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Books of Note 2015

Tri State Books of Note (BON) (elem/ms/hs) and

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Series listing

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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- ms/hs **Great War: stories inspired by items from the first World War, The** SP,LM
Candlewick Press 2015 283p 19.99 9780763675547
Eleven acclaimed young adult authors write short stories inspired by wartime objects that to remember the beginning of World War I.
- ms/hs **A & E Television Networks Young Investigator's Guide To Ancient Aliens** LM,CFM
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2015 106p 14.99 978-1-62672-063-3
"Ancient Aliens explores the controversial theory that extraterrestrials have visited the Earth for millions of years.
- elm/ms **Ada, ALma Flor Island Treasures: Growing Up in Cuba** SP,SO
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2015 240p 18.99 978-1-4814-4245-9
A collection of biographical short stories about a girl growing up in Cuba.
- * hs **Aguirre, Ann The Queen of Bright and Shiny Things** LMN, CK
Macmillan(Farrar 2015 328P 17.99 978-1-250-04750-2
Sage has secrets that no one at school knows. She navigates her junior year at school being kind, being eco conscious, and finding a first love all the while fearing that secrets from her past will torpedo her hopes for the future. Grades 8-12.
- Alexander, Lloyd Black Cauldron (50th Anniversary ed.)** HW,BG
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 178p 25.99 978-1-62779-323-0
The only way to stop Arwyn, Lord of the Land of Death, is to destroy the Black Cauldron he uses to create his dreaded soldiers. Taran, an Assistant Pig-Keeper, and his companions accept a quest to accomplish this task.
- * pre **Almond, David Half a creature from the sea: a life in stories** SP,CK
Candlewick Press 2015 222p 16.99 9780763678777
David Almond blends fantasy and realism in a collection of short stories inspired by childhood events.
- elem **Ancona, George It's our garden: from seeds to harvest in a school garden** LF,LM
Candlewick Press 2015 n.p. 6.99 9780763676919
In this book, the author follows the grow of a school garden from seeds to harvest.
- ms/jr **Anderson, Jodi Lynn My Diary From The Edge of the World** JT,ED
Simon & Schuster/ Aladdin 2015 432p 16.99 978-1-4424-8387-3
In a world where only the East coast of the US is inhabited due to dragons and sasquatch every where else, Gracie and her family dream of travel to the Edge of the World to find a better parallel universe.
- * hs/adult **Anderson, M.T. Symphony for the city of the dead** HW,LF
Candlewick Press 2015 456p 25.99 9780763668181
Biography of Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich, combined with an in-depth examination of significant historical events that unfolded during his lifetime and influenced his creative process.
- elm/ms **Applet, Kathi & Alison Maybe A Fox** SP,VM
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2016 272p 16.99 978-1-4424-8242-5
Jules' sister goes missing one snowy morning and the body is never found. Around the same time a fox kit is born who is half animal, half spirit.
- ms/hs **Aretha, David Sabatage, Sediton, and Sundry Acts of Rebellion** CK,LMN
Morgan Reynolds 2015 112p 36.25 978-1-59935-406-4 A Peculiar History
This book provides a brief but thorough introduction to the subject of slave rebellions that took place in this country from the 17th through 19th centuries. It dispels the notion that slaves were happy and carefree, a myth that arose in the early 20th century.
- ms/hs **Arntson, Steven The Trap** VM,SO
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2015 247p 16.99 978-0-547-82408-6
Set in 1963 Iowa, twins Henry and Helen and best friends Nicki and Alan find their "subtle selves" and a new dimension of existence when they discover a curious book among Carl's things while searching for him, the missing town's bully, who also happens to be Alan's brother.
- ms/hs **Atkinson, Rick Battle of the Bulge** CK,LM
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 237p 19.99 978-1-62779-113-7
The Battle of the Bulge is put into the context of World War II and the positions of both sides as the war was beginning to wind down. There are maps, charts, timelines, and lists of key players and the countries involved in each side of the conflict.
- ms/hs **Axelrod, Amy & David The Bullet Catch: Murder by Misadventure** LMN,SO
Holiday House 2015 245p 17.95 978-0-8234-2858-8
Leo is betrayed by one of his fellow orphans in New York City in 1917. He manages to escape the police and find legitimate employment in the services of a magician who is about to strike it big. Great historical details, compelling story. Grades 6-12.
- ms/hs **Babbitt, Natalie Tuck Everlasting** ALL
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 180p 19.99 978-0-374-30167-5
The 40th anniversary edition of "Tuck Everlasting," includes an introduction by Gregory Maguire, an interview with Natalie Babbitt, and two complimentary chapters from two other novels written by Babbitt. The story about a girl who is given the opportunity to accept or reject immortality remains unchanged.
- elm/ms **Bancks, Tristan On the Run** LM,CK
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 227p 16.99 978-0-374-30153-8
Readers will turn the pages hurriedly as Ben has to deal with police chasing his parents and his being deserted and left alone in the woods.
- elm/ms **Banks, Angelica Finding Serendipity** JT,MS
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 280p 16.99 978-1-62779-154-0
the writing process is described as the author going into the story and living the story. In this fantasy adventure, the reader may come to understand a little bit of how an author's mind may work. Grade 5-8.

- hs **Bardugo, Leigh** *Six of Crows* BG,HW
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 465p 18.99 978-1-62779-212-7
Six outcasts living on the fringe of criminal society take on a job that will test their skills to the utmost, but if they succeed they might just manage to save the world in this can't-put-it-down volume by Leigh Bardugo, author of the Grisha Trilogy.
- ms/jr **Bartoletti, Susan Campbell** *Terrible Typhoid Mary* LM,CK
Houghton Mifflin 2015 229p 17.99 978-0-544-31367-5
- hs/adult **Baxter, Jack and Joshua** *Mike's Place* LMN,MS
Macmillan/ First Second 2015 189P 22.99 978-1-59643-857-6
From a documentary film crew, this graphic novel chronicles the suicide bombing of "Mike's Place" in Tel Aviv in 2003. Readers will learn about the life of a documentary film maker, everyday life in Israel and how people cope after a bombing. Gr 10-adult.
- elm/ms **Beck, W.H.** *Malcolm Under the Stars* CFM,SO
Houghton Mifflin 2015 258p 16.99 978-0-544-39267-0
"When a rare coin and a strange code are uncovered in McKenna School, Malcolm and the other classroom pets of the Midnight Academy take on their most challenging assignment yet and, through their investigations, they just might save the school from closing."
- * hs **Bennet, Jenn** *The Anatomical Shape Of A Heart* LM,LMN
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2015 294p 17.99 978-1-250-06645-9
This is the story of a young artist's journey to get some experience drawing the human body in the same manner as DaVinci.
- * ms/jr **Bertman, Jennifer Chamblis** *Book Scavenger* LM,CK
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 354p 16.99 978-1-62779-115-1
The story of a middle schooler who uses books and reading to help her adapt when her parents move around from state to state. Emily is a fan of Garrison Griswald, creator of an online book scavenger game. Readers will find that this book is "where life is a game and books are the tokens".
- elm/ms **Bildner, Phil** *A Whole New Ballgame* JT,CFM
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 243p 15.99 978-0-374-30130-9
Unconventional teaching style, basketball, autism, and life in a wheelchair. It's all in the title made for boys in grade 4-5.
- * ms/hs **Blumenthal, Karen** *Tommy: The Gun That Changed America* CK,LMN
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2015 232p 19.99 978-1-62672-084-8
The history of the Thompson submachine gun, which was conceived during World War I but did not see the light of day until the day the war ended, is detailed in this well-written, entertaining and informative book.
- hs **Bow, Erin** *The Scorpion Rules* BG,LMN
Simon & Schuster/ McElderry 2015 384p 17.99 978-1-4814-4271-8
In a world ruled by the AI Tallis, the children of world leaders are kept hostage against their peaceful behavior, but when war is threatened these "children of peace" must take matters into their own hands in this fascinating story of love, war, and humanity.
- * ms/jr **Bowman, Erin** *Vengeance Road* LM,CK
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2015 327p 17.99 978-0-544-46638-8
Kate Thompson sets out to revenge her father's death by the Waylan Rose Rider Gang. Her journey was full of conflict, desperation, and the friendship of an Apache girl and two brothers who refused to desert her.
- * elm/ms **Brimmer, Larry Dane** *The Rain Wizard* ED,SO,VM
Boyd's Mills/Calkins Creek 2015 119p 16.95 978-1-59078-990-2
Charles Mallory Hatfield was America's most famous "rainmaker." This well-researched and insightful book offers a look at a fascinating man who took his magical recipe of chemicals to the grave with him.
- elm/ms **Brown, Calef** *Hypnotize a Tiger* SO,VM
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 unp 17.99 978-0-8050-9928-7
Welcome to the off-kilter and poetic world of Calef Brown. This is a great book to be read aloud as well as by oneself.
- * ms/hs **Brown, Don** *Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans* SP,ED
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2015 96p 18.99 978-0-544-15777-4
The impact of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans is illustrated in graphic novel format.
- elm/ms **Browne, Anthony** *Willy's Stories* MS,JT
Candlewick Press 2015 np 16.99 9780763677619
Willy describes scenes from ten famous children's books then invites children to answer a question about each book. The author's purpose is to encourage young readers to read.
- hs **Brugman, Alyssa** *Alex As Well* CK,LMN
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 214p 16.99 978-1-62779-014-7
This Australian import concerns an intersex teen who has been raised as a boy but feels more like a girl. Alex finds very few people who can really empathize, including Alex's own family, which makes navigating identity issues painfully difficult.
- ms/hs **Bunting, Eve** *Forbidden* JT,HW
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2015 217p 17.99 978-0-544-39092-8
When Josie arrives at the home of her uncle, she feels all is not as it seems but she does not understand. He is a Wrecker, luring ships onto rocks and plundering them Can Josie escape?
- hs/adult **Capetta, Amy Rose** *Unmade* LF,HW
Houghton Mifflin 2015 376p 17.99 978-0-544-08737-8
In this sequel to *Entangled*, Cade has her mother back, but still in the throws of the sickness, and fights with her friends to pull together what remains of humanity from across the universe, to save them from the damage being wrought by the 'Unmakers'.
- all ages **Carroll, Lewis** *The Complete Alice (150th year edition)* MS,LM
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 466p 40.00 978-1-62779-435-0
Alice follows the White Rabbit into the rabbit hole and finds herself in a fantasy land of unusual characters and adventures.

