



Read Aloud



Mature Content

(10 - 14) Suggested Age Range



Graphic Format

FICTION**Adventure and Mystery****The Abominables**

by Eva Ibbotson, illustrated by Fiona Robinson
(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$16.95) 978-1-4197-0789-6
Lady Agatha's yetis escape from the Himalayan Mountains and encounter dangers on the journey to safety in England. Expressive black-and-white illustrations. (9-11)

***The Adventures of a South Pole Pig**

by Chris Kurtz, illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt
(Harcourt Children's Books/HMH, \$16.99)
978-0-547-63455-5
Flora yearns to explore the world beyond her pen. When her dream comes true, can she survive the perils she encounters? Delicate black-and-white illustrations. (8-11)

The Camp Phoenix Caper (Charlie Collier, Snoop for Hire series)

by John Madormo
(Philomel Books/Penguin, \$15.99) 978-0-399-25544-1
Twelve-year-old Charlie and his friends investigate the disappearance of a teenager and stumble upon a band of thieves in this second suspenseful adventure. (10-12)

The Further Adventures of Jack Lime

by James Leck
(Kids Can Press, \$16.95) 978-1-55453-740-2
Jack, the hard-boiled private eye of Iona High, solves cases about quarterbacks, art, and comic books and takes some punches for his troubles. (10-12)

Ghoulish Song

by William Alexander
(Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, \$16.99) 978-1-4424-2729-7
When a flute that a goblin gives her separates Kaile from her shadow, she is declared dead and shunned by everyone. (8-11)

Goblins

by Philip Reeve
(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-0-545-22220-4
A clever goblin and a human would-be hero encounter evil and good forces on their perilous adventure to restore magic to the world. (9-12)

Hideout

by Gordon Korman
(Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-44866-6
Even as they head off to three different summer camps, friends unite to protect (and hide) Savannah's Doberman from his former, crooked owner. (9-12)

Hippomobile!

by Jeff Tapia
(Clarion/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-99548-9
Ten-year-old twins Stella and Jimmy are determined to save their nowhere town from complete ruin. (8-10)

Hold Fast

by Blue Balliett
(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-0-545-29988-6
Eleven-year-old Early uses patterns, rhythms, and the poetry of Langston Hughes to decipher the mystery of her father's disappearance. (9-12)

Mountain Dog

by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Olga and Aleksey Ivanov
(Henry Holt BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99)
978-0-8050-9516-6
Tony finds a new home with his great-uncle, a forest ranger, who teaches him about search and rescue dogs. Pen and ink drawings add interest to the narrative verse. (9-11)

Scary Tales: Home Sweet Horror

by James Preller, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$14.99; P \$5.99) 978-1-250-02886-1; 978-1-250-01887-8
When eight-year-old Liam and his family move into a new house, a child's game evokes the frightening "Bloody Mary," who lived there long ago. Atmospheric illustrations. (8-10)

**Adventure and Mystery, continued****The Tell-Tale Start (The Misadventures of Edgar and Allan Poe series)**

by Gordon McAlpine, illustrated by Sam Zuppari
(Viking/Penguin, \$15.99) 978-0-670-78491-2
Identical twins Edgar and Allan, descendants of Poe, think with one mind. A criminal professor attempts to capture them for his evil experiments. Black-and-white illustrations. (8-11)

The Templeton Twins Make a Scene (The Templeton Twins series)

by Ellis Weiner, illustrated by Jeremy Holmes
(Chronicle Books, \$16.99) 978-1-4521-1184-1
Can John and Abigail outwit the dastardly Dean brothers and save their father's ingenious invention? Only the snarky narrator knows. Quirky blueprint-inspired illustrations. (8-11)

The Water Castle

by Megan Frazer Blakemore
(Walker BFYR/Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-0-8027-2839-5
After his father's stroke, Ephraim's family moves to their ancestral home in Maine, where he searches for the legendary healing waters. (10-13)

***When the Butterflies Came**

by Kimberley Griffiths Little
(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-0-545-42513-1
As Tara grapples with the death of her beloved grandmother, she finds herself in a dangerous international treasure hunt. (10-12)

**The Witch's Curse**

by Keith McGowan, illustrated by Yoko Tanaka
(Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-9324-7
Sol and his sister escape the child-eating witch next door but find themselves hunted in an enchanted forest. Can they reach safety before transforming into animals? Black-and-white illustrations. (9-12)

Coming of Age**Better to Wish (Family Tree series, Book 1)**

by Ann M. Martin
(Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-35942-9
100-year-old Abby Nichols recalls different important events in her life and the impact of the Great Depression on her family. (10-13)

***The Bully Book**

by Eric Kahn Gale
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-212511-8
Devastated at suddenly becoming the sixth-grade class grunt, Eric is determined to discover why he has been targeted, but his search for answers results in more than he expected. (10-13)

***Here I Am**

by Patti Kim, illustrated by Sonia Sánchez
(Capstone, \$14.95) 978-1-62370-036-2
A lonely Asian immigrant is both nostalgic about his native country and excited about the discoveries he makes as he adapts to his new home in America. Wordless story with evocative multiple-framed illustrations. Author's note. (8-11)

Hokey Pokey

by Jerry Spinelli
(Knopf/Random House, \$15.99) 978-0-375-83198-0
In a land without adults where kids rule, Jack must decide whether to grow up and move on. Rich, descriptive language. (9-12)

Ivy in the Shadows

by Chris Woodworth
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-374-33566-3
A best friend who is more interested in makeup than in sharing, family money troubles, and an odd boy arriving to board at her house—can twelve-year-old Ivy's life get any worse? (9-12)



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Coming of Age, continued**Ivy Takes Care**

by Rosemary Wells, illustrated by Jim LaMarche (Candlewick Press, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-5352-1
Separation from her best friend for the summer is a challenge, but solving other problems gives shape to Ivy's life. Soft pencil drawings. (8-10)

**Jane, the Fox & Me**

by Fanny Britt, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault, translated from the French by Christelle Morelli and Susan Ouriou (Groundwood/House of Anansi Press, \$19.95) 978-1-55498-360-5
Tormented by her peers, H el ene struggles with her distorted self-image, isolation, and hunger for connection. Mixed-media and watercolor graphics. (9-12)

