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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Elementary Library Reading Department is pleased to present the 2008 Summer Reading List, "Wild Reads At Your Library." The 2008 book list, developed each year by the NPS elementary school library teachers, complements the Statewide Reading Program sponsored in part by the Newton Free Library. The summer reading list is designed to appeal to a wide range of reading interests and abilities and serve as a guide for you to include pleasure reading as part of your child's summer fun. Our hope is that it will lead children to discover the enjoyment of reading a new genre, a new author, a new subject, but most of all to keep reading. Recent research recommends that children read four or five books over the summer to maintain their end-of-school-year reading levels. We've included a reading log for you and your children to use to keep track of summer reading progress.

In creating the 2008 reading list, the elementary library teachers have chosen recently published titles and tried to include something for everyone. The annotations following each title are from our automated catalog system, Destiny. A suggested grade level follows each title. The 2008 PDF summer reading list is available on the district web site at <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/libraries/>. If you are unable to access the list electronically, please see your school library teacher for a copy. Printed copies of the 2008 "Wild Reads At Your Library" are also available in the Newton Free Library children's room and local bookstores.

Registration for the Newton Free Library (NFL) summer reading program begins Monday, June 23, 2008. There are many activities occurring at the NFL this summer, including summer poetry programs, story craft hours and other fun-filled events. The staff at the children's room is happy to guide you through the reading list as well as recommend a few of their own favorite books for your reading enjoyment!

The "unstructured days" of summer provide a perfect opportunity to share books. Have books available all summer long so that your child will have an opportunity to read whenever he or she chooses. Pack a book to take to the beach or listen to an audio book in the car on a road trip. Children love to talk about the books they have read. Engage them in a dialogue about the characters in the story or the illustrations in a nonfiction book. Read aloud or have your child read to you. Most of all, partner with us this summer in encouraging and sharing the habit and joy of reading.

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Hey Kids, follow the call of the wild to the Newton Free Library. There are all kinds of cool events planned for this summer's reading program, Wild Reads at Your Library! This year we are introducing something new - our online reading program! Registration begins on Monday, June 23rd. To check it out, just go to <http://www.readsinma.org/newton/> and click on Children's SRP. You can keep track of your reading and write book reviews. When you come to the library you'll receive bookmarks and prizes. Visit the library at the end of June so you can find out about the great books, prizes, programs and ice cream party that you can enjoy!

PICTURE BOOKS

- Addy, Sharon. **Lucky Jake**. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (K-2)
While panning for gold with his Pa, Jake adopts a pig that he names Dog.
- Agee, Jon. **Nothing**. Hyperion, 2007. (K-3)
When Suzie Gump, the richest lady in town, walks into Otis's empty antique shop and insists on buying nothing, she starts a fad that has everyone buying nothing and emptying their homes and stores to make room for it--until Suzie realizes things have gone too far.
- Baker, Keith. **Lucky days with Mr. and Mrs. Green**. Harcourt, 2005. (K-2)
Mr. and Mrs. Green, a loving alligator couple, solve the mystery of the lost jewelry, enter a gumball-guessing contest, and enter a talent show.
- Banks, Kate. **Fox**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007. (K-1)
A baby fox anticipates the time when he can go out alone, but first his parents must teach him the ways of the wilderness.
- Bunting, Eve. **Hurry, Hurry**. Harcourt, 2007. (K-1)
The animals of the barnyard community hurry to greet their newest member, who is just pecking his way out of an egg.
- Bunting, Eve. **One green apple**. Clarion Books, 2006. (K-3)
While on a school field trip to an orchard to make cider, a young Muslim immigrant named Farah gains self-confidence when the green apple she picks perfectly complements the other students' red apples.
- Child, Lauren. **Say cheese!** Dial Books for Young Readers, 2007. (K-2)
Lola does her very best to not get dirty at school so she will be clean for her school pictures, but she isn't quite so lucky.
- Coffelt, Nancy. **Fred stays with me!** Little, Brown, 2007. (K-2)
A child describes how she lives sometimes with her mother and sometimes with her father, but her dog is her constant companion.
- Cole, Brock. **Good enough to eat**. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2007. (K-3)
An Ogre comes to town demanding a bride, so the mayor decides to sacrifice a homeless girl with no name whom everyone thinks is a pest; however, she finds a way to outwit them all.
- Cowell, Cressida. **That rabbit belongs to Emily Brown**. Hyperion, 2007. (K-2)
Emily defends her stuffed rabbit from the naughty queen who is determined to acquire it any way she can.
- Cronin, Doreen. **Diary of a fly**. Joanna Cotler Books, 2007. (K-3)
A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.
- Davies, Nicola. **White owl, barn owl**. Candlewick Press, 2007. (K-3)
One winter, a grandfather and his small grandchild find an owl roost, open owl pellets, install a nest box and watch patiently until spring when they are rewarded with the sight of owls.
- Dillon, Leo and Diane. **Mother Goose: numbers on the loose**. Harcourt, 2007. (K-1)
Presents an illustrated collection of twenty-four counting rhymes.
- Fromental, Jean-Luc. **365 penguins**. Abrams, 2006. (K-3)
When a box containing a penguin arrives anonymously on New Year's Day, a family of four is puzzled, and as they continue to receive one penguin a day throughout the year, their problems--and food budget, and storage issues--multiply.

PICTURE BOOKS

Graham, Bob. **Dimity Dumpty : the story of Humpty's little sister**. Candlewick Press, 2007. (K-2)

Humpty Dumpty's little sister is too shy to be part of her family's circus act, but she finds courage when her brother needs her help.

Grey, Mini. **Ginger Bear**. Knopf, 2007. (K-3)

A lonely gingerbread bear mixes up some friends using new dough, then realizes being a cookie has disadvantages.

Gutman, Dan. **Casey back at bat**. HarperCollins, 2007. (K-3)

Presents a humorous sequel to Ernest Lawrence Thayer's classic "Casey at the Bat" with colorful illustrations and rhyming text.

Harrington, Janice N. **The chicken-chasing queen of Lamar County**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007. (K-3)

A young farm girl tries to catch her favorite chicken, until she learns something about the hen that makes her change her ways.

Imai, Ayano. **Chester**. Minedition, 2007. (K-1)

Chester is upset with his family because they never pay any attention to him, so he decides to run away and find a family that will love him.

Keller, Holly. **Help! : a story of friendship**. Greenwillow, 2007. (K-2)

Mouse hears a rumor that snakes do not like mice; and while trying to avoid his former friend, Snake, he falls into a hole from which neither Hedgehog, Squirrel, nor Rabbit can help him out.

Kelley, Ellen A. **My life as a chicken**. Harcourt, 2007. (K-3)

After escaping the frying pan, a chicken has an adventure that includes pirates, a typhoon, and a balloon ride before landing happily in a petting zoo.

Kirk, Daniel. **Library mouse**. Abrams, 2007. (K-3)

Sam, a shy but creative mouse who lives in a library, decides to write and illustrate his own stories which he places on the shelves with the other library books. When children find the tales, they all want to meet the author.

Lin, Grace. **Lissy's friends**. Viking, 2007. (K-1)

Lissy, lonely at her new school, makes herself some origami friends, which in turn attract a real friend.

O'Connor, Jane. **Fancy Nancy and the posh puppy**. HarperCollins, 2007. (K-1)

Nancy wants to adopt a special puppy so that she is no longer the only fancy member of her family, but after a day of puppy-sitting a papillon, she realizes that being fancy is not always the most important thing.