- ms/hs **Carson, Mary Kay** *Inside Biosphere 2* SO,LM
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2015 79p 18.99 978-0-544-41664-2 Scientists In the Field (HM)#8
In this newest addition to the superb series *Scientists in the Field*, Mary Kay Carson takes her readers on a tour of Biosphere 2 and examines the scientific works currently ongoing.
- ms/hs **Castellucci, Cecil** *Stone In The Sky* MS,JT
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2015 311p 17.99 978-1-59643-776-0
Tula Bane has lost so much (in Book One) and now survives, surrounded by aliens, as the owner of the Tin Star Cafe on space station, Yertina Feray. She must face her adversary, Brother Blue, the cause of her anguish and a threat to all humans.
- ms **Cerrito, Angela** *The Safest Lie* CK,SO
Holiday House 2015 180p 16.95 978-0-8234-3310-0
This novel follows the life of one young Jewish girl in Poland during the German occupation during World War Two, as she is moved from her family home to keep her safe from the Nazis.
- * ms/hs **Charbonneau, Joelle** *NEED* ED,HW,LM
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2015 338p 17.99 978-0-544-41669-7
What do you NEED? What is the difference between a want and a need? Kaylee's best friend Nate invites her to be a part of a social networking site that will allow users to ask for what they need in exchange for a task. Kaylee only needs one thing; a kidney for her brother. Things with the NEED website get out of control and people start dying. Kaylee has been a fanatic about finding her brother a kidney, so much that people think she needs serious help. Will people believe her when she tries to convince them what NEED is doing?
- all ages **Cotton, Katie** *Counting Lions* CK,HW,BG
Candlewick Press 2015 np 22.00 978-0-7636-8207-1
Using the counting-book format, this beautifully illustrated book of poetry discusses various species that are endangered. The illustrations are by Stephen Walton.
- elm/ms **Crowder, Melanie** *A Nearer Moon* HW,JT
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2015 160p 16.99 978-1-4814-4148-3
Can Luna, with the help of the faerie Perdita, discover a cure for river sickness before Luna's sister Willow dies of the disease?
- ms/hs **Culbertson, Kim** *Possibility of Now* LMN,CK
Scholastic Press 2016 300p 17.99 978-0-545-73146-1
When Mara becomes a You Tube sensation because of her meltdown in Calculus, she goes on a life changing journey, meeting her estranged father, determining how she will live her future and learning who she really is. Excellent self-appraisal. Gr. 8-12.
- ms **Daniel, Jennifer** *Information graphics: understand the facts in the blink of an eye* SO,VM
Random/Candlewick Press 2015 80p 17.99 978-0-763-677-695 Information Graphics
This book is a graphic introduction to the universe for the middle school reader. It is set up in tabbed chapters, each dealing with a different facet of the universe and filled with vibrantly colored infographics that present the primary information.
- ms/jr **DeFelice, Cynthia** *Fort* CK,JT
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 199p 16.99 978-0-374-32427-8
Two boys spend their summer building a fort and camping out in the woods, but they find that their idyllic world is threatened by some town bullies who need to be put in their place.
- hs **Demetrios, Heather** *I'll Meet You There* JT,BG
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 388p 17.99 978-0-8050-9795-5
A wounded vet comes home. Story is about his friends and how they also have troubles but help each other. Some sex and quite mature themes. A story about hopes and dreams shattered and rebuilt. Definitely high school.
- * ms/hs **Derby, Sally** *Jump back, Paul: the life and poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* SP,CFM
Candlewick Press 2015 122p 16.99 9780763660703
Engaging biography of Paul Laurence Dunbar with the story of his life interspersed with his poetry.
- elem **DiCamillo, Kate** *Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Raccoon* CK,VM
Candlewick Press 2015 98p 12.99 978-0-7636-6886-0
Francine Poulet is an award-winning animal control officer who is known far and wide for her fearlessness and determination in doing her job. But one day she meets her match, a name-calling raccoon who likes to occupy people's rooves and scare them.
- elm/ms **DiCamillo, Kate** *Flora & Ulysses* CK,VM
Random/Candlewick Press 2015 10.00 8.99 978-0-7636-7671-1
Flora is a lonely bookworm who teams up with Ulysses, a squirrel who has magical powers, and together they set out to mend rifts in the family and teach Flora's mother the value of love.
- elm/ms **Duffy, Chris** *Fable Comics* LM,CFM
Macmillan/ First Second 2015 121p 19.99 978-1-62672-107-4
Some of today's graphic storytellers and cartoonists have created a retelling of fables by Aesop "and the Indian Panchatantra (a widely known body of fables throughout Asia and the Middle East)".
- hs **Easton, T.S.** *Boys Don't Knit (In Public)* SO,VM
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2015 265p 16.99 978-0-250-05331-2
Seventeen-year-old Ben Fletcher has been caught by the local police for his part in a booze swiping scheme thought up by his friends and sentenced to twelve months of probation. Easton tells Ben's story with candor, vitality, and humor and the narrative proceeds at a good clip. It will have readers laughing out loud.
- jr/sr **Elliott, Jenny** *Save Me* LM,HW
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2015 312p 9.99 978-1-250-06147-8
Something mysterious is happening in the coastal town of Liberty, Oregon. Cara has an unprecedented encounter with a whale, falls in love, and is bespelled by a witch. A new friend, who is possibly too good to be true, helps her survive her Senior year.

