TriState Young Adult Book Review Committee --Books of Note 2009 <u>www.tristatereviews.org</u> * denotes to be done aloud at PSLA conference

ms/ir Albert, Lisa Rondinell So You Want to be a Film or TV actor?

Enslow 2008 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-2741-1

Discusses the personality, talent, and training needed to be a successful actor. A solid entry for career classes in middle and high school. Colorful photos and sidebars with definitions of terms new to readers make this book accessible.

ms/hs Alexander, Sally Hobart She Touched the World

MD,JT

LMN.LM

Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2008 99p 18.00 978-0-618-855299-4

Robbed of hearing and sight as a young child by scarlet fever, Laura Bridgeman touched everything and wanted to know what these things were but it wasn't until she was taken to a special school in Boston that the world was opened and she was taught to communicate through finger spelling.

hs Alsenas, Linas Gay American

TW,LMN

Abrams, Harry 2008 160p 24.95 978-0-8109-9487-4

This work highlights the history of gays and lesbians in America from the colonial years until today. The facts are put in an historical context and this title will offer support for those in the gay community as well as a learning experience for others. Historical pictures and current photos highlight the text in this attractive book. Chapter notes, bibliography, and index make this an excellent research tool.

elm/ms Amato, Mary Take the Mummy and Run

JT,MS

Holiday House 2009 222p 16.95 978-0-8234-2175-6

Fourth Riot Brothers book. In this installment, cousin Amelia comes to visit and brings her own version of mayhem. Together they solve a mystery, find a lost mummy, and have fun at a homemade water park. A laugh on every page.

ms/hs Aretha, David Glacier National Park

SO,LM

Enslow 2009 128p 33.27 978-1-59845-088-0

This intriguing book about Glacier National Park gives its readers a tour of the park's unique landmarks and features and insight into its physical characteristics, its evolution and exploration, the history of the park, its unique ecology and its amazing flora and fauna, hot button issues affecting the park such as global warming, and adventures and explorations available for the visitor.

ms/hs Aretha. David Yellowstone National Park

SO.LM

Enslow 2009 128p 33.27 978-1-59845-087-3

This well-organized and attractive resource describes Yellowstone National Park through its physical characteristics, its evolution and exploration, the history of the park, its unique ecology and its amazing flora and fauna, hot button issues affecting the park such as management of the bison and the reintroduction of the wolf into its environs, and adventures and explorations available for the visitor.

elm/ms Auch, Mary Jane A Dog on His Own

JT,SO

Holiday House 2008 153p 16.95 978-0-8234-2088-9

K-10, a cut above other canines, spends his life running from owners and spending time in shelters. He trusts no one. At one shelter he seems to have found friends. Should he take a chance and try the daring escape?

hs Axelrod-Contrada, Joan Plessy v. Ferguson

PN,LMN

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 143p 42.79 978-0-7614-2951-7

This volume gives background information concerning the historical, legal, and social aspects of the 1896 Supreme Court case, Plessy v. Ferguson, which upheld the constitutionality of racial segregation.

ms/hs Barker, M.P. A Difficult Boy

RZ,TS

Holiday House 2008 298p 16.95 978-1-59078-560-7

In Farmington, Massachusetts, in 1839, nine-year-old Ethan experiences hardships as an indentured servant of the wealthy Lyman family alongside Daniel, a boy scorned simply for being Irish, and the boys bond as they try to right a terrible wrong.

elem Barshaw, Ruth McNally Ellie McDoodle New Kid in School

JT,CK

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 188p 17.95 978-1-59078-238-8

This sequel to Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen, Will Travel is a humorous and realistic look at moving. At school and in the neighborhood, Ellie faces many experiences typical to relocation.

ms/hs Baxter, Roberta *Illuminated Progress: the Story of Thomas Edison*

SO,LM

Morgan Reynolds 2009 144p 27.95 978-1-59935-085-1

This biography of Thomas Edison provides insight into his personal life and professional achievements. Edison developed and enhanced many of the objects without which modern society could not function, especially in the fields of communications and mass production of his inventions.

160p 978-0-7660-2691-9 Enslow

Robert Cormier has had a career that spanned over thirty years with books that have caused many discussions and arguments and have landed in the banned or censored list. This book provides a good look at censorship and what it means for class discussions.

*ms/hs Bell, Cathleen Davitt Slipping MS,PN,JT

Bloomsbury see St. Martins

2008 215p 16.99 978-1-59990-2586

Michael is following in the footsteps of his grandfather and father who do not know how to build relationships. His dead grandfather tries to reach him from the "beyond," in this case, the river of the dead, and Michael ends up saving all of them.

elm/ms Bentley, Nancy

Don't be a Copycat!

MD,JT

Enslow 2008 64p 27.93 978-0-7660-2860-9

It is never too early to learn about plagiarism, the theft of another's words. This book teaches the readers how to create a great original report using their own words without copying from a book or the web. It also shows how to read from books and web sites and process the information and write what was learned, and form opinions, observations, and arguments or conclusions.

*ms/hs Bess, Phoenix

It Girl Knits

CK,SG,SO

Potter Craft 2008

19.95 978-0-307-39634-1 144p

This is a how-to knitting book filled with projects for young women to wear.

32p

elm/ms Bradley, Michael

Ford Truck

LMN,JT

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark

2009

28.50 978-0-7614-2979-1

Colorful with quick facts, and written in a conversational manner, this book will delight Ford truck devotees. The history of Ford trucks, their varied uses, their engine development, and quest for superiority will suit students in grades 4-7.

elm/ms Bradley, Michael

Hummer

JT,LMN

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark

2009 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-2981-4

This title explores the development of the Hummer from big, tough, rugged military vehicle through its conversion to a street model popular today.

hs/adult Brooks, Terry

Gypsy Morph (Genesis of Shannara)

PN.SO

Ballantine see Random 2008 402p

27.00 978-0-345-48414-7

Final volume in the Genesis of Shannara trilogy, pitting the Knights of the Word and their companions against the forces of the Void to save the earth and, in doing so, creates the realm of Shannara.

*hs

Burnham, Niki, Terri Clark, Ellen Hopkins, Lydd Sandoval

Breaking Up Is Hard To Do

LMN.PN

Graphia see Houghton Mifflin

300p 2008 8.99

978-0-547-01499-9

Four short stories about teen love and breakup with a unique focus of keeping virginity in three stories. The fourth story involves a lesbian breakup. Great for girls whether they are in the thrill of a romance or the devastation of a breakup. Grades 8-12.

jr/sr Coleman, Wim Racism on Trial

TS,CK

Enslow 2009 112p 31.93 978-0-7660-3059-6

A detailed account of the murder of Medgar Evers and the decades long attempt to bring his murderer to justice. It includes an analysis of the film. Close attention is paid to how the film portrays actual events and ways in which it takes liberties with what really occurred.

elm/ms Collier, James Lincoln

The Dreadful Revenge of Ernest Gallen

RZ,JT

Bloomsbury see St. Martins

2008 232p 16.99 978-1-59990-220-3

A ghost comes to the rural town of Magnolia, intent on revenge, and he wants young Gene Richards to help him achieve his goal, but Gene has other ideas.

Secondary Collins, Billy

Ballistics

SG,CFM

Random House/Knopf/Anchor/Three Rivers 2008 112p 24.00 978-1-4000-6491-5

Spare book of verse filled with imaginative metaphors.

*ms Connor, Leslie Waiting for Normal

JT.RZ

Harper Collins/Tempest 2008 17.89 978-0-06-089088-9 290p

In a story of neglect and resilience, Addie turns to quirky neighbors for the emotional support lacking from her volatile mother and distant beloved stepfather. Addie, though, is willing to wait for normal. Uplifting read for middle school.

Mao's Last Dancer: Young Readers' Edition

LMN.RZ

Walker & Co 2008 290

8 290p 16.99 978-0-8027-9779-7

Contains the essence of the bestseller. A taut, emotional examination of the life during Mao's last years. A peasant is trained as a classical ballet student at an elite academy and immigrates to the U.S. as he renounces Communism. For grades 6-12.