Mister Max: The Book of Lost Things

by Cynthia Voigt, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-307-97681-9
In the early 1900s, twelve-year-old Max tries to prove his independence after his theatrical parents disappear as he searches for lost things, including himself. Finely detailed black-and-white illustrations. (9-12)

***P.S. Be Eleven**

by Rita Williams-Garcia (Amistad Press/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-193862-7
Life gets complicated for the Gaither sisters in 1968 Brooklyn—Dad's in love, uncle Darnell's home from Vietnam, and the Jackson Five are coming to town. (9-12)

Paperboy

by Vince Vawter (Delacorte/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-385-74244-3
Eleven-year-old Little Man takes over his friend's paper route for a month and faces a challenge: he stutters badly and will have to speak with his customers. (9-12)

Penelope Crumb Never Forgets

by Shawn K. Stout, illustrated by Valeria Docampo (Philomel Books/Penguin, \$14.99) 978-0-399-25729-2
When a quirky, spirited girl establishes her Ultra Museum of Forget-Me-Notters, her choice of objects to represent her loved ones causes havoc. Black-and-white puppet-like illustrations. (8-10)

The Saturday Boy

by David Fleming (Viking/Penguin, \$16.99) 978-0-670-78551-3
Derek is having a really rough time: he wants his father to come home from Afghanistan, his mother is distant and moody, and his former best friend is bullying him. (9-12)

***Sure Signs of Crazy**

by Karen Harrington (Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$17.00) 978-0-316-21058-4
Twelve-year-old Sarah loves new words, wants a first kiss, and is ready to face her absent mother's mental illness and father's alcoholism. (10-13)

Twerp

by Mark Goldblatt (Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-97142-6
Through journal entries, a twelve-year-old boy takes responsibility for the bullying occurring in his Queens, New York, neighborhood in 1969. (9-12)

Ukulele Hayley

by Judy Cox, illustrated by Amanda Haley (Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-2863-2
Shy third grader Hayley discovers her "hidden talent," which has a surprising impact on her whole community. Humorous black-and-white drawings. (8-10)

The Vine Basket

by Josanne La Valley (Clarion/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-84801-3
Mehrigul, a Uyghur farm girl and gifted basketmaker, longs to go back to school but must battle her aggressive father, her depressed mother, and the Chinese rulers who have invaded her homeland. (8-12)



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Coming of Age, continued***The Weight of Water**

by Sarah Crossman

(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$16.99)

978-1-59990-967-7

Twelve-year-old Kasienka (Cassie) and her mother journey from Poland to Coventry, England, in search of the father and husband who left them. Poignantly told in poetic form. (10-13)

Fantasy**An Army of Frogs: A Kulipari Novel**

by Trevor Pryce, with Joel Naftali, illustrated by Sanford Greene

(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$15.95)

978-1-4197-0172-6

Can Darel and the lowly wood frogs save themselves and their sanctuary from the scorpion army and the spider queen? Extraordinary full-color illustrations. (9-12)

**Curses! Foiled Again**

by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Mike Cavallaro, colors by Grace Lu

(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, P \$15.99)

978-1-59643-619-0

High school fencing champion Alera encounters more fantastic creatures and solves a mystery in this sequel to *Foiled*. Stay tuned for another installment. Muted greytone illustrations with occasional splashes of color. (9-13)

Gustav Gloom and the Four Terrors (Gustav Gloom series)

by Adam-Troy Castro, illustrated by Kristen Margiotta (Grosset & Dunlap/Penguin, \$12.99) 978-0-448-45835-9

In their attempt to rescue his father, Gustav—the half-shadow boy—and his neighbors, the What family, unleash four sinister shadows from the Dark Country. Gloomy illustrations. (9-11)

Gustav Gloom and the Nightmare Vault (Gustav Gloom series)

by Adam-Troy Castro, illustrated by Kristen Margiotta (Grosset & Dunlap/Penguin, \$12.99) 978-0-448-45834-2
Will the adventurous Fernie What and her neighbor from the shadow world, Gustav Gloom, find the Nightmare Vault before the sinister shadow eater does? Dark, cartoon-like illustrations. (10-13)

***How to Catch a Bogle**

by Catherine Jinks, illustrated by Sarah Watts (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$16.99) 978-0-544-08708-8

An orphan trying to survive in Victorian England is apprenticed to a bogler. Together they lure and kill child-eating monsters. Pen and ink illustrations. (8-11)

Jinx

by Sage Blackwood

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-212990-1

Jinx, saved by Simon, a magician, learns the dangers that magic can create. Will Simon save him or harm him? Can Jinx use his newfound powers to protect his friends? (9-12)

**The Misadventures of the Magician's Dog**

by Frances Sackett

(Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-2869-4

Twelve-year-old Peter's father, a pilot, is fighting in the Middle East. A talking dog promises to help Peter bring him home. But will the plan work? (10-12)

A Mischief of Mermaids (The Unseen World of Poppy Malone series)

by Suzanne Harper

(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99)

978-0-06-199613-9

Seeing a mermaid challenges ten-year-old Poppy's scientific way of thinking, but there is no denying the evidence! (8-11)



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Fantasy, continued**Rules for Ghosting**

by A. J. Paquette

(Walker BFYR/Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-0-8027-3454-9

With a ghostly guide and the new, living inhabitants of Silverton Manor, Dahlia, a solitary ghost, learns about the ghost world, befriends humans, and solves a century-old mystery. (9-12)

Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin

by Liesl Shurtliff

(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-307-97793-9

In this humorous twist on the folk tale, young Rump embarks on a quest to learn his true name. (9-12)

The Shadowhand Covenant (The Vengekeep Prophecies series)

by Brian Farrey

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-204931-5

Twelve-year-old Jaxter and his former friend, Maloch, take on magical creatures and power-hungry leaders as they search for missing Shadowhand thieves. (10-13)

Sidekicked

by John David Anderson

(Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-213314-4

Thirteen-year-old Andrew's training, development, and protection as a superhero's sidekick is threatened when his mentor refuses to continue fighting crime. (9-12)