- * ms/hs **Farley, Terri** *Wild At Heart* CK,BG
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2015 196p 19.99 978-0-544-39294-6
In this excellent book, author Farley discusses wild horses in the U. S. and their ongoing threats from humans through history. The illustrations and wealth of information make this book a must-have for public and school collections.
- * hs/adult **Federle, Tim** *The Great American Whatever* ED,LMN
Simon & Schuster/ 2016 288p 17.99 978-1-4814-0409-9
Quinn lost his sister in a car accident 6 months ago and hasn't left the house since. His best friend, Geoff, is determined to get him back into the swing of life and starts by taking him to a college party with his sister Carly, where Quinn meets Amir, the first man he find himself attracted to.
- * ms/hs **Fitzpatrick, Becca** *Dangerous Lies* LM,LMN
Simon & Schuster/ 2015 400p 18.99 978-1-4814-2491-2
A high school senior is forced into witness protection after witnessing a brutal crime. She is ripped from a cushy life in east coast suburbia to a rural mid-western town (Thunder Basin, Nebraska) while she waits to testify against a drug dealer.
- hs **Fleischman, Paul** *Zap* CFM,HW,
Candlewick Press 2015 79p 7.99 978-0-7636-8013-8
"Aimed at a generation of short attention spans and a taste for razor-sharp comedy, the rapid-fire ZAP is a smart, farcical new play for high-school students that's ready to bring the house down."
- jr/sr **Fombelle, Timothee de** *Prince without a kingdom, A* BG,HW
Candlewick Press 2014 443P 17.99 9780763679507
The sequel to Vango: Between Sky and Earth, this book concludes Vango's quest to find answers and ties up the loose ends for the many colorful characters involved in his tale.
- ms/hs **Foreman, Michael** *The Tortoise and the Soldier* SP,MS
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 115p 16.99 978-1-62779-173-1
A fledgling reporter uncovers the story of a World War I veteran and the pet tortoise he brought home from the war zone. Beautifully illustrated and based on a true story.
- ms/hs **Forester, Victoria** *The Boy Who Knew Everything* VM,SO
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2015 406p 16.99 978-0-312-62600-6
Having escaped the evil Dr. Hellion's school for unusual children, Piper and Conrad are reunited with the others on Piper's farm; but when Piper's father nearly dies and Conrad's father is up for president, the group realizes that they must stop the disasters occurring in the world and find out who exactly is causing these events.
- all ages **French, Vivian** *Most wonderful thing in the world, The* VM,ED
Candlewick Press 2015 np 18.99 9780763675011
The king and queen are searching for a husband for their daughter Lucia, so they seek the wisdom of Old Wise Angelo who suggests that the young man who can show them the most wonderful thing in the world would be the right husband for Princess Luci.
- hs/adult **Frydenborg, Kay** *Chocolate: Sweet & Dark Secrets of the World's Favorite Treat* LM,LMN
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2015 252p 18.99 978-0-544-17566-2
This book tells the story of chocolate. "History, science, culture, and religion come together to tell a story as rich-and dark-as chocolate itself."
- * hs **Gardner, Scot** *the dead I Know* HW,MS
Houghton Mifflin 2015 201p 17.99 978-0-544-23274-7
Aaron's out-of-control home life makes apprenticeship at a funeral home seem normal.
- elem **Gibbons, Gail** *The Fruits We Eat* CFM,SO
Holiday House 2015 32p 17.95 978-0-8234-3204-2
"Simple text and illustrations present fruit facts galore: the parts of fruits, where and how they grow, harvesting, processing, where to buy them, and how to enjoy them as part of a healthy diet."
- ms **Gino, Alex** *George* BG,CFM
Scarecrow Press 2016 195p 16.99 978-0-545-81254-2
Although George has a male body, she feels like a girl and wants to play the part of Charlotte in the class production of Charlotte's Web, but to do so will require her to take chances that scare her.
- ms/hs **Glass, Andrew** *Flying Cars* SP,LMN
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2015 118p 17.99 978-0-618-98482-4
A history of the failures and successes of inventors from the mid-1800s to present day to create a flying automobile.
- all ages **Golio, Gary** *Bird & Diz* SO,VM
Candlewick Press 2015 unp 19.99 978-0-7636-6660-6
This collaboration between Gary Gollo and Ed Young presents an entrancing look at the Bebop phenomenon and the alliance of Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker.
- * ms/hs **Gratz, Alan** *Code of Honor* LMN,LF
Scholastic Press 2015 278p 17.99 978-0-545-69519-0
Iranian American brothers test their loyalty oath to each other. The older brother, an Army Ranger, is accused of being a terrorist. His younger brother is taken by Homeland Security, interrogated, and breaks out of his holding cell to rescue his brother. Gr 7-12.
- all ages **Green, Rod** *Emergency vehicles* SP,ALL
Candlewick Press 2015 n.p. 15.99 9780763679590
Lift the flaps to discover the inner workings of eight lifesaving vehicles for the land, sea, and air.
- ms/hs **Gruenbaum, Michael & Todd** *Somewhere There is Still A Sun* VM,SO
Simon & Schuster/ Aladdin 2015 384p 17.99 978-1-4424-8486-3
Memoir detailing the life and experiences of Michael Gruenbaum born into Prague's Jewish community and later transferred to a labor camp in Terezin, Czechoslovakia during the Holocaust, 1939-1945.

- elm/ms **Hahn, Mary Downing** *Took* CK,LMN
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2015 264p 16.99 978-0-544-55153-4
When Daniel and his little sister Erica move with their parents to a remote house in rural West Virginia, everything seems to go wrong, including Erica's sudden disappearance. Could the stories of an old witch called Auntie possibly be true?
- all ages **Hammill, Elizabeth** *Over the hills and far away* LM,SO
Random/Candlewick Press 2014 160p 21.99 9780763677299
"A treasury of nursery rhymes collected by Elizabeth Hammill and illustrated by more than seventy celebrated artists."
- all ages **Hanson, Faye** *Wonder, The* VM,SO
Candlewick Press 2014 n.p. 16.99 9780763679576
Summary: his A young boy's daydreams and imagination that is consistently squashed by adults is finally permitted to express "wonder" in art class.
- ms/hs **Hardinge, Frances** *Cuckoo Song* VM,BG
Abrams, Harry 2015 409p 17.95 978-1-4197-1480-1
Fragile and sickly eleven-year-old Triss is found coming out of a pond, which she had apparently fallen in and strange symptoms begin to appear while mystery and revenge seem to emanate from her younger sinister sister Pen.
- elm/ms **Harkey, Faith** *Genuine Sweet* JT,LMN
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2015 277p 16.99 978-0-544-28366-4
A very sweet story. Genuine has the gift of fetching wishes from the stars. As she set for herself the lofty goal of solving world hunger, she finds the demands too much for her and elicits friends to help. Gentle and genuinely sweet story. Grades 3-6.
- ms/jr **Harper, Charise** *Super Sasquatch Showdown (Sasquatch and Aliens)* MD,TW
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 169p 13.99 978-0-8050-9622-4
Morgan and Lewis saw a Yeti in the woods on their way to school. They reported it to their parents and the police. They all thought the kids were making up stories but later other saw the Yeti and the boys became popular.
- ms **Hatfield, Ruth** *The Book of Storms* JT,VM
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 357p 16.99 978-0-8050-9998-0
Is there a way to understand storms so thoroughly so as to control them? In this fantasy, Danny is looking for answers about where his parents are and what is the magic in the stick he found in a storm-downed tree.
- ms **Hautman, Pete** *The Flinkwater Factor* MS,ED
Simon & Schuster/ 2015 256p 16.99 978-1-4814-3251-1
When Ginger discovers that many town citizens have been "bonked", she quickly enlists the help of her friend, Billy George. Together they face the digital dog, Sasquatch, Homeland Security officers and other formidable characters with humor and intrigue.
- elm/ms **Hayes, Christine** *Mothman's Curse* CFM,HW
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2015 310p 15.99 978-1-62672-027-5
"When Josie and her brother Fox discover the truth behind the legend of the Mothman, they must stop a disaster in order to break the curse that has been afflicting their town."
- ms/jr **Hellisen,Cat** *Beast Keeper* MD,TW
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 197p 16.99 978-0-8050-9980-5
Another version of beauty and the beast only this time the girl will turn into a beast unless she can break the curse before she transform.
- ms/hs **Henry, April** *Blood Will Tell (Point Last Seen)* LMN,VM
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 258P 17.99 978-0-8050-9853-2
Nick is part of a volunteer Search and Rescue Team that assists police. When evidence in a murder points to him, he is considered guilty even though he did not commit the murder. An excellent police procedural mystery. Gr. 8-12.
- ms/hs **Heos, Bridget** *It's Getting Hot In Here* LM,LMN
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2015 231p 17.99 978-0-544-30347-8
A clear concise text that relates the causes and concerns about our changing planet. It explains the history of how were got where we are and why our actions are causing the changes. The book concludes with a call to action.
- * ms/hs **High, Linda Oatman** *That Selfie Girl (Gravel Road Series)* MS,JT
Saddleback 2015 191p 10.95 978-1-68021-060-6
When Macy Elaine Rain posts a selfie, her car veers out of control and she dies. In prose/poetry format, she tells the story of life in heaven and how it impacts those remaining on earth.
- ms **Holt, Kimberly Willis** *Dear Hank Williams* CK,LMN
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 220p 16.99 978-0-8050-8022-3
In a series of letters to the up-and-coming country star Hank Williams, a young girl in 1948 tells the story of her family and her coming of age.
- ms/hs **Homer** *Iliad, The* SP,LF
Candlewick Press 2015 151p 19.99 9780763678326
A retelling of Homer's classic epic "The Iliad" about the final days of The Trojan War.
- hs **Hoose, Philip** *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler* SO,VM
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 198p 19.99 978-0-374-30022-7
Phillip Hoose tells the story of a group of teen-aged Danish students who took on the "German war machine." Their actions soon made them heroes in Denmark and did much to encourage the development of a sustained Danish Resistance. The inspiring chronicle of the boys' wartime exploits is enhanced by fascinating sidebar information, black-and-white photographs, an epilogue that details the lives of the participants after the war.
- jr/sr **Hosler, Jay** *Last of the Sandwalkers* LM,LF
Macmillan/ First Second 2015 311p 16.99 978-1-62672-024-4
Lucy, a tiny one and one half inch beetle, leads a team into the world of the unknown. Their travels and investigations provide the reader with humor, edge of the seat tension, and some scientific insight into the world of science.