*elm/ms Daley, Michael J. Rat Trap

JT.LMN

Holiday House 2008 212p 16.95 978-0-8234-2093-3

Sequel to Space Station Rat, Jeff is still living on the space station, having saved the genetically modified lavender Rat from his wicked robot nanny. Now the scientist who created Rat is coming to the space station to destroy her.

ms/hs Davis, Jim 30 Years of Laughs and Lasagna: Garfield

MS,CK

Ballantine see Random 2008 287p \$29.75 978-0-345-50379-4

In this collector's edition, Jim Davis presents his best work, divided into 3 decades. Garfield has never been funnier as he faces life's pressures with his usual sarcasm and wit.

jr/sr Dean, Claire Girlwood

MD.PN

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion/Graphia/Kingfisher 2008 246p 16.00 978-0-618-88390-5

When Polly Greene's sister runs away, it throws the whole family into a turmoil and creates conflicts and situations that the family must deal with in the best way possible if they want to survive as a family unit. The key element for Polly is in the conservation of the woods.

ms/jr Delaney, Joseph The Last Apprentice: Attack of the Fiend

MD,SO

Harper Collins/Tempest 2008 532p 17.89 978-0-06089-128-2

The third book in the series "The Last Apprentice". Tom is the seventh son of a seventh son and his mother holds a secret that will save Tom's life but he is not sure whether it will help his brother. An exciting and excellent scary story that will keep you at the edge of your seat waiting for more.

ms/hs Denman, K. L. Spiral

LMN.SG

Orca 2008 104p 9.95 978-1-55143-930-3

Abby, injured in a work accident, is confined to a wheelchair. Arriving home she takes cocaine to get her through the day. She enters an equine rehab facility to recover from drug abuse and learns to face her disability. A hi-lo book for grades 7-12.

hs Dole, Myra Lazara **Down to the Bone**

RZ,PN

Harper Teen 2008 367p 17.89 978-0-06-084311-3

Laura, a Miami high school student, gets caught kissing her lesbian lover which marks the start of big changes in her life, including getting kicked out of her Catholic school, thrown out of her home by her mother, and forced to build a new kind of family with the help of friends and supporters.

ms/hs Dowling, Wick Trials of Kate Hope

LMN,SG

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion/Graphia/Kingfisher 2008 329p 16.00 978-0-618-89133-7

Kate, whose father and grandfather practiced law, finds she is qualified to be a lawyer at age 14 after taking the bar exams. With humor and spunk, she saves the life of a dog that is charged with a vicious attack. An uplifting read for grades 6-12.

ms/hs Edwards, Judith History of the American Indians and the Reservation

JT,LMN

Enslow 2008 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-2798-5

Tracing the history of the interactions between the Indians and white men concentrating on the difficult changes forced upon the Indians including loss of land, moves to reservations, and how reservations have changed through the years.

ms/hs Enslow, Anne and Ridley A Musical Journey in the Footsteps of Lewis & Clark

RZ,LM,

Enslow 2008 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3288-0

Discusses the role of music in the 1804-06 expedition led by Lewis and Clark, and provides examples of music, including lyrics, common at the time.

ms/jr Finkelstein, Norman Three Across: The Great Transatlantic Air Race of 1927

MT,TW

Calkins Creek (Boyd's Mill) 2008 104p \$17.95 978-1-5907-8462-4

This well researched book tells of Americans in pursuit of the prize for the first transatlantic flight between New York and Paris. In addition to Charles Lindbergh, who won with the Spirit of St. Louis, two other planes made it across, one of them captained by Richard E. Byrd

hs Fletcher, Christine Ten Cents A Dance

LMN,RZ

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 356p 16.95 978-1-59990-164-0

Ruby works at a ballroom dance salon. Gangster and nightclub life in WWII Chicago come to life in the poignant story of a teenage dropout who grows up too quickly. A few racial epithets appropriate for the time, but minimal sex or violence. For grades 9+.

hs Flynn, Pat Out of His League SG,LMN

Walker & Co 2006 300p 16.99 978-0-8027-9776-6

Ozzie, an Australian boy on a student exchange program, becomes a surprise Texas high school football star.

ms/hs Foster, Alan Dean *Quofum* LM,SO

Ballantine see Random 2008 285p 25.00 978-0345-49605-8

A scientific team is sent to Quofum, a planet that sometimes isn't where it should be in the galaxy. It is a thriller in which scientifically ordered scientists have to deal with a world that is not logical, ordered, or rational. Unusual residents and odd occurrences are the norm for everyday activities.

*ms/hs Freedman, Russell Washington at Valley Forge

RZ,SO,all

Holiday House 2008 100p 24.95 978-0-8234-2069-8

Provides an account of the six months during which the soldiers in George Washington's command camped at Valley Force, enduring the harsh winter of 1777-78 without adequate food, clothing, or blankets.

ms/hs Fridell, Ron *Religious Fundamentalism*

PN.MH

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 144p 42.79 978-0-7614-2945-6

Both Christian and Islamic fundamentalism are explored in this volume that looks at the phenomenon of religious fundamentalism as a major problem for the world today.

ms/hs Gaiman, Neil *Coraline* (Graphic novel)

TW,LM,JT,SG

Harper Teen 2008 186p 18.99 978-0-06-082543-6

This graphic novel is adapted from the 2006 best selling children's book of the same name. The illustrations add an extra dimension of creepiness to this story of a young girl who walks through a door to another world that is a duplicate of her ordinary one, but not quite. Sure to scare little children and fascinate YA's who enjoy graphic novels.

*ms/hs Gaiman, Neil *The Graveyard Book*

TW,SG

Harper Collins/Tempest 2008 312p 17.99 978-0-06-053092-1

Nobody Owens, nicknamed Bod, grows up in a graveyard, the only mortal there. He is safe here, amidst his family of long dead people, being looked after by everyone. His mentor and guardian, Silas, is of neither world, but possesses the power to protect, for if Bod leaves the cemetery, he is likely to be killed by Jack, the evil being who murdered Bod's family when he was a toddler. This story is both scary and humorous and will leave the reader wanting more of Bod and his adventures.

ms/hs Galante. Cecilia The Patron Saint of Butterflies

RZ,CFM

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 292p 16.9

2008 292p 16.99 978-1-59990-249-4

When her grandmother takes fourteen-year-old Agnes, her younger brother, and best friend Honey, and escapes Mount Blessing, a Connecticut religious commune, Agnes clings to the faith she loves while Honey looks toward a future free of control, cruelty, and preferential treatment.

all ages Ganz, David L. America's State Quarters

LM,SO

Random House/Knopf/Anchor/Three Rivers 2008 252p 12.95 978-0-375-72259-2

This is a revised edition of The Official Guidebook to America's State Quarters 2000.

ms/hs Gardner, Robert Sound Projects with a Music Lab You Can Build

SO,LM

Enslow 2008 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-2809-8

Gardner once again takes scientific principles and breaks them down into understandable concepts for students and leads the readers into further exploration of the physics of sound before explaining how to build basic musical devices that demonstrate the principles.

ms/jr George, Jessica Day Dragon Flight

LM,JT

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 259p 16.99 978-1-59990-110-7

Creel is an unusual girl who throws herself into the line of duty for her country along with the forces of dragons. It is a funny, action-packed novel by the author of Dragon Slippers.

*ms/hs George, Jessica Day Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow

JT,LM

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 328p 16.95 978-1-59990-109-1

A Norse traditional retelling of the Beauty and the Beast tale. A young girl must live a year and a day with a polar bear by day/man by night character to break the Troll enchantment. She fails but is determined to break the enchantment in other ways.

Hs Geringer, Laura, ed. *Up All Night*

TW,MT

Harper Collins/Wm Morrow2008 227p 16.99 978-0-06-137076-2

Six stories based on the theme of staying up all night by top YA writers: Abrahams, Bray, Levithan, McCormick, Weeks, and Yang. In each story, the reason for the nocturnal behavior is different: a séance, a rock concert, feelings of not belonging, fear of sexual abuse, a sick pet, and a quest for the reason for existence. Each story is a gem with teen protagonists; one is a graphic short story.

ms/hs Getzinger, Donna Triangle Shirtwaist Fire

Morgan Reynolds 2009 128p 28.95 978-1-59935-099-8

An account of the Triangle Shirtweist Factory Fire of March 1911, which resulted in the deaths of nearly 150 wor

An account of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire of March 1911, which resulted in the deaths of nearly 150 workers, most of them women and teenage girls.

*ms/hs Geus, Mireille **Piggy** MS,TS

Front Street Books (see Boyd's Mill Press) 2008 110p 14.95 978-1059078-636-9

Piggy combines two contemporary topics, autism and bullying, to teach us a valuable lesson about learning how to think for yourself.

*hs/adult Gilkerson, William From Rocks to Rockets: Arms and Armies Through the Ages

Osprey Graphic History 2008 64p 14.95 978-1-8460-3423-7

A graphical whimsical presentation on the development of weapons and their use in warfare.

ms/hs Gold, Susan Dudley Roberts v. Jaycees: Women's Rights

LMN,PN

PN.LMN

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 144p 42.79 978-0-7614-2952-4

Roberts v. Jaycees was a landmark case in women's rights. Allowing women to be full participants in the Jaycees brought working women into positions that led to increased leadership skills. Summary of women's rights movement is also included.

ms/jr Golding, Theresa Martin *Niner*

RZ,MD

TS,RZ

Front Street Books (see Boyd's Mill Press) 2008 208p 16.95 978-1-59078-549-2

When twelve-year-old Macy discovers a locket on her front steps, she begins a journey to find out about who she really is and why her adoptive mother has been gone for almost a year.

ms/jr Goodman, Susan E.. See How They Run: Campaign Dreams, Election Schemes and the Race to the White House

MT,TW

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 96p 9.95 978-1-59990-171-8

This is a humorous and irreverent look at the American electoral process and explains not only how we elect our presidents but also gives information on the roots of democracy, third parties, the origin of the emblems of the Republican and Democratic parties, primaries, dirt tricks, and inaugurations.

ms/hs Grant, K. M. Blue Flame (Perfect Fire Trilogy, Book 1)

SO,LM

Walker & Co 2008 246p 16.99 978-0-8027-9694-3

Religious persecution is not a new phenomenon. Set some forty years after the death of Richard the Lionhearted, this novel provides engaging, suspenseful, well-written historical fiction with excellent characterizations and a well-paced plot. It takes place in thirteenth century Occitan and tells the story of Raimon, the son of a Cathar weaver and Yolanda, the daughter of a Catholic Count.

