

# Capitol Choices

## Noteworthy Books for Children and Teens

### 1998 Books for Ages Up to Seven

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#### ***10 MINUTES TILL BEDTIME***

by Peggy Rathmann

Putnam; ISBN: 039923103X; \$16.99;

The more you look, the more you see as father counts down the minutes till bedtime while, under his oblivious nose, hamsters converge on the house for a madcap tour conducted by a child who isn't quite ready for bed.



#### ***AND IF THE MOON COULD TALK***

by Kate Banks

illustrated by Georg Hallensleben

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374302995; \$15;

Softly daubed, richly textured, and boldly colored illustrations accompany a poetic text, evoking a wide variety of scenes, each washed by the moon's gentle light.

#### ***CAROL OF THE BROWN KING: NATIVITY POEMS***

by Langston Hughes

illustrated by Ashley Bryan

Atheneum; ISBN: 0689818777; \$16;

Five poems by Langston Hughes (and one translated from Spanish) combine with luminous paintings to present the First Christmas from various points of view: brown-skinned Nativities, radiant with joy.

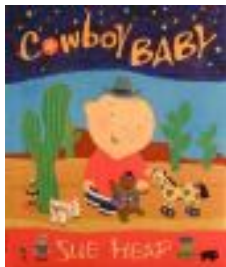
#### ***CIRCLE DOGS***

by Kevin Henkes

illustrated by Dan Yaccarino

Greenwillow; ISBN: 0688154468; \$15;

Follow two frisky dachshunds as they explore the many circles in their big square house. Both the gentle humor of the stylized illustrations and the onomatopoeic text pay homage to Margaret Wise Brown's "Noisy" books of the 1940s.



### ***COWBOY BABY***

by Sue Heap

Candlewick; ISBN: 0763604372; \$15.99;

Sheriff Pa says it's time for bed, but Cowboy Baby can't sleep without Texas Ted, Denver Dog, and Hank the Horse! A playful text and bold, colorful illustrations make this a warm, wonderful read aloud.



### ***DANCE***

by Bill T. Jones

photographed by Susan Kuklin

Hyperion; ISBN: 0786803622; \$14.95;

Kuklin's crisp photographs elegantly capture Jones's graceful movements as he explores the joys of dance.

### ***ELIZABETI'S DOLL***

by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

illustrated by Christy Hale

Lee & Low Books; ISBN: 1880000709; \$15.95;

Elizabeti cares for her well-behaved rock-baby, Eva, with the same loving attention her mother shows her not-so-wonderful baby brother, in this story set in Tanzania. Children from all cultures will identify with this story of sibling angst and a cherished toy lost and found.

### ***GUS AND GRANDPA AT THE HOSPITAL***

by Claudia Mills

illustrated by Catherine Stock

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374328277; \$13;

### ***GUS AND GRANDPA RIDE THE TRAIN***

by Claudia Mills

illustrated by Catherine Stock

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374328269; \$13;



### ***HERE COMES THE TRAIN***

by Charlotte Voake

Candlewick; ISBN: 0763604380; \$15.99;

Bells, lights, whistles—and whoosh!—the train rushes by while William and his family wave from the bridge above. Now they'll watch for the next one. What fun!

### ***I LOST MY BEAR***

by Jules Feiffer

William Morrow & Company; ISBN: 0688151477; \$16;

A funny, believable story of the loss and recovery of a beloved toy. Quirky line drawings reflect a child's perspective, and backgrounds that vary from busy to blank perfectly reflect this familiar situation.

### ***I NEED A SNAKE***

by Lynne Jonell

illustrated by Petra Mathers

Putnam; ISBN: 0399231765; \$12.99;

Robbie needs a snake—now. Mommy says snakes are scary. Mommy says he must wait, but Robbie can't, so he finds some "snakes" that even Mommy agrees will make good pets.

### ***LITTLE CLAM***

by Lynn Reiser

Greenwillow; ISBN: 0688159087; \$15;

Little clams, like little children, don't always heed the voice of caution. Reiser's detailed lines and jewel-toned watercolors add the perfect whimsical dimension to this cautionary tale of bivalve misbehavior.