Sleeping Beauty's Daughters

by Diane Zahler

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-200496-3

After Sleeping Beauty's older daughter learns that, like her mother, she has been put under a terrible spell, she and her younger sister embark on a quest to break it. (9-11)

The Song of the Quarkbeast (The Chronicles of Kazam series)

by Jasper Fforde

(Harcourt Children's Books/HMH, \$16.99)

978-0-547-73848-2

Jennifer Strange clashes with enemies who threaten the future of Kazam and discovers an even more treacherous plot against the royal family and the future use of magic. (10-13)

A Tangle of Knots

by Lisa Graff

(Philomel Books/Penguin, \$16.99) 978-0-399-25517-5

An eleven-year-old orphan has an amazing talent for cake-baking, but no family. When she becomes involved with a curious group of characters, things begin to sort themselves out. (9-12)

The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket

by John Boyne, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers

(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-307-97762-5

Barnaby Brocket's parents crave the "normal," and a floating son is not acceptable. When he is released at a famous Australian rock, the adventures begin. Whimsical pen and ink illustrations. (10-13)

Thrice Upon a Marigold: A Royal Kidnapping Caper

by Jean Ferris

(Harcourt Children's Books/HMH, \$16.99)

978-0-547-73846-8

A dragon and an elephant help rescue a stolen infant princess. (8-10)

***The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp**

by Kathi Appelt

(Atheneum BFYR/ Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, \$16.99) 978-1-4424-2105-9

Twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, along with the Sugar Man and two raccoons, must save the Texas swamp and its rare inhabitants from animal and human predators. Fast-paced and funny. (9-12)



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Folklore and Fairy Tales**Aesop's Fables**

retold by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Talleen Hacikyan (Tradewind Books, \$16.95) 978-1896580814
Stunning art enhances this telling and retelling of the famous stories. Modern morals accompany each tale. A good choice for intergenerational sharing. (8-12)

***The Cats of Tanglewood Forest**

by Charles de Lint, illustrated by Charles Vess (Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$17.99) 978-0-316-05357-0
Lillian learns about herself and the magical forest world when the cats turn her into a kitten to save her life. Evocative, full color illustrations. (8-12)

**Fairy Tale Comics: Classic Tales Told by Extraordinary Cartoonists**

edited by Chris Duffy (First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$19.99) 978-1-59643-823-1
This collection offers fresh perspectives on popular and obscure tales, retold with vibrant illustrations by eighteen cartoonists. (8-12)

Frogged

by Vivian Vande Velde (Harcourt Children's Books/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-94215-5
In this humorous expansion of the Frog Prince tale, Princess Imogene travels far and wide to discover how to reverse an awful magical curse. (8-11)

The Ugly One

by Leanne Statland Ellis (Clarion/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-64023-5
A young girl with a scarred face discovers her true spirit and calling as she travels to the Sacred Sun City at Machu Picchu. (8-10)

Will in Scarlet

by Matthew Cody (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86895-5
English royal leadership is in tumult, and thirteen-year-old Will Scarlet must survive in the wildness of Sherwood Forest with a new leader: Robin Hood. (9-12)

Historical Fiction**Africa Is My Home: A Child of the *Amistad***

by Monica Edinger, illustrated by Robert Byrd (Candlewick Press, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-5038-4
Nine-year-old Magulu is sold to slave traders, sails to Cuba with fifty-two other captives, and witnesses the 1839 *Amistad* Rebellion. Colorful ink and watercolor illustrations. (9-12)

Al Capone Does My Homework

by Jennifer Choldenko (Dial BFYR/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-8037-3472-2
In 1936, when his father is promoted to associate warden of Alcatraz, Moose, his autistic older sister, and his parents become the targets of the cons' point system—and of an ambitious prison guard. (9-12)

***Bluffton**

written and illustrated by Matt Phelan (Candlewick Press, \$22.99) 978-0-7636-5079-7
When a traveling vaudeville troupe passes through Michigan in 1908, Henry experiences the friendship and talents of Buster Keaton, who later became a silent movie comic. Lush watercolor illustrations. (9-12)

**The Book Boat's In**

by Cynthia Cotten, illustrated by Frané Lessac (Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-2521-1
In 1835 Jesse works to earn pennies to pay for the first book he buys on his own. Colorful folklorish gouache illustrations. (8-12)

**Historical Fiction, continued****Crystal City Lights**

by Holly Moulder

(Blue Marlin Pub., P \$8.99) 978-0-9885295-0-2

When her family is sent to a German internment camp in 1943, twelve-year-old Dottie discovers a secret about her best friend's father that could put people in danger. (9-12)

Down the Rabbit Hole: The Diary of Pringle Rose (Dear America series)

by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

(Scholastic Press, \$12.99) 978-0-545-29701-1

When fourteen-year-old Pringle's parents are killed in a carriage accident, she runs away with her younger brother to Chicago, just before the great fire. (10-13)

Duke

by Kirby Larson

(Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-41637-5

Immediately he volunteers his beloved Duke for "Dogs for Defense" to help the war effort, eleven-year-old Hobie regrets it. Can he figure out a way to get Duke back? (9-12)

Fish for Jimmy

written and illustrated by Katie Yamasaki

(Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-2375-0

When Taro and his family are forced to move to a Japanese Internment camp, he finds a way to help his unhappy brother. Expressive acrylic illustrations. (8-11)

Friends of Liberty

by Beatrice Gormley

(Eerdmans BFYR, P \$8.00) 978-0-8028-5418-6

In pre-Revolutionary Boston, twelve-year-old Sally, whose family are Patriots, and Kitty, whose family are Tories, try to remain friends amid political turmoil. (8-12)

Gingersnap

by Patricia Reilly Giff

(Wendy Lamb Books/Random House, \$15.99)

978-0-375-83891-0

Is it really a ghost that leads orphaned nine-year-old Jayna to look for her roots after her older brother goes off to fight in World War II? (9-12)