*ms/hs Grant, Michael Gone LM,PN

Harper Teen 2008 558p 17.99 978090960144876-8

A small town in CA has unusual happenings when everyone over the age of fourteen disappears and some of the survivors have unusual "Powers." What would you think could happen when you are cut off from TV, phones, and the internet?

ms/hs Grant, Vicki Res Judicata SG,CFM

Orca 2008 172p 9.95 978-1-5514-3940-2

Sort of a sequel to Quid Pro Quo, where 15-year-old Cyril McIntyre helps his lawyer mom research her cases, but the book can stand alone.

ms/hs Green, Carl R. Butch Cassidy, rev ed.

LMN,LM

Enslow 2008 48p 223.93 978-0-7660-3175-3

Colorful page backgrounds, sepia photographs, and color maps make this a visual delight. The controversy about where and how Cassidy died forms the last half of the book. A good introduction to life in the Wild West for grades 4-9.

elm/ms Green, Carl R. Wild Bill Hickok LM,LMN

Enslow 2008 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3177-7

This is the story of Wild Bill Hickok, lawman, scout, and in the latter years, showman of the Old West.

elm/ms Gregory, Kristiana Bronte's Book Club

JT.SO

Holiday House 2008 145p 16.95 978-0-8234-2136-7

When 12-year-old Bronte moves to the California coast she vows to overcome her shyness and make new friends. She uses the vehicle of a book club to meet other girls. After a rocky start, the girls share their innermost fears and dreams.

*hs/adult Hahn, Daniel, ed. The Ultimate Teen Book Guide

PN,all

Walker & Co 2008 432p 26.95 978-0-8027-9730-8

Authors, librarians, and teen reviewers provide recommendations for their favorite books and genres. A useful tool for anyone interested in books and reading.

Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2008 181p 16.00 978-0-618-85467-7

Corv and Travis are spending their vacation in Vermont at their grandmother's hotel that is said to be haunted. When they get there are no ghosts in sight so they decide to create one. Little did they know their prank would open the door to a very angry ghost.

Rapunzel's Revenge Hale. Shannon ms/hs

LM.SO.PN

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 144p 14.99 978-1-59990-288-3

Rapunzel lived in a grand villa with her mother (or at least she thought she was her mother). One day she finally escaped over the walls. She was horrified at what she saw. It is here the story takes a hilarious twist from the classic story as Rapunzel and a mysterious outlaw named Jack rampage throughout the Western countryside chasing villains and righting wrongs.

Hardinge, Frances Well Witched LM,SO

Harper Collins/Tempest 390p 16.99 978-0-06-088038-5

Ryan, Josh, and Chelle steal some coins from a wishing well. The results make a interesting book in which the culprits must work hard to grant some wishes of those whose coins were taken.

hs Harvey, Sarah The Lit Report SG,TW

2008 12.95 978-1-5514-3905-1 Orca 197p

When 17-year-old Ruth realizes she's pregnant, her best friend Julia plans to help her so the baby can land on a church doorstep and be adopted.

ms/hs Hatton, Caroline The Night Olympic Team RZ,LMN

Boyds Mills 2008 56p 17.95 978-1-59078-566-9

Explores doping in sports and discusses the efforts of scientists and officials to test athletes and prevent the use of performance enhancing drugs.

ms/hs Hawes, Louise Black Pearls: a Faerie Strand

SO,LMN

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion/Graphia/Kingfisher 2008 211p 16.00 978-0-618-74797-9

Louise Hawes offers a darker interpretation in this adaptation of seven of the most well-known fairy tales. Beautifully written, the tales unfold gradually and believably, vividly evoking the magical atmosphere found in the originals. Each of them carries similar deep and intense emotions but the points of views have been altered irrevocably.

Hemphill, Helen

The Adventurous Deeds of Deadwood Jones

RZ.LMN

Front Street Books (see Boyd's Mill Press) 2008 228p 16.95 978-1-59078-637-6

Thirteen-vear-old Prometheus Jones and his eleven-vear-old cousin Omer flee Tennessee and join a cattle drive that will eventually take them to Texas, where Prometheus hopes his father lives. They find adventure and face challenges as African-Americans in a land still recovering from the Civil War.

*ms/hs Hijuelos, Oscar

Dark Dude

CK,SG

Atheneum 16.99 978-1416948049 2008 448p

This is a novel about a light-skinned Harlem Puerto Rican teenager who thinks life will be easier for him when he moves to the Midwest. The book broaches issues of race, drugs, Puerto Rican identity and overcoming obstacles. The language can be a little raw, but it is the way a teen like Rico would really speak, and the story is compelling.

ms/jr Hinds, Kathryn Everyday Life in Medieval Europe

JT,RZ,SO

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 34.22 978-0-7614-3927-1 285p

In one volume this explores in great detail the social and economic life of nobility, merchants, peasants and churchmen. There are sections on the castle, city, countryside and church.

*ms/hs Hoffman, Mary

City of Secrets (Stravaganza)

SO.RZ

2008 17.99 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 382p 978-1-59990-202-9

In this newest addition to the Stravaganza series, Matt, another student at Barnsbury Comp, becomes a stravaganti after the discovery of his personal talisman. In the alternate world of Talia, he finds adventure, political intrigues, mystery, a sixteenth century background, and a little romance in this very well-done fantasy.

Hogan, Mary

Pretty Face

LMN,RZ

2008 978-0-06-084112-6 Harper Teen see Harper Collins 213p 17.89

Overweight Hayley cannot imagine spending all summer in a bathing suit. Her unreciprocated crush on Drew leads her to accept an offer of a summer in Italy. She learns to accept herself and falls in love (includes a sexual relationship). Grades 8-12.

ms/hs Holbrook, Sara More Than Friends

SG,RZ

WordSong (Boyds Mill Press) 2008 16.95 978-1-5907-8587-4 64p

Inviting collection of poems about friendship and more from two points of view, male and female.

MD.RZ

CBay Books 2008 288 16.95 978-1-933767-13-0

Thirteen year old Benjamin Holt finds his whole life and everything he thought he knew changing when at the start of summer vacation he finds out first that he is not human and second that he will be spending eight weeks in summer school in Lemuria.

ms/hs Hunker, David Youth with Bipolar Disorder: Achieving Stability

PN,CK

Mason Crest Publishers 2008 128p 24.95 978-1-4222-0138-1

The story of Abigail Harper, a teenager with bipolar disorder, is used as the vehicle to provide information about the condition's causes, symptoms, and treatments.

ms/hs Hunter, Erin *The Quest Begins* (Seekers series)

JT,SG

Harper Collins/Tempest 2008 293p 16.99 978-0-06-087122-2

Three young bear cubs, a polar bear, a grizzly bear and a black bear, each alone in the world, are all traveling toward the same goal. As they learn about the world, their chances of survival increase.

jr/sr Hyde, Catherine Ryan Chasing Windmills

CK,LMN

Vintage see Random 2008 262p 13.95 978-0-307-27938-5

It's a love story, full of plot twists and turns, and based loosely on West Side Story. Two strangers lock eyes on a New York City subway and immediately know that they will become important to each other. In chapters narrated alternately by each of them, we learn their individual stories of heartache and pain, and watch their earnest efforts to change that reality into something better.

ms/hs Jackson, Ellen The Mysterious Universe: Supernovae, Dark Energy, and Black Holes

SO,LM

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion/Graphia/Kingfisher 2008 60p 18.00 978-0-618-56325-8

This is a fabulous book that presents the work of astronomer Alex Filippenko and his High-Z Supernova Search Team and describes how he uses some of the most powerful telescopes on Earth to search for these bright remnants of ancient star explosions as well as dark matter and black holes to explore and add to scientific knowledge of the universe.

hs Jaffe, Michele Kitty Kitty

LM,LMN

Harper Teen 2008 306p 16.99 978-0-06-078111-8

What could be worse? Jasmine Callihan has to spend her senior year abroad in Venice, leaving her hot new boyfriend and her fab pals. However, Jasmine turns her experience into a highly fast-paced murder intriguing adventure much to her dadzilla's frustration.

