elem **Gibbons, Gail** *Beavers* CFM,CK
Holiday House 2013 32p 17.95 978-0-8234-2412-2
"Explores the lives of beavers, including where they live, what they eat, how they raise their young, and more."
- elem **Gordon, Nick** *Paris Catacombs* LM,LMN
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 24p 20.65 978-0-531-29054-5 Scariest Places on Earth
The Paris Catacombs is one of the scariest places on earth. The book explains about the Empire of Death to young readers.
- elm/ms **Gordon, Nick** *The Bone Chapel* BG,HW
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 24p 22.95 978-0-531-29051-4 Scariest Places on Earth
Engaging images accompany information about the Czech Republic's Sedlec Ossuary. The volume also includes a glossary and recommended reading page.
- elm/ms **Grimes, Nikki** *Words with Wings* LMN,LM
Boyd's Mills/Word Song 2013 84 15.95 978-1-59078-9985-8
Gabiella, named for the famous angel, often lets her mind take flight and gets into trouble for daydreaming. Her move to a new school after the divorce of her parents leaves her wondering if she will make new friends since she is so quiet. Gr. 3-9.
- elem **Harbo, Christopher L.** *Frankenstein's Monster and Scientific Methods* MS,BG
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 29.99 978-1-4296-9931-0 Monster Science (Capstone)
In this graphic novel, science pairs up with Frankenstein to teach young students the steps of the scientific method.
- * elm/ms **Harper, Benjamin** *The Tell-Tale Heart* MS,JT
Capstone/Stone Arch 2013 72p 26.65 978-1-4342-3023-2 Edgar Allen Poe Graphic Novels
A care provider plots to murder the man to whom he owes his livelihood due to the man's "evil eye." After the deed is done, his guilt and/or lunacy overtake him.
- elem **Hicks, Betty** *The Worm Whisperer* JT,MD
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2013 185p 16.99 978-1-59643-490-5
This gentle story involves a boy who wants desperately to win the Annual Worm Race where contestants race wooly worm caterpillars up a string. Funny events happen and Ellis learns much about friendship and family.
- elm/ms **Hunter, Nick** *Women in World War I* CFM,MS
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 32.65 978-1-4329-8084-9 Remembering World War I
"Shows how women played a vital role in the war effort of every nation during World War I; describes how the lives of women changed, and what happened when the war ended."
- elem **Jeffrey, Laura S.** *Choosing a Bird* PN,LM
Enslow 2013 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-4078-6 Pet Care Series (Enslow)
This useful volume, in the American Humane Society's *Pet Care* series, discusses the avian breeds, selection, housing, diet, handling, grooming, exercise and health of a new bird.
- ms **Kadohata, Cynthia** *The Thing About Luck* MD,TW
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2013 271p 16.99 978-1-4424-7877-0
When Summer's parents go to Japan on an emergency, she and her brother are left in the care of her grandparents who are old-fashioned and demanding. Summer feels that "good luck" has abandoned them and the stay with her grandparents is going to be a long one.
- elem **Kalz, Jill** *Out-of-the-World Aliens: Hidden Picture Puzzles* JT,MS
Capstone/Picture window 2014 32p 25.99 978-1-4048-7942-3 Seek It Out (Capstone/Picture
Fun and fairly difficult hidden picture puzzles involving aliens. Students will enjoy searching for the hidden items. They aren't all easy.
- elem **Kim, Patti** *Here I Am* LF,CFM
Capstone/Picture window 2014 40p 27.32 978-1-4048-8299-7
The story of coming to America as seen through the eyes of a child is presented without words just in pictures.
- elem **Kimmel, Eric A.** *Hannukkah Bear* SO,CFM
Holiday House 2013 unnp 16.95 978-0-8234-2855-7
Kimmel retells his classic story of *The Chanukkah Guest* (o.p.) with new illustrations but the story is still as charming as ever.
- elem **Korman, Gordon** *Hideout* JT,SO
Scholastic Press 2013 273p 16.99 978-0-545-44866-6
Swindle returns to town to take back his dog Luthor, whom he had abandoned. The children take Luthor to camp with them to foil Swindle. Hilarious happenings occur as Luthor is repeatedly moved to a new hideout. Grades 3-6.
- elem **Kurtz, Chris** *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig* CFM,JT
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 278p 16.99 978-0-547-63455-5
"Flora the pig ditches the sedentary life on the farm for an adventure in Antarctica, where she escapes the knife and lives her dream of pulling a sled with a team of dogs."
- elm/ms **Lewis, J. Patrick** *Fact Bug (Poems)* LMN,LM
Boyd's Mills/Word Song 2013 36p 16.95 978-1-59078-925-4
A perfect combination of yucky photos, facts, and drawings of insects that will merrily gross out readers. The up-close photos of bug faces, a poem of their lifestyle, and pen and ink drawings that add humor will challenge readers to look more closely. Gr 3+.
- elem **Llimos, Anna** *Earth-Friendly Crafts from Recycled Stuff in 5 Easy Steps* LF,LM
Enslow 2013 32p 22.60 978-0-7660-4190-5 Earth-Friendly Crafts in 5 Easy
Thirteen different craft ideas are described in this book that are made from repurposed items.