### ***LOUD EMILY***

by Alexis O'Neill

illustrated by Nancy Carpenter

Simon & Schuster; ISBN: 0689810784; \$16;

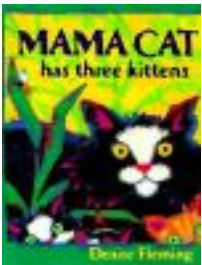
Born with a voice loud enough to shatter plates, young Emily finally finds her niche as a substitute lighthouse, warning ships away from the rocks. Carpenter's oil illustrations in the style of early 19th century folk art add to the humor.

### ***MAMA CAT HAS THREE KITTENS***

by Denise Fleming

Henry Holt; ISBN: 0805057455; \$15.95;

One sleepy kitten plus one well-timed pounce combine to make one delightful story. Fleming's signature illustrations vibrate with color and energy.

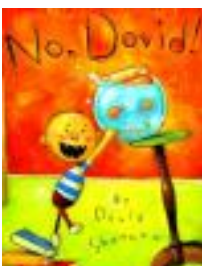


### ***NO, DAVID!***

by David Shannon

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590930028; \$14.95;

While his mother cries, "No, David," at every misdeed, children will find it hilarious when David plays with his food, picks his nose, and runs naked down the street.



### ***ON RAMÓN'S FARM: FIVE TALES OF MEXICO***

by Campbell Geeslin

illustrated by Petra Mathers

Atheneum; ISBN: 0689811349; \$16;

Young Ramón makes up funny rhymes as he tends each animal on the farm. A charming combination of Spanish and English, brightened by watercolor illustrations.

### ***OUCH!: A TALE FROM GRIMM***

by Natalie Babbitt

illustrated by Fred Marcellino

HarperCollins; ISBN: 0062050664; \$14.95;

The devil's grandmother helps Marco win the princess's hand in a story told with witty economy and illustrated with sly humor.

### ***PETE'S A PIZZA***

by William Steig

HarperCollins; ISBN: 0062051571; \$13.95;

To cheer him up, Pete's parents turn him into a pizza. Everyone that reads this book will want to play this silly game.

### ***SIMPLE GIFTS: A SHAKER HYMN***

illustrated by Chris Raschka

Henry Holt; ISBN: 0805051430; \$15.95;

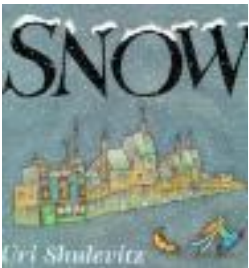
Thickly textured lines carve simple shapes out of pages washed with color, reflecting the lively circle dances that originally accompanied this 19th century Shaker hymn.

### ***SNOW***

by Uri Shulevitz

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374370923; \$16;

"Circling and swirling, spinning and twirling," snow arrives, driving the dour, disbelieving adults of the town indoors and releasing an ecstatic young boy to dance in a blanket of white.



### ***TELLING TIME WITH BIG MAMA CAT***

by Campbell Geeslin

illustrated by Barry Moser and Cara Moser

Harcourt Brace; ISBN: 0152017380; \$15;

A sturdy fold-out clock will keep little hands busy as little ears follow the story of Big Mama Cat's busy day: scratching the sofa, napping, stealing the dog's food, napping. Cloudy, deeply hued watercolors capture every nuance of feline attitude—and aptitude for trouble.



### ***THE CIRCLE OF DAYS***

by Reeve Lindbergh

illustrated by Cathie Felstead

Candlewick; ISBN: 0763603570; \$15.99;

Francis of Assisi's prayer of praise for all creation is gracefully extended through stunning watercolor and collage illustrations.



### ***THE GINGERBREAD MAN***

by Jim Aylesworth

illustrated by Barbara McClintock

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590972197; \$15.95;

"No, no! I won't come back! I'd rather run than be your snack!" This delightful retelling of an old favorite is sure to get little ones giggling.

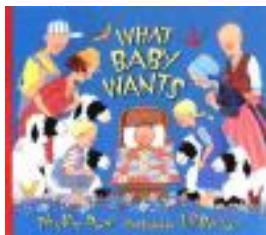
### ***THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT***

by Edward Lear

illustrated by James Marshall

HarperCollins; ISBN: 0062050109; \$15.95;

Lear's love story has never been portrayed with more affectionate humor than in Marshall's loosely drawn watercolors.