- elem **Huber, Raymond** *Filght of the honey bee* BG,SO
Random/Candlewick Press 2015 32P 6.99 9780763676483
A beautifully illustrated work that follows a honey bee as she goes about her day, educating readers about the lives and importance of bees with linguistic flair.
- * ms/hs **Hutchinson, Shaun David** *Violent Ends* ED,BG
Simon & Schuster/ Simon Pulse 2015 352p 17.99 978-1-4814-3745-5
An emotionally excruciating collection of short narrative stories set before, during, and after a fictional school shooting, each told from a different viewpoint to create a whole, human picture of a tragedy from varied and sometimes conflicting angles.
- hs/adult **Hutchinson, Shaun David** *We Are the Ants* LF,BG
Simon & Schuster/ Simon Pulse 2016 464p 17.99 978-1-4814-4963-2
Henry Denton has been abducted by aliens since he was 13. They have told him the world will end within a year unless he pushes "the button". Why should he? After all, his boyfriend committed suicide, his mom is struggling at a job she hates, his grandma has Alzheimers, and his brother got his girlfriend pregnant.
- * ms/hs **Jacobs, Evan** *Father Son Father* CK,HW
Saddleback 2015 199p 9.95 978-1-68021-038-5
This hi-lo book concerns a teenage boy who finds himself as the sole care-taker of his father, who is very ill. Characterizations are excellent, and readers of both sexes will connect with Jeff.
- elm/ms **Jacobson, Jennifer Richard** *Paper Things* LMN,VM
Random/Candlewick Press 2015 376 16.99 978-0-7636-6323-0
Arianna, age 11, and her brother, age 19, leave their guardian's house and drift from couch to couch to homeless shelter to sleeping in a car. The effects on Ari's schoolwork and friendships takes a toll as she tries to hide her circumstances. Gr.4-7
- all ages **Janeczko, Paul B.** *Death of the hat: a brief history of poetry in 50 objects* SO,HW
Random/Candlewick Press 2015 77p 17.99 9780763669638
In this spectacular collection of poetry that describes the ordinary objects found in every day life, Paul Janeczko leads the young readers through history. All are tremendously enhanced by the lovely watercolor illustrations of Chris Raschka. Together, the pair has added yet another poetry book to their great collaborations.
- * ms/hs **Jarrow, Gail** *Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary* JT,CK
Calkins Creek (Boyd's Mills) 2015 175p 16.95 978-1-62091-597-4
This title traces the identifying, capture and life of "Typhoid Mary". Includes biographical information about the leading characters in this historic medical mystery.
Written in fiction style, enjoyable read for an unenjoyable topic. Grade 6 up.
- ms **Jinks, Catherine** *A Plague of Bogles* SO,HW
Houghton Mifflin 2015 330p 16.99 978-0-544-08747-7
A Plague of Bogles resumes the tale of Jem Barbary, former pickpocket who has rejoined forces with Alfred Bunce, newly retired bogle killer, and Birdie McAdam, his former apprentice. When the area around Newgate Prison is suddenly beset with a plague of missing children, Bunce reluctantly returns to action and Jem is recruited to be his newest apprentice to help with the elimination of the bogles.
- ms/hs **Joiner, Sara** *After the Ashes* MS,LMN
Holiday House 2015 278p 17.95 978-0-8234-3441-1
Katrien's sworn enemy becomes her survival partner when Krakatau erupts violently. Together the girls face adversity such as loss of family members and homes as well as other horrors from the tsunami which followed the eruption.
- * elm/ms **Jonell, Lynne** *The Sign of the Cat* HW,VM
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 358p 16.99 978-0-8050-9683-5
Duncan can understand and speak the language of cats. This is his greatest secret, but it isn't the only one.
- ms/jr **Jones, Ena** *Clayton Stone, At Your Service* LMN,JT
Holiday House 2015 187p 16.95 978-0-8234-3389-6
Clayton is a 7th grader whose life seems ordinary. He lives with his Grandmother who runs a diner, or is she something else entirely. Mall kidnappings lead Clayton to becoming a decoy attached to a special services sting to catch the kidnappers. Gr 5-8.
- elm/ms **Jones, Marcia Thornton** *Woodford Brave* CFM,VM
Boyd's Mills/Calkins Creek 2015 192p 16.95 978-1-62979-305-4
Cory Woodford is determined to live up to his family's legacy of bravery. But right and wrong are more complicated than in Cory's beloved comics, and he and his friends soon learn that the world isn't as black and white as they thought.
- ms **Jones, Rob Lloyd** *Wild Boy* LMN,MS
Candlewick Press 2015 295p 8.99 978-0-7636-7157-0
In 1800's London, a carnival/freak show provides a life for circus performers, a "Wild Boy" and other people with deformities. A murder sets Wild Boy and the daughter of the circus ring master on a harrowing run through London to find the killer. Grades 5-8/
- ms/jr **Kessler, Liz** *Emily Windsnap and the ship of lost souls* JT,CFM
Candlewick Press 2015 280P 15.99 978-0-7636-7688-9
Emily, half human and half mermaid, has another adventure. On a school trip to an island, she spots a ghost ship. She has 2 days to travel to Atlantis and to rescue the ship and another half mermaid guide. Middle school, especially girls.
- * ms/hs **Klass, David** *Losers Take All* LMN,LM
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 306p 17.99 978-0-374-30136-1
A sports crazy high school gets a new principal who insists that every senior play a sport for a season. A group of non-athletes rebel by forming a loser of a soccer team to just have fun. Hilarious moments, wide appeal to athletes and nonathletes.. Gr 7-12.
- ms/jr **Knight, Eric** *Lassie Come Home (75th Anniversary ed)intro Ann Martin* HW,LM
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 248p 19.99 978-1-62779-321-6
Lassie is sold to stave off her family's financial troubles. The dog is taken to Scotland and escapes to walk hundreds of miles home to her family.