- elm/ms **Macaulay, David** *Toilet: How It Works* CK,CFM
Macmillan(Farrar 2013 32 3.99 978-1-59643-780-7
In this gem of a book, Macaulay explains how toilets work through his words and his pictures.
- elm/ms **Markle, Sandra** *Bats: Biggest! Littlest!* CK,LM
Boyd's Mills Press 2013 31p 16.95 978-1-59078-952-0
With gorgeous full-color photographic illustrations, this wonderful book discusses bats and, specifically, the ways in which size is important to each variety. The book is laid out like an easy reader but there are facts galore, and sophisticated concepts as well.
- elem **Mason, Paul** *Dogs: Animal Family Album* JT,MS
Capstone/Heinemann 2013 32p 29.99 978-1-4109-4936-3 Animal Family Album (Capstone)
Introducing young readers to the range of dog breeds, this title gives a good overview. It does not go into care at any depth but does highlight 14 domestic varieties and three wild dogs. Elementary school.
- all ages **McCurry, Kristen** *How to Draw Incredible Ocean Animals* MS,LM
Capstone Publishers 2013 64p 24.99 978-1-4296-9940-2 Smithsonian Drawing Books
This book contains a comprehensive selection of sea creatures for new and more experienced artists to create amazing sketches. There is text to support each drawing and a photograph of the actual ocean animal as well.
- elem **McKissack, Patricia C.** *Ol' Clip-Clop: A Ghost Story* JT,LM
Holiday House 2013 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2265-4
A wonderful read aloud ghost story where the words help with the pacing of the story. A mean landlord demands payment but hides one coin. As he rides home, he is pursued by a ghost horse. He is never heard from again. Elementary grades.
- pre K- **Meisel, Paul** *See Me Dig* HW,CFM
Holiday House 2013 UNP 14.95 978-0-8234-2743-7
A group of dogs that love to dig, have a fun-filled day.
- elm/ms **Mull, Brandon** *Sky Raiders (Five Kingdoms)* LF,LM
Simon & Schuster/ Aladdin 2014 421p 16.99 978-1-4424-9700-9
Young Cole, while chasing after his friends under a haunted house, finds himself in the Five Kingdoms, a place that exists somewhere between the realities of this world and those of another; a world found between life and death or between being aware and dreaming.
- all ages **O'Connor, George** *Olympians: Aphrodite Goddess of love* MD,LM
Macmillan/ First Second 2014 76p 10.00 9781596437395 Olympians
Introduction to individual Olympian Gods. In this volume, the author introduces Aphrodite, Goddess of love, beauty, and power.
- pre K- **O'Garden, Irene** *Forest, What Would You Like?* MD,LM
Holiday House 2013 24p 16.95 978-0-8234-2322-4
Children will learn all about the forest as if the forest could talk or write and what would it say about its wish list?
- elm/ms **O'Neill, Alexis** *The Kite That Bridged Two Nations* LM,LMN
Boyd's Mills/Calkins Creek 2013 unpag 16.95 978-1-59078-938-4