### ***WHAT BABY WANTS***

by Phyllis Root

illustrated by Jill Barton

Candlewick; ISBN: 0763602078; \$15.99;

While Mama naps, the kitchen fills with family and barnyard animals—all trying to soothe an unhappy Baby. But only Little Brother knows what Baby really wants. Silly sound effects make this a charming story to read aloud.

### ***WHAT MOMMIES DO BEST, WHAT DADDIES DO BEST***

by Laura Joffe Numeroff

illustrated by Lynn Munsinger

Simon & Schuster; ISBN: 0689805772; \$13;

From porcupine moms to alligator dads, Munsinger's expressive illustrations show that loving families have little to do with how we look and lots to do with how we care for one another.

### ***ZELDA AND IVY***

by Laura McGee Kvasnosky

Candlewick; ISBN: 0763604690; \$15.99;

Whether the fox girls are playing circus or movie stars, Ivy's bossy big sister, Zelda, is always in charge—until the day her "magic fairy dust" scheme backfires.

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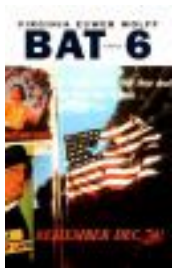


#### ***A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO***

by Richard Peck

Dial; ISBN: 0803722907; \$15.99;

Credible, empathetic and surprisingly contemporary characters for 1929 populate the small town where Joey and Mary Alice visit their grandmother each summer.



#### ***BAT 6***

by Virginia Euwer Wolff

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590897993; \$16.95;

In 1949 Oregon, two sixth-grade girls, one Japanese-American and one whose father was killed at Pearl Harbor, are on a collision course as their softball teams prepare to compete.

#### ***BE NOT FAR FROM ME: THE OLDEST LOVE STORY: LEGENDS FROM THE BIBLE***

by Eric A. Kimmel

Simon & Schuster; ISBN: 0689810881; \$25;

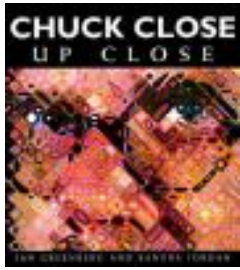
Stately but approachable stories from the Old Testament and Midrash, paired with powerful cut-paper and watercolor illustrations, speak of God's love for his people.

#### ***BODIES FROM THE BOG***

by James M. Deem

Houghton Mifflin; ISBN: 0395857848; \$16;

The bogs of Northern Europe yield up pre-served bodies and skeletons of early residents, giving scientists clues to the deaths they suffered and the lives they led. Grim but absorbing photographs inform the text.



### ***CHUCK CLOSE, UP CLOSE***

by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

DK Ink; ISBN: 078942486X; \$19.95;

This book can be enjoyed as a biography, a study of modern portraiture, an inspiring tale of obstacles overcome, or a piece of art history.



### ***CLOCKWORK: OR ALL WOUND UP***

by Philip Pullman

Arthur A. Levine; ISBN: 0590129996; \$14.95;

Long ago in Germany there lived an apprentice clockmaker, a writer of scary tales, an innkeeper's daughter, a prince with a mechanical heart, a clockwork knight with murderous tendencies, and a nefarious doctor. Pullman sets the characters in motion to create a tale of chilling suspense that fits together like clockwork.



### ***CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: EXPLORING THE UNIVERSE WITH THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE***

by Elaine Scott

Hyperion; ISBN: 0786801476; \$16.95;

Looking through the Hubble Telescope is "like being in Washington, D. C., and seeing the light from a firefly in Tokyo, Japan."

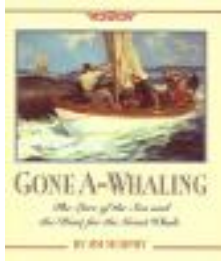


### ***FIRE, BED & BONE***

by Henrietta Branford

Candlewick; ISBN: 0763603384; \$16.99;

Set in 1381, this is the story of "old dog," a faithful companion and skilled hunter. Through her keen senses and loyal heart, readers experience the joys and sorrows of life during England's Peasants' Revolt.