O'Malley, Kevin. **Captain Raptor and the space pirates**. Walker, 2007. (1-3)

Captain Raptor and the Megatooth crew are called into action to save the planet Jurassica from rogue space pirates.

Polacco, Patricia. **Ginger and Petunia**. Philomel, 2007. (K-3)

When her beloved Ginger, a piano-playing socialite and very snappy dresser, makes a last-minute trip to London not knowing her housesitter has cancelled, Petunia the pig does more than fend for herself, she becomes Ginger.

Makhijani, Pooja. **Mama's saris**. Little, Brown, 2007. (K-3)

An East Indian American daughter pleads with her mother to be allowed to wear one of her mother's colorful saris in honor of her seventh birthday.

PICTURE BOOKS

Muth, Jon. **Zen Ties**. Scholastic, 2008. (K-4)

When Stillwater the panda encourages Koo, Addy, Michael, and Karl to help a grouchy neighbor, their efforts are rewarded in unexpected ways.

Perkins, Lynne Rae. **Pictures from our vacation**. Greenwillow Books, 2007. (K-3)

Given a camera that takes and prints tiny pictures just before leaving for the family farm in Canada, a young girl records a vacation that gets off to a slow start, but winds up being a family reunion filled with good memories.

Rockwell, Anne and Lizzie Rockwell. **President's Day**. Harper Collins, 2007. (K-1)

Mrs. Madoff's class learns about President's Day and puts on a play about the men who inspired the holiday, particularly those featured on Mount Rushmore

Scieszka, Jon. **Cowboy & Octopus**. Viking, 2007. (K+)

A cowboy and an octopus learn a thing or two about friendship as they struggle through a knock-knock joke, ugly hats, and a special dinner of beans.

Scieska, Jon. **Smash! Crash!** Simon and Schuster, 2008. (K-1)

Jack, a big-rig truck, and his best friend Dan the dump truck, spend their days having fun crashing and smashing.

Seeger, Laura. Vaccaro. **Dog and Bear : two friends, three stories**. Roaring Brook Press, 2007. (K-1)

Three easy-to-read stories that reveal the close friendship between Dog and Bear.

Sierra, Judy. **Mind your manners, B.B. Wolf**. Knopf, 2007. (K-3)

When B.B. Wolf, who now lives in the Villain Villa Retirement Residence, is invited to the library for a storybook tea, he is careful to follow the advice of his crocodile friend and impresses everyone with how polite he can be.

Teague, Mark. **LaRue for mayor: letters from the campaign trail**. Scholastic, 2008. (K-3)

Another title in the series about Mrs. LaRue and her dog Ike. This time, Mrs. LaRue is laid up in the hospital, the police chief is running for mayor on an anti-dog platform, and it is up to Ike to bring his vision for change and hope to the election, which he explains in his letters to Mrs. LaRue.

Williams, Karen Lynn. **Four feet, two sandals**. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2007. (2-4)

Two young Afghani girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers.

Willems, Mo. **Knuffle Bunny too : a case of mistaken identity**. Hyperion, 2007. (K-2)

Trixie's first day of pre-kindergarten gets off to a bad start when she and Sonja discover they have the very same "one-of-a-kind" Knuffle Bunnies.

Woodruff, Elvira. **Small Beauties: The journey of Darcy Heart O'Hara**. Knopf, 2006.

Darcy Heart O'Hara, a young Irish girl who neglects her chores to observe the beauties of nature and everyday life, shares "family memories" with her homesick parents and siblings after the O'Haras are forced to emigrate to America in the 1840s.



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BEGINNING TO ENJOY CHAPTER BOOKS

Adler, David A. **Bones and the birthday mystery.** Viking, 2007. (1-3)

In his latest case, young Jeffrey Bones tries to discover the whereabouts of his grandfather's missing birthday present.

Arnold, Tedd. **Super Fly Guy.** Scholastic, 2005. (K-3)

Fly Guy's adventures continue as he visits the school cafeteria and gets the lunch lady fired.

Cazet, Denys. **Minnie & Moo and the seven wonders of the world.** Atheneum, 2003. (1-3)

Two cows try to save their farm by creating seven wonders, asking the other animals for donations to see them.

Chaconas, Dori. **Cork & Fuzz : good sports.** Viking, 2007. (1-3)

Cork is upset when tall Fuzz wins every game they play, then learns that friendship is more important than winning.

Colfer, Eoin. **Legend of Captain Crow's teeth.** Hyperion Books for Children, 2005. (2-4)

When Will hears the legend of Captain Crow's Teeth he fears he will be the bloodthirsty pirate's next victim.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson : princess in disguise.** Candlewick Press, 2007. (1-3)

Mercy the pig has a Halloween adventure when the Watson's dress her as a princess and take her trick-or-treating.

English, Karen. **Nikki & Deja.** Clarion Books, 2007. (2-4)

Third-grade best friends Nikki and Deja form a club to exclude the arrogant new girl with unexpected results.

Kerrin, Jessica Scott. **Martin Bridge : blazing ahead!** Kids Can Press, 2006. (2-4)

Presents two short stories for early readers about the misadventures of Martin Bridge.

Lowry, Lois. **Gooney, the fabulous.** Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (2-4)

Gooney Bird Greene takes charge of a class project as her second grade class learn about fables.

McDonald, Megan. **Stink and the world's worst super-stinky sneakers.** Candlewick Press, 2007. (2-4)

A visit to the science museum inspires Stink Moody to enter the World's Worst Super-Stinky Sneaker contest.

Odgers, Darrel. **The sausage situation.** (Jack Russel, Dog Detective Series) Kane/Miller, 2007. (2-4)

Jack the dog sets out to nab a canine thief, sparking "pan-dog-monium" at Doggeroo's Dog and Sausage Day.

Pennypacker, Sara. **The talented Clementine.** Hyperion, 2007. (2-4)

Eight-year-old Clementine, convinced that she has no talents, tries to find a way to avoid participating in the class talent show.

Ransom, Candice. **Magician in the trunk.** (Time Spies series) Mirrorstone, 2007. (2-4)

Alex and his sisters travel back in time where they work with young Harry Houdini to track down a thief.

Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa : school days.** Harcourt, 2007. (K-2)

Cocoa the horse does not want Cowgirl Kate to go to school without him.

Watt, Melanie. **Scaredy squirrel makes a friend.** Kids Can Press, 2007. (K-1)

Scaredy Squirrel chooses not to have friends because he thinks they bite, until he discovers the meaning of friendship.

Willems, Mo. **There is a bird on your head!** Hyperion 2007. (K-2)

Opposite best friends Gerald and Piggie run into a problem when two birds land on Gerald's head.

Yee, Wong Herbert. **Abracadabra! Magic with Mouse and Mole.** Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (K-3)

Mole is mad about magic until he takes his friend Mouse to a show that turns out to be all tricks, but then

Mouse conjures up a special night program to show him the enchantment found in nature.



FICTION

Auch, M.J. **One-handed catch.** Henry Holt, 2006. (3+)

After losing his hand in an accident, Norman uses hard work and humor to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball.

Babbitt, Natalie. **Jack Plank tells tales.** Michael di Capua Books, 2007. (3+)

Too nice to be a pirate, Jack Plank looks for a new career, but each night he tells tales of why the one job he looked into that day is wrong.