elm/ms Jankowski, Susan Everglades National Park

LM,SO

Enslow 2008 128p 33.27 978-1-59845-091-0

"A virtual tour of Everglades National Park, with chapters devoted to the history of this Florida region, history of the park, plant and animal life, environmental problems facing the park, and activities in the area."

ms/hs Jarrow, Gail Robert H. Jackson

SO,LM

Boyds Mills 2008 128p 18.95 978-1-59078-511-9

This thoughtful look at one of the lesser-known jurists of the Supreme Court offers a well-balanced and lucid treatment of Jackson's life. Filled with first-person accounts from Jackson and his family and associates, his papers stored in the Library of Congress, black-and-white photographs, and sidebar informational tidbits, this solidly written biography convincingly portrays the life of a good man, dedicated to the rule of law, who succeeded in his field beyond all expectations.

ms Jeffrey, Gary *Medical Breakthroughs*

SO,SG,LMN

Rosen Pub. Group 2008 48p 29.25 978-1-4042-1086-8

This unusual book presents information about three of the important medical discoveries of the twentieth century: the discovery of DNA, the first heart transplant, and the first successful use of a truly bionic arm on a human, through both text and graphic format.

hs Jenkins, A.M. Night Road

TW,LM

Harper Collins/Wm Morrow2008 362p 16.99 978-0-06-054604-5

Cole is a teenage hemovore, different from a mythical vampire, a human who feeds on blood. When he is called on to help a new hemovore adjust to the lifestyle, a road trip ensues as he instructs his pupil on the rules of the colony. Contains scenes of sex and violence.

ms/hs Johnston, Tony Voice from Afar: Poems of Peace

SO.all

Holiday House 2008 32p 16.95 978-0-8234-2012-4

In this time of continued hatred and war across the world, Tony Johnston presents twenty-six powerful "poems of peace" that move the reader with their memorable and unforgettable images.

Greenwillow see Harper Collins 2008 416p 17.95 978-0061477959

In this long-awaited sequel to Howl's Moving Castle, Diana Wynne Jones has once again introduced the reader to a fascinating magical adventure with unique characters, both new and old. Charmain Baker must care for her wizardly uncle's home and manage various magical creatures and adventures.

hs Kasischke, Laura *Feathered* TW,MS

Harper Teen 2008 261p 17.89 978-0-06-681318-5

There is a sense of foreboding from the start as three senior girls fly off to Cancun for Spring break. In alternating chapters, Anne tells the story from her first person perspective and Michelle's chapters are in the third person. This cautionary tale infuses suburban teen naiveté, Mayan myths, and the harsh realities of modern life. Lyrical and eerie.

hs/adult Katz, Jon Izzy & Lenore TW,LM

Villard Books 2008 198p 24.00 978-1-4000-6630-8

Continuing the story about life with his assorted animals on a farm in upstate NY, Katz adds a new dimension as he and Izzy, a Border Collie, become hospice volunteers. The effect the patients have on him, his dog, and vice versa examines the human/dog bond. Each chapter chronicles the inner and outer journey that Katz, Izzy, and the people they work with take. When a new Labrador pup enters the picture, the love is amped up. Beautiful black and white photos introduce each chapter.

ms/hs Kephart, Beth House of Dance LMN,SG

Harper Teen see Harper Collins 2008 263p 16.99 978-0-06-142928-6

Rosie is sent by her mother to spend time with her terminally ill grandfather. Exquisite phrasing and strong imagery make this book celebrating life and caring a first choice for grades 6-12. Music and dance form a bond between granddaughter and grandpa.

RZ.JT

elem Kinney, Jeff Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Last Straw

Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2009 217p 12.95 978-0-8109-7068-7

Middle-schooler Greg Heffley sidesteps his father's attempts to change Greg's wimpy ways until his father threatens to send him to military school.

ms/hs Klein, Lisa *Two Girls From Gettysburg* LM,RZ

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 393p 16.99 978-1-59990-105-3

Lizzie and Rosanna are both cousins and best friends. When the Civil War breaks out, they find themselves on opposite sides of the war. Lizzie is committed to the Union cause and saving her family's struggling business. Rosanna returns to the South to marry her dashing Confederate officer. It is a heart moving story of two young girls growing up in a time of national tragedy and family struggles.

hs/adult Kring, Sandra Thank You For All Things LMN,TW

Bantam see Random 2008 432p 12.00 978-0-385-34120-2

Lucy, IQ 144, and twin Milo, IQ 180, are eleven years old when their grandmother insists they go to her ill ex-husband's bedside. Family secrets spill out and threaten to engulf the family. Belly laughs and tears abound in this study of family love. Grades 10+.

elm/ms Landau, Elaine Emancipation Proclamation: Would You Do What Lincoln Did? LM,JT

Enslow 2008 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-2899-9

In the middle of the Civil War, Lincoln is confronted with a delicate decision. If he signs the Emancipation Proclamation, it will free the slaves and have profound significance for the Confederate States and the Union.

elm/ms Landau, Elaine The Revolutionary War Begins: Would You Join the Fight? JT,RZ

Enslow 2008 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-2900-2

This book covers the Revolutionary War from the Stamp Tax through the battles of Lexington and Concord. At each turn of events, the reader is asked to think about how they would act in this situation about these early events. The following page gives the historic decision.

ms/jr Landy, Derek Skullduggery Pleasant: Playing with Fire SO,PN

Harper Collins/Tempest 2008 389p 16.99 978-0-06-124088-1

Detective Skullduggery Pleasant and his apprentice Valkyrie Cain fight the evil Baron Vengeous in his attempt to summon the Faceless Ones from the dead. It is a magical, macabre and action packed fantasy for young readers.

Elm/ms Larbalestier, Justine How to Ditch Your Fairy MS,JT

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 307p 16.99 978-1-59990-301-9

The citizens of New Avalon possess fairies. Some are happy with their fairies; others are not. Charlie and Fiorenze are definitely NOT happy with their fairies. Their miseries become our entertainment! This book is perfect for the middle school or high school library. Girls will delight in its creative plot, its setting and its character development. It makes fantasy believable.

Enslow 2009 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3048-0

Careers including oceanographer, marine biologist, astrophysicist, glaciologist, ecologist, geologist, and paleontologist are described in a "day in the life" format. Also includes information on research in Antarctica. Strongly recommended for grades 7-12.

ms Latta, Sara L. Lava scientists: Careers on the Edge of Volcanoes

JT.LM

Enslow 2009 128p 31.93 978-0-7660-3049-7

Using the work of actual volcanologists, students are introduced to the variety of work done by this kind of scientist. Many interesting facts about volcanoes are woven throughout the story.

elem Leedy, Loreen Crazy Like a Fox: A Simile Story

CFM,all

Holiday House 2008 unp. 16.95 978-0-8234-1719-3

"In a story told entirely in similes, Rufus the fox is behaving strangely, but for a very good reason. Includes a definition of simile and suggestions for writing a simile story."

*ms/hs Lehr, Norman Declare Yourself

SG,PN

Harper Collins/Wm Morrow2008 325p 11.99 978-0-06-117316-6

Kids will pay attention to celebrities telling why voting is essential.

elm/ms Lemma, Don When the Sergeant Came Marching Home

JT,CFM

Holiday House 2008 215p 16.95 978-0-8234-2083-4

In 1946 when his Dad returns from the War, the family moves to a run down farm in Montana. Ten-year-old Donald dreams of going to Hollywood to escape the work. His father's discipline, school bullies, adds to his loneliness but he eventually adjusts to his new life.

ms/hs Lemmens, Maryjo Jennifer Lopez

TW,WT

Mason Crest Publishers 2008 64p 22.95 978-1-4222-0296-8

This bio of the multitalented hip-hop celebrity of Latina heritage will grab the reader and make them fans. Vibrant colors border the pages that are filled with glam photos of J-Lo and her quotes from previous interviews. The format for this Hip-Hop series includes a colorful time line of hip-hop, chronology of the biographee, list of accomplishments and awards, books for further reading, web sites, glossary, and an index.

ms/hs Levine, Gail Carson Ever

SO.RZ

Harper Collins (Trophy)/Avon/Greenwillow 2008 244p 16.99 978-0-06-122962-6

Falling in love is always fraught with unexpected possibilities, especially love between a mortal young woman and a god. Kezi is doomed to be sacrificed to her god Admat but Olus, god of the winds is just as determined to make her immortal and his wife. After Olus declares his love, the two travel through both the magical and mortal worlds in search of a way for Kezi to overcome impossible odds and circumvent her destiny.

hs Lieberman, Leanne Gravity

MS,LMN

Orca 2008 245p 12.95 978-1-55469-049-7

Three Jewish women struggle to understand their role as members of a religion that restricts them in their personal lives and in their life choices. The mother and her two daughters find the answers to their struggle to maintain their faith.

ms/jr Lieurance, Suzanne The Locket: Surviving the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire

LM,JT

Enslow 2008 160p 27.93 978-0-7660-2928-6

This is a historical fiction book that provides an insight into the tragic event that occurred on March 25, 1911 in a New York City garment factory fire.