The Kite That Bridged Two Nations: Homan Walsh and the First Niagara Suspension Bridge

by Alexis O'Neill, illustrated by Terry Widener

(Calkins Creek/Highlights, \$16.95) 978-1-59078-938-4

When a prize is offered to anyone whose kite string can bridge Niagara Falls, young Homan Walsh decides to enter the contest. Realistic acrylic illustrations. (8-11)

Light in the Darkness: A Story about How Slaves Learned in Secret

by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome

(Jump at the Sun/Disney-Hyperion, \$16.99)

978-1-4231-3495-4

Despite the possibility of a whipping if they are discovered, Rosa and her mother travel to the hole in the ground where Morris teaches them their letters. Subdued watercolor paintings. (8-11)

***Mister Orange**

by Truus Matti, translated from the Dutch by Laura Watkinson

(Enchanted Lion Books, \$16.95) 978-1-59270-123-0

In 1943, when his brother is fighting in Europe, Linus takes over his delivery route and is drawn into the fascinating world of a customer who is an artist. (10-12)

Odette's Secrets

by Maryann Macdonald

(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$16.99)

978-1-59990-750-5

To be safe from the Nazis, Odette, a young secular Jewish girl living in Paris, learns to keep all kinds of secrets. (9-12)



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Historical Fiction, continued**Razia's Ray of Hope: One Girl's Dream of an Education**

by Elizabeth Suneby, illustrated by Suana Verelst
(Kids Can Press, \$18.95) 978-1-55453-816-4
In Afghanistan, Razia must convince her father and brother to let her go to school. Mixed-media illustrations. (8-12)

***Romeo Blue**

by Phoebe Stone
(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$16.99) 978-0-545-44360-9
During World War II, when a mysterious man suddenly claims to be her friend's real father, twelve-year-old Felicity immediately becomes suspicious of his motives. Is he really a Nazi spy? (9-12)

Seeing Red

by Kathryn Erskine
(Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-46440-6
In 1972 in a small Virginia town, twelve-year-old Red Porter learns the unsavory racial history of his own family and tries to remedy the past injustice. (10-13)

Soldier Dog

by Sam Angus
(Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan, \$16.99)
978-1-250-01864-9
Believing that his father has drowned his beloved puppy, fourteen-year-old Stanley joins the army during World War I and becomes a messenger dog trainer. (9-12)

Sugar

by Jewell Parker Rhodes
(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$16.99)
978-0-316-04305-2
In 1870 on the Louisiana plantation where ten-year-old Sugar lives and works, Reconstruction brings big changes, including some surprising friendships. (9-12)

Whistle In the Dark

by Susan Hill Long
(Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-2839-7
During the 1920s, thirteen-year-old Clem is destined for the life of a lead miner in the Ozarks, but he dreams of a different, better existence above ground. (10-12)

Humor**The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas**

by David Almond, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers
(Candlewick Press, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-6169-4
When Stanley joins a traveling fair, he is expected to dive into a tank of vicious, carnivorous fish. Whimsical pencil illustrations. (8-12)

***Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures**

by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by K. G. Campbell
(Candlewick Press, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-6040-6
Superhero mouse Ulysses, a "blind" new friend, and an unusual elderly lady help Flora overcome loneliness following her parents' divorce. Comic strip panels in soft pencil. (10-13)

The Hero's Guide to Storming the Castle

by Christopher Healy, illustrated by Todd Harris
(Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins, \$16.99)
978-0-06-211845-5
The League of Princes has a simple plan: stop the wedding between Prince Liam and Briar Rose. Trolls, an eleven-year-old king, and an ancient gemstone complicate matters. Detailed, expressive drawings. (9-12)

If the Shoe Fits (Whatever After series)

by Sarah Mlynowski
(Scholastic Press, \$14.99) 978-0-545-41567-5
Siblings move through a magic mirror in their new house and land in the middle of the Cinderella fairy tale with surprise twists and turns. Black-and-white chapter heads. (7-9)

**Humor, continued****Invisible Inkling: The Whoopie Pie War**

by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Harry Bliss

(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$14.99)

978-0-06-180226-3

Clever Hank and his invisible mysterious friend have unforeseen adventures as they try to save the family ice cream store. Humorous black-and-white drawings. (8-11)

The Odd Squad: Bully Bait (The Odd Squad series)

written and illustrated by Michael Fry

(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$12.99) 978-1-4231-6924-6

A cast of oddball characters interact in this hilarious twist of events to give a bully his comeuppance. Slapstick cartoonish illustrations. (8-12)

The Odd Squad: Zero Tolerance (The Odd Squad series)

written and illustrated by Michael Fry

(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$12.99) 978-1-4231-7099-0

Nick and two friends are back in this continuing tale of antibully activity at Emily Dickinson Middle School. Humorous black-and-white ink cartoons extend the story. (9-12)

Sink or Swim (Whatever After series)

by Sarah Mlynowski

(Scholastic Press, \$14.99) 978-0-545-41569-9

Jonah and Abby help the Little Mermaid stand on her own two feet in this series of adventures through the mirror. (8-10)

**Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made**

written and illustrated by Stephan Pastis

(Candlewick Press, \$14.99) 978-0-7636-6050-5

Indomitable Timmy, the detective, is oblivious to obvious clues which add to the continually humorous fixes in which he finds himself. Simple yet expressive line drawings capture the depth and humor of Timmy's travails. (8-10)

Science Fiction**Fallout**

by Todd Strasser

(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-5534-1

Nuclear war finds only Scott's father prepared. Neighbors force their way into his bomb shelter and ten people struggle to survive on air and food designed for four. (8-11)

Fortunately, the Milk

by Neil Gaiman, illustrated by Skottie Young

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$14.99) 978-0-06-222407-1

When their father goes to get milk, he is whisked away by aliens and has a series of whimsical adventures—sometimes interacting with his children. Exaggerated black-and-white line drawings. (8-11)

Mickey Price: Journey to Oblivion

by John P. Stanley

(Tanglewood, \$15.99) 978-1-933718-88-0

NASA sends an unlikely group of twelve-year-olds into space to prevent a lunar nuclear meltdown. (9-12)

Pi in the Sky

by Wendy Mass, illustrated by Lauren Gentry

(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$17.00)