Barry, Dave. **Peter and the secret of Rundoon.** (Peter and the Star Catchers series) Hyperion Books for Children, 2007. (3+)

Fearing that the sinister Lord Ombra was not destroyed, Peter and Molly travel to the land of Rundoon, which is ruled by the evil King Zarboff.

Bauer, Marion Dane. **The secret of the painted house.** Random, 2007. (2-4)

When her family moves from Chicago to the country, nine-year-old Emily's curiosity draws her to a mysterious play-house she finds in the woods where she soon meets its sad, lonely inhabitant.

Birney, Betty G. **Friendship according to Humphrey.** Puffin, 2006. (2-4)

When Humphrey the hamster returns to Mrs. Brisbane's class after the winter break, a newclass pet and some other surprises give him an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of friendship.

Byars, Betsy Cromer. **Dog diaries : secret writings of the WOOF Society.** Holt, 2007. (2-4)

At the first annual meeting of WOOF--Words of Our Friends--assorted dogs preserve their heritage by sharing tales of canines throughout history.

Carey, Elizabeth Doyle. **Summer begins.** Little, Brown, 2005. (3+)

Four girl cousins spend summer vacation together with their grandmother on Gull Island.

Child, Lauren. **Clarise Bean, don't look now.** Candlewick, 2007. (2-4)

Clarice Bean tries to glean useful advice from the "Ruby Redfort Survival Handbook" as she deals with several worries, including "largish" spiders, Robert the pest, and, most of all, sudden change.

Clements, Andrew. **No talking.** Simon & Schuster, 2007. (4+)

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

Clements, Andrew. **Room one: a mystery or two.** Simon and Schuster, 2006. (3-5)

Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.

Corder, Zizou. **Lionboy : the chase : the second book in a trilogy.** Dial Books, 2004. (4+)

After saving the lions from their evil trainer, Charlie, a boy with the ability to speak the language of cats, goes to Venice to search for his parents and solve the mystery of their kidnapping with help from Bulgarian King Boris.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Elijah of Buxton.** Scholastic, 2007. (4+)

Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.

Fardell, John. **Seven professor's of the Far North.** G.P. Putnam's, 2005. (4+)

Eleven-year-old Sam finds himself involved in a dangerous adventure when he and his new friends, brother and sister Ben and Zara, set off for the Arctic to try and rescue the siblings' great-uncle and five other professors from the mad scientist holding them prisoner.



FICTION

- Funke, Cornelia. **Ghosthunters and the muddy monster of doom!** Scholastic, 2007. (2-5)
Tom must face frightening final exams before he can earn his Ghosthunting Diploma.
- Funke, Cornelia. **Igraine the Brave.** Scholastic, 2007. (4+)
The daughter of two magicians, twelve-year-old Igraine wants to be a knight. When their castle is attacked by a treacherous neighbor bent on stealing their singing magic books, Igraine has an opportunity to demonstrate her bravery.
- Green, Jessica. **Diary of a would-be princess : the journal of Jillian James, 5B.** Charlesbridge, 2007. (4+)
In the journal her fifth-year teacher requires, Jillian records the ups and downs of her efforts to become popular as she hosts a class party, creates a school magazine, and tutors some socially misfit boys.
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Say What.** Simon and Schuster, 2004. (3+)
When their parents begin saying the wrong thing every time six-year-old Sukey and her older brothers misbehave, the children discover that it is a plot and fight back with their own wrong phrases.
- Hest, Amy. **Remembering Mrs. Rossi.** Candlewick Press, 2007. (3+)
Although she loves her father, and third-grade teacher Miss Meadows, Annie misses her mother who died recently.
- Hulme, John. **The glitch in sleep.** Bloomsbury, 2007. (4+)
When twelve-year-old Becker Drane is recruited by The Seems, a parallel universe that runs everything in The World, he must fix a disastrous glitch in the Department of Sleep that threatens everyone's ability to ever fall asleep again.
- Jonell. **Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat.** Henry Holt, 2007. (3+)
When Emmy discovers that their evil nanny is feeding she and her formerly loving parents rodent potions that change people in frightening ways. she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.
- Kelly, Katy. **Lucy Rose, here's the thing about me.** Delacorte Press, 2004. (2-4)
Eight-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., her home since her parents separation, where she spends time with her grandparents, makes friends, and longs to take care of the class pet during a holiday.
- Kent, Rose. **Kimchi and Calamari.** Harper Collins, 2007. (4+)
After getting caught lying on a school project about who his grandfather was, fourteen-year-old Joseph Claderno is forced to redo the assignment and learns more about his adopted Italian-American family and Korean heritage.
- Kessler, Liz. **Emily Windsnap and the castle in the mist.** Candlewick Press, 2007. (3+)
Emily is under a spell that will force her to choose to be either a mermaid or a human and split up her parents forever.
- Kurzweil, Allen. **Leon and the spitting image.** Greenwillow Books, 2003.
Leon, a fourth grader at The Ethical School, tries to outwit the school bully and learn to sew for fanatical teacher Miss-Cronheim, with unexpected help from his final project-- a doll with magical powers.
- Lerangis, Peter. **The code.** Scholastic, 2004. (4+)
Eleven-year-old twins Andrew and Evie's mother suddenly disappears on their birthday leaving only a cryptic note. One year later they receive a mysterious package that will lead them on an incredible journey to finding their mother.
- Lin, Grace. **The Year of the Rat.** Little Brown, 2007. (3-5)
In the Chinese Year of the Rat, a young Taiwanese American girl faces challenges: her best friend moves to California and a new boy comes to her school. Though it all, she finds the courage to forge ahead with her dreams and accept change.

FICTION

Lowry, Lois. **Gooney, the fabulous.** Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (2-4)

Gooney Bird Greene takes charge of a class project as she and her fellow students in Mrs. Pidgeon's second grade class learn about fables by each making up their own based on an animal that begins with the same letter as their first name.

Macguire, Gregory. **The good liar.** HarperTrophy, 2002. (4+)

Now an old man living in the United States, Marcel recalls his childhood in German-occupied France, especially the summer that he and his older brother Rene befriended a young German soldier.

Macguire, Gregory. **What the Dickens.** Candlewick Press, 2007. (3+)

As a storm rages, ten-year-old Dinah and her brother and sister listen to their cousin's tale of a newly-hatched, orphaned tooth fairy called What-the-Dickens, who hopes to find a home, if only he can stay out of trouble.

O'Connor, Barbara. **How to steal a dog : a novel.** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007. (4+)

Living in the family car after their father leaves them penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation, persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming a reward.

Oppel, Kenneth. **Firewing.** 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster 2003. (4+)

Griffin, a young bat, is sucked into the "Underworld," and his father follows to rescue him.

Orr, Wendy. **Nim's Island.** Knopf, 2001. (3+)

Nim lives on the most beautiful island in the world, but his boat becomes disabled when her explores the sea world.

Paulsen, Gary. **Lawn boy.** Wendy Lamb Books, 2007. (4+)

Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his lawn mowing business.

Ransom, Candice F. **Giant in the garden** (Time Spies series). Mirrorstone, 2007. (3+)

Alex and his sisters look through a spyglass, and suddenly find themselves in a strange, mixed-up fairy tale.

Root, Phyllis. **Aunt Nancy and the bothersome visitors.** Candlewick Press, 2007. (2-5)

Aunt Nancy manages to foil all those who try to get the better of her.

