



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 2015**

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

**Part II. Elementary Books of Note and series listing**

This year our books covered such a wide range that we divided the notable books into two lists. The YA list means middle school/high school. The Elementary list covers K-grade 4/5.

### **Committee**

Magna Diaz (Edison High School-retired)  
Charleen Forba-Mayer (Christina School – Delaware)  
Bethany Geleskie (University of Delaware)  
Carol Kennedy (Garnet Valley Middle School-retired)  
Virginia McGarvey (Kennett School District)  
Linda McNeil (CCIU#24)  
Lois McNicol (Garnet Valley High School-retired)  
Susan Ogintz (Fred S. Engle Middle School-retired)  
Stephanie Pennucci (Garnet Valley High School)  
Martha Squaresky (Milton Hershey School)  
Joan Theal (Milton Hershey School-retired)  
Hilary Welliver (Director – Kent Co. Public Library)

- ms/hs **Acampora, Paul** *I Kill the Mockingbird* VM,SO  
 Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2014 166p 16.99 978-1-59643-742-5  
 Best friends Lucy, Elena, and Michael create a plan to entice reluctant readers of To Kill a Mockingbird to select the book for their summer reading by using social media and exploit the effects of supply and demand.
- hs **Aguirre, Ann** *Mortal Danger* LM,VM,BG  
 Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2014 376p 17.99 978-1-250-02464-0  
 A plain but very intelligent girl's suicide attempt is interrupted by a devastatingly handsome supernatural being who makes a deal with her where he will grant her three wishes in exchange for three unnamed favors to be repaid at a later date.
- ms/hs **Albin, Gennifer** *Unraveled* VM,LF  
 Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 288p 17.99 978-0-374-31643-3  
 When Adeline returns to Arras, under the control of Cormac Patton, she is forced into a marriage alliance while she tries to destroy him and stop the destruction of Arras and Earth.
- ms/hs **Alexander, Kwame** *Crossover* SP,LMN  
 Houghton Mifflin 2014 237p 16.99 978-0-544-10771-7  
 Josh Bell raps about his life, including his family and basketball.
- ms **Alexander, Lloyd** *The Book of Three* BG,SO  
 Macmillan/ First Second 2014 unp 9.99 978-1-250-05060-1  
 A 50th Anniversary edition of the first book in Lloyd Alexander's *Chronicles of Prydain* series, The Book of Three tells the story of an assistant pig keeper who yearns for adventure and then finds it when his porcine charge goes missing.
- hs **Bair, Sheila** *The Bullies of Wall Street* SP,LM  
 Simon & Schuster/ 2015 272p 16.99 978-1-4814-0085-5  
 Former FDIC chairman Sheila Bair explains the financial crisis of the late 2000s.
- ms/hs **Baldacci, David** *The Finisher* VM,LF  
 Scholastic Press 2014 497p 17.99 978-0-545-65220-9  
 Vega Jane, caring for her younger brother in the village of Wormwood is employed as a "finisher"; but, when her mentor disappears into the forbidden and dangerous Quag, he leaves a message and mysterious clues for Vega that there might be more beyond what she has always believed.
- ms/hs **Banks, Anna** *Of Neptune (The Syrena Legacy Trilogy)* VM,SP  
 Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2014 330p 17.99 978-1-250-03960-6  
 Emma, a half-breed but bearer of the Gift of Poseidon, and her intended Galen, a Triton prince, are seeking an inland vacation, but when the pair is ominously directed to Tennessee by Emma's grandfather Antonis, they experience an adventure that will change the kingdoms forever.
- ms/hs **Barakiva, Michael** *One Man Guy* BG,LMN  
 Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 255p 17.99 978-0-374-35645-3  
 A young man from an Armenian family comes to term with his sexuality when he is forced to attend summer school by his perfectionist parents.
- hs **Bardugo, Leigh** *Ruins and Rising* HW,BG  
 Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 422p 18.99 978-0-8050-9461-9  
 The Darkling rules Ravka from his shadow throne. Alina forges new alliances as she and Mal search for Morosova's last amplifier. But as she begins to unravel the Darkling's secrets, she reveals a past that alters her understanding of the bond they share and the power she wields.
- ms/hs **Barker, .P.** *Mending Horses* JT,JT,MD  
 Holiday House 2014 309p 17.95 978-0-8234-2948-6  
 Sequel to *A Difficult Boy* but stands alone very well. Daniel joins with the peddler Jonathan, who is traveling with a young boy Billy. They join up with a traveling circus but their pasts follow them causing problems. Middle to high school.
- hs **Baskin, Janie** *Paint Me A Monster* HW,CK  
 Enslow 2014 352p 18.95 978-1-62324-018-9  
 With the help of the school guidance counselor, Rinnie comes to terms with her dysfunctional family relationships and her battle with eating disorders.
- hs/adult **Baskin, Nora Raleigh** *Subway Love* CK,BG,LF  
 Candlewick Press 2014 213 16.99 978-0-7636-6845-7  
 In this twist on a time-travel novel, Laura, who is 14 in 1973, meets Jonas, who is 15 in 2014, on the NY subway, where they fall in love. Only on the subway do their lives and times mesh, however, so their love is fleeting and frustrating, but oh, so romantic!
- ms/hs **Behling, Silke** *Get To Know Horse Breeds* HW,LM  
 Enslow 2014 144p 23.95 978-0-7660-4259-9 Get To Know Horse Breeds  
 Provides overview to more than 100 horse breeds.
- hs **Benoit, Charles** *Cold Calls* HW,LMN  
 Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2014 278p 17.99 978-0-547-23950-4  
 While on suspension, Shelly, Eric, and Fatima, who have nothing else in common, try to identify and stop the person who blackmailed each of them by phone to perform very specific acts of bullying at their high schools.
- hs **Berlatsky, Noah** *Cybercrime* SP,LMN  
 Gale/Greenhaven 2014 209p 29.10 978-0-7377-6907-4 Global Viewpoints  
 Examples of cybercrime around the world.

- hs/adult **Berlatsky, Noah** *North and South Korea* CK,ALL  
Gale/Greenhaven 2014 209p 30.95 978-0-7377-6964-7 *Opposing Viewpoints#4*  
Several issues are covered in this *Opposing Viewpoints* book: human rights in the two Koreas, reunification, the threat level of North Korea to the rest of the world, and other related topics. A varied array of opinions are presented with notes and explanations.
- ms/hs **Besel, Jen** *Baking Bliss!: Baked Desserts to Make and Devour* SO,VM  
Capstone Publishers 2015 48p 31.32 978-1-4914-0859-9  
Detailed instructions teach bakers of many ages how to make individualized cupcakes, cakes, and cookies decorated with all matter of designs crafted from icing and other edible delights.
- hs **Betts, A.J.** *Zac & Mia* MS,HW  
Houghton Mifflin 2014 292p 17.99 978-0-544-33164-8  
Zac and Mia meet under the most tragic circumstances; they are two young people with cancer. As they commence building a relationship, they realize they need each other desperately, but don't know how to convey their desires, their emotions, and their pain.
- ms **Biskup, Agnieszka** *D-Day: June 6, 1944* SP,LF  
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 32.65 978-1-4329-9295-8 *24-Hour History*  
Graphic novel about the D-Day invasion during World War II. Gr 4-12
- hs/adult **Block, Francesca Lia** *Island of Excess Love* HW,CK  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 214p 16.99 978-0-8050-9631-6  
Using Virgil's epic Aeneid as her guide, Pen searches for love among the ruins.
- ms **Boyne, John** *Stay Where You Are & Then Leave* SP,CFM  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 245p 16.99 978-1-62779-031-4  
Alfie's mother tells him they haven't heard from his soldier father because he is on a secret mission. The boy suspects otherwise and discovers he is in a nearby hospital suffering from PTSD.
- ms **Bramwell, Neil D.** *Discover Ancient Egypt* SP,CK  
Enslow 2014 104p 31.93 978-0-7660-4195-0 *Discover Ancient Civilizations*  
An overview of ancient Egyptian culture, history, life and government. Gr. 5-8
- hs/adult **Broom, Jenny & Katie Scott** *Animalium* MS,LM  
Candlewick 2014 95P \$35 978-0-7636-7508-0  
"Galleries" house different species, describing their characteristics, habitats and evolution through the millenniums, arranged in evolutionary order.
- ms **Brown, Box** *Andre the Giant Life and Legend* BG,SP  
Macmillan/ First Second 2014 240p 17.99 978-1-59643-851-4  
A surprisingly poignant illustrated biography of Andre the Giant which draws from historical records and anecdotes from his colleagues in the wrestling world and Hollywood.
- ms/hs **Brown, Skila** *Caminar* HW,VM  
Candlewick Press 2014 208p 15.99 9780763665166  
Set in 1981 in Guatemala, this is the tale of a boy who must decide what it means to be a man during a time of war.
- ms/hs **Burgan, Michael** *Tank Man: How a Photograph Defined China's Protest Movement* LMN,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2014 64p 25.49 978-0-7565-4731-8 *Captured World History*  
One image captured the protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989. The events leading up to this one person protest in front of a row of army tanks are described as is the journalist's hair-raising efforts to get this photo. Excellent photojournalism. Gr 7+.
- ms/hs **Butcher, Kristin** *Alibi* CK,LMNY  
Orca 2014 113p 9.95 978-1-4598-0767-9 *Orca Currents*  
In this brief mystery story, a 15-year-old girl staying with her great aunt in a small Canadian town helps solve the mystery of who is committing multiple robberies in town. Charming, well written, and easy to read.
- ms **Canavan, Roger** *You Wouldn't Want To Live Without Clean Water* MS,JT  
Scholastic/ Watts 2015 32p 29.00 978-0-531-21219-6 *You Wouldn't Want to be*  
Necessities of life are the topic of this new series by Canavan and Antram. In this book, water is the targeted issue and everything from the history of water, dirty water, the water footprint, war and other topics are included.
- hs **Cardi, Annie** *The Chance You Won't Return* MS,CGM  
Candlewick Press 2014 344 16.99 978-0-7636-6292-9  
Family life begins to unravel when Alex's mom develops delusional disorder. Alex finds herself thrust into the role of caregiver and parent at the same time she is trying to conquer her own fear of driving.
- ms/hs **Cassidy, Sara** *Skylark* CK,LMN  
Orca 2014 130p 9.95 978-1-4598-0590-3  
Angela lives with her brother and mother in their Buick Skylark. Ever since Mom had her accident and Dad moved away, they have been unable to live in an apartment or house. But when Angela discovers poetry slams, her life starts to turn around.
- hs **Christopher, Lucy** *The Killing Woods* SP,MD  
Scholastic/Chicken House 2014 359p 17.99 978-0-545-46100-9  
Emily's father suffers from PTSD and is accused of killing one of her classmates. She is determined to prove his innocence even though the whole town, including her mother, believes he did it.
- ms/hs **Clark, Georgia** *Parched* BG,VM  
Holiday House 2014 312p 17.95 978-0-8234-2949-3  
Tess was born to a life of privilege in a world where most must fight for basic resources but after spending time beyond the safe walls of her home, she uncovers a government plot involving artificial intelligence in this fantastic futuristic story.