978-0-316-08916-6

Joss, a denizen of dark matter, and Annika, an Earthling, must rebuild Earth when it suddenly disappears. Black-and-white spot illustrations. (9-12)

The Wells Bequest

by Polly Shulman

(Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin, \$16.99)

978-0-399-25646-2

Using the time machine created by H. G. Wells, Leo and his friend Jaya join forces to save the world when someone steals a dangerous invention. (10-13)



Read Aloud



Mature Content

(10 - 14) Suggested Age Range



Graphic Format

Science Fiction, continued***Zombie Baseball Beatdown**

by Paolo Bacigalupi

(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$17.00)

978-0-316-22078-1

Three thirteen-year-old friends discover that illegal practice in the meatpacking plant have caused cows to turn into zombies. (10-13)

Today**The 14 Fibs of Gregory K.**

by Greg Pincus

(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-439-91299-0

Eleven-year-old Gregory writes poems and stories, but his family loves math. Now his father wants him to enter the citywide math contest. Can they reconcile their differences? (9-12)

Anna Was Here

by Jane Kurtz

(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99)

978-0-06-056493-3

Relocating to Kansas from their beloved Colorado is NOT the choice of the Nickels children, Anna and Isabella, but their father's ministerial duties dictate the family's move, and three generations unite. (8-11)

**Arlene, The Rebel Queen**

by Carol Liu, with Marybeth Sidoti Caldarone

(Emerald Book Company, P \$8.95) 978-1-937110-50-5

As feisty Arlene deals with her handicaps, she learns about and practices the skills of fighting injustices. (9-12)

Ask My Mood Ring How I Feel

by Diana López

(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$17.00)

978-0-316-20996-0

Erica doesn't talk about her feelings, even to her best friends. But when her mom is diagnosed with breast cancer, she turns to her friends and finds her own strength. (11-13)

The Barftastic Life of Louie Burger

by Jenny Meyerhoff, illustrated by Jason Week

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$13.99)

978-0-374-30518-5

Louie dreams of being a comedian, but can't beat his stage fright! He thought his best friend would help, but now he's not sure. Entertaining, humorous line drawings. (8-11)

The Boy on the Porch

by Sharon Creech

(Joanna Cotler Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99)

978-0-06-189235-6

A six-year-old who doesn't talk is left on the porch of a young couple who learn to love him but eventually must give him up. (9-12)

The Candy Smash (The Lemonade War series)

by Jacqueline Davies, illustrated by Cara Llewellyn

(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$15.99) 978-0-544-02208-9

To get a hit news story, Jessie investigates "crushes." But her classmates, including her brother Evan, have secrets they don't want uncovered. Occasional quirky line drawings. (8-11)

The Center of Everything

by Linda Urban

(Harcourt Children's Books/HMH, \$15.99)

978-0-547-76348-4

As Ruby Pepperdine stands along the town parade route waiting to deliver her winning essay, she worries about her grandmother and her friends. (10-12)

***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library**

by Chris Grabenstein

(Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-87089-7

Twelve kids must rely on their knowledge of board games, books, and puzzle-solving to find the hidden exit in Mr. Lemoncello's dream library. (9-12)



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Today, continued**Gaby, Lost and Found**

by Angela Cervantes

(Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-48945-4

By volunteering at Furry Friends Animal Shelter, twelve-year-old Gaby discovers a love for cats, a talent for writing, and the strength to accept her mother's deportation. (10-13)

The Garden of My Imaan

by Farhana Zia

(Peachtree, \$15.95) 978-1-56145-698-7

The arrival of a confident, religious Muslim girl forces fifth grader Aliya to face her own half-hearted practice of Islam. (9-12)

If I Ever Get Out of Here

by Eric Gansworth

(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-41730-3

A seventh grader from the Tuscarora Reservation makes his first non-Indian friend, but can his new friend protect him from a bully and widespread prejudice? (9-12)

The Laura Line

by Crystal Allen

(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$16.99)

978-0-06-199274-2

Thirteen-year-old Laura is embarrassed by the ancient slave shack on her grandma's land, until she learns about the Laura that came before her. (8-11)

Numbed!

by David Lubar

(Millbrook/Lerner, \$15.95) 978-1-4677-0594-3

During Logan and Benedict's trip to a math museum, a robot zaps away their math knowledge right before their big test. Math challenges abound! (8-12)

One Step at a Time: A Vietnamese Child Finds Her Way

by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

(Pajama Press, \$17.95) 978-1-927485-01-9

Rescued from a country at war, Tuyet joins a loving Canadian family who help her through a series of treatments for her polio-damaged leg. A stand-alone sequel to *Last Airlift*. (8-12)

***The Thing about Luck**

by Cynthia Kadohata

(Atheneum BFYR/ Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-1882-0

Accompanying her grandparents and brother on the harvest, twelve-year-old Summer wonders if her family's year without luck will ever end. Can she help? (9-12)

The Year of the Baby

by Andrea Cheng, illustrated by Patrice Barton

(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$15.99) 978-0-547-91067-3

Fifth grader Anna and her classmates work to get her newly adopted baby sister from China to eat more. Warm pen and ink illustrations. (9-11)

Zero Tolerance

by Claudia Mills

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99)

978-0-374-33312-6

An accidental infraction causes Sierra, a stellar seventh-grade student, to learn that distinguishing good from bad can be complicated. (11-13)



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POETRY**Face Bug**

by J. Patrick Lewis, photographs by Frederic B. Siskind, illustrated by Kelly Murphy
(Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press/Highlights, \$16.95)
978-1-59078-925-4

Take a trip to the Face Bug Museum and enjoy fact-filled rhymes about insects. Black-and-white ink and graphite drawings and amazing close-up photographs. End notes. (8-12)

***Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse**

by Tamera Will Wissinger, illustrated by Matthew Cordell
(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$15.99) 978-0-547-82011-8
Will Sam's day on the lake with his dad be ruined when his sister tags along? Playful verses and black-and-white pen and ink and watercolor illustrations. Detailed guide to poetic forms. (8-10)