Roy, Ron. **Fireworks at the FBI** (Capital Mysteries series). Random House, 2006. (2-4)

KC and her friend Marshall help the FBI solve the mystery of who hacked into the witness-protection program.

Selznick, Brian. **The invention of Hugo Cabret.** Scholastic, 2007. (4+)

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

Stewart, Trenton Lee. **The mysterious Benedict Society.** Little, Brown, 2007. (5+)

Four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened.

Warner, Sally. **Super Emma.** Viking, 2006. (2-4)

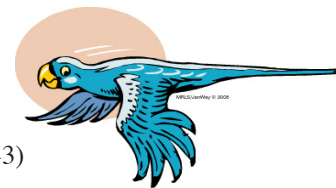
Third-grader Emma becomes a reluctant heroine when she defends a friend from the class bully.

Wynne-Jones, Tim. **Rex Zero and the end of the world.** Melanie Kroupa Books, 2007. (4+)

Eleven-year-old Rex and his family move to Ottawa from Vancouver in the summer of 1962. It seems everyone is nervous about the possibility of nuclear war between America and Russia, but his thoughts about the possible end of the world take second place to the mystery creature hiding out in the local park.



POETRY



- Clements, Andrew. **Dogku**. Simon & Schuster, 2007. (K-3)
Tells a story through haiku about the many things a dog named Mooch does.
- Forman, Ruth. **Young Cornrows callin out the moon**. Children's Book Press, 2007. (1-3)
African-American children tell about the things around their brownstone apartments.
- Frank. **How to catch a fish**. Roaring Brook Press, 2008. (K-2)
Rhyming text and illustrations describe the ways fish are caught in various locations around the world
- Hopkins, Lee Bennett. **Behind the museum door**. Abrams, 2007. (3-5)
This collection of poems touches on the sights and sensations a group of children experience on a field trip.
- Katz. **Oops!** Scholastic, 2007. (2-5)
A collection of more than 100 rhyming poems to entice even the most reluctant poetry reader.
- Kobayashi, Issa. **Today and today : haiku**. Scholastic, 2007. (K-3)
The author uses Japanese poet Issa to tell the tale of a family over a year.
- Mora, Pat. **Yum! Mmmmm! Que rico!: America's sproutings**. Lee & Low Books, 2007. (1-4)
A collection of haikus that celebrates indigenous foods of the Americas.
- Park, Linda Sue. **Tap dancing on the roof : sijo (poems)**. Clarion, 2007. (4+)
Presents twenty-six sijo, traditional Korean syllabic poems, on "inside" and "outside" themes.
- Prelutsky, Jack. **Good sports : rhymes about running, jumping, throwing, and more**. Knopf, 2007. (2-5)
An illustrated collection of poems for children about various sports activities.
- Prelutsky, Jack. **In Aunt Giraffe's green garden**. Greenwillow, 2007. (K-3)
A picture-book poetry collection of gleeful nonsense verse and captivating illustrations
- Prelutsky, Jack. **My dog may be a genius**. Greenwillow, 2008. (2-5)
Short poems of imaginary creatures with challenging vocabulary and zestful illustration will captivate children.
- Ruddell, Deborah. **Today at the bluebird café: a branchful of birds**. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2007. (1-4)
A collection of twenty-two children's poems about birds including blue jays, toucans, and cockatoos.
- Shore, Diane ZuHone. **This is the dream**. Amistad, 2006. (2-4)
A poem that describes how nonviolent protests helped end the segregation of schools and public places in the U.S.A
- Shapiro, Karen Jo. **I must go down to the beach again: and other poems**. Charlesbridge, 2007. (4+)
Presents a collection of twenty-three poetic parodies transformed from the original works.
- Sidman, Joyce. **This is just to say : poems of apology and forgiveness**. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (4+)
Poems of apology written by sixth-grade students with a collection of responses in poetry form.
- Thomas, Patricia. **Nature's paintbox**. Millbrook, 2007. (1-4)
Verse connects each season through the illustrations.
- Yolen, Jane (collected by). **Here's a little poem: A very first book of poetry**. Candlewick Press, 2007. (K-1)
A collection of poems for children with the various themes of self, family, going outside, and when it is time for bed.
- Yolen, Jane. **Shape me a rhyme**. Wordsong, 2007. (3-5)
Poems and illustrations depict shapes found in nature such as a leaf, a starfish, and more.

FOLKLORE

- Daly, Niki. **Pretty Salma : a Little Red Riding Hood story from Africa.** Clarion Books, 2007. (K-3)
Set in Ghana, in this version a young girl fails to heed Granny's warning about the dangers of talking to strangers.
- Deedy, Carmen Agra. **Martina the beautiful cockroach : a Cuban folktale.** Peachtree, 2007. (2-5)
A humorous retelling of a Cuban folktale in which a cockroach interviews her suitors to decide whom to marry.
- Demi. **Boy who painted dragons.** McElderry, 2007. (K-4)
Ping, a painter of dragons of which he is secretly afraid, is challenged to seek the truth, and dare to be true.
- DePaola, Tomie. **Tomie dePaola's front porch tales & north country whoppers.** Putnam, 2007. (2-5)
A collection of folk tales, original stories, and jokes reflecting the regional humor of northern New England.
- Diakit , Baba Wagu . **Mee-An and the magic serpent : a folktale from Mali.** Groundwood Books, 2007. (2-4)
Vain Mee-An is tricked into marriage by a magical serpent who disguises himself and the makes plans to eat her.
- Fleischman, Paul. **Glass slipper, gold sandal : a worldwide Cinderella.** Holt, 2007. (K-4)
A retelling of the "Cinderella" story based on a variety of folk traditions.
- Isadora, Rachael. **12 Dancing Princesses.** Putnam, 2007. (K-3)
A retelling, set in Africa, of the twelve princesses who dance secretly all night until their secret is discovered.
- Knutson, Barbara. **Sungura and Leopard : a Swahili trickster tale.** Little Brown, 2006. (K-3)
Clever hare and fierce leopard share a house, but hare realizes that he must find get rid of his bad-tempered neighbor.
- Lunge-Larsen, Lise. **The adventures of Thor the thunder god.** Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (3+)
Stories featuring the heroic Norse god Thor, who protects the Viking people with his magic belt and hammer.
- MacDonald, Margaret Read. **Little Rooster's Diamond Button.** Albert Whitman, 2007. (K-3)
A rooster with a magic stomach retrieves the diamond button which was stolen from him by a greedy king
- Marzollo, Jeanne. **Let's go Pegasus.** Little, Brown, 2006. (K-3)
Retells Ovid's version of the Greek myth about how Perseus defeated Medusa and created Pegasus. Also recommended:
Pandora's box : a Greek myth retold and illustrated by Jeanne Marzollo.
- Mitchell, Stephen. **Genies, meanies and magic rings: three tales from the Arabian Nights.** Walker, 2007. (3+)
A retelling of three tales from *The Arabian Nights*.
- Mitchell, Stephen. **The tinderbox.** Candlewick Press, 2007. (2-5)
A soldier, helped by a magic tinderbox, finds a fortune and pursues a princess imprisoned in a castle.
- Nadimi, Suzan. **The rich man and the parrot.** Albert Whitman, 2007. (K-3)
In this retelling of a tale by Rumi, a parrot tricks a wealthy merchant into setting him free.
- Pinkney, Jerry. **Little Red Riding Hood.** Little, Brown, 2007. (K-2)
A delightful retelling of the familiar tale with detailed and colorful illustrations.
- Shannon, George. **Rabbit's gift : a fable from China.** Harcourt, 2007. (K-2)
Woodland animals, each thinking of his neighbor, share a turnip left on their doorstep.
- Shepard, Aaron. **One-eye! two-eyes! three-eyes! : a very Grimm fairy tale.** Atheneum, 2007. (K-3)
A retelling of a tale about a little girl who has two eyes and is horribly teased by her sisters.
- Storace, Patricia. **Sugar Cane: a Caribbean Rapunzel.** Hyperion, 2007. (1-4)
A version of "Rapunzel" in which a beautiful girl with long hair is imprisoned in a tower by an island sorceress.