- ms **Cohn, Edith** *Spirit's Key* VM,LF  
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 312p 16.99 978-0-374-30011-1  
Twelve-year-old Spirit finally starts to receive the inherited gift of psychic ability from her father and is able to save Bald Island with the help of her ghost baldie Sky, and ghosts of other baldies that have mysteriously died.
- ms/hs **Combs, Sarah** *Breakfast Served Anytime* HW,LM  
Candlewick Press 2014 261 16.99 9780763667917  
Sent to Geek Camp, Gloria makes new friends who help her discover new talents and cope with recent losses.
- ms/hs **Constant, Clare** *Poems About Emotions* MS,MD  
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 64p 35.00 978-1-4329-9556-0 Experiencing Poetry  
Poems by Gary Soto, Nikki Giovanni, Langston Hughes, and Shakespeare grace this wonderful collection in which the author instructs students how to analyze and study poetry of emotion to glean the most meaning from each author's creation.
- hs **Cooner, Donna** *Can't Look Away* CK,LMN  
Scholastic Press/Point 2014 265p 17.99 978-0-545-42765-4  
After losing her sister to a hit-and-run accident, Torrey moves with her family to another state where she tries to become part of the popular crowd and regain her social status as a beauty and fashion blogger.
- ms/hs **Cooper, Michael L.** *Fighting Fire!* SP,HW  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 215p 19.99 978-0-8050-9714-6  
Ten stories about the most deadly fires in American history.
- ms/hs **Coyle, Katie** *Vivian Apple at the End of the World* MS,JT  
Houghton Mifflin 2014 262p 17.99 978-0-544-34011-4  
When Vivian Apple's parents disappear, appearing to have been lifted up in a rapturous state as Believers, Vivian faces a new reality. Is the Church of America saving souls or destroying them?
- hs **Crowe, Chris** *Death Coming Up the Hill* LMN,CK  
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2014 204p 16.99 978-0-544-30215-0  
Chronicles one year in the life of 17 year old Ashe during 1968-1969. Told in haiku format, this is an in depth character study that draws in issues such as the Vietnam War, civil rights, first love, and political assassinations. Grades 8-12
- ms/hs **Culbertson, Kim** *Catch a Falling Star* LMN,CK  
Scholastic Press/Point 2014 300p 17.99 978-0-545-62704-7  
Carter is hired to serve as girlfriend for a teenage actor who is filming a movie in her town and her whole world turns upside down. People are not always what they seem. Believable characters who contemplate who they really are. Inspirational! Grades 7+.
- ms **Dauvillier, Loic and others** *hidden* SP,SO  
Macmillan/ First Second 2014 76p 16.99 978-1-59643-873-6  
The fictional account of a young girl who is hidden by neighbors when her parents are put into concentration camps during the Holocaust.
- ms/hs **Demetrios** *Something Real* BG,HW  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 406p 17.99 978-0-8050-9794-8  
Bonnie Baker grew up on the the hit reality show Baker's Dozen but since the show was canceled she has tried to live a normal life. Unfortunately, the show is unexpectedly renewed and wreaks havoc on her dreams of normalcy.
- ms **Dillon, Patrick** *The Story of Buildings* SO,LM  
Candlewick Press 2014 95p 19.99 978-0-7636-6990-4  
Patrick Dillon brings forth his architectural expertise in this wonderful book about the construction of some of the most spectacular buildings in the world and Stephen Biesty's softly colored cross-sections form the integral foundation of the book. Many of the beautifully detailed images are represented in two-page spreads with additional fold-outs that have carefully labeled cutaway diagrams and drawings.
- hs **Doctorow, Cory and Jen** *In Real Life* SO,LF  
Macmillan/ First Second 2014 175p 17.99 978-1-59643-658-9  
Anda is induced to join an all girls gaming universe when a gamer comes to her school. In Coarsegold Online, girls get to play the female characters and Anda is anxious to become one of them. The novel segues between the real world and that of the game's virtual reality and, while the text may be complex and challenging, the graphics are excellently done and the subject matter is unique.
- ms **Doeden, Matt** *The Berlin Wall: An Interactive Modern History Adventure* VM,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2015 112p 31.32 978-1-4914-0354-9 You Choose: Modern History  
Discusses the Berlin Wall and its significance in the Cold War from different perspectives that the reader chooses to follow.
- ms/hs **Downing, Erin** *For Soccer-Crazy Girls Only* SP,SO  
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2015 145p 15.99 978-1-250-04709-0  
Comprehensive book on soccer from a female perspective, including skills, careers, players, and health tips.
- hs/adult **Dudley, David L.** *Cy in Chains* CK,LMN  
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2014 328p 16.99 978-0-547-91068-0  
Cy Williams is a 13-year-old boy who finds himself wrongfully imprisoned under very cruel conditions several years after the Civil War has ended. This novel is based loosely on a true story and it is harrowing in its descriptions of African American life.
- hs/adult **Duffy, Chris** *Above the Dreamless Dead* SP,SO  
Macmillan/ First Second 2014 144p 24.99 978-1-62672-  
A collection of World War I British war poetry in graphic novel format.
- hs/adult **Engdahl, Sylvia** *The Challenger Disaster* SO,LMN  
Gale/Greenhaven 2014 169p 44.10 978-0-7377-6365-2 Perspectives on Modern World  
In this book about the Challenger disaster, the editors present opposing viewpoints on topics: the historical background, the controversies concerning the disaster, and personal narratives of people viewing the shuttle disintegration.

- ms/hs **Engle, Margarita** *Silver People: Voices from the Panama Canal* MD,TW  
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2014 260p 18.00 9780544109414  
A historical fiction about the construction of the Panama Canal in Panama told in verse. The story is told by the workers that came to Panama looking for a good job but found more poverty and racism.
- hs **Erlings, Fridrik** *Boy on the Edge* MD,LF  
Candlewick Press 2014 219p 16.99 9780763666804  
Henry, born clubfooted and with a stutter, is chronically bullied. With a family situation wholly out of his control, Henry is moved from school to school. His inability to develop friendships and his poor relationship with his mother wind up in a violent episode that results in his being sent to a remote home for boys in trouble -- The Home of Lesser Brethren.
- hs **Eulberg, Elizabeth** *Better Off Friends* SP,MS  
Scholastic Press/Point 2014 278p 17.99 978-0-545-55145-8  
Macallan and Levi become instant friends in seventh grade after bonding over a love of a British sitcom. The pair have difficulty dating through high school as others frequently assume they are a couple. Gr 9-12
- hs/adult **Farrant, Natasha** *What We Did for Love* CK,SP  
Enslow 2014 208p 17.95 978-1-62324-028-8  
Based on a true story about a little village in France where the Nazis ordered the whole village into the town square and massacred everyone. This is a fictional romance story that takes place in the months and days leading up to the massacre.
- ms/hs **Feutl, Rita** *Bike Thief (Orca Soundings)* LMN,LF  
Orca 2014 125p 9.95 978-1-4598-0569-9  
When Nick bargains a replacement for a broken TV, he gets in over his head as he is required to steal bikes to cover the cost of the new TV. A hi/lo (3rd grade reading level) book that reflects real life situations of inner city teens. Grades 6-12.
- ms/hs **Forde, Jasper** *The Eye of Zoltar (Chronicles of Kazam)* SO,JT  
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2014 405p 16.99 978-0-547-73849-9  
Jennifer Strange has a full schedule ahead: reform the character of Princess Shazza of Snodd, find the Eye of Zoltar, and save the world. She tempers the ongoing chaos with her common sense and good nature. This twist on fantastic tales provides a wonderfully inventive and funny book. As in all good tales, however, there are questions of morality and philosophy to discuss and evil and greed to overcome.
- ms/hs **Fleischman, Paul** *Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines* LF,CK  
Candlewick Press 2014 203 17.99 9780763671020  
Starting with the story of dead bees in his driveway, the author explains how his eyes were opened to the world around him. Contrary to this, he believes that many people wander this planet not seeing what is happening, specifically to the environment, until the day when their eyes are opened. This book is a call to arms addressed to young adults, that now is the time to become aware of the environment and begin to take action to protect it.
- elm/ms **Fleming, Ian** *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* CK,LM  
Candlewick Press 2014 170p 22.00 978-0-7636-6678-1  
This is the 50th Anniversary Deluxe Edition of the classic story, complete with delightfully whimsical illustrations by Burningham. An eccentric family acquires a 1930's-era racing car with supernatural powers.
- ms/hs **Fombelle, Timothee de** *Vango: Between the Sky and Earth* HW,VM  
Candlewick Press 2014 371p 17.99 9780763671969  
Vango must discover the secrets of his shrouded past or his enemies will ensure that he does not live to enjoy the future!
- elm/ms **Forten, Charlotte** *Diary of Charlotte Forten: A Free Black Girl Before the Civil War* CK,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 26.65 978-1-4765-4196-9 First-Person Histories (Capstone)  
A few pages from the diary of Charlotte Forten, a free African-American girl from Philadelphia, are excerpted in this fine addition to the literature of Black History.
- elm/ms **Frederick, Shane** *The Kid's Guide To Sports Media* HW,BG  
Capstone Publishers 2014 48p 23.49 978-1-4765-4152-5 SI Kids Guide Books  
Sports coverage has evolved over the centuries. Discover what mediums are the current game-changers!
- ms/hs **Freedman, Russell** *Angel Island: Gateway to Gold Mountain* SP,JT  
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2014 81p 17.99 978-0-547-90378-1  
The story of Angel Island Immigration Station where Asian immigrants were held in San Francisco Bay.
- ms/hs **Freedman, Russell** *Because They Marched* HW,BG  
Holiday House 2014 83p \$20.00 978-0-8234-2921-9  
Freedman provides an account of a pivotal event in the history of civil rights: the march for voting rights from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.
- ms **Fremon, David K.** *The Great Depression in United States History* CK,SO  
Enslow 2015 96 p 25.15 978-0-7660-6087-6 In United States History (Enslow)  
The Great Depression is discussed, from its origins after World War I to Pearl Harbor and the onset of the second World War.
- ms/hs **Fremon, David K.** *Watergate Scandal in U.S. History* SO,VG  
Enslow 2014 96p 27.94 978-0-7660-6107-1 In United States History (Enslow)  
An excellent introduction to the time of "our long national nightmare," the Watergate Scandal and the resignation of President Richard Nixon.
- elm/ms **Gaiman, Neil** *Hansel & Gretel* BG,LMLM  
Toon Graphics 2014 56p 16.98 9781935179627  
The classic tale of Hansel and Gretel retold in Neil Gaiman's characteristically excellent prose and strikingly illustrated by Lorenzo Mattotti.
- ms **Ganeri, Anita** *Exploring Rain Forests: A Benjamin Blog and His Inquisitive Dog* MD,CK  
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 32p 29.32 978-1-4329-8779-4 Exploring Habitats, with Benjamin  
A beautifully photographed book of the country of Costa Rica. Provides information about the history culture, customs, politics, daily life and economy of the country.