- ms/hs **Lane, Andrew** *Knife Edge* SO,LM
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 312p 18.99 978-0-374-38011-3
Andrew Lane's newest case for the teenaged Sherlock Holmes returns the young detective to England and straight into the heart of a mystery involving the supernatural.
- * ms/hs **Laure, Estelle** *This Raging Light* LM,LMN
Houghton Mifflin 2015 278p 17.99 978-0-544-53429-2
Lucille Bennett is a high school student who must deal with the real world and a little sister (Wren) when her mother disappears and her father is not to be found.
- * ms/hs **Leaver, Trisha** *The Secrets We Keep* LMN,BG
Macmillan(Farrar 2014 294p 17.99 9788-0-374-30046-3
Twin girls are in an automobile accident. The surviving twin takes her sister's identity in an attempt to "please" all those around her, except her best friend. Lies, secrets, and self-worth are at the heart of this book of grief and identity. Gr. 7-12.
- hs/adult **Leavitt, Martine** *Calvin* LMN,VM
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 181p 17.99 978-0-374-38073-1
Travel with Calvin, newly diagnosed with schizophrenia, as he sets out across a frozen lake to meet his hero/nemesis Bill Watterson, creator of the Calvin and Hobbes comic strip. Concise, articulate writing with brilliant moments of humor and insight. Gr. 8-12+
- ms/hs **Littman, Sarah Darer** *Backlash* VM,BG
Scholastic Press 2015 321p 17.99 978-0-545-65126-4
When Lara "friends" a boy she doesn't know on social media, it looks like a romance beginning; however, Christian begins posting nasty things about Lara and she tries to commit suicide causing consequences that affect not only her family, but an entire community.
- ms/jr **Lloyd Jones, Rob** *Wild Boy & the Black Terror* MS,LMN
Candlewick Press 2015 327p 16.99 9780763662530
Wild Boy and Clarissa must use their unusual abilities to save London from the Black Terror, a poison which turns victims' fears into nightmares before their die. Wild Boy must find rare black diamonds to catch the demonic force known as Malphas.
- * elm/ms **Lynch, P.J.** *Boy who fell off the Mayflower, The: or John Howland's good fortune* JT,LF
Candlewick Press 2015 np 17.99 978-0-763-66584-5
As John travels on the Mayflower to the new world, he falls overboard in a storm. Fortunately he grabs a trailing rope and is pulled aboard. He tells about the trip, the First Thanksgiving and life in the colony.
- * ms **MacFarlane, John** *Stormstruck!* JT,HW
Holiday House 2015 138P 16.95 978-0-8234-3394-0
Twelve-year-old Sam takes his aged dog out in his sailboat so that his parents can not have the dog put to sleep. He is caught in a storm and this becomes a survival story. Exciting read for middle school readers.
- ms/hs **Manzano, Sonia** *Becoming Maria* CK,SP
Scholastic Press 2015 262p. 17.99 978-0-545-62184-7
This memoir by the actor who played Maria on Sesame Street for forty years begins with her young childhood in the Bronx and continues until she reaches the age of 20 and is establishing herself professionally. In it she recounts the brutality and poverty of her childhood.
- ms **Mara, Wil** *Robotics From Concept to Consumer* SO,LM
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2015 64p 30.00 978-0-531-20540-2 Calling All Innovators
Robots were once the dream of the future and were mainly found in the world of science fiction. Today, that world is a real one.
- ms/hs **Mara, Wil** *The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy* LMN,LM
Scholastic/ Watts 2016 112p 32.50 978-0-531-20999-8
Basic information for reports on the three people involved (Kennedy, Ruby, Oswald), the events of November 22, the government investigations, and the conspiracy theories. Color or sepia toned photographs appear on most pages. Index, timeline. Grades 5-10
- ms/hs **Matharu, Taran** *The Novice (Sumner Book One)* BG,HW
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2015 355p 18.99 978-1-250-06712-8
The premise of mages who fight by summoning fearsome creatures from the ether is skillfully developed in this story of a young man and his friends who are learning to control their companion creatures while contending with opposition from all sides.
- * ms/hs **Mathieu, Jennifer** *Devoted* MS,BG
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2015 326p 16.99 978-1-59643-911-5
Rachel must find the courage to follow her heart and her beliefs in her role as dutiful daughter, servant of God and child of a very strict religious sect in Texas.
- ms/hs **Matson, Lynne** *NIL Unlocked* MS,BG
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 421p 17.99 978-1-62779-293-6
Rives finds himself "abducted" by spiritual forces and sent to Nil. He, along with other teenagers, try to find portals back to mankind and normalcy. However, the plot thickens when Skye shows up bringing a new spirit of problem solving and strength to the group.
- ms/hs **Mayrock, Aija** *Survival Guide To Bullying* SP,ED
Scholastic Press 2015 153p 9.99 978-0-545-86053-6
A teen who survived bully shares her advice for others coping with the same problem.
- hs/adult **McCloud, Scott** *The Sculptor* VM,HW
Macmillan/ First Second 2015 487p 29.99 978-1-59643-573-5
David Smith, a struggling sculptor meets his dead Uncle Harry and when he is asked what he would give for success, he replies "his life" and ends up "selling his soul" so to speak, receiving success in art in exchange for only 200 days to live.
- * hs **McCoola, Marika** *Baba Yaga's assistant* HW,SO
Candlewick Press 2015 127P 16.99 9780763669614
Why would a young woman apprentice herself to an evil witch? Masha becomes Baba Yaga's apprentice in a new approach to the Russian folk tales of the legendary witch.

- ms/hs **Meyer, Marissa** *Winter (Lunar Chronicles)* HW,LM
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2015 823p 22.99 978-0-312-64298-3
Princess Winter joins the rebel forces to overthrow Queen Levana.
- elem **Meyer, Susan Lynn** *New Shoes* BG,SP
Holiday House 2015 32P 16.95 978-0-8234-2528-0
An interesting look at one of the mid-twentieth century Jim Crow laws modern youths may be unaware of, accompanied by lovely illustrations
- ms **Meyer, William** *The Secret Scarab Beetle* JT,VM
Sleeping Bear Press(Cengage) 2016 240p 16.99 978-1-58536-938-6
Small for his sixth grade age, Horace is entrusted with a secret key when his grandfather dies. With it he travels to Ancient Egypt in the time of Tut to help save the boy. Middle school.
- hs **Monninger, Joseph** *Whippoorwill* JT,VM
Houghton Mifflin 2015 275p 17.99 978-0-544-53123-9
Claire feels sorry for Wally the next door neighbor's abused dog. She begins to train the dog with the help of the boy next door. He wants to escape his abusive father, and Claire rescues Wally. No one, dog or person, is a throwaway.
- elm/ms **Morpurgo, Michael** *Half a man* LF,LM
Random/Candlewick Press 2015 64p 16.99 9780763677473
Michael discover's who is grandfather really in this heartfelt story about families, and how relationships can change after just one difficult event.
- elm/ms **Morreale, Marie** *Jennifer Lawrence* MS,JT
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2015 48p 29.00 978-0-531-21375-9 Real Bios (Sch/ChPress)
Jennifer Lawrence was not deprived of life's necessities, she didn't find herself a Hollywood job after dreaming about it her entire life & she did not let the paparazzi shove her to iconic status; instead she has maintained her values, refreshing in the world in which she found herself at a young age.
- elm/ms **Morreale, Marie** *Ross Lynch* MS,CK
Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2016 48p 15.72 978-0-531-21573-9 Real Bios (sch/Children's Pr)
Disney has a new star in Ross Lynch. As Austin in the TV show, *Austin and Ally*, Lynch's fame grew, but when he starred in *Teen Beach Movie*, he catapulted to the top of fans' lists of new and exciting stars. With both acting & musical talent, Lynch has become a fixture in teen culture.
- * ms/hs **Murphy, Jim** *Breakthrough!* SP,SO
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2015 129p 18.99 978-0-547-82183-2
This inspiring chronicle of the first "blue baby" surgery and all of the events that led up to it provides a utterly fascinating and compelling history. The book is enhanced by a wealth of primary source material, black-and-white photographs, and sidebar information.
- ms/hs **Newquist, Hp** *Abacadabra* SP,LMN
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 148p 18.99 978-0-312-59321-6
The history of magic through the ages is explained and the secrets of famous tricks revealed.
- ms **Nielsen, Jennifer A.** *Mark of the Thief* JT,BG
Scholastic Press 2015 339p 17.99 978-0-545-56154-9
Nic, a slave in the mines outside of Rome, enters a cavern that contains relics of Julius Caesar. He takes an amulet that gives him power that warring factions also want. Nic also is trying to save his sister.
- elm/ms **Norriss, Andrew** *Friends For Life* MS,VM
Scholastic Press 2015 234p 17.99 978-0-545-85186-2
When Frances is approached by a ghost one day during lunch at school, his life changes forever. Ghost Jessica influences him to find and use a personality trait which he has always possessed, sensitivity. He embraces his differences and helps others to do the same.
- ms/hs **O'Connor, George** *Ares Bringer of War* SP,LM
Macmillan/ First Second 2015 unpag 9.99 978-0-1-62672-013-8 Olympians
Greek god Ares and his role in the Trojan War are illustrated in a graphic novel.
- ms/hs **O'Reilly, Bill** *Hitler's Last Days* MS,LM
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 306p 19.99 978-1-62779-396-4
Personal information about Hitler and his death are chronicled in this account of the major events leading to Germany's defeat in World War II. Beginning at D Day, O'Reilly describes the journey across Europe by the Allies and Russia to take Berlin.
- Oppel, Kenneth** *The Nest* SP,MS
Simon & Schuster/ 2015 244p 16.99 978-1-4814-4547-4
Wasps tell Steve in a dream that they can "fix" his ill newborn brother, but he may not understand exactly what that entails.
- elm/ms **Parenteau, Shirley** *Dolls of Hope* LMN,CK
Candlewick Press 2015 317p 16.99 978-0-7636-7752-7
The historical exchange of dolls between America and Japan is the backdrop for a novel about Japan in the 1920s. Chiyo, a farmer's daughter, is sent to a posh boarding school where she deals with the jealousy of a military general's daughter. Gr 4-9.
- elem **Pastis, Stephan** *Timmy Failure: sanitized for your protection (Timmy Failure)* CFM,HW
Candlewick Press 2015 278p 14.99 9780763680923
Timmy is forced to hit the road on a cross-country trip that includes Timmy's mom, Total the polar bear, Doorman Dave, and smells-like-a-tangerine criminal mastermind Molly Moskins.
- * ms **Patrick, Denise Lewis** *Finding Someplace* JT,LF
Macmillan/ Henry Holt 2015 214p 16.99 978-0-8050-4716-5
Hurricane Katrina ruins Reesie's plans for her thirteenth birthday. This is a story of love and survival under terrible circumstances. Everyone must find *Someplace* where they belong. Middle school readers will love it.

