

TriState Young Adult Book Review Committee
Books of Note 1999/2000

- ms Adler, C.S. (Carole S.) Winning
SVC/LM
Clarion 1999 156p 14.95 0395650178 Vicky is thrilled to be on eighth-grade tennis team, until she realizes that her new playing partner Brenda is ruthless about winning and will even cheat to do so.
- ms Almond, David Skellig SR/MD
Delacorte 1998 182p 15.95 0-385-32653-X Skellig appears to be a decrepit old man when Michael finds him, but there is more to Skellig than meets the eye. What are the odd protuberances under his jacket where shoulder blades should be? Does he really eat the dead things owls appear to bring him? What does he know about Michael's desperately ill new baby sister? Could he be an angel - and then what are angels anyway?
- ms Altman, Linda Jacobs Holocaust, Hitler, and Nazi Germany SO/LM
Enslow 1999 112p 19.95 0-7660-1230-1 Holocaust Remembered A fine addition to the series on the Holocaust, this book presents the roots of the anti-semitism that led to the systematic murder of the Jews and other minorities. It is a very clearly presented study of the rise of Nazi Germany and a very worthwhile purchase for any library supporting the study of the Holocaust.
- ms Anaya, Rudolfo My Land Sings: Stories from the Rio Grande MD/SVC/SO
Morrow Junior Bks, N Y 1999 176 17.00 0-688-15078-0
An enjoyable book of Mexican American folktales and legends. This collection is wonderful and fun for all ages and excellent for storytelling.
- ms/hs Ashabranner, Brent A Date with Destiny LM/ED
Twenty First Century 2000 64p 23.90 0-7613-1472-5
Great American Memorials A Date with Destiny: The Women in Military Service for America Memorial illustrates how the hemicycle wall at the entrance of Arlington Cemetery has been transformed into a powerful acknowledgement of women's contributions in the defense of our country. The text includes stories of some of the women who inspired the memorial as well as how the roles of women have changed over the years.
- ms/hs Bartoletti, Susan Kids on Strike SR/TG
Houghton 1999 208p 20.00 0-395-88892-1
Describing notable labor strikes of the nineteenth and early twentieth century that were led by and/or comprised mostly of children and teenagers, this book brings history to life in exciting and disturbing detail. Archival photographs underscore the youth of the subjects

ms/jr Bauer, Joan Backwater
SO/LM
Putnam 1999 185p 16.99 0-399-23141-2
Sixteen-year-old Ivy Breedlove, would-be historian, braves the Adirondack wilderness to find her reclusive aunt and reunite her family. The book is filled with strong, unforgettable characters, an interesting plot, realistic descriptions of the countryside, and, of course, a romantic interest. A sure sell for the girls.

ms/jr Bauer, Marion Dane An Early Winter
LJ/LM
Clarion 1999 120p 15.00 0-395-90372-6
A beautifully written and engaging book about a young boy's transition in dealing with his beloved grandfather's Alzheimer's disease. This account presents accurate descriptions of Alzheimers and how triumphs can be found among tragedy.

jr/sr Bechard, Margaret If It Doesn't Kill You
ED/LM
Viking 1999 156p 15.99 0-670-88547-9
Star athlete, 9th grader, Ben Gearhart is constantly compared to his superstar father. Where before he would have taken this as a great compliment, he is now embarrassed by it. His father has recently moved in with another man and the story follows Ben coming to grips with this change and many others in his life.

jr/sr Benowitz, Steven I. Cancer
SO/LM
Enslow 1999 128p 19.95 0-7660-1181-X Diseases and People
This book presents a very balanced view of cancer. It does not hide the fact that this is often a fatal disease but does offer positive outcomes as well. It is very current, presenting new drugs and options that have recently come to public attention. An excellent book for research.

hs Braude, Ann Women & American Religion MD/VC
Oxford Univ Press 2000 141p 0195106768
Religions in American Life This is the story of the role of women in religion throughout history in America.