**Poems to Learn by Heart**

edited by Caroline Kennedy, illustrated by Jon J. Muth
(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$19.99) 978-1-4231-0805-4
This diverse collection brings together old and new poems that celebrate both special and everyday moments in life. Vivid watercolor illustrations throughout. (6-14)

**Princess Tales: Once Upon a Time in Rhyme with Seek-and-Find Pictures**

adapted by Grace Maccarone, illustrated by Gail de Marcken
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$16.99)
978-0-312-67958-3
Ten traditional fairy tales are told in clever rhyme. Intricate watercolor and ink illustrations with seek and find queries on each page. (8-10)

**Pug and Other Animal Poems**

by Valerie Worth, illustrated by Steve Jenkins
(Margaret Ferguson Books/Farrar Straus Giroux
BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-374-35024-6
Fireflies, fish, tigers, bulls, and more are depicted in eighteen sonorous free-verse poems. Exquisite collages. (8-12)

Serafina's Promise

by Ann E. Burg
(Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-53564-9
Eleven-year-old Serafina wants to go to school and become a doctor, but floods and an earthquake may make that an impossible dream in 2010 Haiti. (9-12)

***Stardines Swim High across the Sky and Other Poems**

by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Carin Berger
(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99)
978-0-06-201464-1
Witty rhythmic poems describe the character traits of sixteen whimsical, fantastic creatures. Imaginative mixed-media dioramas display each silly animal. (8-12)

***What the Heart Knows: Chants, Charms & Blessings**

by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski
(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-544-10616-1
Powerful poems offer solace, wisdom, and inspiration at important moments in life, such as repairing a friendship or asking forgiveness. Lush surreal illustrations are poems unto themselves. (10-12)

Words with Wings

by Nikki Grimes
(Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press/Highlights, \$15.95)
978-1-59078-985-8
Spare, heartfelt verse describes how words carry Gabby away from school, chores, and thoughts of her parents' separation. Will she find anyone who understands her daydreaming mind? (8-12)

**INFORMATION BOOKS****Activities****Kid Pickers: How to Turn Junk into Treasure**

by Mike Wolfe with Lily Sprengelmeyer, illustrated by Mike Right

(Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan, \$18.99)
978-1-250-00848-0

A pro's treasure-hunting tips and examples show young pickers how to find unexpected valuables and acquire a taste to uncover mysteries of the past. Photos and cartoon illustrations. (8-12)

One Minute Mysteries: 65 More Short Mysteries You Solve with Science!

by Eric Yoder and Natalie Yoder

(Science Naturally, P \$9.95) 978-1-938492-00-6

Use logic, general information, and scientific knowledge to solve these science mysteries. Illustrated with photographs. (9-12)

Arts**The Bird King: An Artist's Notebook**

written and illustrated by Shaun Tan

(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$19.99) 978-0-545-46513-7

These reproductions of Tan's enthralling pencil and paint sketches should intrigue young artists, readers of Tan's books, and anyone who enjoys an imaginative challenge. (8-12)

***Diego Rivera: An Artist for the People**

by Susan Goldman Rubin

(Abrams BFYR, \$21.95) 978-0-8109-8411-0

This well-researched account provides a compelling view of the renowned Mexican painter and muralist. Examples of his art are included. (9-14)

***Go: A Kidd's Guide to Graphic Design**

written and illustrated by Chip Kidd

(Workman, \$17.95) 978-0-7611-7219-2

Career designer Chip Kidd demonstrates how to think critically through a highly visual approach to history and design decisions. Photographs and superb layout. (10-14)

***The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr, Eccentric Genius**

by Jan Greenberg, and Sandra Jordan

(Neal Porter Books/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-1-59643-810-1

George Ohr was certain of his genius as a potter, but the world hadn't caught up with him. Historical photographs (8-12)

Biography***Becoming Ben Franklin: How a Candle-Maker's Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty**

by Russell Freedman

(Holiday House, \$24.95) 978-0-8234-2374-3

How did a rebellious printer's apprentice become an American icon? By helping to draft the Declaration of Independence and inventing the lightning rod, among his many other political and scientific contributions. Archival drawings, bibliography, maps. (10-14)

Courageous Women Rebels (The Women's Hall of Fame series)

by Joy Crysdale

(Second Story Press, P \$10.95) 978-1-926920-99-3

These ten women from around the world made a difference in the areas of politics, equality, disability, and women's rights. (9-12)

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**Biography, continued****Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World**

by Elizabeth Rusch, illustrated by Oliver Dominguez (Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-5855-7
This portrait of the Thomas Edison's rival details Tesla's fascination with electricity and his important inventions that enabled the use of alternating current to power homes. Atmospheric mixed-media illustrations and abundant back matter. (8-11)

Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad

by David A. Adler
(Holiday House, \$18.95) 978-0-8234-2365-1
Born a slave, Harriet Tubman journeyed to freedom and dedicated herself to conducting others on their journeys on the Underground Railroad. Photographs, drawings, and reproduced documents. (10-13)

Louisa May's Battle: How the Civil War Led to *Little Women*

by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Carlyn Beccia (Walker BFYR/Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-0-8027-9668-4
Louisa May Alcott's experience as a Civil War nurse helped mold the wonderful writing style that produced *Little Women* and her other books. Expressive digital illustrations. (7-10)

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Mary Walker Wears the Pants: The True Story of the Doctor, Reformer, and Civil War Hero

by Cheryl Harness, illustrated by Carlo Molinari (Albert Whitman, \$16.99) 978-0-8075-4990-2
A pants-wearing woman served as the first female surgeon during the Civil War and earned the Medal of Honor. Realistic illustrations. End notes. (8-10)

Papa Is a Poet: A Story about Robert Frost

by Natalie S. Bober, illustrated by Rebecca Gibbon (Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-8050-9407-7
Frost's fifteen-year-old daughter narrates this description of her family's life in the New England countryside, interspersed with lines from his poems, twelve of his which are included. Delicately simple mixed-media illustrations. (8-10)

Peace Warriors (Profiles series)

by Andrea Davis Pinkney
(Scholastic Press, P \$6.99) 978-0-545-51857-4
Inspiring stories of six powerful figures are connected by their unwavering commitment to peace, even in the face of violence and oppression. (10-13)