*hs Lloya, Saci Th

The Carbon Diaries 2015 PN,LM

Holiday House 2008 330p 17.95 978-0-8234-2190-9

In a dystopic London, forced to ration carbon dioxide as a result of global warming and climate change, 16-year-old punk-rocker Laura, chronicles the year 2015 in a society out of control. A chilling look at the near future, and a cautionary eco-thriller.

ms/jr Lloyd, Sandra Mackenzie Patriots, Pirates, Heroes & Spies: Stories From Historic Philadelphia

LMN,CK

Grosset & Dunlap (Historic Philadelphia) 2008 179p 978-0-448-44911-1

Twenty amazing and true stories of real people who lived in or around Philadelphia from the 1600s up through the present. These stories are based on the Once Upon a Nation storytelling program that the city runs every year from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

*hs Lockheart, E. et al How to be Bad

SG,LMN

Harper Collins/Tempest 2008 325p 16.99 978-0-0612-8422-9

Florida road trip for three high school girls working at the Waffle House, narrated in alternating chapters by three different authors--Lauren Myracle, Sarah Mlynowski, and E. Lockhart.

A Reader's Guide to Amy Tan's The Joy Luck Club

MD,CFM

Enslow 2008 112p 31.93 978-0-7660-2832-6

This reader's guide to Amy Tan's "The Joy Luck Club" is an excellent companion to the book. It explores the complexity of the Chinese culture and opens a door to the world of their women. It also becomes a lens for the immigrant's dream of becoming an American and having American born children.

ms/hs Lowry, Lois Willoughbys

LMN,RZ

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion/Graphia/Kingfisher 2008 174p 16.00 978-0-618-97974-5

Four orphans and a nanny move in with a gruff neighbor who thinks his wife and son perished in an avalanche. The author intertwines aspects of many orphan stories with doses of humor. For grades 4-7 a story, and an SAT-filled vocabulary for grades 8-12.

*ms/hs MacDonald, Joan Vos J.K. Rowling: Banned, Challenged, and Censored

LM,LMN

Enslow 2008 260p 34.60 978-0-7660-2687-2

In this book the author provides a brief biography of Rowling, analyzes the Harry Potter books, and explores both sides of the argument of censorship.

ms Margolis, Leslie Boys Are Dogs

CK,SG

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 195p 15.99 978-1-59990-221-0

This is a story about a girl who has to get used to a new living arrangement (with Mom's new boyfriend), a new neighborhood, and a new school. At school she is regularly tormented and bullied by a number of boys and one of them lives right across the street from her as well. Referring to her book on training dogs, Annabelle decides to use some of the methods on those who are making her life a misery.

hs/adult Marr, Melissa Ink Exchange

LM,PN

Harper Teen 2008 326p 16.99 978-0-06-121468-4

After many centuries of stability the Faery Court is in a stage of unrest. This is a story where Leslie (a human) is drawn into the interplay of the various courts when she decides to have a tattoo. This book is a sequel to Wicked Lovely.

elm/ms Mayer, Robert H. When Children Marched: Birmingham Civil Rights Movement

RZ,LMN

Enslow 2008 176p 34.60 978-0-7660-2930-0

"Discusses the Birmingham civil rights movement, the great leaders of the movement, and the role of the children who helped fight for equal rights and to end segregation in Birmingham."

hs Michaelis, Antonia *Tiger Moon*

SO,LM

Amulet see Abrams, Harry 2008 448p 18.95 978-0-8109-9481-2

This is a tale worthy of the great Scheherazade. This book, set in early twentieth century India and steeped in the colorful world of Indian history and mythology, tells the story of Safia, a doomed young woman who must be saved from certain death. It catches the interest and engages the imagination of its readers, leading them into a lushly described world that is both real and imaginary.

elm/ms Micklos, John Jr. African Americans & American Indians Fighting in the Revolutionary War

JT,MS

Enslow 2008 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3018-3

Examines the role of African-Americans and Native Americans in the Revolutionary War, discussing how they chose sides, African-American presence in the army, fighting between Native Americans and settlers, and other related topics.

ms/jr Micklos, John Jr. *Cross*

Crossing the Delaware and Valley Forge - Two Wild Winters with Washington

Enslow 2008 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-33017-6

Provides accounts of the winters of 1776-77 and 1777-78, telling of the difficult conditions endured by the soldiers of the Continental Army, and how their courage, coupled with the leadership of General George Washington, helped them stay the course toward independence.

elm/ms Micklos, John, Jr.

What Was the Revolutionary War All About?

JT,MS

RZ,LM

Enslow 2008 48p 23.93 978-0-7660-3014-5

Photographs, illustrations, and simple text provide a general overview of the causes leading up to the American Revolution, the battles of the war, and the drafting of the Constitution.

Hs Mitchard, Jaquelyn

All We Know of Heaven

TW.PN

Harper Collins/Wm Morrow2008 311p 16.99 978-0-06-134578-4

We all heard the story of the two best friends who were in a car accident: one in a coma and the other dead. Their identities were reversed and the family who buried their daughter later found out that their daughter was actually the one in the coma. This fictionalized version explores what happens to all the people involved. Sometimes sad but very inspiring; I couldn't put it down.

Tundra Books 2008 192p 9.95 978-0-88776-832-3

Teenage Marcus Oppius Sabinus is recruited by his cousin to work on Julius Caesar's political campaign, but after he shows promise in the art of bribery, Marcus is sent to Greece on a dangerous mission to spy on and sabotage Cicero's supporters.

*ms/hs Monninger, Joseph Hippie Chick

LMN.SO

Front Street Books (see Boyd's Mill Press) 2008 156p 16.95 978-1-59078-598-0

Lolly's nighttime sailboat ride turns to disaster. A group of manatee save her and stay with her until her rescue. Part TV series Survivor and part Lost, Monniger provides heartwarming and nuanced prose to warm all animal lovers' hearts. For grades 7-12.

*ms/hs Murdock, Catherine Princess Ben

RZ,SO

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion/Graphia/Kingfisher 2008 343p 16.00 978-0-618-95971-6

"Princess Benevolence discovers an enchanted room while locked in the castle's highest tower by the conniving Queen Sophia and begins learning the magical arts, which may help her save her kingdom from a mortal threat."

hs Myers, Walter Dean Game

CFM.PN

Harper Teen 2008 218p 17.89 978-0-06-058295-1

If Harlem High School senior Drew Lawson is going to realize his dream of playing college, then professional, basketball, he will have to improve at being coached and being a team player, especially after a new white student threatens to take the scouts' attention away from him.

ms/hs Naden, Corinne

Mao Zedong and the Chinese Revolution

RZ,LMN

Morgan Reynolds 2008 144p 28.95 978-1-59935-100-1

An introduction to the life of Chinese political leader Mao Zedong that focuses on his struggles for power and his efforts to rebuild his war-torn country.

ms/hs Nanji, Shenaaz

Child of Dandelions

MD.TW

Front Street Books (see Boyd's Mill Press) 2008 214p 17.95 978-1-932325-93-2

Sabine and her family are of Indian descent but they were born in Uganda. That makes them Ugandan, right! As the countdown begins for all Indians to leave Uganda, Sabine must discover her true self in a country gone crazy.

*ms/jr Peacock, Shane

Death in the Air (The Boy Sherlock Holmes)

LM,SO

Tundra Books 2008 254p 21.99 978-0-88776-851-4

This book relates the second case of Sherlock Holmes. In this case Sherlock finds himself investigating a murder of a high-flying artist. He must use all of his powers of deduction to promote himself.

elm/ms Plummer, Todd

I've Discovered Force

JT,MS

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 32p 28.50 978-0-7614-3204-3

Some of the great scientists and their theories introduced are: Aristotle, Archimedes, Galileo, Newton, and Guericke. Each section gives the background of the scientific principle and the scientist making the important discovery.

elm/ms Plummer, Todd

I've Discovered Energy

MS,JT

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 32p \$22.80 978-0-7614-3202-9

In Energy, the reader will learn about a variety of concepts not the least of which include: force, absolute zero, kinetic energy, gravity, thermal energy, electricity, and atomic energy.

ms/hs Polak, Monique

215p

12.95

Orca

What World is Left 978-1-55143-847-4

SO,SG

This moving novel about the Holocaust is based on the real-life experiences of the author's mother who remained silent about these events for more than sixty years. Told in first-person voice, the descriptive narrative is cohesive, well constructed, and compelling.

ms Priestly, Chris

Tales of Terror from the Blackship

JT,MS

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 243p 12.99 978-1-59990-290-6

These beautifully written, ghastly, and ghostly sailor's tales are loosely tied together as told by a stranded mariner to two children left alone in an old inn. The vocabulary and descriptions are a delight. It is the sequel to Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror.