- elm/ms **Gantos, Jack** *The Key That Swallowed Joey Pigza* CK,SO  
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 135p 16.99 978-0-374-30083-8  
In this latest installment of the Joey Pigza saga, Joey is starting a new school but his mother is in a deep depression and needs help. He finds himself raising his baby brother while both parents are off trying to get their lives together.
- elm/ms **Gardner, Sally** *Three Pickled Herrings (Wings & Co., Bk. 2)* CK,SO  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 176p 12.99 978-0-8050-9914-0  
"Whimsical" is the word that best sums up this story, a fantasy/mystery featuring a detective agency made up of fairies and humans. It is the second in the series Wings & Company, featuring Emily Vole, Buster Spicer, Fidget the Cat, and Detective Cardwell.
- hs **Giles, Gail** *Girls Like Us* SP,CK  
Candlewick Press 2014 210p 16.99 9780763662677  
Two special education students are paired up to live together after graduating from high school and become closer than they imagined they would after a series of tragic events.
- ms **Gillard, Arthur** *Food Allergies* VM,SO  
Gale/Kidhaven/Blackbirch/Gree 2014 116p 40.45 978-0-7377-6354-6 Perspectives on Diseases &  
Describes food allergies and associated reactions presenting an overview, information about food allergies, as well as food allergy management, experimental treatment studies, and personal experiences of allergy sufferers and families.
- elm/ms **Green, Sara** *Marissa Mayer* LMN,CK  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 24p 22.95 978-0-531-20989-9 Tech Icons (Scholastic)  
A brief biography of Marissa Mayer, head of Yahoo, who made history by being the first woman to head a huge Internet tech company. Her schooling, accomplishments, community efforts, and family life are illustrated with crisp, vibrant photos. Grades 3-7
- ms/hs **Gregory, Josh** *Animation* BG,HW  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2015 64p 30.00 978-0-531-20613-3 Calling All Innovators (Sch)  
An informative, interesting examination of the history of animation from concept to consumer with a special focus on vocational guidance for young readers.
- ms/hs **Grundy, Peter** *Human Body* MD,LF  
Candlewick Press 2014 78p 17.99 9780763671235  
Understanding the human body through graphics. Making sense of how our body works.
- ms **Hahn, Mary Downing** *Where I Belong* HW,CK  
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2014 226p 16.99 978-0-544-23020-0  
Brendan retreats into a fantasy world to escape his reality: living in foster care, bullied by thugs, and treated unkindly by nearly everyone he meets. Then Brendan meets the "Green Man" and a girl with secrets of her own.
- hs **Hahn, Rebecca** *Creature of Moonlight* HW,SO  
Houghton Mifflin 2014 313p 17.99 978-0-544-10935-3  
Marni is a girl who is half-dragon, half-human. She must choose between claiming her throne from a king who wants her dead, or living with the father she does not know, a wild dragon.
- ms/hs **Harris, Robie** *It's Perfectly Normal* SP,BG  
Candlewick Press 2014 98p 12.99 9780763668723  
Covers all aspects of sexuality for children and young adults including puberty, conception, sexting, STDs, and families.
- ms **Harrison, Zac** *Galactic Battles* MD,LF  
Capstone/Stone Arch 2014 288p 25.99 978-1-4342-6569-2 Hyperspace High  
John Riley was sent to a boarding school on Earth but he manage to get into Hyperspace High which is light years away from Earth. Now he is faced with his first challenge when he is made leader of his alien group.
- hs **Haugen, David and Susan** *War in Ernest Hemingway's A Farewell to Arms* SP,LMN  
Gale/Greenhaven 2014 205p 29.45 978-0-7377-6396-6 Social Issues in Literature(Gale)  
Essays analyzing A Farewell to Arms.
- hs **Hawke, Rosanne** *Spirit of Mountain Wolf* LF,CK  
Enslow 2014 208p 17.95 978-1-6234-033-2  
When young Razaq Khan witnesses the destruction of his village and family in the mountains of Pakistan by an earthquake, his trust in his fellow man leads him into a life of squalor and servitude. Concurrently, his uncle works desperately to find him and return him to safety.
- hs/adult **Herrndorf, Wolfgang** *Why We Took the Car* MS,VM  
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2014 245p 17.99 978-0-545-48180-9  
Mike and Tschick team up to escape Berlin in a stolen car, find unimaginable adventures along the way, and finish their journey with a serious accident that has consequences the boys never imagined before taking off.
- ms/hs **High, Linda Oatman** *A Heart Like Ringo Starr* MS,VM  
Saddleback 2015 250p 9.95 978-1-62250-968-3  
A story about a young girl with a weak heart, this book in verse tells the tale of her journey to good health and happiness with some irony and chance happenings.
- hs **High, Linda Oatman** *Teeny Little Grief Machines (Gravel Road)* HW,MS  
Saddleback 2014 252p 9.95 978-1-62250-883-9  
A novel in verse, short poems provide glimpses of Lexi's unhappy home life.
- all ages **Hoover, Elizabeth** *Walter Dean Myers* ALL  
Gale/Lucent 2014 96p 35.95 978-1-4205-0859-8 People in the News  
Walter Dean Myers, perhaps better known for his books about inner city issues, finds the time to serve the community in a variety of ways. He is not just an author; rather, he is a humanitarian, public speaker and promoter of literacy across cultural groups.

- ms/hs **Hoover, P.J.** *Tut* SO,JT  
Macmillan/Tor Books 2014 310p 15.99 978-0-7653-3468-8  
Being an immortal demigod can be extremely trying, especially if you're stuck in middle school for ages. Tutankhamun has been transported from ancient Egypt to the present through the machinations of his evil uncle Horemheb and now seeks revenge and a way back to the past.
- hs/adult **Hosie, Donna** *The Devil's Intern* HW,LMN  
Holiday House 2014 229p 16.95 978-0-8234-3195-3  
Mitchell is an intern in Hell's accounting office. When he discovers a time-travel device, he plans to return to Earth and alter the circumstances of his own death when his three closest friends in Hell insist on tagging along.
- ms **Howe, James** *Also Known As Elvis* BG,CFM  
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2014 288p 16.99 978-1-4424-4510-9  
While his best friends get to do exciting things for the summer, Skeezie is stuck at home working in the local Candy Kitchen in the wake of his family's implosion but, thanks to some new people in his life, the summer isn't a complete bore.
- hs **Hughes, Langston** *Race in the Poetry of Langston Hughes* SP,LMN  
Gale/Greenhaven 2014 168p 29.45 978-0-7377-6981-4 Social Issues in Literature(Gale)  
Analytical essays on the poetry of Langston Hughes
- ms/hs **Jarrow, Gail** *Red Madness* HW,JT  
Boyd's Mills/Calkins Creek 2014 192p 16.95 978-1-59078-732-8  
Jarrow tracks the history of pellagra, a disease that leaves its victims weak, disfigured, insane, and sometimes dead.
- elm/ms **Jenkins, Martin** *The History of Money* CK,HW  
Candlewick Press 2014 53p 16.99 978-0-7636-6763-4  
This brief overview of the history of money is very well done, with great illustrations and a humorous attitude that makes the subject more interesting and fun to read. Excellent job of making the subject comprehensible to young people.
- hs **Johnson, Alaya Dawn** *Love Is The Drug* BG,LMN  
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2014 335p 17.99 9780545417815  
A deadly flu virus is sweeping the nation, forcing quarantines, curfews, even martial law, but that is not the only crisis facing Ivy League poster child Emily Bird as her entire world falls apart and she tries to unravel the mystery behind her amnesia.
- ms/hs **Johnson, Terry Lynn** *Ice Dogs* JT,LM  
Houghton Mifflin 2014 279p 16.99 978-0-547-89926-8  
Victoria is a musher. On an unscheduled run, she rescues a snowmobiler who is injured and they get lost in a blizzard. The two manage to survive and learn to respect each other's the skills and knowledge. Exciting action. Middle-high school.
- hs **Kanefield, Teri** *Guilty? Crime, Punishment, and the Changing Face of Justice* SP,LMN  
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2014 134p 16.99 978-0-544-14896-3  
Guides adolescents in examining the gray areas of the law through thoughtful questions and real legal cases.
- ms/hs **Kelly, Link** *Monstrous Affections* HW,MS  
candlewick press 2014 480p 17.81 9780763664732  
Fifteen short stories explore the intersection of fear and love in a darkly imaginative volume.
- elm/ms **Kenney, Karen Latchana** *The Science of Car Racing* LMN,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2014 48p 31.32 978-1-4765-3910-2 The Science of Speed  
Whether NASCAR, drag racing, F1, or rally cars, drivers use numerous science concepts. Excellent color photos, definitions of words on the page on which they occur, quick facts galore. For the casual browser or for science fair participants. Gr 4+
- ms/hs **Kiernan, Celine** *Into the Grey* LMN,MD  
Candlewick Press 2014 290p 16.99 978-0-7636-6061-0  
A ghost story set in Ireland. Twin brothers and family move to the seaside after their house burns. Strange events follow that involve a ghost inhabiting the body of one twin. Eery yet believable ghost story of family bonds. It will keep you up nights. Gr 7+
- elm/ms **Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody** *Secret of the Mountain Dog* JT,MD  
Scholastic Press 2014 200p 16.99 978-0-545-60369-0  
One night a Tibetan Mastiff dog is in the middle of the street. Jackson (Jax) finds people at the abandoned monastery in the mountains. She helps solve the mystery of a missing artifact. Grade 3-7
- all ages **Kimmel, Eric** *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins* ALL  
Holiday House 2014 unpag 17.95 978-0-8234-3164-9  
Herschel of Ostropol must defeat the evil goblins and save Hanukkah for the frightened villagers.
- ms/hs **Klass, David** *Grandmaster* LMN,SP  
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 226p 16.99 978-0-374-32771-2  
Daniel, a beginner at chess, is invited to a father/son chess tournament. Unexpected family secrets surface as Daniel learns of his father's chess prowess. The intensity of the tournament, bonding, first love, and fulfilling dreams make an exciting read. Gr. 6+
- ms/hs **Kopp, Dwight** *Grid Lock (book 3 in the Moderator)* JT,VM  
Amazon 2014 178p 978-0-98958536-1  
In the Moderator's final ploy, he fakes a nuclear accident at Three Mile Island to cover his theft of a biological warfare serum and his planned get away. He is cunningly foiled by two of his players.
- elm/ms **Kras, Sara Louise** *The Hunted: Polar Prey* HW,CFM  
Enslow 2014 64p 14.95 978-1-62285-080-8  
Twelve-year-old Jeremy must rescue his mother from drifting away in the Arctic on a piece of ice and from a hungry polar bear.
- ms **Krull, Kathleen** *Lives of Explorers* SO,LM  
Houghton Mifflin 2014 93p 20.99 978-0-15-205910-1  
Lives of the Explorers is another fine addition to the selection of collective biographies written by Kathleen Krull.