This is the story of how the building of the first suspension bridge in the U. S. was managed by stretching the first line across the gorge through a kite flying contest. This 1847 accomplishment bridged a connection between Canada and the U. S. at Niagara Falls.
- elem. **Obed, Ellen Bryan** *Twelve Kinds of Ice* CFM,HW
Houghton Mifflin 2012 61p 16.99 978-0-618-89129-0
"From the first ice, a thin skin on a bucket of water, through thickly iced fields, streams, and gardens, a girl, her family, and friends anticipate and enjoy a winter of skating, ending with an ice show complete with costumes, refreshments, and clowns."
- pre K- **Porter, Esther** *What's Sprouting In My Trash? (Earth Matters series)* CK,LMN
Capstone Publishers 2013 32p 19.99 978-1-62065-047-9
Composting is explained to the very youngest of children, with easy-to-understand text and beautiful accompanying full-color photographs. Since the earth itself composts, the book argues, people should do it too, and we have a lot to learn from the earth.
- elm/ms **Pringle, Laurence** *Scorpions! Strange and Wonderful* CK,LM
Boyd's Mills Press 2013 32p 16.95 978-1-59078-473-0
This beautifully illustrated introduction to scorpions will find several kinds of readers: elementary youngsters who love science, middle-school reluctant readers who love bugs, and even some older students who need to see accurate facts for their research.
- elm/ms **Robinson, Sharon** *Jackie Robinson, American Hero* SO,JT
Scholastic Press 2013 48p 16.99 978-0-545-56915-0
This book offers a fascinating look at Robinson. The information is well organized and presented in a lively and entertaining manner.
- elm/ms **Rosenstock, Barb** *Thomas Jefferson Builds A Library* LM,LMN
Boyd's Mills/Calkins Creek 2013 32p 16.95 978-1-59078-932-2
The story of Thomas Jefferson's love of books and reading. This desire to read and learn led to the establishment of the Library of Congress.
- elem **Rotner, Shelley & Sheila M.** *Yummy! Good Food Makes Me Strong!* CK,LMN
Holiday House 2013 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2426-9
In an easy-to-read book with gorgeous full-color photographs, children and their parents are instructed on healthy eating habits. This one is a winner, featuring every kind of food and many beautiful, ethnically diverse children.
- elem **Royston, Angela** *Hip-Hop* JT,MS
Capstone/Heinemann 2013 32p 21.99 978-1-4109-4922-6 Love to Dance (Capstone)
This title introduces readers to the Hip-Hop dance style. It gives some history, shows some basic moves, and other related information. Easy text, exciting photographs, and encouragement to young dancers. Elementary level.
- elm/ms **Sackett, Frances** *The Misadventures of the Magician's Dog* HW,JT
Holiday House 2013 178p 16.95 97-0-8234-2869-4
Peter can become a magician and save his father from fighting in Iraq as well as rescue another boy, but wielding magic may come with a price that is too high to pay.