Ms/hs Reeve, Philip

Mothstorm

JT,PN

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 389p 16.99 978-1-59990-303-3

Third Larklight book, this one proves to be as delightful as the previous two. We learn more about the true nature of Mrs. Mumby as the family, crew of the Sophronia, and others fight the Mothmaker who wants to take over the Solar system.

LM.SO

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 358p 16.99 978-1-59990-140-4

Vampires in London! Are you sure? George Archer, Liz Oldfield, and Eddie Hopkins (coconspirators from The Death Collector) join forces with George's mentor at the British Museum to foil the overtaking of the British Parliament by vampires. Oddly enough it all starts with the disclosure of a mummy from the Department of Unclassified Artifacts.

hs/adult Robison, John Elder Look Me in the Eve TW,MS

Three Rivers Press see Random House 2008 302p 14.95 978-0-307-39618-1

Robison's touching account about life with Asperger's syndrome paints a vivid picture of someone trying to fit in but always feeling like a misfit. Not diagnosed until in his 40's, Robison led a brilliant yet somewhat dysfunctional life until he finally learns why his behavior is the way it is. Older brother of Augusten Burroughs, best selling author of Running With Scissors, Robison offers hope and enlightenment in this bittersweet memoir.

*hs/adult Rothschild, Matt Dumbfounded MS,TS

2008 23.95 978-0-307-40542-5 Crown see Random 301p

In this memoir, Matt describes growing up with his grandparents. Sometimes painful and sometimes comical, but never artificial.

secondary Salinger, Michael Well Defined TS.RZ

WordSong (Boyds Mill Press) 2009 64p 16.95 978-1-590778-615-4

The poet Michael Salinger tackles some standardized test vocabulary words and through verse makes the words bloom.

*ms/hs Sandler, Martin W. Lincoln Through the Ages RZ,LM

94p Walker & Co 2008 19.99 978-0-8027-9666-4

Contains over one hundred images of the life of Abraham Lincoln that provide a portrait of his presidency and the events surrounding it.

secondary Sapas, Kennily Rhythm & Folklore SG,CFM

Morgan Reynolds 2008 160p 28.95 978-1-59935-067-7

Intriguing personal life of author Zora Neale Hurston.

ms/hs Schmidt, Gary D. Trouble PN.RZ

2008 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 297p 16.00 978-0-618-92766-1

Trouble has finally found Henry after his older brother Franklin is hit by a truck and dies. He sets out to honor Franklin's wish and climb Mt. Katahdin. What results is growth and forgiveness for Henry and his unlikely companions.

hs Scott. Elizabeth Stealing Heaven SG,CFM

Harper Teen 2008 307p 16.99 978-0-06-112280-4

An uplifting story of a girl whose mother--now dying of cancer--has taught her to steal.

*elm/ms Seabrooke, Brenda **Cemetery Street** LM,CK

Holiday House 2008 16.95 978-0-8234-215-2 188p

This is a realistic novel about a newly divorced mother who moves her two children to Florida. They move into a decrepit house on Cemetery Street directly across from a spooky cemetery.

Silverstein, Alvin Depression and the Bipolar Disorder Update ms/hs

TW,MD

978-0-7660-2801-2 Enslow 2008 128p 31.93

This title examines the related conditions depression and bipolar disorder, discussing their definitions, history, types, diagnoses and current treatments, what it's like to live with the disease, and implications for future treatments. The format includes a question and answer page, timeline, a list of organizations and their web sites, chapter notes, glossary, further reading suggestions, Internet addresses, and an index. Clear, concise and understandable for teens.

*hs/adultSilverwood, John Black Wave LMN,CFM

Random House/Knopf/Anchor/Three Rivers 2008 226p 25.99 978-1-4000-6655-1

Grabs you immediately as you go onboard a 55' catamaran with a family of six for a year of adventure. Hang on as the family struggles for survival after crashing onto a coral reef. Causes the reader to look, as the family did, at what is really important. Grades 8+

elem Singer, Marilyn Eggs LM.RZ

Holiday House 16.95 978-0-8234-1727-8 2008 32p

This is an excellent explanation of variety of styles, functions, and general characteristics of eggs throughout a variety of species.

ms/hs Sleator, William Test TW.RZ

Abrams, Harry 2008 16.95 978-0-8109-9356-3

In the not far future of the 21st Century, America is a dystopian society where the rich live a luxurious life and the have-nots deal with unending traffic jams, pollution, and poor living conditions. The XCAS standardized test decides the future of students and that is what school is all about. But Ann finds out the secret of the test and the illegal ways the country is being run. When she and her friend Lep plan to reveal the ugly secret, her life is endangered.

The Dangers of Online Predators elm/ms Sommers, Michael

48p

LM,SO

This book shows that the Internet provides a wealth of information for students; however, there are problems and dangers that need to be addressed. There is a correlation between cyberspace and IRL (in real life). This book helps point out where the boundaries begin and end.

26.50 978-1-4042-1350-0

elm/ms Spilsbury, Richard What is Light?

Rosen Pub. Group

SO,LM

Enslow 2009 978-0-7660-3097-8 32p

2008

For upper elementary and middle school students, this book offers an introduction into the science of light. Clearly written and informative, this will be a useful and intriguing resource that leads budding scientists into further exploration.

Stefoff, Rebecca ms/hs Right to Die LMN,CK

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 126p 42.79 978-0-7614-2648-7

The history, legislation, religious and social beliefs that impact the debate on the right to die are presented without editorializing. Personal observations from both sides of the issue are presented to give a human face to the debate. Grades 7-12.

*ms/hs Stevenson, R. L. ad. by Alan Grant Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Tundra Books 2008 40p 11.95 978-1-88776-882-8 PN.CK.all

A graphic novel adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story, retold in graphic novel format that captures the feel and atmosphere of the dual identity story of horror.

Stinson, Kathy ms/hs Love Every Leaf: the Life of Landscape Architect Cornelia Hahn Oberlander MT,SO

Tundra Books 2008 26.95 978-0-88776-804-0 a98

Love Every Leaf is the biography of Cornelia Hahn Oberlander, a landscape architect, who began her career in Philadelphia designing playgrounds and the areas around public housing projects.

ms/hs Storrie, Paul D. Beowulf: Monster Slaver LM,LMN

Graphic Universe (Lerner Pub)

2008 48p 26.60 978-0-8225-6757-8

This book tells the story of Beowulf's heroic deeds in a graphic format that will appeal to all readers

ms/hs Stratton, Allan Chanda's Wars TW,LMN

978-0-06-087264-9 Harper Collins/Tempest 384p 18.99 2008

Continuing the story of Chanda from Chanda's Secrets, she is now caring for her little brother and sister after her mother dies from AIDS in their fictional sub-Saharan African country. Whereas Chanda's Secrets focused on the problem of AIDS, this new title focuses on the crisis of child soldiers when her siblings are kidnapped. Horrific situations make this a book best suited for grades 8 and up.

ms/jr Svitil, Torene So You Want to Work in Set Design, Costuming, or Make-up? LMN,LM

MT,TW

2008 31.93 978-0-7660-2740-4 Enslow

With vibrant photographs, lists of accredited schools, and examples of work conditions and skills needed to produce quality movies and television shows, this book will entrance students grades 6-12 who wish to work in set design, costumes, or make-up.

Madame President: the Extraordinary True and Evolving Story of Women in Politics elm/ms Thimmesh, Catherine (Revised & updated)

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion/Graphia/Kingfisher 2004

80p 8.95 9778-0-618-97143-5

An introduction to women who have influenced modern politics and policies in the United States and in the world. This updated revised edition includes Hillary Rodham Clinton's run for the presidency, Nancy Pelosi our Speaker of the House, and Condelezza Rice our Secretary of State. Pencil drawn and Photoshop colored illustrations enhance the brief text about each women. A timeline, source information and an index are included.

First Time MS.SG hs Tilly, Meg

Orca 2008 9.95 978-1-55143-944-0 108p

Meg Tilly's book is a riveting account of something that plagues most women at some point in their lives: unwanted sexual advances. In First Time, two high school girls explore their sexuality, one willingly and the other, unwillingly.

ms/hs Vail, Rachel Lucky PN,SG

Harper Teen see Harper Collins 2008 233p 16.99 978-0-06-089043-8

Beginning book of a trilogy about the Avery sisters, this novel represents an awakening for rich, popular Phoebe. When financial problems confront her family, Phoebe finds the true meaning of love and friendship.

ms/hs Vincent, Zu The Lucky Place

Front Street Books (see Boyd's Mill Press) 2008 230p 17.95 978-1-932425-70-3

Cassie grows up in 60's suburbia torn between her two fathers: the one who loved her but was unable to be her father and the one who nurtured and loved her throughout her childhood. The writing is stark and engaging and the characters are real. For mature middle school and high school readers.

hs/adult Waldherr, Kris Doomed Queens RZ,PN

Broadway Books see Random 2008 176p 14.95 978-0-7679-2899-1

Discusses the unfortunate deaths of fifty different queens throughout history and examines what they had in common that led to their untimely demise.