- ms/hs **Kuklin, Susan** *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* BG,LF  
Candlewick Press 2014 182p 22.99 9780763656119  
A thoughtfully composed collection of interviews with young people on the trans' spectrum, this is an important book for developing adolescents regardless of gender or sexual orientation.
- ms/hs **Kwaymullina, Ambelin** *The Interrogation of Ashala Wolf* HW,BG  
Candlewick Press 2014 369p 17.99 9780763669881  
When children develop inexplicable abilities, the government perceives them as a threat and takes action to contain them.
- ms **Lane, Andrew** *The Legends Begins Sherlock Holmes Snake Bite* LM,SO  
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 294p 17.99 978-0-374-37090-9  
In this fifth book of the series, Sherlock Holmes is kidnapped, stowed away on ship bound for Shanghai, and plunged into the heart of a dangerous mystery.
- ms **Langwith, Jacqueline** *Sports Injuries* VM,SO  
Gale/Kidhaven/Blackbirch/Gree 2014 135p 40.45 978-0-7377-6358-4 Perspectives on Diseases &  
Describes sports injuries presenting and overview, information about ACL tears and brain injuries, as well as treatment and prevention of sports injuries.
- ms **Lankford Jr., Ronald D.** *Proud: The story of James Brown* MD,TW  
Morgan Reynolds 2014 128 29.00 9781599353746 Modern Music Masters(MR.)  
A child born in poverty rises to become a man who revolutionizes the the music world while contributing to the civil rights movement through his songs and concerts.
- elm/ms **Larson, Kirby** *Dash* JT,LF  
Scholastic Press 2014 243p 16.99 978-0-545-41635-1  
A Japanese-American girl learns to adjust to life in an incarceration camp without her beloved dog, Dash. The neighbor keeping Dash writes letters to her in his name. Great historical detail on the camps and attitudes of the time.
- elm/ms **Lassieur, Allison** *Race to the Moon: An Interactive History Adventure.* MS,JT  
Capstone Publishers 2014 112p 31.32 978-1-4765-4185-3 You Choose: History (Capstone)  
Origin of the space race, tensions between Russia and U. S., winner of first satellite in space, race to the moon, challenges and successes of space exploration, aftermath of the big event, and current events are presented.
- ms/hs **Lawson, Jessica** *Actual & Truthful Adventures of Becky Thatcher* VM,HW  
Simon & Schuster/ 2014 224p 16.99 978-1-4814-0150-0  
Becky Thatcher is new to St. Petersburg, Missouri and has just lost her older brother and her mother is in a deep depressive state; but, Becky thrives on adventures and is able to cope and bring her brother along by taking his special bag of marbles with her.
- ms/hs **Laybourne, Emmy** *Savage Drift (Monument 14)* LM,CK  
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2014 309p 17.99 978-1-250-03642-1  
This book is the gripping conclusion to the Monument 14 trilogy. The young survivors who escaped disaster are once again forced to fall back on their own resources and determination to save each other from the government's unusual interests.
- elm/ms **Lendler, Ian & Zack Giallongo** *The Stratford Zoo: Midnight Revue Presents: Macbeth* MS,LM  
Macmillan/ First Second 2014 74p 12.99 978-1-59643-915-3  
Comedic text combines with creative graphic design to tell the story of Macbeth, the lion who aspired to be king, achieving his goal by eating his ruler and taking charge of the kingdom. The witches and Macduff make an appearance as well.
- ms/hs **Lewis, Gill** *Moon Bear* HW,MS  
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2015 384p 16.99 978-1-4814-0094-7  
Fictional story that focuses on the cruel practice of harvesting bile from bears for traditional Asian medicines.
- hs/adult **Loonin, Meryl** *Public Art* MS,CFM  
Gale/Lucent 2014 104p 36.10 978-1-4205-0917-5 Eye on Art (Cengage/Gale)  
The history of public art, a plethora of examples of all kinds, the controversies, the motivations for each creation, and support photographs provide a detailed examination of an art form that brings art out of museums and into the public.
- elm/ms **Lord, Cynthia** *Half a Chance* MS,CFM  
Scholastic Press 2014 218p 16.99 978-0-545-03533-0  
Lucy meets friends Nate and Emily at her home on a lake in New Hampshire. When she decides to enter a photography contest, the friends come together with a common purpose, to win enough money to take Grandma Lilah to visit her beloved loons.
- elm/ms **Losure, Mary** *The Fairy Ring* MD,VM  
Candlewick Press 2014 184p 7.99 9780763674953  
The truth behind the Fairy pictures taken in the early 1900's has finally been revealed or has it?
- hs/adult **Lowenburg, Bill** *The Zorki Chronicles* LMN,HW  
Amazon 2013 464p 16.99 978-1492274742  
Miles documents his town, friends, and political issues with his Zorki (camera that uses film). Set in the near future, national government and school policies are all under attack by Miles and his close set of friends. Can student dissent create change? Gr 9+
- ms/hs **Lucier, Makiia** *A Death-Struck Year* HW,SO  
Houghton Mifflin 2014 279p 17.99 978-0-544-16450-5  
Cleo Barry rides out the Spanish Influenza pandemic in Portland, Oregon, where she assists the Red Cross as a driver and nurse.
- ms **Lupica, Mike** *The Only Game* LF,VM  
Simon & Schuster/ 2015 320p 16.99 978-1-4814-0995-7  
Jack Callahan LOVES the game of baseball and his seventh grade season is expected to be the best ever. But, after the first day of practice, he quits. Everyone thinks this is because his brother died the year before but Jack knows his heart just isn't in the game. This is the story of how Jack comes back to the game he loves.

- ms/hs **Lynch, Chris** *Dead in the water* SP,LF  
Scholastic 2014 188p 17.99 9780545522984 World War II  
Hank enlists in the Navy during World War II and learns how to handle Japanese air strikes, prejudice, and segregation.
- ms/hs **Lynch, Chris** *Walking Wounded (Vietnam- Book Five)* SP,LF  
Scholastic Press 2014 196p 17.99 978-0-545-64013-8 Vietnam  
Conclusion to Lynch's series on the Vietnam War about four friends who enlist after one of them is drafted.
- hs/adult **Magoon, Kekla** *How It Went Down* MS,VM  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 326p 17.99 978-0-8050-9869-3  
With multiple perspectives, Kekla Magoon describes what evolves in the hood when a brother is shot and killed.
- hs **Marriott, Zoe** *Name of the Blade, The* SO,VM  
Candlewick Press 2014 358p 16.99 978-0-7636-6957-7  
In this urban fantasy, Mio Yamato takes her family's heirloom katana to wear as an accessory to her Christmas party costume and unleashes Japanese demons that threaten her life and those of her friends.
- elm/ms **Martin, Ann M.** *Rain Reign* LMN,CK  
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2014 227p 16.99 978-0-312-64300-3  
Rose, an Asperger's child, dearly loves her dog named Rain. When he is lost in a storm, she learns that following the rules can lead to heartbreak. Learning to cope with a dysfunctional family and snide comments at school, Rose does triumph. Gr 4-8.
- hs/adult **Massey, David** *Taken* MS,HW  
Scholastic/Chicken House 2014 311p 18.99 978-0-545-66128-7  
Six young adults embark on a sailing journey to raise awareness to their cause only to find themselves abducted by a revolutionary group and hauled through African jungles by a madman and his followers.
- ms/hs **Matthews, Jenny** *Children Growing Up with War* SP,CK  
Candlewick Press 2014 48p 17.99 9780763669423  
A freelance photographer shares her experiences observing children in conflict zones.
- ms/hs **McCully, Emily Arnold** *Ida M. Tarbell* CK,LMN  
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2014 279p 18.99 978-0-547-29092-8  
The life and work of Ida Minerva Tarbell are discussed in great detail in this excellent biography.
- hs **McGuire, Kara** *Smart Spending: The Teens' Guide to Cash, Credit, and Life's Costs* SP,LMN  
Capstone/Compass Point 2015 64p 33.32 978-1-7565-4923-7 Financial Literacy For Teens  
A guide for developing good spending habits for teenagers
- ms **McMullan, Kate** *Get Lost, Odysseus (Myth-O-Mania)* JT,SO  
Capstone/Stone Arch 2015 240p 23.99 978-1-4342-6016-1  
Based on the voyage of Odysseus after the Trojan War with Hades claiming to have helped Odysseus on multiple occasions. Interesting slant on the classic Greek story. Grades 5-8.
- ms/hs **Metz, Gabriele** *Get To Know Cat Breeds* BG,HW  
Enslow 2014 128p 23.95 978-0-7660-4260-5 Get To Know Cat, Dog, and  
Readers of all ages will learn a stunning amount about pedigreed cats and showing cats from this thorough and detailed volume.
- hs **Meyer, L.A.** *Wild Rover No More (Bloody Jack Adventure)* JT,LF  
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2014 355p 17.99 978-0-544-21777-5  
Just when it looks like Jacky and her love will be reunited, she is falsely accused of treason and forced to flee Boston. Eventually captured, how can she escape the hangman this time? Conclusion to the series. More mature content, Grades 8-12
- ms/hs **Meyer, Marissa** *Cress* LM,HW  
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2014 552p 18.99 978-0-312-64297-6  
In the third book of the Lunar Chronicles, Cinder and Scarlet are fugitives. They enlist the help of Cress, a young girl who has been imprisoned on a satellite. Together with the help of Cress's hacking skills, the endeavor to prevent Queen Levana's marriage to Emperor Kai.
- ms/hs **Milford, Kate** *Green Glass House* VM,LMN  
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2014 376p 17.99 978-0-544-05270-3  
When Milo finds his winter vacation interrupted by unexpected guests at his parents' smugglers' inn, he teams up with Meddy to investigate and solve strange happenings and thefts.
- hs/adult **Mitchell, Don** *Freedom Summer Murders* HW,MS  
Scholastic Press 2014 250p 18.99 978-0-545-47725-3  
Mitchell reviews the brutal murders of three men killed by the Ku Klux Klan in June 1964.
- hs **Mitchell, Sandra** *Mistwalker* HW,JT  
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2014 310p 16.99 978-0-547-85315-4  
Willie discovers that the legendary spirit of the lighthouse is actually a young man trapped inside until he collects 1000 souls. Will she sacrifice herself to free him?
- ms/hs **Monaghan, Annabel** *Double Digit* LM,LMN  
Houghton Mifflin 2014 182p 16.99 978-0-544-10577-5  
A female math genius who is a freshman at MIT, a hot FBI agent, and cool dorm monitor, a kidnapping, and a terrorist bomb threat provide the readers of this realistic fiction novel with some spine tingling moments.
- elm/ms **Murphy, Jill** *The Worst Witch* MD,CFM  
Candlewick Press 2014 172p 14.99 9780763669997  
What happens when an accident places Mildred's hard worked projects in the hands of the wrong person and this person presents it as her own work?

- ms/hs **Neal, Bethany** *My Last Kiss* HW,VM  
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 361p 17.99 978-0-374-35128-1  
Was Cassidy's death on her seventeenth birthday a suicide? Or a murder?
- ms/hs **Ness, Patrick** *The Ask and the Answer (Chaos Walking #2)* BG,HW  
Candlewick Press 2014 553p 10.99 9780763676179  
After reaching Haven and discovering that their enemy is already there, Todd and Viola must make difficult choices in order to make the best of a bad situation in the second book of the *Chaos Walking* series.
- ms/hs **Norris, Ashley P. Watson** *How To Hike Like A Pro* SO,SP  
Enslow 2014 48p 14.95 978-1-62285-138-6 Outdoor Sports Skills (Enslow)  
This slim book provides a great common sense introduction into the adventures of hiking to middle and high school students.
- ms/hs **Norris, Ashley P. Watson** *How To Canoe and Kayak Like A Pro* SP,CK  
Enslow 2014 48p 14.95 978-1-62285-244-4 Outdoor Sports Skills (Enslow)  
This how to guide covers the fundamentals, gear, and safety of canoeing and kayaking.
- ms **Pakkala, Christine** *Jasmine and Maddie* LMN,MS  
Boyd's Mills Press 2014 203p 16.95 978-1-62091-739-8  
Jasmine, living in a trailer park, and Maddie, living in a swanky suburb, originally bristle at each other, but find they may have a common ground. Outside appearances hide similar insecurities and unique talents. A great book about fitting in. Grades 5-8.
- ms **Pashley, Hilton** *Gabriel's Clock* JT,MD  
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2014 285p 16.99 978-0-544-30176-4  
Jonathan, the only half-angel, half-demon child is desired by both sides as a powerful tool. He must navigate through a mystery he does not understand to save his grandfather. Middle school.
- ms/hs **Paul, Naomi** *Code Name Komiko* LM,LMN  
Enslow 2014 285p 18.95 978-1-62324-023-3  
Lian (code name Komiko) is a 16 year old senior in Hong Kong who joins a group of cyber-investigators to expose injustice and corruption in the virtual world. Readers will enjoy this fast paced novel that is flavored with espionage, friendships, and romance.
- ms/hs **Peacock, Shane** *Double You (Seven Sequels)* LMN,VM  
Orca 2014 272p 10.95 978-1459805347  
Adam's grandfather may have been a spy in the Cuban Missile Crisis. Seven cousins set out to find a piece of the truth. In this book, a follow-up to The Seven series, Adam sets off to Bermuda and Jamaica to find whether his grandfather was a traitor. Gr 7+.
- hs **Pearson, Mary E.** *The Kiss of Deception (Remnant Chronicles)* HW,VM  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 486p 17.99 978-0-8050-9923-2  
Princess Lia escapes an arranged marriage only to become enmeshed in a love triangle. Will she follow her heart or return for her throne?
- elm/ms **Peters, Greg N.** *The Negro Leagues* SO,VM  
Capstone Publishers 2014 48p 31.32 978-1-4765-8015-9 Trailblazers  
In the beginning, there was baseball and then there was segregated baseball. After African-American men were not allowed to play with white men, according to the owners' agreements set up in 1890, the Negro Leagues were born and future stars took the field.
- ms/hs **Phelan, Matt** *Around the World* SO,CFM  
Candlewick Press 2014 235p 12.99 978-0-7636-6925-6  
Beginning with a snippet from the beginning of Jules Verne's *Around the World in 80 Days*, this graphic novel relates the story of three intrepid adventurers who chose to take up Verne's challenge.
- elm/ms **Philbrick, Rodman** *Zane and the Hurricane: A Story of Katrina* LM,JT  
Scholastic Press/Blue Sky 2014 181p 16.99 978-0-545-34238-4  
A chilling story of the good and bad conditions in New Orleans after Katrina as told through the eyes of Zane Dupree.
- elm/ms **Platt, Richard** *Pirate Diary: the Journal of Jake Carpenter, Cabin Boy* SO,LM  
Candlewick Press 2014 117p 6.99 978-0-7636-7361-1  
In 1716, ten-year-old Jake Carpenter sets off for life at sea with his Uncle Will. They join a merchant crew sailing for the Caribbean and Jake is determined to record all of his experiences in a journal. The major narrative is highlighted by the extremely well done and supportive illustrations. This is a lively informative presentation that combines history and humor that may entice the reader into further study.
- ms/hs **Poblocki, Dan** *The Book of Bad Things* MD,SP  
Scholastic Press 2014 241p 16.99 9780545645539  
When things things become to difficult for Cassidy, she writes in her book of bad things. She always carries it with her but one day that book may be the key to saving her life.
- elm/ms **Pommaux, Yvan** *Theseus and the Minotaur* MD,TW  
Toon Graphics 2014 53p 16.99 9781935179610  
A retelling through graphic pictures and words the Greek mythical story of Theseus and the Minotaur.
- elm/ms **Preller, James** *One-eyed Doll (Scary Tales)* CK,MD  
Macmillan/ First Second 2014 98p 5.99 978-1-250-04095-4  
In this spine-tingling horror story for elementary-age kids, a brother and sister come upon an old doll who changes their lives in very scary ways.
- ms/hs **Prins, Marcel & Peter Henk** *Hidden Like Anne Frank* SO,VM  
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2014 211p 16.99 978-0-545-54362-0  
Inspired by his mother's account of her survival during World War II, Prins interviewed fourteen Dutch adults who, as children, had been hidden from the Nazis by friends, other family, and sometimes, complete strangers. He allows each to tell their story in their own words supplemented by contemporary black-and-white photographs.