### ***GONE A-WHALING: THE LURE OF THE SEA AND THE HUNT FOR THE GREAT WHALE***

by Jim Murphy

Clarion; ISBN: 0395698472; \$18;

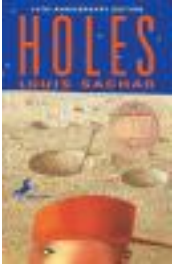
Letters and diaries of young cabin boys and deck hands inform this story of the dangerous life aboard old-time whaling ships. Photos, drawings, and facts about whales expand the historical record.

## ***HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE***

by J. K. Rowling

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590353403; \$16.95;

When orphaned Harry Potter receives his acceptance letter to the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, he is propelled into his own enchanted destiny as the foe of the evil wizard Voldemort.



## ***HOLES***

by Louis Sachar

ISBN: 0440414806; \$16;

Stanley's family has been cursed with bad luck for generations, so he is not surprised when, innocent of crime, he is sent to a juvenile correction camp in a Texas desert and forced to dig one deep hole after another. A mystery grim and grimy, but humorous, too.

## ***I AM MORDRED: A TALE FROM CAMELOT***

by Nancy Springer

Philomel; ISBN: 0399231439; \$16.99;

From his first words, "When I was a baby my father tried to kill me," Mordred wins our compassion, and we empathize with his desire to be brave, good, and acknowledged by his father, in this sympathetic look at one of the most vilified characters in literature.



## ***I SEE THE RHYTHM***

by Toyomi Igus

illustrated by Michele Wood

Children's Book Press; ISBN: 0892391510; \$15.95;

Vibrant poems and stunning pictures res-onate with the passion of African American music from blues, jazz, and funk all the way to hip-hop.

## ***IF YOU ONLY KNEW***

by Rachel Vail

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590033700; \$14.95;

(The Friendship Ring Series) Readers will think they are eavesdropping as Vail uses her perfect ear for dialogue to record the ups and downs of three seventh-grade girls. Friends, family, school, and boys are the subjects in this fast and funny series with wide appeal. Really.

## ***JAZMIN'S NOTEBOOK***

by Nikki Grimes

Dial; ISBN: 0803722249; \$15.99;

Jazmin, a streetwise survivor in 1960s Harlem, chronicles the ups and downs of her eventful life through her journal and poems.

### ***JOAN OF ARC***

by Diane Stanley

William Morrow & Company; ISBN: 0688143296; \$16;

An engrossing text based on detailed research combines splendidly with illustrations that echo medieval illuminated manuscripts in this chronicle of "the maid's" life.

### ***LACROSSE: THE NATIONAL GAME OF THE IROQUOIS***

by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith

photographed by Lawrence Migdale

Holiday House; ISBN: 0823413608; \$16.95;

The Iroquois Nation invented the game of lacrosse and still plays it today. How to play the game, its history and that of the Iroquois, even how to make a wooden "stick" by hand are all revealed in this photo-essay featuring a lacrosse-playing family.

### ***LET MY PEOPLE GO: BIBLE STORIES TOLD BY A FREEMAN OF COLOR***

by Patricia McKissack and Fredrick McKissack

Atheneum; ISBN: 0689808569; \$20;

Biblical stories parallel and illuminate the lives of African Americans as they confront the evils of slavery. Ransome's compelling paintings portray a diverse world.

### ***LISTENING FOR LEROY***

by Betsy Gould Hearne

Margaret McElderry; ISBN: 0689822189; \$16;

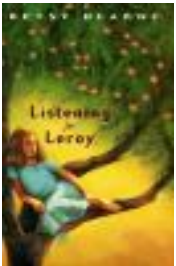
Growing up in rural Alabama, Alice finds her only friends among adults, both black and white. This haunting story about race, friendship, and loneliness is distinguished by crystalline writing accessible to a wide audience.

### ***MAKING UP MEGABOY***

by Virginia Walter

DK Ink; ISBN: 0789424886; \$16.95;

A dark book about a dark subject: the murder of a convenience store owner by a boy that no one really knows. A collage of view-points that offers no answers but demands discussion.





### ***NO PRETTY PICTURES: A CHILD OF WAR***

by Anita Lobel

Greenwillow; ISBN: 0688159354; \$16;

Out of the fragments of a war-torn child-hood, artist Anita Lobel crafts a portrait of herself: a Polish Jew whose life was shaped in equal measure by cruelty and compassion.