- * ms **Penn, Maya S.** *You Got This!* ED,SP
Simon & Schuster/ 2016 202p 15.99 978-1-5011-3694-8
Maya Penn started her own fashion business at age 8 and has moved on to having a non-profit organization helping people around the world. In her first nonfiction book she discusses how she started her business, her wonderful support system and the fact that she is just getting started!
- elm/ms **Philbrick, Rodman** *The Big Dark* CK,LM
Blue Sky Press, imprint of 2016 178 17.99 978-0-545-78975-2
On New Year's Eve a solar flare caused by an electromagnetic pulse causes all the electricity to go out, and Charlie and his family and neighbors must figure out how to survive without heat and electricity. Meanwhile, a nasty neighbor uses the situation to try to take over the town.
- elm/ms **Pichon, L.** *Tom Gates: everything's amazing (sort of)* LF,JT
Candlewick Press 2012 404P 12.99 9780763674731
More of the life and times of Tom Gates. In this, book #3 of the series, Tom finds himself in hot water by letting slip the nickname he has for a teacher, when speaking with said teacher. Tom's daily story plays out in this book which, as with the others, continues to follow Tom through school and his adventures and relationships with family and friends.
- elm/ms **Pichon, L.** *Tom Gates: excellent excuses (and other good stuff)* LF,JT
Candlewick Press 2015 340P 12.99 9780763674748
Tom Gates has two weeks off from school. YAY!! He, of course, uses this time to spruce up his social life, and annoy his sister Delia. Other highlights of Tom's life follow with joining the school band, finding a drummer for his band, friendship and family.
- ms/hs **Pinkney, Andrea Davis** *Rhythm Ride* SP,CK
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2015 166p 22.99 978-1-59643-973-3
Go behind the scenes to learn the story of Berry Gordy and the Motown Sound in the context of the cultural revolution and Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.
- ms **Price, Charlie** *Dead Investigation* LM,CK
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 324p 18.99 978-0-374-30227-6
In this sequel to the *Dead Connection*, Murray finds himself reluctantly once again involved in using his psychic ability to talk to the dead. Readers will be engaged from the first word to the end.
- ms **Qunlan, Nigel** *The Maloney's Magical Weatherbox* JT,HW
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2015 313p 16.99 978-1-62672-033-6
When summer is supposed to turn into fall, something strange happens and the weather is all out of whack. Neil and Liz Maloney need to find out why and correct it, and fast! Middle school grades 5-8.
- hs **Rauch, Georg** *Unlikely Warrior* SO,CK
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 316p 17.99 978-0-374-30142-2
George Rauch was conscripted into the German Army in 1943 despite being a Mischlinge, a one quarter Jew. Beginning with his mobilization, the book continues with detailed descriptions of his life as a soldier. Presented chronologically, the factual information is combined with his emotions about the ever-present fear of death from the Russians, the weather, and lack of food and medicines.
- hs **Redgate, Riley** *Seven Ways We Lie* BG,CK
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2016 343p 17.95 978-1-4197-1944-8
Seven flawed high school students narrate the events begun when a rumour circulates of an affair between a student and a teacher in this cleverly knit together piece about the trials of adolescence and life in general.
- ms/hs **Reef, Catherine** *Noah Webster: Man Of Many Words* CK,HW
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2015 211p 18.99 978-0-544-12983-2
The life of Noah Webster, of dictionary fame, is described in detail, with a great deal of historical background information. He was a colorful and intellectual character who lived through the Revolutionary War and the birth of the new nation and was very influential.
- * ms/hs **Reynolds, Jason & Brendan** *All American Boys* CK,VM
Simon & Schuster/ Atheneum 2015 308p 17.99 978-1-4814-6333-1
A black teenage boy is brutally beaten by a police officer who misunderstands his actions, and an entire town is torn apart by opposing reactions to the situation. Meanwhile, a white boy witnesses the beating and must decide how to respond.
- elm/ms **Rockliff, Mara** *Mesmerized: how Ben Franklin solved a mystery that baffled all of France* SO,VM
Candlewick Press 2015 45p 17.99 9780763663513
Benjamin Franklin was asked by Louis XVI to evaluate the medical abilities of Dr. Franz Mesmer, creator of the theory of animal magnetism.
- ms **Roman, Dave & John Green** *Teen Boat: Race to Boatlantis* ED,CFM
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2015 150p 14.99 978-0-547-86563-8
TeenBoat (TB) is a yacht living as a teenage boy who transforms whenever his ears get wet. He is going through the ups and downs of high school like any normal teenage boy would. He has a crush, a best friend with a secret, a need to be popular and of course a new TeenBot who shows up at his school who is not quite a yacht himself, but a captain's chair.
- ms/hs **Rose, Judith Robbins** *Look both ways in the barrio blanca* VM,ED
Candlewick Press 2015 341P 16.99 9780763672355
Jacinta and her two sisters, American born Hispanic girls and their illegal immigrant parents struggle to face issues of deportation and eviction; meanwhile, as Jacinta is befriended by an American TV star that encourages Jacinta to follow her dreams and education; however, the relationship becomes strained as the dark realities set in.
- all ages **Rosen, Michael J.** *The Maine coon's haiku: and other poems for cat lovers* LM,SO
Random/Candlewick Press 2015 unp 17.99 9780763664923
A collection of Haiku poetry that reveals the magical moments of twenty popular cat breeds.
- elm/ms **Rosen, Michael J.** *Tale of rescue, The* JT,ED
Candlewick Press 2015 103p 14.99 9780763671679
A sheep dog rescues a family in a blizzard. Survival tale as well as the the intelligence and perseverance of dogs.