*ms/hs Weatherford, Carole B. Becoming Billie Holiday

PN,all

TW.CFM

WordSong (Boyds Mill Press) 2008 117p 19.95 978-1-59078-5072

Billie Holiday's young life is portrayed in this beautiful fictionalized biography in free-verse.

*ms/hs Weiss, Marisa C. Taking Care of Your Girls

TS,PN

Random House/Knopf/Anchor/Three Rivers 2008 237p 15.95 978-0-307-40696-5

What's normal? This book attempts to answer this question for girls. With cute fonts, pink subheadings and a reassuring tone, it provides details on breast related issues from breast health to selecting a bra.

hs Yee, Paul Learning to Fly

TW,LMN

Orca 2008 108p 9.95 978-1-55143-953-2

Jason, the only Chinese teenager in a small Canadian town, emigrated with his family from China four years ago. This is a tale about the effects of prejudice and the redeeming power of friendship.

ir/sr Yoo, Paula Good Enough

RZ,SO

Harper Teen 2008 322p 17.89 978-0-06-079089-9

A Korean-American teenager tries to please her parents by getting into an Ivy League school, but a new guy in school and her love of the violin tempt her in a new direction.

*elm/ms Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn Floating Circus

JT,MS

Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2008 198p 16.95 978-0-8234-2093-3

Life on an 1850's river showboat is presented through the eyes of eleven-year-old Owen, who has run away from an orphanage. Exciting action, friendship, family and growing up are all themes in this quick read book.

TriState YA Series Books of Note

The following series have been selected by our review group to be recognized as books that would be important to a school library collection. We have included the individual titles of the books (within each series) that were surveyed this year, after the series notation. Recently, we have reviewed series with multiple authors. In many instances the writing quality is not uniform. We have noted slight variations in the summaries below if most of the books in the series are noteworthy. When there are distinctive differences in quality within a series, we have included the books with "very good" and "excellent" ratings as individual books on our BON (Books of Note) list. Note: #, * , numbers after a title means that those series have made the series list in previous years.

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http://tristatereviews.blogspot.com www.tristatereviews.org

elm/ms Amazing Animal Defenses (Enslow)

LM,PN,SO,MT,JT

Enslow 2008 48p 23.93

Aimed at reluctant middle-school readers, the *Amazing Animal Defenses* series combines full-color photos, text boxes and "wild facts" to introduce readers to a variety of animal defenses. There are six titles in the series at this time, with topics ranging from camouflage to armor, regeneration to spines, quills and thorns, and mimicry to chemical weapons. Each of these high-interest and easy-to-read volumes also includes a glossary, further reading suggestions, website addresses and an index.

Animal Body-Part Regenerators: Growing New Heads, Tails and Legs Animal Chemical Combat: Poisons, Smells, and Slime Animals with Wicked Weapons Animals with Awesome Armor Animal Mimics Animals with Crafty Camouflage Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark

2009 80p 34.21

This excellent new series contains six titles that discuss the circulatory system, digestive system, endocrine system, immune system, skeletal system, and the skin. Well-researched and clearly presented, the books offer great insight into how the human body functions and ways to maintain a healthy body.

Circulatory System Immune System
Digestive System Skeletal System

Endocrine System Skin

ms/hs America's Living History (Enslow)

CFM,SG,LMN, PN,RZ

Enslow 2009 128p 31.93

Each title in this series focuses on the drama of an event or era in American history. Topics span in time from American Indian groups before Columbus to the first human to walk on the Moon. At this time, seven titles have been published. Young readers in grades 5 and above will be drawn to the high-impact illustrations that accent these lively titles.

Harlem Renaissance Alamo: Victory or Death on the Texas Frontier

Witchcraft Trials Cuban Missile Crisis

Fascinating History of American Indians Teetotalers and Saloon Smashers

Space Race: The Mission, the Men, the Moon

ms Americans: Spirit of a Nation (Enslow)

MD,RZ,JT,LM

Enslow 2008 128p 31.93

The series *Americans: Spirit of a Nation* currently includes five titles, with two more coming in spring 2009. These are very complete, yet simply written, and attractively illustrated biographies of people whose lives captured the spirit of our nation. Each includes a chronology, chapter notes for sources, and a good index. The set is perfect for middle schools.

Abraham Lincoln Mathew Brady: Camera Is the Eye of History

Clara Barton P.T. Barnum

Edgar Allen Poe

all ages Animal Secrets Revealed (Enslow)

SG,LM,SO,RZ

RZ,JT,SO,SG,

Enslow 2008 48p 23.93

Despite their appearance as a series for elementary schools, these fascinating titles will be appreciated by all ages for the well-documented information they provide on various unique animal behaviors. Sources include scientific journals that would probably be unknown to most of us, but the terrific photos and tidbits of information draw curious readers in, just as a *Guinness Book* does.

Secret of the Sleepless Whales
Secret of the Bloody Hippo
Secret of the Suffocating Slime Trap
Secret of the Suffocating Slime Trap
Secret of the Plant-killing Ants

ms Animals Animals (MC)#8

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 48p 29.93

The *AnimalsAnimals* series presents information about the physical characteristics, behaviors, habitats, diets, hunting strategies, social interactions, and endangered status of various animals for intermediate-grade students. Each volume is illustrated with large eye-catching color photographs. A glossary, "Find Out More" pages, and an index are provided. Currently the series consists of more than forty volumes.

HummingbirdsAlligatorsDucksCoyotesSkunksDee

elem Authors Kids Love (Enslow)#8 SO,CFM,MD

Enslow 2009 48p 23.93

This series of biographies on writers kids love are well-rounded examinations of the writers' personal lives and their books.

Well-written and wonderfully illustrated with color photographs, they are sure to be gobbled up by the younger crowd.

Bruce Hale Bruce Coville
Sid Fleischman Jack Gantos

Alma Flor Ada Patricia and Fredrick McKissack

ms/hs **Authors Teens Love** (Enslow)##7

LM,LMN,SO

Enslow 2009 31.93

Highly recommended for middle and high school collections, these writers are all popular with young people. The newest additions include Blume, Asimov, and Tan. Each book covers intriguing episodes from the author's life, some of which became plot lines, as well as photographs, a chronology, quotes from the author's books, and some literary criticism.

Judy Blume Isaac Asimov Amy Tan elm/ms Bug Alert (MC) CFM, SG, LM, RZ

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark

32p 22.80

With a fantastic creep-out factor and up-close color photos, this series provides information on bugs that build, destroy, help people, and kill other bugs, as well as bugs that live on animals and on us.

Bugs That Kill Bugs That Destroy Bugs That Help

Bugs That Live On Animals Bugs That Build Bugs That Live On Us

ms/hs Business Leaders (Morgan Reynolds)

2009

LMN,TW,SO,SG,LM

Faces Behind Beauty

Morgan Reynolds 2007 128p 27.95

This series is well researched and discusses numerous successful entrepreneurs. With well-placed photographs and unobtrusive sidebars, the format of each book includes a timeline, extensive source notes for each chapter, a bibliography, annotated web sites, and an index. The books are very readable and will hold the reader's interest in these important business leaders.

Warren Buffett Russell Simmons

Oprah Winfrey Steve Jobs Michael Dell Ralph Lauren

Celebrate the States (MC)*##8 ms

CFM,SO,LMN

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 144p 2009 42.79

Each title in this series features a specific state and includes discussions of its land and waterways, history, government and economy, festivals, cultural diversity, landmarks, and exciting stories of success. Each book features the beauties and hidden treasures of a state and recognizes the social issues and concerns faced by its residents. Recommended for upper elementary and middle school collections.

Maryland New Jersey Idaho Arkansas

Massachusetts

ms/hs The Constitution (Enslow) SG,TW,SO

Enslow 2009 128p 33.27

This series showcases the major amendments of the Constitution and discusses how and why they were created. Each title contains the complete text of the Constitution and the amendment the book covers.

A Look at the Nineteenth Amendment

A Look at the Thirteenth & Fourteenth Amendments

A Look at the First Amendment

ms/hs Easy Genius Science Projects (Enslow) SO,LM,SG,JT

Enslow 128p 31.93

This is a wonderful new series of books on science fair experiments in chemistry, electricity and magnetism, temperature and heat, weather, and light. Each book contains very clear diagrams of experiments, illustrations, charts, graphs, and tables that support these experiments. It also lists science competitions and organizations with Internet addresses.

Easy Genius Projects with Light

Easy Genius Projects with Temperature and Heat

Easy Genius Projects with Electricity and Magnetism Easy Genius Projects with Chemistry

Easy Genius Projects with the Human Body

ms/hs Family Trees (MC) Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 96p 34.21 CFM,CK,TS,TW,RZ

This fifteen book series is chock full of good, reliable and detailed information, along with very attractive photographs and other visuals. At 90-96 pages each, the books are appropriate for middle school and even high-school students who are researching animal classes, orders and kingdoms. In general, the glossaries, charts and graphs, references for further information, bibliographies, and indexes are very good, although in certain cases they assume background knowledge that some students may not possess.