### ***NOT THAT I CARE***

by Rachel Vail

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590034766; \$14.95;

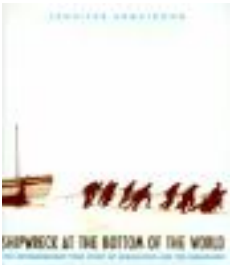
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### ***PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE***

by Rachel Vail

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590003275; \$14.95;

(The Friendship Ring Series) Readers will think they are eavesdropping as Vail uses her perfect ear for dialogue to record the ups and downs of three seventh-grade girls. Friends, family, school, and boys are the subjects in this fast and funny series with wide appeal. Really.



### ***SHIPWRECK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD: THE EXTRAORDINARY TRUE STORY OF SHACKLETON AND THE ENDURANCE***

by Jennifer Armstrong

Crown; ISBN: 0517800136; \$18;

A gripping, true tale of survival in Antarctica against incredible odds, with revealing photos by the expedition photographer.

### ***THE OTHER SHEPARDS***

by Adele Griffin

Hyperion; ISBN: 0786804238; \$14.95;

The lives of Holland and Geneva Shepard are haunted by three older siblings who died tragically before the girls were born. Mystery, adventure, hope, and humor are wrapped in eloquent language and revealed in passionate characters.



### ***THE PIRATE'S SON***

by Geraldine McCaughrean

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590203444; \$16.95;

Nathan and his prim sister, Maud, are rescued from poverty by schoolmate Tamo White and whisked off to a swashbuckling life awash in cruel misdeeds, heroic adventure, and the spicy scent of life in tropical lands.

### ***THE SECRET LIFE OF AMANDA K. WOODS***

by Ann Cameron

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374367027; \$16;

Twelve-year-old Amanda, who lives in the shadow of her beautiful older sister, seems unable to live up to her mother's expectations. With the help of her father, a new friend, and her growing self-confidence, Amanda shows everyone how remarkable she really is.

### ***THE SQUIRE'S TALE***

by Gerald Morris

Houghton Mifflin; ISBN: 0395869595; \$15;

In a tale full of magic and humor, Morris tells of orphaned Terence and the strange knight known as Gawain, who takes him on as his squire. A fresh, whimsical retelling of bits of Arthurian lore.

### ***THE WATERTOWER***

by Gary Crew

illustrated by Steven Woolman

Crocodile; ISBN: 1566562333; \$14.95;

What really happens when Bubba and Spike descend into the murky depths of the watertower? Eerie illustrations and a subtle sinister plot make this a spine-tingling picture book for older readers.

### ***THE WILD KID***

by Harry Mazer

Simon & Schuster; ISBN: 0689807511; \$15;

Sammy, a boy with mild Down's Syndrome, runs away from home and stumbles on Kevin, a "wild boy" who lives alone in the woods. The two form an unlikely bond that helps Sammy realize his capabilities.



## **THE WRECKERS**

by Iain Lawrence

Browndeer; ISBN: 0385325355; \$15.95;

A shipwreck casts 14-year-old John Spencer, nearly dead, on a Cornish beach where men lie in wait to kill any survivors, hoping to salvage the gold thought to be on board. And that's just the first adventure.

## **WHILE NO ONE WAS WATCHING**

by Jane Leslie Conly

Henry Holt; ISBN: 0805039341; \$16.95;

The paths of five unforgettable children reach a life-altering intersection when a father leaves town to find work, an aunt vanishes, and two bicycles plus a rabbit are stolen.

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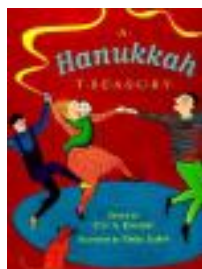
### ***A HANDFUL OF BEANS: SIX FAIRY TALES***

by Jeanne Steig

illustrated by William Steig

HarperCollins; ISBN: 0062051628; \$17.95;

This collection of six traditional fairy tales is much more than a handful of entertainment, with its droll text and humorous illustrations. Don't let the small size deceive you—this book packs a big dose of fun.