ms/hs Brooks, Bruce Vanishing TG/MD
Harper Collins 1999 103p 14.95 0-06-028237-1
A hospital is the setting for conversations about life between a boy and a girl who meet as patients: one starving herself to death, the other raging against death. Clever, witty and well-crafted.

ms/jr Bunting, Eve Blackwater
SR/JS

Harper Collins 1999 146p 15.95 0-06-027838-2

When 13 year old Brodie finds Pauline sunning herself on a rock in the Blackwater river with Otis, his disappointment and frustration lead to a practical joke that goes horribly wrong when Otis and Pauline are swept away and drown. Adults mistakenly assume that Brodie is wet because he dived in to try and save them, and Brodie is left with the dual guilt of causing the accident and then hiding the truth.

ms/hs Calabro, Marian Perilous Journey of the Donner Party TG/JS
Clarion 1999 192p 20.00 0-395-86610-3

Meticulously researched account of the infamous wagon train's fateful trek westward, partially told through the writings of a thirteen-year-old girl. The subject of cannibalism is handled in a straightforward and non-sensational manner. Richly illustrated with primary sources.

ms Carlson, Lori Marie, Ed. You're On! Seven Plays in English & Spanish.
SVC/TG/MD Morrow Junior Bks. , New York 1999 139 17.00 0-688-16237-1

This is a collection of seven plays from seven very special Hispanic American authors. This bilingual book introduces children to Latino playwrights.

jr/sr Cheripko, Jan Voices of the River: Adventures on the Delaware LM/SO
Boyd's Mill Press 1993 48p 9.95 1-56397-622-6 This is for the

orienteering classes. It is a story of a teenager and an adult taking a canoe trip down the Delaware River that separates PA from NJ. and it relates how a young boy comes to grips with taking on a challenge and completing it.

ms Cooper, Michael Indian School
JS/SR/ED

Clarion 1999 103p 15.00 0-395-92084-1

Attractive format with excellent black and white photos helps to make this brief and simple text about the schools created to teach native American children how to live as white people both informative and moving. The fact that in the process the students lost their native culture is not omitted from the telling.

ms/jr Couper, Heather & Nigel Henbest Space Encyclopedia SO/LM
DK 1999 29.95 0-7894-4708-8

This is a comprehensive guide to astronomy and space travel arranged by topics: observing the universe, exploring space, planets and moons, the stars, galaxies and beyond, practical stargazing, and a reference section. A must purchase for both research and browsing.

ms/jr Cross, Gillian Tightrope JS/SR

Holiday House 1999 216p 16.95 0-8234-1512-0

14 year-old Ashley prides herself on her ability to cope with her mother's lengthy illness, with the resulting heavy housework load, with her schoolwork, and with her interfering aunt, but now there is a stalker in the picture too.

ms Curtis, Christopher Bud, Not Buddy JS/TG

Delacorte 1999 243p 15.95 0-385-32306-9

10 yr.-old orphan Bud Caldwell runs away from the cruel foster family that has taken him from the orphanage, but his search for his father leads him even further away. This is a Newbery Award winner

ms Daldrey, Jeremy Teenage Guy's Survival Guide SR/ED

Little Brown 1999 136p 8.95 0-316-17824-1

Very strong and logical warnings against drinking, drugs and smoking(DON'T), and natural, relaxed attitudes about difficult subjects from deodorant (use it) to masturbation (it won't hurt you) prevail in a mixture of type styles and layouts in this book of advice for adolescent boys.

ms/jr Ferrie, Richard The World TurnedUpside Down LJ/LM

Holiday House 1999 168p 18.95 0-8234-1402-7

This is a beautiful book that is carefully designed and well-written. Ferrie brings to us the recognition that George Washington was a man of great intellect, depth and conviction and our simple perception of him as the boy who chopped down the cherry tree and demonstrated honesty is an unfortunate oversimplification.

ms/hs Freedman, Russell Babe Didrikson Zaharias: The Making of a Champion

SVC/SR Clarion 1999 192p 18.00 0-395-63367-2 Babe was an

outstanding woman athlete (prior to 1960), when "nice girls" didn't take part in sports. She won more contests and broke more records than any woman in sports history. Biographical references and an index draw the reader into an exploration of this character. The text flows smoothly and is written in an engaging style that will hold the young adult's interest.