The Monaran Kingdom The Rodent Order

Sea Mammals The Arachnid Class

The Conifer Division

elm/ms First Americans (MC)#8 CFM,LM,LMN,PN,MS,JT

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2008 48p 31.36

There are eighteen titles in the series First Americans. Each one includes the background, history, lifestyles, beliefs and present-day lives of a Native American tribe. Crisply written and fully illustrated, these deceptively simple books provide a wealth of information for elementary or middle school students.

Powhatan The Inuit The Nez Perce The Shoshone The Chumash The Shawnee

ms/hs

Flip-It-Over Guides to Teen Emotions (Enslow)

CFM,MD,TW,PN,JT

Enslow 2008 128p 31.93

The *Flip-It-Over* series explores various emotions that teens may experience. The advice is often interactive and illustrated with clear, multicultural photographs. Quotes, facts, and sidebars enhance the text. Using both male and female perspectives at opposite ends of the book, the series currently includes six titles.

ConflictJealousyLonelinessLoveAngerStress

ms Great Minds of Science (Enslow)#7

SO,JT,LMN,CFM,CK

Enslow 2008 128p 23.95

This excellent series (in revised editions) brings many of science's greatest figures to life and offers insight into the workings of their minds. The scientists included in the series all made major contributions to their fields of study. Each book includes activities for students that simulate some of the original experiments, a chronology, a glossary, and sources for further reading.

Isaac NewtonAntoine LavoisierCopernicusWilliam Harvey

Galileo

ms/hs Health Alert (Benchmark)#7

LM,LMN,PN,JT,TW,RZ

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 63p 32.79

Health Alert contains thirty titles, each of which describes an illness or disorder, including symptoms, history and treatment. A look at the daily life of a student with the illness/disorder provides a very personal perspective. With colorful photos, text inserts, glossary, indexes, lists of resources for further reading, and clear, concise writing, this series will appeal to grades 4-12.

Chicken Pox Fever

Sleep Disorders Cystic fibrosis
Obesity Tick-borne Illnesses

elm/ms How To Play Like a Pro (Enslow)

LM,LMN,SG,RZ,PN

Enslow 2008 48p 23.93

Simple to understand and profusely illustrated, this series provides younger athletes with not only an overview of the basics of each sport, but the skills needed to become strong team players. Famous athletes are cited as examples for mastering fundamental skills. These volumes will serve as reinforcement for aspiring athletes.

Football Skills
Cheerleading Skills
Basketball Skills
Hockey Skills

ms/hs Inventors Who Changed the World (Enslow)#8

RZ,MD,SO

Enslow 2008 128p 33.27

Important scientific inventions are discussed in easy-to-understand language. Readers discover how the inventors developed their products and how these things changed society. This series is part of the larger MyReportsLinks series, and each book includes evaluated links, including primary sources, for further research.

Louis Pasteur Philo T. Farnsworth

Johannes Gutenberg

 TW,LMN,SO

Enslow 2008 112p 31.93

The colorful layout of *Issues in Focus* will appeal to readers in grades 6-12. It covers controversial issues ranging from the social to the political. *China in the 21st Century* fails on complex economic issues, but the rest of the series is excellent at presenting facts.

Religion and Free Speech Today Genocide: the Systematic Killing of a People, rev ed.

The Abortion Debate China in the 21st Century

The Scoop on What To Eat Beyond Bruises

Welcome America?: Pro/Con Debate Over Immigration Islam: Understanding History, Beliefs, & Culture

ms/hs *Math Busters* (Enslow) MD,SO,JT

Enslow 2008 64p 27.93

This new series offers a lucid explanation of different types of math. In simple and clear language, the series informs and supports the readers' continuing understanding of math concepts.

Ratios and Percents Figuring Out Geometry

Decimals and Fractions Algebra

Division and Multiplication Subtraction and Addition

ms/hs Nature's Wonders (MC) CFM,PN,SO,MS,JT

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark

96p

35.64

There are five titles in the *Nature's Wonders* series. The text is fascinating to read and beautiful to look at. It provides a complete source for research and yet is simple to understand. Each title includes the geography, wildlife, people, history and cultural significance of these natural wonders and the importance of their preservation. Excellent for middle schools.

The Sahara The Galapagos Islands
The Great Lakes The Great Barrier Reef

The Nile

ms/hs **People To Know Today** (Enslow)#7

2009

CFM,SG,SO

Enslow 2008 112p 31.93

Each title in this series is about someone who became famous in the 20th century and has greatly impacted American culture. Bright, vibrant photographs, quotations by each person and colorful layouts will draw in readers in grades 6-12.

Steven Spielberg Bono

David Beckham Donald Trump

George Gershwin

ms/hs **Presidents and Their Times (MC)#8**

CFM,CK,PN,MS,JT

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 96p 27.36

With the exception of the book on Abraham Lincoln, the titles in this series are well written and impeccably researched. One learns both the positive and negative aspects of the lives and presidencies of such notable leaders as Lyndon Baines Johnson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. However, in the Abraham Lincoln book, the reader is left with a less-than-convincing portrait of this complex man. Otherwise, the series is highly recommended, due to its mixture of comprehensive data about each president and its anecdotes and photographs, both of which support the biographies successfully.

Lyndon B. Johnson Franklin Delano Roosevelt

John Adams James Monroe
Abraham Lincoln Calvin Coolidge

* ms/hs **Profiles in Mathematics** (MR)

TW,LMN,SG,PN,JT

Morgan Reynolds 2008 112p 28.95

Profiles in Mathematics contains seven titles on the lives and discoveries of mathematicians. Colorful layouts will draw in readers in grades 8-12. A basic understanding of the level of math covered is needed to fully understand the theories presented.

Sophie Germain Carl Friedrich Gauss
Alan Turing Women Mathematicians

Pierre de Fermat Rene Descartes

elm/ms Saving Our World (MC) TW,JT,MS,SO,SG,CFM

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 32p 28.50

The titles in this series take a dynamic look at the environmental issues facing our world today, along with possible solutions and practical activities that children and their parents can engage in to ensure a sustainable future.

Recycling Waste Energy Conservation
Climate Change Water Pollution
Air Pollution Habitat Protection

ms/hs **Shakespeare Explained** (MC)

SG,LMN,PN,TW

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 112p 42.79

This series provides a scene-by-scene overview and analysis of each play. In each book, Chapters 2 and 3 list and describe characters, themes, motifs, and language. At the end of each is a Shakespeare chronology, glossary, index, quiz, and list of related books and web sites. This series differs from others in that it uses photos and examples from various stage and film productions. It supplements the actual Shakespeare works and may be inviting for middle school and older readers.

Romeo and Juliet Macbeth
Julius Caesar Hamlet

A Midsummer Night's Dream

elm/ms *Tell Me Why, Tell Me How* (MC/BB)

CK,CFM,SO,MS,JT

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 32p 23.94

In just 32 pages each, and in easy-to-read text, a great deal of information is provided about how animals do the interesting things that they do ... how bats see in the dark, how honeybees make honey, how spiders make their webs, etc. In addition, the photographs are magnificent and add greatly to the textual information being conveyed. Added features that are helpful are the suggested activity, the glossary, and the rather thorough index. The "Now I Know" feature is also a welcome "hook".

Why Does the Moon Change Shape?

How Do Bees Make Honey? How Do Spiders Make Webs?

How Do Bats Fly in the Dark? Why Do We See Rainbows? elem Top Pets for Kids (Enslow) RZ,SO,JT

Enslow 2008 48p 23.93

Descriptions of different breeds of pets are provided to help young readers decide on the best pet for them. Information includes behavior, appearance and care of pets. Color photographs contribute to a pleasing layout that will attract pet lovers.

Reptiles and Amphibians Fish
Dogs Birds

Cats Small Mammals

ms/hs Understanding Literature TW,TS

Enslow 2008 160p 27.93

Understanding Literature just added three new titles to the series. Each book provides a personal look at the life of an author, the influences on his or her writing style, and criticism of his or her most well known writings. The content is easy to read, and these books are outstanding additions to middle- and high-school collections.

A Student's Guide to William Faulkner

A Student's Guide to T. S. Eliot

A Student's Guide to Eugene O'Neill

hs Writers & Their Works (MC)#7 SG,LMN,TS,MS

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2009 144p 42.79

Writers and Their Works is a series covering fourteen primarily American authors from the 19th & 20th centuries. The biographical portion of each volume covers the author's life in detail, while the 'works' portion presents summaries and background information about his or her major works. The volumes contain ample information for junior and senior high research projects.

Edgar Allen Poe George Orwell
Sylvia Plath John Steinbeck