- ms **Radomski, Cassandra** *Apollo 13 Mission: Core Events of a Crisis In Space* VM,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 26.65 978-1-4765-4181-5 What Went Wrong? (Capstone)  
Describes the fate of Apollo 13 and provides details as to the problems the spacecraft encountered, what the astronauts did to circumvent the problem, and their safe return to Earth.
- ms/hs **Rappaport, Doreen** *Beyond Courage: the Untold Story of Jewish Resistance during the* SO,VM  
Candlewick Press 2014 228p 15.99 978-0-7636-6928-7  
Doreen Rappaport set out, with remarkable results, to disprove the idea that all of European Jewry went to their deaths without a whimper of resistance. She succeeds admirably by using primary source accounts and personal recollections in this exceptionally moving book.
- ms/hs **Raum, Elizabeth** *A World War II Timeline* SP,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2014 48p 25.49 978-1-4765-4158-7 War Timelines (Capstone)  
A comprehensive timeline of the events of World War II.
- ms/hs **Reedy, Trent** *If You're Reading This* VM,LF  
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2014 296p 17.99 978-0-545-43342-6  
Trying to deal with his overworked and overprotective mother, work, school, whiny little sister, and approaching his sixteenth birthday, Mike Wilson begins to receive mysterious letters from his father who was killed in the War in Afghanistan seven years prior.
- ms/hs **Reef, Catherine** *Frida & Diego* MS,MD  
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2014 168p 18.99 978-0-547-82184-9  
Frida and Diego: lovers, painters, politicians, and more. The lives of these two Mexican painters intersect, and so begins a love story which could be the material for a fictional novel when they become as famous for their art as for their relationship.
- ms/hs **Reynolds, Jason** *The Boy in the Black Suit* MS,MD  
Simon & Schuster/ 2015 272p 17.99 978-1-4424-5950-2  
After the death of his mother, Matt looks for employment to fill his senior year schedule. With the help of a local funeral establishment's owner, he finds not only a job but also a self-help solution to his low spirits.
- ms/hs **Rissman, Rebecca** *You're Hired: Business Basics Every Babysitter Needs To Know* LMN,HW  
Capstone Publishers 2015 32p 27.32 978-1-4914-0766-0  
With numerous photographs and attractive format, this book tells future entrepreneurs what they need to do to set up their business and how to conduct their business. A unique look at the business side of baby-sitting. Grades 5-11.
- elm/ms **Rubbino, Salvatore** *A Walk in Paris* MS,SO  
Candlewick Press 2014 38p 16.99 9780763669843  
Grandpa and his inquisitive granddaughter take a walk through the streets of Paris where they witness day to day life in one of the most exciting cities in the world.
- ms/hs **Rubin, Susan Goldman** *Freedom Summer 1964?* SP,LM  
Holiday House 2014 120p 18.95 978-0-8234-2920-2  
The story of the Mississippi Freedom Project that involved the recruitment of students to register voters, and educate disenfranchised adults and their children during the summer of 1964.
- ms/hs **Rutkoski, Marie** *The Winner's Curse (Trilogy Bk1)* MD,TW  
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 355p 18.00 9780374384678  
Krestel is the general's daughter and she has been groomed to take her place in the palace guards. Her father is hoping she will serve with his guards.
- ms/hs **Sandler, Martin W.** *The Impossible Rescue: the True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure* HW,LF,  
Candlewick Press 2014 163p 15.99 9780763670931  
Recounts the daring 1897 rescue of the crews of whaling ships trapped in ice off the coast of Alaska.
- ms/hs **Schraff, Anne** *Bad Blood (Urban Underground)* MD,LF  
Saddleback 2014 187p 9.95 978-1-62250-766-5  
Carlotta has been sent to her aunt's house for the rest of her senior year as punishment. She feels that it is unfair and that the accusation of her misbehavior at school is highly exaggerated.
- hs **Schraff, Anne** *Misjudged (Urban Underground)* LF,MD  
Saddleback 2014 181p 9.95 978-1-62250-764-1  
Freshman high school student Mona Lisa Corselli has self image and confidence problems because she does not have a boyfriend and thinks that people are laughing at her for her appearance. But, when she starts seeing track star Julio Chavez who with his father, lives in a trailer, after having been homeless for years. Mona's mother doesn't want her to date Julio because of his social standing, and of course she is 'always' right.
- hs **Schraff, Anne** *To Die For (Urban Underground)* LF,VM  
Saddleback 2014 181p 9.95 978-1-62250-765-8  
When a homeless man is killed, a bunch of Chavez High School bullies try to stay away from the light of the justice. When one of the bullies seems to be flush with money all of a sudden, Ernesto and his friends start to take notice.
- ms/hs **Schrefer, Eliot** *Threatened* LM,CK  
Scholastic Press 2014 278p 17.99 978-0-545-55143-4  
This is a compelling story of Luc (a poverty stricken orphan living in Gabon) overcoming his fear of "Mock men"(chimpanzees) to champion their cause and save their forest.
- elm/ms **Schreiber, Joe** *Game Over, Pete Watson* MS,JT  
Houghton Mifflin 2014 205p 16.99 978-0-544-15756-9  
Hilarity and originality characterize this book about a young boy who gets into real trouble when he sells his father's old video game console that he found in the basement. Pete's dad disappears into a video game, and Pete must try to find him as well as save our country's secret information.

- elm/ms **Senior, Kathryn** *Sick in the 16th Century (YWWTB rev)* LF,LM  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 35p 29.00 978-0-531-21176-2 You Wouldn't Want to be  
A frequently humorous look at the practice of medicine in 16th century Europe.
- ms/hs **Sheinkin, Steve** *Port Chicago 50* MS,LMN  
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2014 193p 19.99 978-1-59643-796-8  
Port Charles, the place where history was made, housed African American naval forces who experienced the worst segregation imaginable and endured a trial for mutiny when a group of white officers and a court attempted to disguise the ugly truth that the men had been treated unfairly.
- hs **Sheinmel, Alyssa B.** *Second Star* LMN,VM  
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 250p 17.99 978-0-374-38267-4  
After two brothers disappear while surfing, their sister Wendy goes in search of them. While searching, she meets surfers Pete, Belle, and Jas. She comes to wonder if they are hallucinations or if they were real. Part fantasy, part realistic novel. Gr. 8-12.
- ms/hs **Shuter, Paul** *William Shakespeare: A Man For All Times* HW,LM  
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 35.00 978-1-4329-9629-1 Shakespeare Alive  
This is a well-researched biography about the playwright and poet, William Shakespeare.
- elm/ms **Smith, Greg Leitch** *Little Green Men* JT,CFM  
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2014 198p 15.99 978-1-59643-835-4  
Aidan's family owns the Mercury Motel. It becomes the center of attention as a UFO sighting postpones a space launch. Aliens are among us and we are among the aliens. Adventure, action, fun and humor for grades 3-6.
- ms/hs **Spies, Karen Bornemann** *Mythology of the Iliad and the Odyssey* CK,LM  
Enslow 2015 96p 27.94 978-0-7660-6172-9 Mythology, Myths, and Legends  
In this slim volume, the stories of the Iliad and the Odyssey are synopsisized, section by section, and analyzed by expert professors of the classics.
- ms **St. Antoine, Sara** *Three Bird Summer* CK,CFM  
Candlewick Press 2014 246p 16.99 978-0-7636-6564-7  
This story concerns a 12-year-old boy who spends the summer at his grandmother's cabin in the woods in Minnesota. In the course of the summer, he finds an unlikely friendship, solves a mystery, and learns a great deal more about the people in his life.
- hs/adult **Starmer, Aaron** *The Riverman* MS,JT  
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 310p 15.99 978-0-374-36309-3  
Fiona weaves a story of a fantasy world to which she escapes periodically. She decides to share her story with Alistair, hoping she can trust him to capture her life story before she must disappear again to avoid the Riverman, a man she maintains is attempting to steal children's souls.
- ms/hs **Steifvater, Maggie** *Sinner* BG,HW  
Scholastic Press 2014 357p 18.99 978-0-545-65457-9  
A strong stand-alone novel set in the same world as Stiefvater's *Shiver* trilogy, this book tells the continuing saga of the seemingly doomed romance hinted at between Isabel Culpeper and Cole St. Clair.
- elm/ms **Stone, Adam** *Hindenburg Disaster* MS,ALL  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 24p 28.00 978-0-531-21283-7 Disaster Stores (Scholastic)  
The Hindenburg's trip from Frankfurt, Germany to Lakehurst, New Jersey was supposed to take upper class travelers across the ocean quicker than steamships in luxurious fashion. As travelers learn, their delight quickly turns to disaster.
- ms/hs **Struyk-Bonn, Chris** *Whispers* MD,TW  
Orca 2014 338p 12.95 9781459804753  
Whisper has never entered the outside world but she knows there is another world where her mother lives. Then her life is turned upside down when they come for her and she is pushed into a world of unimaginable dangers.
- elm/ms **Tasjian, Janet** *My Life as a Joke (My Life As...)* JT,MS  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 253p 13.99 978-0-8050-9850-1  
Derek has turned twelve and he makes a New Year's resolution to take things more seriously and be more grown up. However life seems to have other plans until a Toys for Tots fundraiser occurs. Grades 4 up.
- elm/ms **Terrell, Brandon** *Solo (Tony Hawk: Live2Skate)* LMN,MD  
Capstone/Stone Arch 2014 72p 23.99 978-1-4342-3846-7 Tony Hawk: Live2Skate  
Dax, living with his father in a homeless shelter, is a superb skateboarder who makes money off challenges from suburban boarders. His artistic talents are as outstanding as his boarding skills. A hi/lo book or for anyone who loves the sport. Grades 4-8.
- ms **Thomas, Erin** *Forcing the Ace* CK,LMN  
Orca 2014 139p 9.95 978-1-4598-0645-0  
Alex is an aspiring magician who wants to compete but has to contend with many bumps along the road to success, starting with his relationships with his parents, his rivals, and his sponsor.
- all ages **Thomson, Ruth** *Photos Framed: A Fresh Look at the World's Most Memorable* CK,ALL  
Candlewick Press 2014 61p 18.99 978-0-7636-7154-9  
This fabulous book provides an introduction to the world of photography for the young adult who is interested in the subject, or anyone who browses through it. Twenty-seven iconic photographs are featured, with discussion of each.
- elm/ms **Torres, John Albert** *Ludacris* LMN,CK  
Enslow 2014 48p 14.95 978-1-62285-196-6 Hip-Hop Moguls (Enslow)  
A brief biography of hip-hop star and movie actor Ludacris. Numerous vibrant photos accompany the easy to read text. Granted some of his lyrics are adult oriented and his movies are R rated, but he is a favorite of hip-hop and pop music lovers. Grades 7-12.
- hs/adult **Tougas, Michael J. & Casey** *The Finest Hours* HW,LMN  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 160p 17.99 978-0-8050-9764-1  
Share the gripping true story of the valiant attempt to rescue the survivors of the Pendleton and Fort Mercer when their ships foundered at sea in the midst of a ferocious storm.