Phenomenal Female Entrepreneurs (Women's Hall of Fame series)

by Jill Bryant
(Second Story Press, P \$10.95) 978-1-927583-12-8
A diverse group of women from various backgrounds succeed in businesses ranging from cosmetics to high finance to aviation. (8-12)

When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop

by Laban Carrick Hill, illustrated by Theodore Taylor III (Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-1-59643-540-7
When music-loving Clive Campbell moved to the Bronx, he influenced a generation by creating hip hop, enticing kids to dance rather than fight. Energetic illustrations. (8-12)

Ecology**Be a Wilderness Detective**

written and illustrated by Peggy Kochanoff (Nimbus, P \$14.95) 978-1-77108-012-5
Descriptive illustrations enhance this guide to fields, woods, and coastlines. (8-12)



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Graphic Format

Ecology, continued**Wild Animal Neighbors: Sharing Our Urban World**

by Ann Downer

(Twenty-First Century/Lerner, \$33.27)

978-0-7613-9021-3

Nature strikes back as we push our urban landscapes further into wild animals' habitats, and the animals push back and inhabit ours. Photographs. (10-14)

Health**Ouch!: The Weird & Wild Ways Your Body Deals with Agonizing Aches, Ferocious Fevers, Lousy Lumps, Crummy Colds, Bothersome Bites, Breaks, Bruises & Burns & Makes Them Feel Better**

by Joe Rhatigan, illustrated by Anthony Owsley

(Imagine/Charlesbridge, \$14.95) 978-1-62354-005-0

Learn about your body's reaction to the most common diseases and injuries. Explanatory illustrations and photographs. (10-12)

History***Hey, Charleston!: The True Story of the Jenkins Orphanage Band**

by Anne Rockwell, illustrated by Colin Bootman

(Carolrhoda/Lerner, \$16.95) 978-0-7613-5565-6

When a preacher who is a former slave unites orphans and old musical instruments, a whole new style of music, rag, is born. Illustrations in oil on watercolor paper. (8-12)

Ick! Yuck! Eew!: Our Gross American History

by Lois Miner Huey

(Millbrook/Lerner, \$29.27) 978-0-7613-9091-6

This unique look at America's odoriferous past illustrates an oft-neglected segment of history. Color photographs, glossary and references. (9-12)

Lincoln's Grave Robbers

by Steve Sheinkin

(Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-40572-0

A group of counterfeiters attempted to steal the body of the beloved president, and law enforcement agents were determined to foil the plan. (8-12)

Master George's People: George Washington, His Slaves, and His Revolutionary Transformation

by Marfé Ferguson Delano, photographs by Lori Epstein

(National Geographic, \$18.95) 978-1-4263-0759-1

The experiences of individual enslaved Africans who lived at Mount Vernon are described in detail. Archival paintings and photographs of historical interpreters recreating specific activities. (8-13)

The Price of Freedom: How One Town Stood Up to Slavery

by Judith Bloom Fradin and Dennis Brindell Fradin, illustrated by Eric Velasquez

(Walker BFYR/Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-0-8027-2166-2

In 1856 John Price escaped to freedom in Oberlin, Ohio. When he was recaptured two years later, the town rallied to free him. A dramatization of the events illustrated with rich oil paintings. (8-11)

Spending Spree: The History of American Shopping

by Cynthia Overbeck Bix

(Twenty-First Century/Lerner, \$33.27)

978-1-4677-1017-6

From bartering with neighbors to shopping in stores, malls, and online, this book explores the different ways Americans buy things. (10-13)

***Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library**

by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by John O'Brien

(Calkins Creek/Highlights, \$16.95) 978-1-59078-932-2

Thomas Jefferson loved to read so much that when the Library of Congress was burned by the British, he offered his private collection of more than 6,000 books to reestablish it. Enchanting pen and ink illustrations. (8-11)



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History, continued**World War II Spies**

by Sean Stewart Price

(Capstone, P \$9.95) 978-1-4765-3592-0

How did spies on both sides affect the outcome of the Second World War? Archival photographs. (8-11)

Law and Justice**Our Rights: How Kids Are Changing the World**

written and illustrated by Janet Wilson

(Second Story, \$18.95) 978-1-926920-95-5

Learn about the efforts of child activists to change the world. Photographs and pastel illustrations. (10-13)

***Why Do We Fight?: Conflict, War, and Peace**

by Niki Walker

(Owlkids Books, \$16.95) 978-1-926973-86-9

A thoughtful discussion of how conflicts arise and could be resolved is accompanied by an invaluable guide to judging facts and opinions. (8-12)

Memoir**Alex Ko: From Iowa to Broadway, My *Billy Elliot* Story**

by Alex Ko

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-223601-2

Alex's passion for dance takes him to the big stage, where dreams come true as he stars as one of the dancers in *Billy Elliot*. (9-12)**Reference*****Chitchat: Celebrating the World's Languages**

by Jude Isabella, illustrated by Kathy Boake

(Kids Can Press, \$17.95) 978-1-55453-787-7

This vast subject, including such topics as word origins, slang, invented language, and language extinction, is presented in an interesting and accessible format. Photoshop illustrations. Well referenced. (10-14)

A History of Just about Everything: 180 Events, People and Inventions That Changed the World

by Elizabeth MacLeod, and Frieda Wishinsky, illustrated by Qin Leng

(Kids Can Press, \$21.95) 978-1-55453-775-4

Find out when the Great Wall of China was built, who invented plastic, what ancient treasure was discovered in 1922, and much more. Includes a tvnime line. Simple, colorful illustrations. (9-12)

Religion**Anubis Speaks! : A Guide to the Afterlife by the Egyptian God of the Dead (Secrets of the Ancient Gods series)**

by Vicky Alvear Shecter, illustrated by Antoine Revoy (Boyd's Mills Press/Highlights, \$16.95)

978-1-59078-995-7

Join Anubis, ancient Egyptian god of embalming, to learn the dark details of sun god Ra's nightly journey through the afterlife. Dramatic pen and ink drawings. (9-12)