### ***A HANUKKAH TREASURY***

illustrated by Emily Lisker

edited by Eric A. Kimmel

Henry Holt; ISBN: 0805052933; \$19.95;

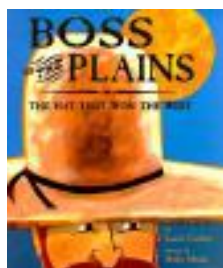
A collection of stories, songs, history, poetry, and games for the Festival of Lights. There's enough here to bring delight for more than eight nights.

### ***BEAUTIFUL WARRIOR: THE LEGEND OF THE NUN'S KUNG FU***

by Emily Arnold McCully

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590374877; \$16.95;

A young girl's life is transformed by her study of kung fu with a remarkable Buddhist nun in 17th century China. Watercolor illustrations evoke Oriental brush painting.



### ***BOSS OF THE PLAINS: THE HAT THAT WON THE WEST***

by Laurie Carlson

illustrated by Holly Meade

DK Ink; ISBN: 0789424797; \$16.95;

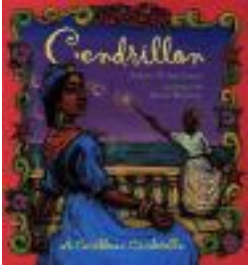
From indispensable trail apparel to fashion statement: all you ever wanted to know about the Stetson.

## ***BRAVO, ZAN ANGELO!: A COMMEDIA DELL'ARTE TALE WITH STORY AND PICTURES***

by Niki Daly

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374309531; \$16;

With his cock-a-doodling impersonation of a little red rooster, a small boy steals the commedia dell'arte show from his actor grandfather. A delightful melding of lively story and pictures full of drama and emotion.



## ***CENDRILLON: A CARIBBEAN CINDERELLA***

by Daniel San Souci

illustrated by J. Brian Pinkney

Simon & Schuster; ISBN: 068980668X; \$16;

This most famous of fairy tales is "truthfully" retold by Cendrillon's godmother. Rich language combined with colorful scratch-board illustrations gracefully depict Caribbean culture.

## ***DUKE ELLINGTON: THE PIANO PRINCE AND HIS ORCHESTRA***

by Andrea Davis Pinkney

illustrated by Brian Pinkney

Hyperion; ISBN: 0786821507; \$16.49;

This picture book biography of the great jazz musician and his "hot-battered bop" paints word pictures that echo the rhythm of Ellington's music, while Pinkney's scratchboard illustrations swirl and swoop over every page.

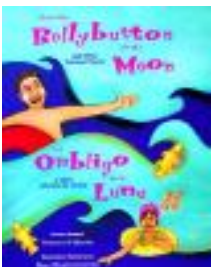
## ***FIRE!***

by Joy Masoff

photographed by Jack Reznicki and Barry D. Smith

Scholastic; ISBN: 0590978721; \$16.95;

This slim yet exhaustive oversize volume is filled with action photos of firefighters, smoke jumpers, emergency medical technicians, and fire detectives at work.



## ***FROM THE BELLYBUTTON OF THE MOON AND OTHER SUMMER POEMS***

by Francisco X. Alarcón

illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez

Children's Book Press; ISBN: 0892391537; \$15.95;

Bold and richly colored illustrations highlight 22 exuberant bilingual poems in a sunny celebration of the author's childhood summers in Mexico.

### ***INSECTLOPEDIA: POEMS AND PAINTINGS***

by Douglas Florian

Harcourt Brace; ISBN: 0152013067; \$16;

"You don't need tickets/ To listen to crick-ets..." Twenty-one inventive poems about spiders and insects illustrated in buggy watercolor by the author.

### ***JOAN OF ARC***

by Josephine Poole

illustrated by Angela Barrett

Knopf; ISBN: 0679890416; \$18;

The simple, evocative language of this account of the maid from Domremy will enthrall younger readers, as will Barrett's illustrations—both pastoral and celestial— which complement the drama of Joan's life.

### ***KIDS KNITTING: PROJECTS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES***

by Melanie D. Falick

Artisan; ISBN: 1885183763; \$17.95;

Bright photos and colorful drawings enhance clear, complete instructions for making tube socks, beanbags, puppets, sweaters, and even knitting needles.

### ***LUCY DOVE***

by Janice Del Negro

illustrated by Leonid Gore

DK Ink; ISBN: 0789425149; \$16.95;

Moonlight...bags of gold...churchyards... and ghostly goings-on: this spooky tale is ripe for reading aloud.