- elm/ms **Venezia, Mike** *Vincent Van Gogh* MS,LM  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 32p 29.00 978-0-531-21978-2 Getting To Know The World's  
Vincent Van Gogh's life, art, sufferings and young death combine with creative storytelling by Michael Venezia to teach young readers about this famous artist and his post-death fame.
- elm/ms **Vernick, Audrey** *Screaming At The Ump* HW,LMN  
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2014 250p 16.99 978-0-544-25208-0  
Casey's family is all about baseball; his father runs the third-most-successful umpire training school in the nation. He has grown up surrounded by baseball, but he himself does not want to be an umpire, or even a player. Casey wants to be a sports journalist and write about baseball.
- ms/hs **Vickers, Rebecca** *Every person has a history* MD,TW  
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 64p 26.25 9781432995843 Everything Has A History  
Discovering the history behind names, people who have done special things, family members who have only left behind a name but little history. Everyone has a history waiting to be uncovered.
- ms **Waggoner, Susan** *Starlight's Edge* JT,LF  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 234p 17.99 978-0-8050-9679-8  
Excellent story that includes a futuristic world and historical elements due to time travel. There is exciting action and a bit of romance. A great read for middle school students.
- ms **Waldron, Melanie** *Your Brain: Understand It with Numbers* MS,JT  
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 32.00 978-1-4109-5980-5 Your Body By Numbers  
A treasure of information for young teen readers includes a look at the basics about the brain as well as a more narrow focus on the senses, nervous system, sleep, respiration and many other areas controlled by the brain.
- ms/hs **Wallace, Rich & Sandra** *Babe Conquers the World* LMN,SO  
Boyd's Mills/Calkins Creek 2014 272p 16.95 978-1-59078-981-0  
Biography of Babe Didrikson Zaharias that delves into her athletic accomplishments as well as who she was as a person. Numerous black and white photos add to the text that flows like an interview with the legendary Babe. Grades 5-12.
- ms/hs **Walters, Eric** *The Rule of Thre3* LM,LMN  
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2014 405p 17.99 978-0-374-35502-9  
This is a fast paced realistic adventure story of how Adam Daley's neighborhood cooperated in order to survive after a catastrophic computer meltdown.
- ms/hs **White, Kiersten & Jim Di** *In the Shadows* BG,SP  
Scholastic Press 2014 376p 21.99 978-0-545-56144-0  
A story of love, mystery, conspiracy, and revenge told in an alternating narrative of words and pictures and spanning centuries.
- ms/hs **Wiles, Deborah** *Revolution: The Sixties Trilogy (Book Two)* HW,SP  
Scholastic Press 2014 544p 19.99 978-0-545-10607-8  
When Sunny and her stepbrother are caught sneaking into the local swimming pool they bump into a mystery boy whose life is going to become tangled up in theirs.
- hs **Winters, Cat** *The Cure for Dreaming* BG,VM  
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2014 342p 17.95 978-1-4197-1216-6  
Headstrong Olivia Mead is a budding suffragist but her father is very conservative and even goes so far as to employ a stage hypnotist to take away her rebellious streak but instead the hypnotist gives her a terrible gift: the ability to see people as they truly are.
- ms/hs **Wooding, Chris** *Silver: The Final Exam is Survival* LF,VM  
Scholastic Press 2014 313p 17.99 978-0-545-60392-8  
Young adults at a private boarding school become victims to an attack by a rogue military bioweapons experiment that turns normal people into a zombie-Borg mashup creature.
- ms/hs **Woog, Adam** *The History of Gospel Music* JT,SO  
Gale/Lucent 2014 136p 35.95 978-1-4205-0945-8 Music Library Gale/Lucent  
Focuses on the music, musicians, instruments and the place of gospel music in cultural history. Gospel is the center of African-American religious worship. From its history in slave songs to pop and current artists. High school, maybe middle.
- ms/hs **Wukovits, John** *The Manhattan Project* HW,SO  
Gale/Lucent 2014 104p 36.45 978-1-4205-0932-8 World History  
Wukovits provides an overview to the development of the first atomic bomb.
- hs/adult **Yang, Gene Luen & Sonny** *The Shadow Hero* SP,BG  
Macmillan/ First Second 2014 158p 17.99 978-1-59643-697-8  
The origin story for the classic Asian American comic book hero the Green Turtle. The budding superhero attempts to rid Chinatown of gangsters that have murdered his father.
- ms/hs **Zettel, Sarah** *Dangerous Deceptions* LM,HW  
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2014 371p 17.99 978-0-544-07409-5  
Historical fiction readers will love the rollicking efforts of Peggy Fitzroy as she tries to unmask traitors in the Court of King George I in London., England.
- ms/hs **Ziff, Marsha** *Reconstruction of the South After the Civil War in U.S. History* MS,JT  
Enslow 2014 96p 27.94 978-0-7660-6063-0 In United States History (Enslow)  
Ziff covers the Reconstruction through all of its controversies, leaders and laws in this nine chapter book, offering the perspective of the lawmakers & citizens who were against the freed slaves with that of lawmakers & citizens who abhorred the institution of slavery & fought for freed slaves.



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 2015

## Elementary/Series

### Committee

Magna Diaz (Edison High School-Retired)  
Charleen Forba-Mayer (Christina School – Delaware)  
Bethany Geleskie (University of Delaware)  
Carol Kennedy (Garnet Valley Middle School-retired)  
Virginia McGarvey (Kennett School District)  
Linda McNeil (CCIU#24)  
Lois McNicol (Garnet Valley High School-retired)  
Susan Ogintz (Fred S. Engle Middle School-retired)  
Stephanie Pennucci (Garnet Valley High School)  
Martha Squaresky (Milton Hershey School)  
Joan Theal (Milton Hershey School-retired)  
Hilary Welliver (Director – Kent Co. Public Library)

**BON 2015 Series (Young Adult/Elementary)**

This year the series list is a combination of elementary and young adult books.

ms/hs  
Enslow 2015 64p 15.95 **A Guy's Guide (Enslow)** VM,HW,CK,JT,B

*A Guy's Guide* addresses emotional issues facing young men, such as anger, sexuality, jealousy, loneliness and stress. Each book is formatted the same and provides helpful and useful information for young men experiencing these emotions and feelings.

elm/ms  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 48p 29.00 **A True Book (Sch/Childrens)** ALL

Scholastic's *True Book* series covers a wide array of subjects at a level that is accessible to young readers. These titles examine World War II as readers will get an up-close look at the battles, weapons, and military forces that drove this landmark war and extreme weather information.

ms/hs  
Enslow 2014 104p 26.60 **African Americans Icons (Enslow)** VM,MS,MD,LF,L

Notable topics include Beyonce, Jay-Z and Jennifer Hudson. This series offers young readers biographical data, timelines, authentic quotations and a glossary of vocabulary as it presents information about each star that is current and informative.

ms  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 144p 40.00 **America the Beautiful\*(Revised Edition)** ALL

This series presents a thoroughly engaging overview of individual states and provides current and easily accessible information on each one. Very appealing visually, the books are the perfect introduction for the geographical and historical background of each state.

ms/hs  
Enslow 2014 48p 15.95 **Be Smart About Money & Financial Literacy(Enslow)** MD,SP,VM,HW,

This series teaches teenagers about credit, saving, managing money, investing and shopping. Easy-to-comprehend lessons are well-organized, offering a plethora of ways to improve one's financial savvy. Math problems appropriately accompany each chapter.

elm/ms  
Candlewick Press 2014 45p 14.99 **Candlewick Biographies** SO,CK,LF

*Candlewick Biographies* introduces elementary-age youngsters to the genre of biography, with "portraits of people making history and shaping the future."

ms  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 64p 27.93 **Cornerstones of Freedom (Sch/Childrens)** VM,SO,LMN,SP,

This series that discusses some of the dramatic and defining moments in American history. Primary source material, crisp photographs of people and events, and timelines provide the student researcher an overview of the topic. The book on gun control is less balanced. It is more focused on gun control than equally presenting the viewpoints of both sides and the number of negative images of gun use far exceed the positive ones. Gr 4-8.

elm/ms  
Enslow 2014 64p 27.93 **Easy Genius Math** SO,HW,VM,CFM

This series offers a clear and lucid explanation of different types of math. In cohesive and well-constructed language, the author begins with the simplest of concepts and works up to the more complex. The series informs and supports the readers' continuing understanding. These are reissues of an earlier series.

ms/hs  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 144p 40.00 **Enchantment of the World2ndseries(Sch/Childrens)** SP,BG,VM,LMN,

*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.

elem  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 32p 24.95 **Exploring Countries (Scholastic)** BG,LF,JT,HW,C

56 titles have been published as of this review in this second series. Each title has been rewritten and redesigned and introduces a format that is both visually appealing and conducive to an effective, interactive learning experience.

ms/hs  
Enslow 2015 64p 15.95 **Girls Dealing With Feelings (Enslow)** MS,CK,HW,SP,L

*Girls Dealing with Feelings* has a variety of topics of concern to girls: anger, jealousy, loneliness and stress, to name a few. Each book defines the feelings, offers tips to help and clarifies the various ways each debilitating condition can manifest itself.

ms/hs  
Enslow 2014 112p 33.27 **Got Issues? (Enslow)** CK,VM,SP,BG,H

*The Got Issues?* series has four volumes dealing with contemporary social issues facing teens. These books present the information needed for research and report writing and include facts and analyses of some of the most controversial and challenging topics in today's news. Age 11 and up. Grade 6 and up.

elm/ms  
Enslow 2014 48p 23.93 **Inventors at Work (Enslow)** JT,SO,CK,LMN,

*Inventors at Work* look at the inspiration for the device, its inventor and how it finally arrived in mass production. Each device will be familiar to students. Timeline, glossary, further reading, index and many illustrations/photos. Gr. 4-9.

ms/hs  
Enslow 2014 104p 33.27 **Investigate Drugs (Enslow)** BG,VM,LMN,SP,

*Investigating Drugs* contains five books on the most commonly abused drugs. Excellent color photos, personal narratives and current statistical information provide all that is needed for report writers. Grades 6-12.

ms/hs

**Military Experience (MR)**

LM,LF,LMN,

Morgan Reynolds 2014 64p 27.45

The *Military Experience*, In the Air series contains 7 titles. Each covers a specific aircraft and one book discusses training needed for pilots. Crisp color photos, easy reading informative text accompanied by quick fact boxes, first person narratives. Gr 6-12.

elm/ms

**Nature's Children (Sch/Childrens)**

HW,JT,SP,CFM,

Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 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.

ms/hs

**Pure Poetry (Enslow)**

SP, LF,VM,MS

Enslow 2014 128p 31.93

The Pure Poetry series explores and analyzes famous poems, making the more accessible to the average reader. These books would make excellent companions for students studying poetry, especially the poems analyzed in these books.

ms/hs

**Remembering the Holocaust (Enslow)**

VM,LM,SO

Enslow 2014 96p 29.94

There are currently six titles in this reissue of an earlier Enslow series on the Holocaust. Each presents primary source information that is well-researched and clearly written, providing an excellent discussion of one of mankind's darkest periods.

ms/hs

**Scientists In the Field (HM)#8**

MD,JT,BG,CK,H

Houghton Mifflin 2014 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

**Story Civil Rights Movement in Photo..(Enslow)**

SP,SO,VM,CK,H

Enslow 2014 48p 25.97

*The Story of the Civil Rights Movement in Photographs* provides a visual and very personal account of trying times. Quotes and firsthand news accounts personalize the events. Numerous photos, timeline, further reading and index. Grades 4-12.