**Aphrodite: Goddess of Love (Olympians series)**

written and illustrated by George O'Connor

(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, P \$9.99)

978-1-59643-739-5

The Goddess of Love joins the Greek pantheon, with dramatic results. Detailed, expressive art and lively text. (10-13)

Giving Thanks: Poems, Prayers, and Praise Songs of Thanksgiving

edited by Katherine Paterson, illustrated by Pamela Dalton

(Handprint Books/Chronicle Books, \$18.99)

978-1-4521-1339-5

Poems and prayers from many traditions express gratitude for life and blessings. Delicate cut-paper illustrations. (8-12)



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Religion, continued***Poseidon : Earth Shaker (Olympians series)**

written and illustrated by George O'Connor
(Neal Porter Books/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, P
\$9.99) 978-1-59643-738-8
The god of the Oceans is as mysterious as their depths.
From the Cyclops to Theseus and the Minotaur, he and
his offspring are part of many fascinating myths.
Dramatic, expressive illustrations. (10-13)

Science**The Animal Book: A Collection of the Fastest, Fiercest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shyest—and Most Surprising—Animals on Earth**

written and illustrated by Steve Jenkins
(Houghton Mifflin Books for Children/HMH, \$21.99)
978-0-547-55799-1
Stunning, detailed illustrations enhance the informative
text about 300 animals—exotic and everyday—and the
amazing things they do. (8-11)

***Buzz about Bees**

by Kari-Lynn Winters
(Fitzhenry & Whiteside, \$19.95) 978-1-55455-202-3
Clear text and well-labeled drawings and photographs
provide an in-depth account of the history and social
structure of bees. Activities included. (8-12)

The Case of the Vanishing Honeybees: A Scientific Mystery

by Sandra Markle
(Millbrook/Lerner, \$29.27) 978-1-4677-0592-9
Why are so many honeybees dying? Scientists try to
find out. Engaging, helpful photographs and diagrams.
(8-12)

The Dolphins of Shark Bay (Scientists in the Field series)

by Pamela S. Turner, photographs by Scott Tuason
(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$18.99) 978-0-547-71638-1
Scientists record the everyday activities and surprisingly
intelligent behavior of dolphins in Australia. Colorful
photographs. (10-13)

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that enabled the use of alternating current to power
homes. Atmospheric mixed-media illustrations and
abundant back matter. (8-12)

Eruption: Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives

by Elizabeth Rusch, photographs by Tom Uhlman
(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$18.99) 978-0-547-50350-9
Discover how scientists work to protect people living in
the danger zone when volcanoes erupt. Dramatic
photographs. (9-13)

Jasper's Story: Saving Moon Bears

by Jill Robinson and Marc Bekoff, illustrated by Gijsbert
van Frankenhuyzen
(Sleeping Bear Press, \$16.99) 978-1-58536-798-6
Jasper, an abused moon bear in China, is rescued and
taken to live in a protected compound with other moon
bears. Realistic painted illustrations. (8-11)

***The Mystery of Darwin's Frog**

by Marty Crump, illustrated by Steve Jenkins and Edel
Rodriguez
(Boyd's Mills Press/Highlights, \$16.95)
978-1-59078-864-6
Over a 175-year period, scientists made fascinating
discoveries about the tiny frog that Darwin discovered
in Chile in 1835. Drawings and photographs support the
text. (9-12)



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Science, continued**Octopuses (Animal Abilities series)**

by Anna Claybourne

(Heinemann-Raintree/Capstone, \$29.00)

978-1-4109-5240-0 -1

Learn all about these extremely intelligent aquatic invertebrates. Clear text and diagrams and striking photographs. (8-10)

**Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas**

by Jim Ottaviani, illustrated by Maris Wicks

(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$19.99)

978-1-59643-865-1

Travel through the jungle and follow the careers of groundbreaking scientists who studied primates. Engaging graphic art and text. (8-12)

***Scaly Spotted Feathered Frilled**

by Catherine Thimmesh, illustrated by John Sibbick, Greg Paul, Mark Hallett, Tyler Keillor, Sylvia Czerkas, and Stephen Czerkas

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$17.99) 978-0-547-99134-4

This well-researched study presents the many ways that paleontologists and artists describe dinosaurs. Realistic illustrations (9-12)

Scorpions!: Strange and Wonderful

by Laurence Pringle, illustrated by Meryl Henderson (Boyd's Mills/Highlights, \$16.95) 978-1-59078-473-0

Examine the many species of this predator from cephalothorax (head) to abdomen (end) and learn about their habits and habitats. Detailed paintings support the text. (8-11)

One Minute Mysteries: 65 More Short Mysteries You Solve with Science!

by Eric Yoder and Natalie Yoder

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Use logic, general information, and scientific knowledge to solve these science mysteries. Illustrated with photographs. (9-12)

***The Tapir Scientist (Scientists in the Field series)**

by Sy Montgomery, photographs by Nic Bishop

(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$18.99) 978-0-547-81548-0

A team of scientists conducts meticulous field research to save the tapir from extinction. Lively narrative and stunning photographs convey their challenges and successes. (10-14)

***Wild Boy: The Real Life of the Savage of Aveyron**

by Mary Losure, illustrated by Timothy Basil Ering

(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-5669-0

A feral child captured in southern France in the late 1700s deals with an alien civilization. Illustrations rendered in charcoal. (9-12)

Sports**Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball**

by John Coy, illustrated by Joe Morse

(Carolrhoda/Lerner, \$16.95) 978-0-7613-6617-1

Vibrant, action-packed illustrations and spare text capture the frustrations of a dedicated gym teacher who dreamed up a new sport. Bold, stylized illustrations. (8-10)

Technology**Cyberbullying**

by Heather E. Schwartz

(Capstone, \$26.65; P \$7.95) 978-1-4296-9944-0;

978-1-6206-5798-0

Find out how to protect yourself from very real dangers in our technology-rich world. (9-13)

Pedal It!: How Bicycles Are Changing the World

by Michelle Mulder

(Orca, \$19.95) 978-1-4598-0219-3

The 200-year history of bicycles and their many varied uses are presented through engaging text and photographs. (8-11)