- ms/hs **Salisbury, Melinda** *The Sin Eaters Daughter* VM,BG
Scholastic Press 2015 312p 17.99 978-0-545-81062-3
The Sin Eater's daughter is Twylla who has been summoned by the queen, to the castle of Lormere because of her gift- that she can kill people by her touch, titled Daunen Embodied, and is destined to marry the prince.
- all ages **Sandler, Martin W.** *Iron rails, iron men and the race to link the nation: the Transcontinental Railroad* LF,LM
Candlewick Press 2015 211P 22.99 9780763665272
The creation of a railway that runs from coast to coast across the United States is the subject of this history.
- ms/hs **Sands, Kevin** *The Blackthorn Key* VM,SO
Simon & Schuster/ Aladdin 2015 384p 17.99 978-1-4814-4651-8
In 1665 London, Christopher Rowe, apprentice to apothecary Master Benedict Blackthorn, and best friend Tom search to find the Cult of the Archangel and save the world from destruction using the encrypted note left behind by his murdered master.
- all ages **Say, Allen** *The Inker's Shadow* SO,VM
Scholastic Press 2015 70p 19.99 978-0-545-43776-9
This companion book to Allen Say's *Drawing from Memory* continues the story of Say's life as an "autobiographical novel."
- * ms/hs **Schlitz, Laura Amy** *Hired Girl, The* CK,SO
Candlewick Press 2015 392p 17.99 978-0-7636-7818-0
In 1910, a young girl who has grown up on a Pennsylvania farm runs away from her abusive father and becomes a hired girl for a prominent Jewish family in Baltimore, although she aspires to become a teacher.
- * ms/hs **Schmatz, Pat** *Lizard radio* HW,LMN
Candlewick Press 2015 280P 16.99 9780763676353
In a near-future world, Kivali struggles with gender identity in this coming-of-age story.
- hs **Schreiber, Joe** *Con Academy* LMN,HW
Houghton Mifflin 2015 236P 17.99 978-0-544-32020-8
A con artist, Shea, cons his way into a private school. There he meets a fellow con artist and compete to see who is first to con the most powerful student on campus. Lots of plot surprises with enough humor along the way to make this memorable. Grades 8+
- elm/ms **Scott, Elaine** *Our Moon* LM,LMN
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2015 71p 18.99 978-0-547-48394-8
A comprehensive up-to-date book filled with illustrations and full color photographs about our nearest neighbor. It also includes new theories about how it was formed and the facts that support habitation of the moon.
- ms **Searles, Rachel** *The Stolen Moon* JT,VM
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2015 360p 15.99 978-1-250-03880-7
Sequel to the *Lost Planet*. Chase, Lilli and Parker are happily living hidden on a spaceship. During a war between two alien worlds, they are trapped on an alien moon and must save themselves and the spaceship. Grades 4-7
- hs/adult **Sedwick, Marcus** *The Ghosts of Heaven* LF,HW
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2015 359p 17.99 978-1-62672-125-8
Spirals (or helixes) connect four short stories ("Whispers in the Dark", "Witch in the Water", "Easiest Room in Hell", and "The Song of Destiny) in an exploration of discovery and survival across the centuries of mankind's existence.
- ms/hs **Selznick, Brian** *The Marvels* VM,HW
Scholastic Press 2015 665p 32.99 978-0-545-44868-0
Billy Marvel survives a shipwreck and finds work in a London theater featuring Shakespeare plays in which further generations perform as actors until 1900when young Leontes Marvel is banished from the theater, then the story flashes to 1990 where a different story emerges until the two stories collide.
- * ms/hs **Shakespeare, William** *Macbeth* SP,LM
Random/Candlewick Press 2015 146P 21.99 9780763669430
Shakespeare's Macbeth is illustrated in graphic novel format.
- * ms/hs **Sheinkin, Steve** *Most Dangerous* MS,CK
Macmillan/ Roaring Brook Press 2015 370p 19.99 978-1-59643-952-8
Ellsberg studied the Vietnam War up close when he went around the countryside taking pictures, interviewing locals and occasionally shooting Viet Cong. He entered the war a hawk, but quickly changed to dove. His subsequent release of the Pentagon Papers changed the course of history.
- hs **Sheinmel, Alyssa** *Faceless* BG,LMN
Scholastic Press 2015 341p 17.99 978-0-545-67601-4
After an electrical fire melts most of her face, Maisie is selected as a recipient for a pioneer face transplant surgery, allowing her to look normal, but as she quickly discovers, looks aren't everything.
- hs **Sheinmel, Courtney** *Edgewater* LMN,ED
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2015 317P 17.95 978-1-4197-1641-6
It is hard to reconcile the life of Lorrie who attends a posh private high school and summers at elite riding camps with the run down house where her sister and scatterbrained aunt live. Character driven plot with many surprises. Gr 8-12.
- * ms/hs **Sher, Emil** *Young Man With Camera* MS,CK
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2015 218p 17.99 978-0-545-54131-2
When "T", a budding young photographer, witnesses a killing of his homeless friend Lucy, he faces an adversary who will stop at nothing to frame T. That means that he will burn down a building, injure his own friend, kill a dog and maybe even kill a human to keep his crime hidden.
- elm/ms **Siy, Alexandra** *Spidermania : Friends on the Web* CFM,LM
Holiday House 2015 48p 17.95 978-0-8234-2871-7
"Debunking myths about spiders, this book takes an extremely close look at these intriguing creatures that have both fascinated and terrified humans."

- hs/adult **Smith, Amber** *The Way I Used To Be* MS,SQ,
Simon & Schuster/ McElderry 2016 384p 17.99 978-1-4814-4935-9
After Eden is raped by her brother's best friend, she struggles to cope alone. Throughout the high school year, she faces obstacles, new understandings about life post-rape and new relationships. Normalcy is not part of the equation.
- ms/hs **Smith, Roland** *The Edge* MS,JT
Houghton Mifflin 2015 238p 17.99 978-0-544-34122-7
In this sequel, young mountain climber, Peak Marcello, embarks on the adventure of a life time, this time, a climb which will be videotaped to draw the world's attention to the quest for peace. Peak encounters abduction and terrorism in the Hindu Kush Mountains of Afghanistan.
- * ms **Smith, Ronald L.** *Hoodoo* MS,ED
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2015 208p 16.99 978-0-544-44525-3
Hoodoo must figure out why the Stranger is trying to find him, how to protect his family from him and how to use the conjuring powers which his family suspects he possesses before it is too late.
- ms/hs **Starmer, Aaron** *The Whisper* JT,MS
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 361 16.99 978-0-374-36311-6
Book 2 in *the Riverman* series. Alistair has used Fiona's portal to Aquavania. It is not completely as she described it. The Creators are disappearing and the worlds are falling apart. Can he find the Riverman and the missing Creators?
- ms/hs **Swendson, Shanna** *Rebel Mechanics* LM,LMN
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 310p 17.99 978-0-374-30009-8
An young seventeen year old gets a job as a governess in a magical family She also falls in love with a rebel mechanic and wonders if "all is fair in love and revolution."
- * ms/hs **Tanner, Lian** *Icebreaker* LMN,LM
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2015 294p 16.99 978-1-250-05216-2
An icebreaker has been at sea for over 300 years after a war between anti-machinists and machinists. The young people on the ship become the leaders when a stranger is lifted off an iceberg onto the ship. Exciting adventure, thought provoking. Gr 5-8.
- elem **Tavares, Matt** *Growing up Pedro* CFM,VM
Random/Candlewick Press 2015 unp. 16.99 978-0-7636-6824-2
"An illustrated biography of Pedro Martinez that describes his childhood and how he became a famous baseball player."
- elm/ms **Tavares, Matt** *There goes Ted Williams: the greatest hitter who ever lived* HW,SO
Random/Candlewick Press 2015 48p 14.99 9780763676551
This is a picture book biography of baseball legend Ted Williams.
- elm/ms **Thomas, Peggy** *Thomas Jefferson Grows a Nation* CK,LM
Boyd's Mills/Calkins Creek 2015 unp 16.95 978-1-62091-628-5
In this picture biography of Thomas Jefferson, the emphasis is on his role as a farmer and a champion of farmers, and the ways he integrated that interest in his political activities.
- ms **Thomas, Shelley Moore** *Secrets of Selkie Bay* LM,BG
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 199p 15.99 978-0-374-36749-7
The Sullivan sisters' mother has disappeared. Readers will see how Cordie, the oldest, tries to help her family survive and investigate the belief that her mother became a selkie.
- ms/hs **Thrash, Maggie** *Honor girl* LF,LMN
Candlewick Press 2015 267P 19.99 9780763673826
Written and illustrated by the author, this debut memoir is her story of summers spent at camp, and her first love (in this case lesbian) that happened to take place at this camp one summer.
- ms/hs **Turner, Henry** *Ask the Dark* MD,TW
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2015 250p 17.99 978-0-544-30827-5
Billy became a hero overnight. It was by accident as he did not mean to get involved, it just kind of happened around him. This is his story.
- ms/jr **Valente, Catherynne M.** *The Boy Who Lost Fairyland* JT,VM
Macmillan/ Feiwel & Friends 2015 235p 16.99 978-1-250-02349-0
Fourth in the Fairyland series. This one didn't seem quite as far-fetched as the first two. A Troll who was sent to replace a boy snatched to fairyland manages to return and wants to set things straight. Grades 5 and up.
- ms/hs **Vivian, Siobhan** *The Last Boy and Girl in the World* MS,SQ,
Simon & Schuster/ 2016 320p 17.99 978-1-4814-5229-8
Keeley, along with her father, does not believe that Aberdeen must be sacrificed due to weather conditions that are threatening its citizens. Keeley forges ahead with a new relationship, unable to accept change in the midst of impending disaster.
- ms/hs **Walter, Jon** *My Name Is Not Friday* CK,LF
Scholastic Press 2016 368 18.99 978-0-545-85522-8
During the Civil War, a free-born Black boy living in an orphanage is sold into slavery and must find his way to freedom and his brother.
- ms/hs **Walters, Eric** *Fight for Power (The Rule of Three)* LM,LMN
Macmillan/Farrar Strauss 2015 346p 17.99 978-0-374-30179-8
This is the third book in the Rule of Three series. The concerns a world that has lost its power. Adam and his fortified neighborhood find that survival and security are not an easy task.
- elm/ms **Weatherford, Carole Boston** *Voice of Freedom, Fannie Lou Hamer: Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* CK,ED
Candlewick Press 2015 45p 17.99 978-0-7636-6531-9
This picture book of poems about the life of Civil Rights icon Fannie Lou Hamer is a historical work, teaching today's youngsters about the movement and its leaders, with gorgeous illustrations.