- elem **Adler, David A.** *The Story of Passover* SO,CK  
 Holiday House 2014 unpaginated 15.95 978-0-8234-2902-8  
 The celebration of Passover commemorates the Exodus of the Hebrews from the land of Egypt. Adler recounts the story behind the Exodus in fine detail.
- elem **Adler, David A.** *Triangles* CK,CFM  
 Holiday House 2014 unpaginated 17.95 978-0-8234-2378-1  
 Adler makes learning about triangles fun in this lively picture book. Illustrations make the concepts very clear, and the interactive tone of the book lends itself to active learning.
- elm/ms **Adler, Irene** *Soprano's Last Song (Sherlock, Lupin, and Me)* JT,SO  
 Capstone/Stone Arch 2015 240p 25.32 978-1-4342-6522-7  
 Sherlock Holmes as a kid solves mysteries with two friends. This time, an opera assistant is murdered, the opera star is missing, and the wrong man is arrested for the murder. Adventure and mystery for grades 4-8.
- elem **Applegate, Katherine** *Ivan the Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla* JT,CFM  
 Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2014 unpaginated 17.99 978-0-544-25230-1  
 Picture book about Ivan who was displayed at a shopping mall for 28 years then moved to the Atlanta zoo. Great companion piece to the Newbery winner, *The One and Only Ivan*. Grades K-3 but suitable for all ages
- elem **Barnett, Mac and John, Jory** *The Terrible Two* JT,HW  
 Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2015 224 13.95 978-1-4197-1491-7  
 Miles Murphy moves to a new town and school. He was the school prankster but at his new school he has met his match. Will they battle or join forces? Humorous tales of pranks and deflating pranks.
- elm/ms **Blechman, Nicholas** *Information Graphics: Animal kingdom* VM,LF  
 BIG Picture 2014 79p 17.99 9780763671228  
 Discusses, in general terms, the animal kingdom describing species, animal senses, diet, family, habitats, and the food chain, providing specific examples and including other notable records.
- elm/ms **Bohte, Mari** *Flight to Freedom!: Nickolas Flux and the Underground Railroad* MS,CK  
 Capstone Publishers 2015 32p 29.99 978-1-4914-0254-2  
 Nickolas Flux experiences history first hand when he time travels to the days of the underground railroad. He meets William, a runaway slave and, together, they travel north seeking help from sympathetic members of the railroad.
- elm/ms **Bramwell, Neil D.** *Discover Ancient China* SP,LF  
 Enslow 2014 104p 31.93 978-0-7660-4194-3 Discover Ancient Civilizations  
 China, the most populous nation in the world, is also the nation with the longest, continuous civilization with a written history. This book provides an overview of the earliest societies/dynasties of that civilization.
- elm/ms **Bredeson, Carmen** *Chocolate Chip Cookie Queen: Ruth Wakefield and her Yummy* JT,LM  
 Enslow 2014 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-4242-1 Inventors at Work (Enslow)  
 Story of the owner of Toll House Inn in Massachusetts who serendipitously created chocolate chip cookies when she ran out of baking chocolate. It explains her relationship with Nestle company to spread the recipe. Elementary to Middle School
- elem **Broach, Elise** *Revenge of Superstition Mountain (Bk 3)* JT,MS  
 Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 294p 16.99 978-0-8050-8909-7  
 Excellent finale to the trilogy. Everything is wrapped up to a very satisfying conclusion.
- elem **Brown, Don** *He Shot the President* CFM,HW  
 Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2014 unpaginated 17.99 978-1-59643-224-6 Actual Times (Roaring Brook)  
 "Chronicles the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, from Booth's triple assassination plot and the murder to his escape and the manhunt that followed."
- elm/ms **Burlingame, Jeff** *50 Cent, Hip-Hop Mogul* CK,LMN  
 Enslow 2015 48p 14.95 978-1-62285-201-7 Hip-Hop Moguls (Enslow)  
 This short biography tells the story of Curtis James Jackson III, better known as the rap artist 50, with all his flaws and good points.
- elm/ms **Campbell, Sarah C.** *Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals In Nature* BG,LM  
 Boyd's Mills Press 2014 32p 16.95 978-1-62091-627-8  
 A visually pleasing and informative photographic introduction to fractal patterns and their occurrence in nature.
- elem **Claybourne, Anna** *Make It Splash! (Whiz Kid Science)* MS,VM  
 Capstone/Heinemann 2015 32p 29.32 978-1-4109-6749-7  
 From simple to complex, experiments test displacement, surface tension, the relationship between density and floating, the density column, and more. Scientific method is observed as students work their way through each experiment.
- elem **Clement, Nathan** *Speed* LMN,LM  
 Boyd's Mills Press 2013 unpaginated 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 **Clifton, Lutricia** *Immortal Max* JT,MD  
 Holiday House 2014 168p 16.95 978-0-8234-3041-3  
 Sam dreams of owning a pedigree dog instead of his elderly mutt. He works to earn enough money to buy one. Getting into some trouble, he learns much about the value of friendship and growing up. Upper elementary or Middle School
- elem **Colson, Mary** *Get Inventing!* LF,CFM  
 Capstone/Heinemann 2014 32p 29.32 978-1-4109-6265-2 Dream It, Do It!  
 What does it take to become an inventor? Ideas alone? No. As this book explains, a lot of thought are required, such as materials, design and workability.

- elm/ms **Cooke, Tim** *World War I on the Front Lines* SP,LF  
Capstone Publishers 2015 32p 27.32 978-1-4914-0843-8 Life on the Front Lines  
Experiences of American soldiers during World War I from the draft to the front lines.
- pre **Crowther, Robert** *Pop-up Dinosaur ABC* HW,LM  
Candlewick Press 2015 unpag 19.99 9780763672966  
Explore the alphabet and learn about dinosaurs at the same time.
- elm/ms **Curtis, Christopher Paul** *The Madman of Piney Woods* LMN,CK  
Scholastic Press 2014 363p. 16.99 978-0-545-15664-6  
Revisiting Buxton, from the book Newbery Honor Book *Elijah of Buxton*, Benji, a Canadian black and "Red," an Irish Canadian boy find they have much in common even though their friendship raises some eyebrows. Heartwarming. Grades 5-10.
- elm/ms **Cutler, Jane** *Susan Marcus Bends The Rules* CK,LF  
Holiday House 2014 108p 16.95 978-0-8234-3047-5  
In 1943, during World War II, Susan and her parents need to leave New York to live in Missouri, where her father has a new job. With the move come new experiences with racial and ethnic prejudice, and Susan decides to fight back in her own small way.
- elm/ms **Davies, Nicola** *The Lion Who Stole My Arm* CK,LMN  
Candlewick Press 2014 89P 14.99 978-0-7636-6620-0  
Pedru is a young South African village boy who loses his arm to a marauding lion. He swears revenge, but in the course of things he meets up with some lion researchers who have other ideas, and greatly influence Pedru's life.
- elm/ms **Enz, Tammy** *Batmobiles and Batcycles: The Engineering Behind Batman's Vehicles* HW,VM  
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 26.65 978-1-4765-3940-9 Batman Science (Capstone)  
Explores real-world science and engineering that has inspired the Dark Knight's vehicles.
- elm/ms **Fiedler, Lisa** *Mouseheart vol 1* VM,HW  
Simon & Schuster/ McElderry 2014 299p 15.99 9781442487819  
In an attempt to escape from being a snake's next meal, mouse Hopper and his sister and brother end up in the sewers to be rescued by a rat, Zucker, and taken to the world of Atlantia ruled by his father Titius, as the three struggle to process if this is a good or evil place.
- elm/ms **Finkelstein, Norman H.** *Schools of Hope* HW,BG  
Boyd's Mills/Calkins Creek 2014 80p 16.95 978-1-59078-841-7  
Finkelstein describes how Julius Rosenwald, influenced by Booker T. Washington, came to sponsor more than 5,300 schools for black children.
- 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.
- elm/ms **Fred** *Cast Away on the letter A* MD,SO  
Toon Graphics 2014 45p 16.95 9781935179634  
The sixteenth book in the Philemon series and Fred's last book was published before he passed away. On this last adventure Philemon takes us to the island of A.
- elem **Garbe, Suzanne** *Ghosts of Gettysburg and Other Hauntings of the East* MD,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 27.32 978-1-4765-3916-4 Haunted America (Capstone)  
Ghost and hauntings of the East Coast of America is a good book that will scare the young but keep them reading.
- pre **Gibbons, Gail** *It's Raining* JT,CFM  
Holiday House 2014 unpag 17.95 978-0-8234-2924-0  
Early science book explaining the water cycle, variety of clouds, storms and their formation and effects of rain. Beautifully illustrated. Includes precautions to take during a thunderstorm.
- pre **Gorbachev, Valeri** *Cats Are Cats* BG,SO  
Holiday House 2014 unpag 16.95 978-0-8234-3052-9  
This is a sweet and warm story about Miss Bell, who loves her tiny kitten unconditionally, even when he grows up into an enormous tiger, dismissing his behavior by saying, "Cats are cats."
- elem **Green, Sara** *Steve Jobs* SO,LM  
Childrens Press see Scholastic 2015 24p 22.95 978-0-531-20992-9 Tech Icons  
Part of a series of biographies on "tech icons," people who have made major advances in the technology revolution, this book profiles Steve Jobs, founder of Apple.
- elm/ms **Gregory, Josh** *Race Cars* SP,LMN  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2015 64p 30.00 978-0-531-20614-0 Calling All Innovators (Sch)  
History of and current careers in automobile racing.
- elm/ms **Guillan, Charlotte** *Cheetahs* JT,LM  
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 32.65 978-1-4329-8105-1 Living in the Wild: Big Cats  
Great deal of information packed into a few pages. Talks about the classification, habitat, life cycle, etc. as well as threats and human efforts to protect the Cheetah. Grades 4 up
- elem **Hamilton, Libby** *Fairy-Tale Handbook, The* LF,HW  
Templar books/Random House 2014 20p 22.99 9780763671303  
What every fan of fairy tales needs, this book provides the backdrop of everything fairy tale from the princesses to the forests to the monsters.