NONFICTION - GENERAL

Ancona, George. **Capoeira: game! dance! martial art!** Lee and Low, 2007. (3+)

Photo-essay about Capoeira as it is played in the United States and Brazil today, along with its' history and origin.

Bryan, Ashley. **Let it shine : three favorite spirituals.** Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007. (K+)

Illustrations and text introduce 3 spirituals along with a short history of slave songs before the Civil War.

Calmenson, Stephanie. **May I pet your dog? : the how-to guide for kids meeting dogs (and dogs meeting kids).**

Clarion Books, 2007. (K-2)

Harry the dog explains how to safely meet him and his friends.

Cook, Sally. **Hey batta batta swing! : the wild old days of baseball.** McElderry Books, 2007. (3+)

Describes the old days of baseball before there were pitching mounds, and contains trivia about players' nicknames, team names, and the design of the uniforms.

Dillon, Leo. **Jazz on a Saturday night.** Blue Sky Press, 2007. (K-3)

A crowd gathers on a Saturday night to groove to an evening of jazz played by a "Dream Team" of musicians including Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, and Ella Fitzgerald. Includes a companion CD.

Floca, Brian. **Lightship.** Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007. (K-2)

Illustrations and simple text tell the story of lightships that were used in place of lighthouses in order to safely guide ships into port.

Hatkoff, Isabella. **Owen & Mzee : the language of friendship.** Scholastic Press, 2007. (K+)

True story of the friendship that developed at a Kenyan wildlife sanctuary between Owen, a baby hippopotamus orphaned by the 2004 Southeast Asian tsunami, and Mzee, a 130-year-old giant tortoise.

Jenkins, Steve. **Dogs and Cats.** Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (K+)

Two related works, one about dogs with some comparisons to cats and one about cats with some comparisons to dogs.

Keller. **Do unto otters.** Henry Holt, 2007. (K-2)

Mr. Rabbit wonders if he will be able to get along with his new neighbors, who are otters, until he is reminded of the golden rule.

Murphy, Liz. **Dictionary of Dance.** Blue Apple Books, 2007. (K-3)

An illustrated dictionary that explains various words associated with dance.

Raczka, Bob. **3-D ABC : a sculptural alphabet.** Millbrook Press, 2007. (K-3)

Uses an A to Z format to profile sculptures from the twentieth century, covering a wide range of styles and mediums that sculptors can use.

Robb, Don. **Ox, house, stick : the history of our alphabet.** Charlesbridge, 2007. (4+)

Presents the origins of each letter of the English alphabet.

Thompson, Lauren. **Ballerina dreams : a true story.** Feiwel and Friends, 2007. (K-3)

The true story of five little girls with cerebral palsy whose dreams come true by becoming ballerinas.

Weatherford, Carole. **Champions on the bench : the Cannon Street YMCA All-Stars.** Dial Books for Young Readers, 2007. (1-4)

Story based on the discrimination faced by the 1955 Cannon Street YMCA Little League All-Stars when the white teams refused to play them in the series tournament.

NONFICTION - SCIENCE & MATH

Adler, David. **Working with fractions.** Holiday House, 2007. (2-4)

Shows how to calculate and use simple fractions, presenting examples involving everyday activities such as counting money, playing games, and splitting up a pizza.

Aston, Dianna Hutts. **A seed is sleepy.** Chronicle Books, 2007. (K-3)

An introduction to seeds; explaining their varying shapes and sizes, where they are found, and their life cycles

Bishop, Nic. **Spiders.** Scholastic, 2007. (1-4)

Photographs and text provide basic information about various kinds of spiders.

Bradley, Timothy J. **Paleo sharks : survival of the strangest.** Chronicle Books, 2007. (4+)

Detailed illustrations and text describe various species of sharks known to have lived during prehistoric times.

Burns, Loree Griffin. **Tracking trash: flotsam, jetsam, and the science of ocean motion.** (Scientists in the Field) Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (4+)

Profiles two oceanographers who, with the help of computers, predicted the landfall of floating objects using ocean currents.

Fradin, Judith Bloom. **Volcanoes.** National Geographic, 2007. (4+)

Text and photographs convey the power of volcanic activity including their causes and impact on people. Eyewitness accounts are included to explain the history and science involved.

Gibbons, Gail. **Coral reefs.** Holiday House, 2007. (K-3)

An illustrated history of how coral reefs are formed, where they are found, and the importance of protecting them.

Jenkins, Steve. **Living color.** Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (3+)

Looks at a wide range of colorful animals, describing how their feathers, scales, shells, and skin help them survive.

Kelly, Irene. **It's a butterfly's life.** Holiday House, 2007. (2-4)

Illustrations and simple text describe the life cycle of butterflies.

Leedy, Loreen. **The edible pyramid : good eating every day.** Rev. ed. Holiday House, 2007. (K-3)

Uses the U.S. Department of Agriculture's food guide pyramid to show the healthy way to eat.

Leedy, Lauren. **Messages from Mars.** Holiday House, 2006. (K-3)

In 2016 a group of six children and their mission leader embark on a mission to Mars, sending information back home about space travel and conditions on Mars. Cartoonlike illustrations combine with photos to create a clever book that will entice and inform readers.

Markle, Sandra. **Octopuses.** Lerner, 2007. (3-5)

Follows a giant Pacific octopus as she looks for food and escapes predators, with photos and many octopus facts

Markle, Sandra. **Outside and inside woolly mammoths.** Walker, 2007. (4+)

Describes the anatomy of life of the woolly mammoths as well as why they became extinct.

Markle, Sandra. **Tough, toothy baby sharks.** Walker, 2007. (3+)

Photographs and text introduce students to the development of baby sharks, describing how different types of shark pups grow from eggs to mature adults, the ways they avoid predators, and their ascent up the ocean's food chain.

McNamara, Margaret. **How many seeds in a pumpkin?** Schwartz & Wade Books, 2007. (K-2)

Charlie, the smallest child in his first grade class, is amazed to discover that of the three pumpkins his teacher brings to school, the tiniest one has the most seeds.