- * elm/ms **Webster, Ellen Emerson** *Webster: A Tale of An Outlaw* JT,VM
Simon & Schuster/ Aladdin 2015 256p 16.99 978-1-4814-2201-7
Webster is a black Labrador Retriever, a shelter dog, who has had it with people. He plans to make it on his own without friends. At a new shelter, his plans backfire. Can a loner find a home? Grades 3-7
- elm/ms **Wells, Marcia** *Eddie Red Undercover Mystery in Mayan Mexico* JT,CK
Houghton Mifflin/ Harcourt 2015 203p 16.99 978-0-544-30206-8
Second Eddie Red story. He and Jonah with the help of some locals solves a mystery of Mayan gold stolen thirty years ago.
- ms/hs **Westerfield, Scott, Margo** *Zeroes: Every Power Has a Price* JT,HW
Simon & Schuster/ Simon Pulse 2015 560p 19.99 978-1-4814-4336-4
This is a new title or possibly the start of a new series. Each teen character born in the year 2000, has a superpower. They learn to work together to accomplish good works.
- all ages **Wicks, Maris** *Human Body Theater* LM,CFM
Macmillan/ First Second 2015 233p 19.99 978-1-62672-277-4
This book explains the skeleton and its related systems in a colorful and easy to understand nonfiction graphic book.
- ms **Wiechman, Kathy Cannon** *Like A River* MS,VM
Calkins Creek (Boyd's Mills) 2015 336p 17.95 978-1-62979-209-5
When Leander signs up to become a Union soldier, he learns the hard way that as a young teen, he isn't mature enough for war. He accidentally blows off his arm, and it is while he is hospitalized that he meets someone who will change his life forever.
- ms **Williams, Marcia** *Les Miserables* SO,LM
Random/Candlewick Press 2014 unpag 17.99 9780763674762
Marcia Williams does an excellent job making Hugo's massive classic accessible to middle school readers. This easy-to-read adaptation is guaranteed to hook young readers not yet ready to tackle the original.
- hs **Winters, Cat** *The Steep & Thorny Way* BG,VM
Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2016 321p 17.95 978-1-4197-1915-8
Hanalee a biracial girl living in a bigoted town must find a way to balance doing what is right and what is legal as she seeks to avenge her father's murder and assist an unlikely companion in escaping persecution from the Ku Klux Klan.
- ms/hs **Wiviott, Meg** *Paper Hearts* SP,ED
Simon & Schuster/ McElderry 2015 368p 17.99 978-1-4814-3983-1
Fictionalized account of girls who become friends in the Auschwitz death camp and the risks that they take to make a simple paper birthday card for one member of their group.
- ms/hs **Wynne-Jones, Tim** *Emperor of any place, The* VM,HW
Candlewick Press 2015 324p 17.99 9780763669737
When Evan's father dies suddenly, he finds a strange yellow book that his father was reading when he died and is compelled to read it and unlock the mysteries it reveals about his now visiting estranged grandfather and his involvement in World War II.
- hs **Yee, Lisa** *The Kidney Hypothetical or How to Ruin Your Life in Seven Days* LMN,VM
Scholastic/Arthur Levine 2015 266p 17.99 978-0-545-23094-0
Higg Bing is on track to be valedictorian, Best Senior, and excels in sports. When he refuses to answer a hypothetical question from his girlfriend, he becomes a social pariah. Can he survive, and does he really want to go to Harvard? Gr 8-11.
- ms **Zimmerman, Virginia** *The Rosemary Spell* SO,VM
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2015 273p 16.99 978-0-544-44537-6
This is engaging suspenseful, well-written fiction with excellent characterizations and a well-paced plot. It will draw the readers into a world that mixes the power of friendship, Shakespeare's magic, and the power found in words.

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elm/ms **A True Book (Sch/Childrens)** ALL
 Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2015 48p 29.00

The series is very good and the photographs are excellent. The writing is accessible and clear and it flows smoothly. In addition, there are charts, lists of incredible statistics, good glossaries, lists of resources, and indexes. The presence of the "True/False" feature may appeal to some students as well.

A True Book *A True Book: Amazing Animals* *A True Book: Biographies*
A True Book: Extreme Places *A True Book: Health*

ms **A Wicked History (Sch/Watts)** VM,MS,ED,SP
 Scholastic/ Watts 2016 166p 31.00

There are currently 25 books in this series. They offer powerfully written and well-organized books about famous "wicked" leaders. The support features provided are numerous, not limited to pictures, maps, timelines, discussion questions and project ideas. The exception is *Julius Caesar: Dictator for Life*, as it was extremely dull in comparison to the other books in this series.

Hannibal: Rome's Worst Nightmare *Attila The Hun: Leader of the Barbarian Hordes*
Alexander The Great: Master of the Ancient World *Julius Caesar: Dictator for Life*

ms **Calling All Innovators (Sch/ChPress)** SO,LMN,SP,VM,
 Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2015 64p 30.00

Calling All Innovators series highlights the careers in science, technology, engineering and math that are changing the world today. Twelve titles currently available. There are currently 43 titles in this very informative and well-presented series addressing a large variety of topics and career opportunities.

Food Engineering *Apps* *Deep-Sea Exploration* *Robotics* *Air Travel*
High-Speed Trains *Wind, Solar, & Geothermal Power* *Internet Security*

ms/hs **Enchantment of the World(Sch/Childrens)*#5** ALL
 Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2015 144p 40.00

Enchantment of the World provides up-to-date books about various countries. These books include current 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.

Jamaica *Liberia* *Argentina* *Morocco* *Kenya* *Malaysia*
Ukraine *Hong Kong* *South Korea* *Indonesia* *The Netherlands*

elm/ms **Nature's Children (Sch/Childrens)** ALL
 Scholastic/ Childrens Press 2016 48p 28.00

Adding still more 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.

Black Mambas *Scorpions* *Rattlesnakes* *Aardvarks* *Hedgehogs* *Moose*
Sloths *Lice* *Leeches* *Otters* *Falcons* *Camels*

elm/ms **You Wouldn't Want (Sch/Watts)** ALL
 Scholastic/ Watts 2015 34p 29.00

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

You Wouldn't Want to be..... *You Wouldn't Want to*