- * ms **Schwartz, E.** *Girls Rebel: Amazing Tales of women Who Broke the Mold* SO,VM
 Capstone Publishers 2014 64p 33.99 978-1-4765-0232-8 Girls Rock! (Capstone)
 This is a collection of biographies of a very eclectic selection of intrepid women who broke societal norms throughout the last 200 years across the world.
- elem **Stevenson, Emma** *Hide-and-Seek Science: Animal Camouflage* CK,LM
 Holiday House 2013 32 16.95 978-0-8234-2293-7
 This wonderful book combines lessons about camouflage with a sort of "Where's Waldo" kind of game, asking readers to find camouflaged animals in a variety of habitats. It is beautifully illustrated and very informative.
- elm/ms **Stewig, John Warren** *Nobody Asked the Pea* BG,JT
 Holiday House 2013 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-2224-1
 Each character has a say in this delightfully illustrated retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale "The Princess and the Pea," and they do so hilariously.
- elem **Stringer, Lauren** *When Stravinsky Met Nijinsky* BG,LM
 Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2013 unpag 16.99 978-0-547-90725-3
 This colorful text describes how a composer and a choreographer shook up the world of performing arts during a time when *Swan Lake* ruled, by introducing *The Rite of Spring* to Paris and creating a whole new way to dance and compose music.
- elm/ms **TenNapel, Doug** *Tommysaurus Rex* MD,TW
 Scholastic/Graphix 2013 138p 10.99 978-0-545-48383-4
 Ely and his dog Tommy were inseparable until the day Tommy suffered a terrible accident. To Ely and his family, it was a devastating loss. That is when they decided to send Ely for a visit to his grandpa out in the country.
- * pre K- **Villa, Alvaro F.** *Flood* JT,LM
 Capstone/Picture window 2013 32p 15.74 978-1-4048-8006-1
 This wordless picture book shows the impact, struggle and aftermath of a flood on a family. A non-threatening way to introduce young children to a traumatic event. Ages pre K and up.
- elem **Waldron, Melanie** *How to Read a Map* SO,LM
 Capstone/Heinemann 2013 32p 29.99 978-1-4109-4899-1 Let's Get Mapping (Capstone)
 This slim book provides an excellent introduction to the skills necessary to read a map correctly.
- pre K- **Weakland, Mark** *Football ABC* HW,JT
 Capstone/Sports Ill Kids 2013 32p 19.99 978-1-4296-9958-7
 This alphabet book features full-color photographs and simple text with a football theme.
- elem **Yolen, Jane & Rebecca Kai** *Grumbles from the Forest: Fairy-Tale Voices with a Twist* LM,LMN
 Boyd's Mills/Word Song 2013 40p 16.95 978-1-59078-867-7
 The book presents a bewitching brew of poems that present what the fairy-tale characters were really thinking. Readers are warned to be surprised and dazzled and to beware of magic. A delightful twist on the usual fairy-tale.