### ***MAGIC WORDS***

by Edward Field

illustrated by Stefano Vitale

Gulliver; ISBN: 0152014985; \$17;

Luminous illustrations done on bark, stone, and wood bring to life the elegant poetry based on Inuit creation stories.

### ***MARY ON HORSEBACK: THREE MOUNTAIN STORIES***

by Rosemary Wells

illustrated by Peter McCarty

Dial; ISBN: 0803721544; \$16.99;

Three poignant stories, at once inspirational and informative, present portraits of the indomitable Mary Breckinridge, founder of the Frontier Nursing Service, and of the harsh life of 1920s Appalachia.

### ***MY FREEDOM TRIP: A CHILD'S ESCAPE FROM NORTH KOREA***

by Frances Park and Ginger Park

illustrated by Debra Reid Jenkins

Boyd's Mills; ISBN: 1563974681; \$15.95;

Fleeing to freedom in South Korea, a guide leads little Soo and her father across the river, but her mother never escapes. A tale filled with joy and anguish.

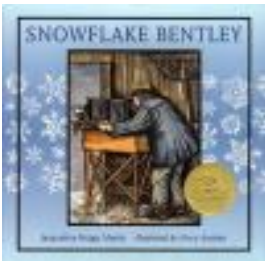
### ***RIDING FREEDOM***

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

illustrated by Brian Selznick

ISBN: 059095766X; \$15.95;

A lively biographical novel describes the unconventional life of Charlotte Parkhurst, who ran away from an orphanage, disguised herself as a boy, and went out west to become the first woman stagecoach driver.



### ***SNOWFLAKE BENTLEY***

by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

illustrated by Mary Azarian

Houghton Mifflin; ISBN: 0395861624; \$16;

The story of a Vermont dairy farmer whose passion for photographing snowflakes turned a lifelong hobby into scientific discovery. Handtinted woodcuts enhance this intriguing biography.

### ***THE SECRET KNOWLEDGE OF GROWN-UPS***

by David Wisniewski

Lothrop Lee & Shepard; ISBN: 0688153399; \$16;

Wisniewski reveals a few of the secrets adults never tell children. Cut-paper illustrations accompany a witty, irreverent text that will make kids wonder just what else they haven't been told!

### ***THE WILD BOY***

by Mordicai Gerstein

Farrar, Straus & Giroux; ISBN: 0374384312; \$16;

A beautifully simple retelling of the story of the Wild Boy of Aveyron, whose touching transformation from animal to boy shows the power of patience and love.

## ***TOUCHING THE DISTANCE: NATIVE AMERICAN RIDDLE-POEMS***

by Brian Swann

illustrated by Maria Rendon

Harcourt Brace; ISBN: 0152008047; \$16;

What "looks like a star in the water?" Vivid mixed-media constructions illustrate and reveal the answers to this and 13 more traditional riddles.

## ***WALTER WICK'S OPTICAL TRICKS***

by Walter Wick

Cartwheel; ISBN: 0590222279; \$13.95;

Even the covers of this fascinating book are lessons in deception. From the creator of the "I Spy" series: 15 impeccably photographed illustrations to baffle the eye and engage the imagination.

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## Noteworthy Books for Children and Teens

### 1998 Books for Ages Fourteen and Up

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#### ***DARK LORD OF DERKHOLM***

by Diana Wynne Jones

Greenwillow; ISBN: 0688160042; \$16;

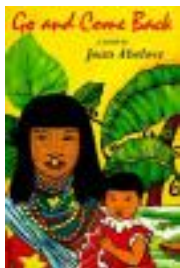
In this inventive fantasy, Wynne Jones tells of a magical world invaded each year by off-world Pilgrim Parties who participate in orchestrated battles between the powers of good and evil.

#### ***GO AND COME BACK: A NOVEL***

by Joan Abelove

DK Ink; ISBN: 0789424762; \$16.95;

By turns funny and poignant, this unusual novel explores life in an Amazon rainforest village from the point of view of a local teenager observing two visiting anthropologists.