NONFICTION - SCIENCE & MATH

- Murawski, Darlyne. **Face to face with caterpillars**. National Geographic, 2007. (3+)
An introduction to caterpillars, discussing where they live, what they eat, and what they need to survive.
- Nagda, Ann Whitehead. **Cheetah math : learning about division from baby cheetahs**. Holt, 2007. (2-4)
Uses information about the cheetahs who live in the San Diego Zoo to teach children about division.
- Posada, Mia. **Guess what is growing inside this egg**. Millbrook Press, 2007. (K-3)
Illustrations and simple text describe the many ways animals care for their eggs and young.
- Pringle, Laurence P. **Penguins! strange and wonderful**. Boyds Mills Press, 2007. (2-5)
Illustrations and simple text examines the life and behavior of the seventeen species of penguins.
- Rotner, Shelley. **Every season**. Roaring Brook Press, 2007. (K-2)
With simple text and bright photographs presents a portrait of nature through the seasons of the year.
- Ryder, Joanne. **Toad by the road : a year in the life of these amazing amphibians**. Holt, 2007. (2-4)
Poems that trace the yearly life cycle of toads from tadpoles in the spring to adults which hibernate in the winter.
- Sartore, Joel. **Face to face with grizzlies**. National Geographic, 2007. (3+)
Joel Sartore describes his experiences with grizzly bears while working for National Geographic and provides basic information about bears' bodies, habitats, and behavior.
- Sayre, April Pulley. **Vulture view**. Holt, 2007. (K-2)
Text and illustrations introduce readers to the turkey vulture, discussing their eating habits, behaviors, and more.
- Schwartz, David M. **Where in the wild? : camouflaged creatures concealed-- and revealed : ear-tickling poems**. Tricycle Press, 2007. (2-4)
Poems with clues prompt readers to guess the identities of ten camouflaged animals. Fact pages present information on each species, discussing their camouflage and life cycles.
- Scott, Elaine. **When is a planet not a planet? : the story of Pluto**. Clarion Books, 2007. (3+)
Explains Pluto's reassignment on August 24, 2006, from planet to dwarf planet. Includes illustrations.
- Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. **First the egg**. Roaring Brook Press, 2007. (K-1)
Die-cut pages show the transformations of various animals and objects, such as a seed to a flower, paint to a picture, and a caterpillar to a butterfly.
- Swanson, Diane. **Bugs up close**. Kids Can Press, 2007. (3+)
Text and close-up photographs describe the physical features, life cycles, and behaviors of a variety of insects.
- Tang, Greg. **Math fables too : making science count**. Scholastic, 2007. (K-2)
Fables about ocean, jungle, desert, and lake animals teach about number groupings and counting, laying the groundwork for addition.
- Winter, Jeanette. **The tale of Pale Male : a true story**. Harcourt, 2007. (K-3)
The true story of two red-tailed hawks, Pale Male and Lola, who made their home on an apartment building in New York City and sparked a protest by those who loved them when the apartment board had their nest cleared away.
- Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. **Dinosaur tracks**. Harper Collins, 2007. (K-3)
Tells how footprints made by the dinosaurs have been preserved, and explains what these impressions tell scientists.

NONFICTION - HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

- Armstrong, Jennifer. **The American story: 100 true tales from American history.** Knopf, 2006. (4+)
Contains 100 short stories about real people and events in American history, arranged chronologically from 1565 to 2000, including the lost colony of Roanoke, Pocahontas, the Chicago fire, and the 2000 presidential election.
- Brown, Don. **Dolley Madison saves George Washington.** Houghton Mifflin, 2007. (3-5)
Describes the contribution Dolley Madison made to the United States when she saved a picture of George Washington.
- Cummins, Julie. **Women daredevils : thrills, chills, and frills.** Dutton, 2008. (3-5)
Profiles fourteen women who flouted convention to work as entertainers in the years between 1880 and 1929, performing thrilling feats in the water, in the air, and in the circus.
- McGrath, Barbara, ed. **The storm: students of Biloxi, Mississippi, remember Hurricane Katrina.** Charlesbridge, 2006. (3+)
A compilation of stories and artwork by 91 children in grades K-12 with their teacher's brief reflections.
- Miller, Debbie S. **Big Alaska: journey across America's most amazing state.** Walker, 2006. (K-3)
Explores the Alaskan wilderness through the eyes of the bald eagle, as he journeys across the largest state.
- Nelson, Scott Reynolds. **Ain't nothing but a man: my quest to find the real John Henry.** National Geographic, 2008. (4+)
Historian Scott Nelson introduces children to the life of the real John Henry, drawing on songs, poems, and stories to describe the man behind the legendary African-American hero.
- Nikola-Lisa, W. **How we are smart:** Lee and Low, 2006. (3+)
Quotations, verse, and prose, present the achievements of a diverse group of people who illustrate Dr. Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences. Includes information about the eight basic ways people can be "smart".
- Roop, Connie. **Tales of famous Americans.** Scholastic, 2007. (2+)
Describes the lives and accomplishments of nineteen Americans, including Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Sitting Bull, Jackie Robinson, and Mia Hamm.
- Roth, Susan L. **Do re mi: if you can read music, thank Guido d'Arezzo.** Houghton Mifflin, 2006. (K-5)
For many years, Guido d'Arezzo, a young man from Tuscany, has imagined that his system of lines and spaces can be used as a written language of music and he is determined to make his ideas work.
- Schanzer, Rosalyn. **John Smith escapes again!** National geographic, 2006. (3+)
Describes daring escapes by seventeenth-century English explorer John Smith from such dangers as pirates, slave drivers, angry mobs, and attacks by Native Americans, which Smith relates in his own books.
- Shoveller, Herb. **Ryan and Jimmy and the well in Africa that brought them together.** Kids Can, 2006. (4+)
Chronicles the friendship of Ryan Hreljac and Akana Jimmy, who became pen pals after Ryan, a Canadian boy, raised money to build a well in Jimmy's village in Uganda, and explains how they became brothers.
- Shulevitz, Uri. **How I learned geography.** Farrar, Strauss, Giroux, 2008. (K-3)
As he spends hours studying his father's world map, a young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan, where he lived as a Polish refugee during World War II.

BIOGRAPHY

- Barasch, Lynne. **Hiromi's hands.** Lee & Low, 2007. (K-3)
Hiromi Suzuki,'s story who, with her father's help, became one of the first female sushi chefs in New York.
- Bolden, Tonya. **George Washington Carver.** Abrams, 2008. (5+)
Features photographs from the period, primary documents, botanical drawings and quotes by Carver.
- Cline-Ransome, Lesa. **Young Pelé : soccer's first star.** Schwartz & Wade Books, 2007. (K-5)
Explores the childhood of Pelé, a Brazilian boy, who became one of the best soccer players in the world.
- Crowe, Ellie. **Surfer of the century: life of Duke Kahanamoku.** Lee & Low, 2007. (3-5)
The life of the Hawaiian five time Olympic swimming champion, considered to be the father of modern surfing.
- Debon, Nicolas. **The strongest man in the world : Louis Cyr.** Groundwood Books, 2007. (3-5).
Written in graphic format, this biography describes the events that led Louis to become one of the strongest persons in all of Canada.
- Demi. **The legend of Lao Tzu and the Tao te ching.** McElderry Books, 2007. (3-5)
The life and teachings of Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu, who is credited with creating the Tao Te Ching.
- Fleischman, Sid. **Escape: the story of the great Houdini.** Greenwillow, 2006 (4+)
A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape, whose amazing feats are still remembered.
- Giblin, James. **The many rides of Paul Revere.** New York: Scholastic, 2007. (4+)
Follows Paul Revere's life from humble beginnings to work as a silversmith amid the pressures of the Revolution.
- Kerley, Barbara. **What to do about Alice? : how Alice Roosevelt broke the rules, charmed the world, and drove her father Teddy crazy!** Scholastic, 2008. (2-4)
Biography of Alice Roosevelt Longworth that focuses on her experiences while her father was president.
- McCarthy, Meghan. **The story of Charles Atlas, strong man.** Knopf, 2007. (1-4)
The life of Angelo Siciliano, who developed a physical fitness program that earned him the name Charles Atlas.
- Ray, Deborah Kogan. **Down the Colorado : John Wesley Powell, the one-armed explorer.** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007. (3-5)
Powell's passion to explore would not be deterred and he kept his dream of exploring the Grand Canyon.
- St. George, Judith. **Stand tall, Abe Lincoln.** Philomel Books, 2008. (1-4)
An account of of Abraham Lincoln's early life and how the support of his stepmother propelled him to success.
- Stauffer, Sue, **Nothing but trouble : the story of Althea Gibson.** Knopf, 2007. (K-5)
The life and achievements of Althea Gibson, the first African-American woman to win the Wimbledon Cup.