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- elm/ms ***Cornerstones of Freedom (Sch/Childrens)*** ALL
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2013 64p 30.00
- This is an extensive collection of books written about topics relevant to students interested in United States and world history, documents, and important people. Well written, brightly illustrated, and very informative, these titles will capture the interest of upper elementary and middle school students, as well as their teachers. Several titles do not live up to the series' standards:
- elem ***Dangerous Jobs (Scholastic)*** LF,BG,JT,HW,
Scholastic Press 2013 24p 23.00
- The *Torque: Dangerous Jobs* series contain 10 books in the series at this time. The books provide a combination of high-interest subject matter and light text is intended for students in grades 3 through 7. Vivid photographs and limited text make these books informative and engaging. Good hi/lo material.
- elem ***Dogs to the Rescue (Scholastic)*** LF,CFM,CK,VM,
Scholastic Press 2014 24p 22.95
- The series *Dogs to the Rescue* consists of 10 titles, each of which presents a different type of job that dogs currently perform to help humans. Each book is brief but most informative with clear, colorful photographs that illustrate the text. These books will be very appealing to young readers and browsers.
- elem ***Draw the Magic Fairy (Enslow)*** MD,SO,CFM,
Enslow 2013 36p 22.60
- Beginning with simple forms and continuing with more complicated ones, each section in the books start with a basic sketch done with geometrical shapes and demonstrates how to enhance and develop each item into a final product. The instructions are clearly presented and straightforward and the the softly colored pastel examples are sure to whet the budding artist's interest.
- elem ***Exploring the States (Scholastic/Children's Press)*** ALL
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 32p 25.00
- This series presents a thoroughly engaging overview of individual states and provides current and easily accessible information on each. Very appealing visually, the books are the perfect introduction for the geographical and historical background of each state. All fifty states are represented in the series and also a book on the U. S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.
- elm/ms ***Fast Wheels (Enslow)*** VM,CFM,MD,
Enslow 2013 48p 13.95
- Fast Wheels* looks at muscle cars, motorcycles, race cars and dragsters. Colorful photos, statistics galore and reasons why they were so groundbreaking provide a quick history for those who like fast vehicles. Gr. 3-9.
- elem ***Fun and Easy Drawing (Enslow)*** CFM,LMN,SO,
Enslow 2013 36p 22.60
- As of this review, 4 titles have been published with themes such as fantastic creatures, popular characters, the sea, and the farm. Each title includes easy step-by-step instructions and illustrations teach children how to draw different animals, people, creatures, and objects.
- elm/ms ***Genius Inventors & Their Great Ideas (Enslow)*** LF,CFM,CK,VM,
Enslow 2014 48p 23.93
- All of the inventors in this series will be of interest to youngsters, and these books to a good job of presenting their biographies in a very easily read format.
- elem ***Military Vehicles (Scholastic)*** CFM,LMN,SO,JT
Scholastic Press 2013 24p 23.00
- Military Vehicles* contains 14 titles for young readers. Vibrant, crisp photos accompany limited text about the mission of the vehicle, the personnel who man the vehicle, and fast facts about the vehicle. Combat situations prevail with these vehicles. Gr. 2-5.
- elem ***Nature's Children (Sch/Childrens)*** ALL
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2013 48p 28.00
- Adding still more titles titles, *Nature's Children* is a delightful collection of books about animals that will no doubt interest young readers. The format is interesting and draws the reader through the book with vivid photographs and concise text. Each title in this series focuses how creatures survive in the wild, how they raise their young, how they are related to other species, and conservation methods used to protect them.
- elem ***Professor Cook's (Enslow)*** MD,CFM,JT,LF
Enslow 2013 32p 22.60
- Many children, of all ages, love to cook from the moment they first start to watch an adult prepare meals. The recipes found in this collection of four "Professor Cooks..." books are very complete and easy to follow as none of the essential steps is overlooked. Kids will absolutely love preparing any of the dishes for their families and friends, and are sure to be a hit in elementary school collections.
- elem ***Shark Fact Files (Scholastic/Childrens)***
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2013 24p 23.00
- Shark Fact Files* contains 12 titles about commonly known as well as rarely seen sharks. Great photos, facts about lifestyle, anatomy, and diet all serve the report writer as well as the casual browser. Glossary, further reading, fact page, and index. Gr 2-5.
- elem ***Sports Stars Who Care(Enslow)*** LF,CFM,BG,
Enslow 2014 48p 23.93
- This series, *Sports Stars Who Care*, is complete with six titles at the moment. While the philanthropy of these athlete is definitely presented in each book, the emphasis of these books is on the athlete and his sport, not their philanthropy. These titles are truly written for elementary age readers with simple sentences and vivid photographs.

elem ***What Are the 7 Wonders of the World(Enslow)*** MS,MD,LF,CFM
Enslow 2013 48p 23.93

What are the Seven Wonders of the World includes books about the wonders of the modern and the natural world as well as a book about the wonders of the U. S. Each book presents a comprehensive look at all aspects of each wonder with colorful illustrations and a glossary of new vocabulary.

elm/ms ***You Wouldn't Want to be (Sch/Watts)*** ALL
Scholastic/ Watts 2013 35p 29.00

You Wouldn't Want to Be A series now has many titles, all of which would be of great interest to all ages, with emphasis on upper elementary and middle school students. With a *Mad Magazine-like* approach to the topics, this series provides a somewhat unique approach for study.

elem ***Zoom In On (Enslow)*** CK,VM,MS,HW
Enslow 2013 32p 22.60

This series features bizarre bugs, body invaders, crime scenes and horrible house creatures. *Zoom In On* is the name of the series due to the enlargements of each tiny creature that are provided along with textual descriptions of each.