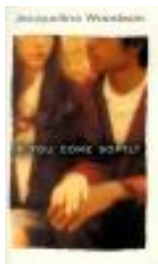


#### ***IF YOU COME SOFTLY***

by Jacqueline Woodson

ISBN: 0698118626; \$15.99;

Kindred spirits, Ellie and Miah find a peaceful closeness in their love for each other. Their only obstacle is the judgment of their families and the world at large because they are different races.



#### ***IN A DARK WOOD***

by Michael Cadnum

Orchard; ISBN: 0531300714; \$17.95;

Geoffrey, sheriff of Nottingham, comes to respect Robin Hood, who challenges the sense of duty that has been ingrained in Geoffrey since his childhood.



### ***MARTHA GRAHAM: A DANCER'S LIFE***

by Russell Freedman

Clarion; ISBN: 0395746558; \$18;

This biography of one of the founders of modern dance—a woman who lived a passionate, single-minded life will fascinate all who love the subject or have a dream of their own to follow. Black and white photos are full of movement and emotion.

### ***NO MORE STRANGERS NOW: YOUNG VOICES FROM A NEW SOUTH***

interviewed by Timothy McKee

DK Ink; ISBN: 0789425246; \$19.95;

Great hope and grim realism combine in these interviews with South African teens from both sides of the social and racial divide, leaving the reader with a compelling wish for a better world for all of these young people.



### ***RESTLESS SPIRIT: THE LIFE AND WORK OF DOROTHEA LANGE***

by Elizabeth Partridge

Viking; ISBN: 067087888X; \$19.99;

The life of the photographer best known for her moving portraits of people in the Dust Bowl is brought to life through photographs and entries from her letters, journals, and interviews. A beautifully produced book about a gifted and complicated woman.

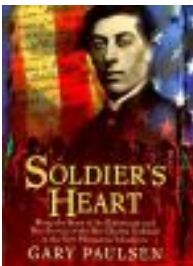


### ***SMACK***

by Melvin Burgess

ISBN: 080505801X; \$16.95;

Two teenagers discover heroin and do whatever it takes to get a fix in this wrenching novel that ends on a small note of hope.

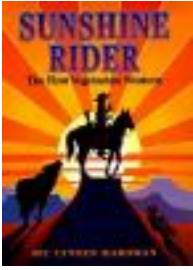


### ***SOLDIER'S HEART: BEING THE STORY OF THE ENLISTMENT AND DUE SERVICE OF THE BOY CHARLEY GODDARD IN THE FIRST MINNESOTA VOLUNTEERS***

by Gary Paulsen

Delacorte; ISBN: 0385324987; \$15.95;

The mental and physical horrors of the Civil War, which leave one 15-year-old boy forever changed, are described in spare prose.



### ***SUNSHINE RIDER: THE FIRST VEGETARIAN WESTERN***

by Ric Lynden Hardman

Bantam Doubleday Dell; ISBN: 0385325436; \$15.95;

You don't have to be a vegetarian or a cowboy to enjoy the laugh-out-loud adventures of 17-year-old Wylie Jackson, assistant cook on a cattle drive from Texas to Kansas in 1881. Recipes from the trail add to the fun.

### ***THE SPACE BETWEEN OUR FOOT-STEPS: POEMS AND PAINTINGS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST***

edited by Naomi Shihab Nye

Simon & Schuster; ISBN: 0689812337; \$19.95;

Palestinian-American Nye assembles a collection of poetry and art to be savored bit by bit, a "wide, delicious feast" of the Middle Eastern experience.

### ***THERE'S A HAIR IN MY DIRT!: A WORM'S STORY***

by Gary Larson

HarperCollins; ISBN: 006019104X; \$15.95;

The "Far Side" cartoonist presents a look at biology from the bottom of the food chain—worm's eye level.

### ***WAR AND THE PITY OF WAR***

edited by Neil Philip

Clarion; ISBN: 0395849829; \$20;

This handsomely designed collection features war poetry from ancient times to the present, from many languages and cultures. Stark woodcuts reinforce the sorrow, rage, and pride expressed by soldiers and survivors.



### ***WHIRLIGIG***

by Paul Fleischman

Henry Holt; ISBN: 0805055827; \$16.95;

Sixteen-year-old Brent Bishop embarks on a cross-country whirligig-making mission to atone for his reckless behavior and its tragic results.

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