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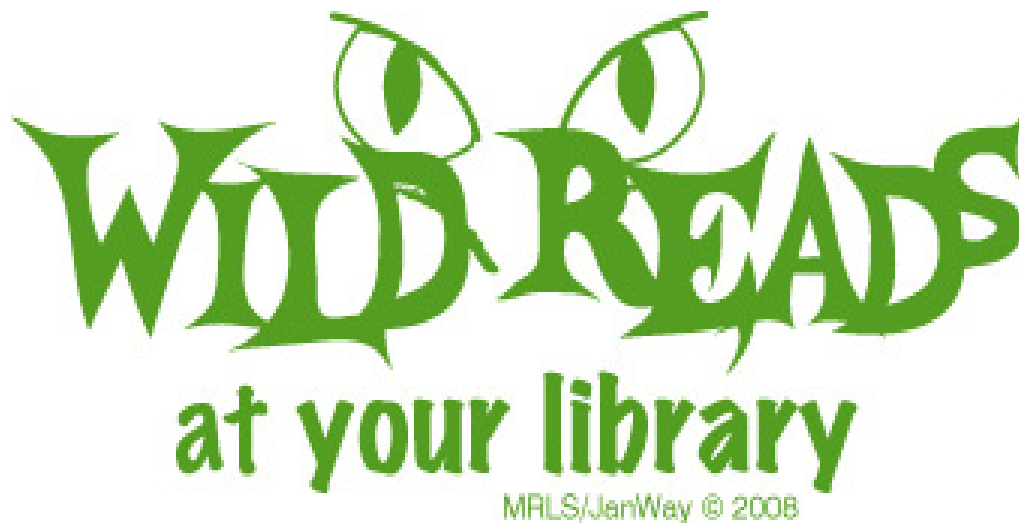
St. George, Judith. **Make your mark, Franklin Roosevelt.** Philomel Books, 2007. (K-3)
Profiles the childhood and adolescent years of President Franklin Roosevelt.

Weatherford, Carole Boston. **Jesse Owens : fastest man alive.** Walker, 2007. (1-4)
The life of African American track and field athlete who won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic games.

Weatherford, Carole. **Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer.** Walker & Co., 2008. (2-5)
A fully illustrated picture book account of this explorer's life and accomplishments. Henson accompanied Robert Peary on seven trips to the Arctic between the years 1891 and 1909.

Weatherford, Carole Boston. **Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom.** Hyperion, 2006. (1-5)
Describes Tubman's spiritual journey as she hears the voice of God guiding her north to freedom on that very first trip to escape the brutal practice of forced servitude. Tubman would make nineteen subsequent trips back south, never being caught, but none as profound as this first one.

Winter, Jonah. **The secret world of Hildegard.** Arthur A. Levine Books, 2007. (1-3)
An introduction to one of the greatest mystics and composers of the medieval age, who lived in a time when women were expected only to obey--not to have visions or speak about them.



MOVING ONTO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Artist to artist : 23 major illustrators talk to children about their art. Philomel Books, 2007.

Twenty-three illustrators of children's literature discuss their lives, inspirations, and creative backgrounds, and present photographs of themselves and their work spaces along with examples of their illustrations.

Carbone, Elisa Lynn. **Blood on the river: James Town 1607.** New York: Viking, 2006.

Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.

Carman, Patrick. **The Dark Hills divide.** Orchard, 2005.

Twelve-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish when she finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city of Bridewell, and is free to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond its confines.

Coombs, Kate. **The runaway princess.** Thorndike Press, 2007.

Fifteen year old Princess Meg uses magic and her wits to rescue a baby dragon and escape the unwanted attentions of princes hoping to gain her hand in marriage through a contest arranged by her father, the king.

Fox, Helen. **Eager's nephew.** (Eager series) Wendy Lamb Books, 2006.

In a world which has banned self-aware robots, Eager and his brilliant but headstrong nephew, Jonquil, come out of hiding to visit the Bell family. They soon become involved in mysterious and dangerous events.

Going, K. L. **The liberation of Gabriel King.** Puffin Books, 2007.

A white boy who is being bullied, and an African-American girl facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade in Georgia in 1976.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Double identity.** Simon & Schuster, 2005.

Thirteen-year-old Bethany's parents have always been overprotective, but when they suddenly drop out of sight with no explanation, leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed, Bethany uncovers shocking secrets.

Kent, Rose. **Kimchi and Calamari.** Harper Collins, 2007.

Joseph Claderno gets caught lying. In redoing his assignment he learns about his heritage.

Kinney, Jeff. **Diary of a wimpy kid : Greg Heffley's journal.** Amulet Books, 2007.

Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, hope just to survive. When Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

Riordan, Rick. **The sea of monsters.** (*Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series). Hyperion, 2007.

Seventh-grader Percy Jackson has recently discovered that he is the son of Poseidon, and along with his demigod and satyr friend, must save his beloved Camp Half-Blood from evil forces.

Rumford, James. **Beowulf : a hero's tale retold.** Houghton Mifflin, 2007.

A simplified and illustrated retelling of the exploits of the Anglo-Saxon warrior, Beowulf.

Schlitz, Laura Amy. **Good masters! sweet ladies! : voices from a medieval village.** Candlewick Press, 2007.

A collection of short one-person plays featuring characters, between ten and fifteen years old, who live in or near a thirteenth-century English manor. A Newbury Award book.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Feathers.** G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2007.

When a new, white student joins her sixth grade class in the winter of 1971, Frannie's growing friendship with him makes her start to see some things in a new light. A Newbery Honor Award book.

Yee, Lisa. **So totally Emily Embers.** Scholastic, 2008.

In a series of letters to her absent father, twelve-year-old Emily Ebers deals with moving cross-country, her parents' divorce, a new friendship, and her first serious crush. Also by the author: **Stanford Wong flunks big time.**

SERIES KIDS ENJOY

EARLY READERS SERIES

Adler, David A. **Young Cam Jansen**. Puffin. (K-1)
Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. **Biscuit**. HarperTrophy. (K-1)
Cazet, Denys. **Minnie and Moo**. HarperTrophy. (K-2)
Cosby, Bill. **Little Bill**. Cartwheel. (K-2)
Cushman, Doug. **Aunt Eater**. HarperTrophy. (K-1)
Howe, James. **Pinky and Rex**. Aladdin. (1-3)
Parish, Peggy. **Amelia Bedelia**. HarperTrophy. (1-3)
Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge**. Aladdin. (K-1)
Rylant, Cynthia. **Poppleton**. Blue Sky. (K-1)
Sharmat, Marjorie. **Nate the Great**. Yearling. (1-3)
VanLeeuwen, Jean. **Amanda Pig**. Puffin. (K-1)
Yolen, Jane. **Commander Toad**. Grosset & Dunlap. (1-2)