- elem **Harris, Robie H.** *What's so Yummy?: All About Eating Well and Feeling Good* MD,BG  
Candlewick Press 2014 unp 15.99 9780763636326  
Teaching young children how to eat well is always a challenge. In this picture book, the stories help children understand why they need to eat food good for their bodies.
- elem **Hill, Kirkpatrick** *Bo at Iditarod Creek* JT,SO  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 281p 15.99 978-0-8050-9352-0  
Bo and family move from Ballard Creek to a new mining operation on Iditarod Creek. A story of friendship, love and inclusion in a racially blended family in Alaska in the 1920's.
- elem **Hoban, Russell** *Jim's Lion* CK,LMN  
Candlewick Press 2014 78p 15.99 978-0-7636-6517-3  
In this new edition of a 2001 book by Hoban, artist Deacon has added graphic-arts elements to enrich the story about a little boy who is ill and conjures up a lion who will save his life. The simple story is magical but the illustrations really bring it to life.
- elem **Hoena, Blake** *Stubby the Dog Soldier WW1 I Hero* SP,LMN  
Capstone/Picture window 2015 32p 27.99 978-1-4795-5461-4 Animal Heroes (Picture Window)  
Illustrated story of Stubby, a dog soldier of World War I.
- elm/ms **Johnson, Lauren** *Beastly Basketball* MS,LMN  
Capstone/Stone Arch 2015 72p 25.32 978-1-4342-6490-9  
The Beasts need help. When their morale deteriorates, Joe comes aboard to bring new life to the team. He brings kung fu to the mix, gives each player an identity and strength that was always there and helps return the team to its true capability.
- elm/ms **Kontis, Aletha** *Dearest* JT,SO  
Houghton Mifflin 2015 282p 17.99 978-0-544-07407-1  
This is a mash-up of several fairy tale stories. There is exciting action, a love story, and suspense. The author uses vivid imagery. Middle school students.
- elem **Macy, Sue** *Roller Derby Rivals* BG,SO  
Holiday House 2014 32p 16.95 978-0-8234-2923-3  
A beautifully illustrated look into the lives of two real Roller Derby competitors in 1948, "Toughie" Brasuhn and Gerry Murray, and the roles they played on the Derby circuit.
- all ages **McCollum, Sean** *Building the Titanic: The Making of a Doomed Ship* LMN,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2015 48p 31.32 978-1-4914-0419-5 Titanic Perspectives (Capstone)  
Describes the reason why the ship was built, its technical specifications, amenities, and the people in charge of design and building. Numerous photos and diagrams. A unique book that focuses on what happened before it set sail. Grades 4-12.
- elem **McDonald, Megan** *Stink and the Shark Sleepover* JT,CFM  
Candlewick Press 2014 158p 12.99 978-0-7636-6474-9  
Second grader Stink is scared to go to a sleepover at the aquarium with the sharks. He loves science but not with sharks. Readers will also learn many science facts as they read. Grades 2-6
- elem **McDonough, Yona Zeldis** *Little Author in the Big Woods* JT,LMN  
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 156p 16.99 978-0-8050-9542-5  
A biography of Laura Ingalls Wilder that gives a deeper background to the "Little House" stories. It tells where the stories differed from the reality. Good support to readers of the series. Grades 3-6
- elem **McGee, Randel** *Fun and Festive Winter Crafts* ALL  
Enslow 2014 48p 25.27 978-0-7660-4317-6 Fun and Festive Crafts for the  
Part of a series designed to help children explore and make seasonal crafts. This book presents eight different projects that help celebrate winter.
- elm/ms **Morreale, Marie** *Ariana Grande* MS,JT  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2015 48p 29.00 978-0-531-21197-7 Real Bios (Sch)  
Biographical information; stats about Grande's music career, influences & noteworthy performances; musical timeline are the highlights.
- elem **Oxlade, Chris** *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: a Visual History of Modern* LF,LM  
BIG Picture see Random House 2014 unp 17.99 9780763671211  
Human transportation, in many of its technical forms, is examined. Whether wheeled, born by sea or by air, modes of transportation from the 1850's on are illustrated and briefly explained.
- elem **Peet, Mal and Elspeth** *Night Sky Dragons* MD,LF  
Candlewick Press 2014 unp. 15.99 9780763661441  
Yazuls' love of making kites with his grandfather is always frowned upon by his father who is a practical man. Until the night the robbers and outlaws came to close down the Silk Road and it was the kites that saved the day.
- all ages **Pipe, Jim** *You Wouldn't Want To Live Without Cell Phones* SP,LM  
Scholastic/ Watts 2015 32p 29.00 978-0-531-21217-2 You Wouldn't Want to be  
A humorous examination of life without cell phones and a history of communication.
- elem **Potter, Alicia** *Jubilee! One Man's Big, Bold, and Very, Very Loud Celebration of Peace* JT,VM  
Candlewick Press 2014 unp 16.99 978-0-7636-5856-4  
This is the story of Patrick Gilmore and his idea for a big celebration in Boston at the end of the Civil War. Known as the "Father of the American Band," he proposed a five day celebration. Picture book for up to grade 5.
- all ages **Powell, Martin** *Hound of the Baskervilles* SP,LF  
Capstone/Stone Arch 2015 72p 26.65 978-1-4965-0016-8  
Sherlock Holmes investigates a legendary creature, the Hound of the Baskervilles, that haunts the moor.

- elm/ms **Rake, Jodi Sullivan** *Star-Nosed Moles and Other Extreme Mammal Adaptations* BG,HW  
Capstone Publishers 2015 32p 26.65 978-1-4914-0167-5 Extreme Adaptations  
A delightful and colorful introduction to unusual mammal adaptations for young readers.
- elem **Ramstein, Anne-Margot &** *Before After* LF,SO  
Candlewick Press 2014 176p 19.99 9780763676216  
Explore the concept of before and after in this book without words. An ice cube turns into a puddle of water. A switch turned on leads to a dark room when turned off. The "reader" explores many examples of before and after.
- elm/ms **Riley, James** *Story Thieves* JT,HW  
Simon & Schuster/ 2015 400p 16.99 978-1-4814-0919-3  
Where do reality and fiction intersect? Where do they divert? This is a question investigated in this title. Owen and Bethany jump into a book and have to follow through to the end. Or do they? Grades 3-7
- elm/ms **Roholt, Christine VeLure** *Foods of Brazil* CK,SP  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2015 24p 17.33 978-0-531-20960-8 Cook With Me  
Starting with a discussion of the foods of Brazil's varied regions and continuing to provide actual recipes, this is a colorful and interesting introduction to the cuisine of Brazil.
- elem **Rustad, Martha E. H.** *Insects (Little Explorer)* CK,SP  
Capstone Publishers 2015 32p 27.32 978-1-4914-0792-9  
This slender volume introduces elementary-age children to the world of insects, with descriptions of flies, cockroaches, beetles, ants, grasshoppers, butterflies, and moths.
- pre **Rustad, Martha E. H.** *Hurricanes* JT,LM  
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 27.32 978-1-4765-3932-4 Little Scientist (Capstone)  
Good basic information about hurricanes. It includes how they form, the categories of storms, and the after effects. Written on a 1-2 reading level for early elementary grades.
- elem **Saxby, Claire** *Big red kangaroo* CK,HW  
Candlewick Press 2015 23p 16.99 978-0-7636-7075-7  
With large, wonderful double-spread illustrations, this simple story about a male red kangaroo and his mob is accompanied by factual information about red kangaroos in the wilds of Australia. An index makes it a good choice for elementary research.
- elm/ms **Seidler, Tor** *First Born* CK,LM  
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2015 227p 16.99 978-1-4814-1017-5  
This unusual tale features a magpie who casts her lot with a pack of wolves near Yellowstone Park, and narrates their adventures. The hardships they endure surviving brutal winters and threats by rival packs and humans make for a very exciting story.
- elm/ms **Sonnichsen, A.L.** *Red Butterfly* LF,CK  
Simon & Schuster/ 2015 400p 16.99 978-1-4814-1109-7  
Kara lives with her American Mama in China, at the time when there was a strict one child policy. This life is uprooted when it is learned that Mama cannot adopt her formally. When a new American family wants to adopt her, she is taken to Florida where Kara remains torn between the two worlds and two families.
- all ages **Soo, Kean** *Jellaby: The Lost Monster* LMN,CK  
Capstone/Stone Arch 2015 184p 26.65 978-1-4342-9195-0  
Portia finds a new best friend, a silent purple monster named Jellaby. With five independent yet interrelated chapters, Jason, Jellaby and Portia have a range of adventures. Funny, poignant, adorable. For all ages.
- elem **VeLure Reholt, Christine** *Foods of Thailand* SP,CK  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 24p 23.00 978-0-531-20967-7 Cook With Me  
The cuisine of Thailand is described in detail, color photographs, maps, and recipes.
- elem **Velure Roholt, Christine** *Foods of Italy* SP,CK  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 24p 23.00 9781626171190 Cook With Me  
The cuisine of Italy is described in detail, color photographs, maps, and recipes.
- elem **Venezia, Mike** *Claude Monet* MS,LM  
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2014 32p 29.00 978-0-531-21979-9 Getting To Know The World's  
Monet is the subject of this noteworthy book, noteworthy as much for its relaxed, humorous text and its accurate biographical data as for its unique combination of illustrations with reproductions of Monet's most famous works.
- elm/ms **Wagner, Hilary** *Lords of Trillium (Nightshade Chronicles)* JT,HW  
Holiday House 2014 209p 17.95 978-0-8234-2413-9  
Book III of the series, brings Billycan back to try to save the rats. A party seeks to find out why rats are disappearing and to stop it forever. Nice wrap-up of the series.
- elem **Waldron, Melanie** *Seeds and Fruits* JT,CFM  
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 32p 29.99 978-1-4109-5423-7 Plant Parts  
Title shows the range of seeds produced by plants, by size, type of fruit, number of seeds, and the many different ways these seeds are spread. Includes two activities for readers to do. Elementary grades
- elm/ms **Waldron, Melanie** *Variation and Classification* LF,LM  
Capstone/Heinemann 2014 48p 32.65 978-1-4329-7812-6 Essential Life Science  
In a world that is filled by a variety of plant and animal life, this book explains how all of it is organized from the largest classification of Kingdom, to the smallest of species and subspecies.
- elm/ms **Weakland, Mark** *Thud: Wile E. Coyote Experiments with Forces and Motion* MS,JT  
Capstone Publishers 2014 32p 22.49 978-1-4765-4221-8 Wile E. Coyote, Physical Science  
Wile E. Coyote shows, time and time again, that if he does not comprehend Newton's Laws of Motion, he will be defeated in his attempts to craftily capture Road Runner.

- pre **Wegworth, A.L.** ***Stegosaurus*** SP,LM  
 Capstone Publishers 2015 32p 27.32 978-1-4914-0812-4 Little Paleontologist (Capstone)  
 Young readers discover the world of the Stegosaurus during the Jurassic Period
- elem **Wells, Marcia** ***Eddie Red Undercover*** JT,LM  
 Houghton Mifflin 2014 248p 16.99 978-0-544-23833-6  
 Edmund has a photographic memory and can draw anything he has seen. He is recruited by the police to help solve a baffling series of art heists. His work draws him along New York's Museum Mile and into a dangerous crime gang. Grades 3-6
- elm/ms **Williams, Marcia** ***Lizzy Bennet's Diary*** SO,LM  
 Candlewick Press 2014 unp 16.99 978-0-7636-7030-6  
 This book may have the ability to make Austen's Pride and Prejudice relevant to yet another generation. Written in an inviting diary format, it follows the novel as if Elizabeth Bennet had actually kept such a chronicle.
- elem **Wingard-Nelson, Rebecca** ***Ready for Addition*** MD,CFM  
 Enslow 2014 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-4245-2 Ready for Math  
 Having trouble with math? This book could help you better understand how math works.
- elem **Yvisaker, Anne** ***Curse of the Buttons, The*** JT,CK  
 Candlewick Press 2014 227p 15.99 978-0-7636-6138-0  
 Picture of early Civil War life for civilians left at home in Keokuk, Iowa. The story revolves around Ike Button and his attempts to join up with the Union Army. Underground Railroad is also involved. Good in middle school for low reader.
- elm/ms **Yolen, Jane** ***Centaur Rising*** HW,JT  
 Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2014 258p 16.99 978-0-8050-9664-4  
 When a centaur is born on Arianne's horse farm, the family tries unsuccessfully to keep the event a secret.