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION SERIES

Abbott, Tony. **Secrets of Dron**. Scholastic. (2-4)
Adler, David A. **Cam Jansen**. Puffin. (1-3)
Auch, Mary Jane. **I Was a 3rd Grade**. Yearling. (2-4)
Brown, Marc. **Arthur Chapter Books**. Marc Brown. (2-3)
Cameron, Ann. **Stories Julian Tells**. Yearling. (1-3)
Christian, Mary Blount. **Sebastian**. Yearling. (2-4)
Clements, Andrew. **Jake Drake**. Aladdin. (2-4)
Clifford, Eth. **Flatfoot Fox** (2-4)
Danziger, Paula. **Amber Brown**. Scholastic. (2-4)
Kline, Suzy. **Horrible Harry**. Scholastic. (2-3)
McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody**. Candlewick. (2-4)
McMullan, K.H. **Dragon Slayers' Academy**.
Grosset & Dunlap. (2-4)
Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House**. Scholastic.(1-3)
Peterson, John. **The Littles**. Scholastic. (1-3)
Pilkey, Dav. **Ricky Ricotta**. Scholastic. (1-3)
Preller, James. **Jigsaw Jones**. Scholastic. (2-3)
Roy, Ron. **A-Z Mysteries**. Scholastic. (1-3)
Roy, Ron. **Capital Mysteries**. Scholastic. (2-4)
Sachar, Louis. **Marvin Redpost**. Random House. (2-3)
Scieszka, Jon. **Time Warp Trio**. Puffin. (2-4)
Stanley, George Edward. **Third Grade Detectives**.
Aladdin. (2-4)
Taylor, Sydney. **All-of-a-Kind Family**. Yearling. (2-4)
Various authors. **American Girls**. American Girl. (2-4)
Various authors. **My America**. Scholastic. (2-4)
Warner, Gertrude Chandler. **Boxcar Children**.
Albert Whitman. (2-4)

UPPER GRADE FICTION SERIES

Baglio, Ben M. **Animal Ark Mysteries**. Scholastic. (3-5)
Christopher, Matt. **Matt Christopher Sports Classics**.
Little, Brown. (3-5)
Cleary, Beverly. **Ramona**. Various publishers. (3-5)
Colfer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl**. Miramax. (4-5)
Cooper, Susan. **Dark Is Rising**. Aladdin. (4+)
Coville, Bruce. **Unicorn Chronicles**. Scholastic. (3-5)
Hale, Bruce. **Chet Gecko Mysteries**. Harcourt. (3-5)
Howe, James. **Sebastian Barth**. Aladdin. (5+)
Jacques, Brian. **Redwall**. Ace. (3-5)
Kline, Suzy. **Herbie Jones**. Putnam. (3-5)
Lasky, Kathryn. **Guardians of Ga'hoole**. (4-5)
Lewis, C.S. **Chronicles of Narnia**. HarperTrophy.(3-5)
Lowry, Lois. **Anastasia Krupnik**. Yearling. (3-5)
Nimmo, Jenny. **Charlie Bone**. Egmont. (4-5)
Osborne, Mary Pope. **Tales From the Odyssey**.
Hyperion. (4+)
Rodda, Emily. **Deltora**. Scholastic. (2-5)
Skuryznski, Gloria. **Mysteries in Our National Parks**.
National Geographic. (5+)
Sobol, Donald. **Encyclopedia Brown**. Yearling. (3-5)
Van Draanen, Wendelin. **Sammy Keyes Mysteries**.
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WEBSITES TO KEEP YOU READING, LEARNING, AND HAVING FUN

ALA Great WebSites for Kids

<http://www.ala.org/gwstemplate.cfm?section=greatwebsites&template=/cfapps/gws/default.cfm>

A searchable database of websites reviewed and recommended by the American Library Association.

Astronomy for Kids <http://kidsastronomy.com>

Part of the kidsknowit. this site teaches astronomy in a fun way through games, photos, interesting facts and video. Originally created by a classroom teacher, the easy to navigate Exploring the kidsknowit network site will lead to educational exploration in math, geology, spelling and many more topics.

Berit's Best Sites for Kids <http://www.beritsbest.com/>

Thousands of top notch fun and educational sites for kids, maintained by a librarian.

Between the Lions <http://pbskids.org/lions/>

Official Web site for the PBS TV show that is all about reading. Includes stories, games, and songs in a fun and easy to navigate site. Explore PBS.org for music and game related activities featuring Clifford, Arthur and friends, and other storybook characters.

Bookhive <http://www.bookhive.org/>

This site contains hundreds of recommended book reviews in a variety of reading levels and interest areas.

Giggle Poetry <http://www.gigglepoetry.com/>

Lots of funny poems, poetry theater and more!

Grammar Gorillas <http://www.funbrain.com/grammar/index.html>

A fun interactive site for children to practice parts of speech.

Instant Poetry <http://ettcweb.lr.k12.nj.us/forms/newpoem.htm>

Fill in the form, write a poem! This interactive website will encourage all children to discover the poet inside and challenge them to increase their vocabulary.

International Children's Digital Library <http://www.icdlbooks.org/>

An online library of children's books from around the world to foster a love of reading.

Jack Prelutsky <http://www.jackprelutsky.com>

Jack Prelutsky has delighted children with his humorous poetry for thirty years and was named the first Children's Poet Laureate in 2006. His highly interactive Web site will delight all who visit and foster a love of poetry.

kidsites.com <http://kidsites.com>

Organized by subject, each topic lists a dozen or more well chosen sites for children to explore.

National Geographic for Kids <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Children can enjoy learning about the world of nature in a fun way by interacting with videos, games, and other activities at this site.

Wacky Tales <http://www.funbrain.com/brain/ReadingBrain/ReadingBrain.html>

An interactive Web site that engages children in creating their own story while practicing grammar and parts of speech.



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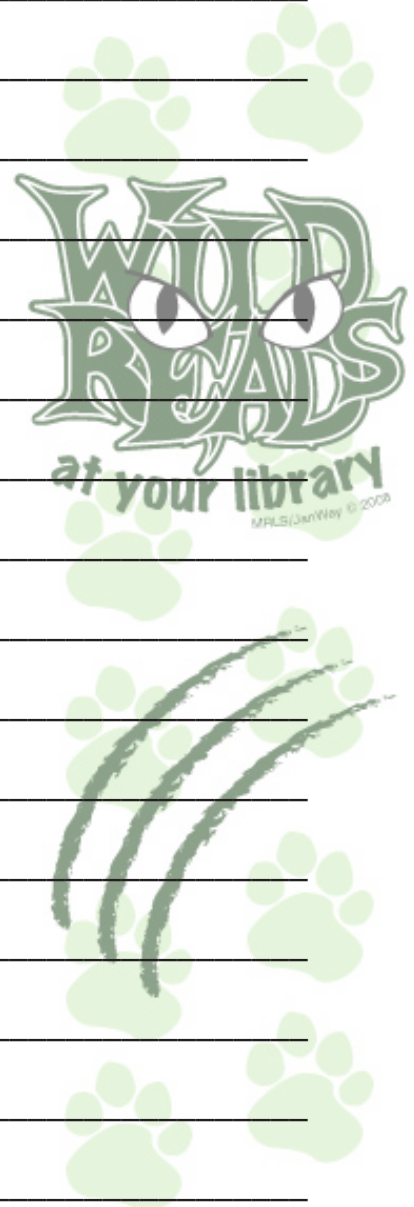
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