elem/ms Gallant, Roy A. Earth's Place in Space LJ/SO

MC/Benchmark Books 2000 80p 0-7614-0963-7

Story of Science Another wonderful Gallant science book, Earth's place in space describes the development of man's vision of the universe, from the earliest of the creation myths to information gleaned from today's observations from the Hubble telescope. It is clearly explained and would be wonderful for both research and browsing.

ms/hs Garner, Eleanor Eleanor's Story: An American Girl In Hitler's

Germany MJ/SR Freestone(Peachtree) 1999 268p 14.95 1-56145-193-2

This is a dramatic autoiography of a girl growing up as an American enemy alien in Berlin during World War II, facing separation, starvation, illness,

devastating bombings and a vengeful Soviet occupation. The book is also a story of inner strength, hope and Eleanor's journey to self-awareness and independence.

ms/hs Gilmore, Kate The Exchange Student TG/SR/JS
Houghton 1999 21p 15.00 0-395-57511-7

In the late 21st century, sixteen year old Daria Wells, a licensed breeder of endangered species whose bedroom is also her zoo is about to host an exchange student from the planet Chela. Imaginative details of alien biology along with informative descriptions of breeding and keeping actual species will fascinate animal lovers and science fiction fans alike.

jr/sr Glassman, Bruce New View Almanac MD/SVC
Blackbird Press 2000 608p np 1-56711-1505

An Almanac full of graphs, charts, maps and visuals. Teachers and students are going to go wild over this great resource.

ms Haas, Jessie Unbroken SO/SVC
Greenwillow Books 1999 182p 15.00 0-688-16260-6

A book dealing with relationships between estranged family members and their eventual reconciliation, this is a memorable story of Harriet and her aunt, set on a farm in the early part of the twentieth century. This is a powerful book, rich in emotion and feeling.

ms/jr Hamilton, Morse The Garden of Eden Motel LJ/LM
Greenwillow Books 1999 154p 16.00 0-688-16814-0

The evolving relationship with a stepparent and a great portrayal of life in the early 1950s is the backdrop for this notable book. A wonderful story and a suspenseful conclusion await the reader.

ms Harrison, Barbara Theo ED/LM

Clarion 1999 159p 15.00 0-899-19959-3

This moving story of a young Greek orphan during World War II does a wonderful job of conveying the indomitable spirit of the Greeks, and the importance that people in an occupied land ascribed to the preservation of their culture and history.

ms/hs Haskins, James and Benson, Kathleen. Out of the Darkness: The Story of Blacks Moving North, 1890-1940. SR/MJ

Marshall Cavendish 2000 112p 31.36 0-7614-0970-X Great Journeys This summary of the great migration of blacks from the south to the north provides a much needed resource on this topic at the middle school level. Excellent archival photographs along with one page documents are frequently used to support the ideas discussed in the text.

ms/hs Hobbs, Will Jason's Gold ED/LM

Morrow 1999 216p 16.00 0-688-15093-4
With the Klondike Gold Rush as the backdrop, Will Hobbs present young adult readers with a story of courage, daring, friendship, perseverance and adventure.

hs Holmes, Barbara Ware Letters to Julia
MJ/ID

Harper Trophy 1999 312p 5.95 0-06-447215-9
In her journals, chapters of the novel she is writing and letters to a New York editor who has befriended her, a fifteen-year-old budding author reveals her journey of self-discovery in the midst of a dysfunctional family.

ms/hs Holtwijk, Ineke Asphalt Angels
SR/JS

Front Street 1999 184p 15.95 1-886910-24-3
Thousands of children live on the streets in Rio, and this is the story of one of them. Everything about 12-year-old Alex's life is worlds away from the experience of most young readers, and an epilogue explains that this is a true story. As fiction it will appeal to fans of S.E. Hinton's books; as social commentary it illuminates a world much more than a continent away from our own.

ms/hs Hoobler, Dorothy & Thomas The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn MD/ED
Philomel Books/ Penguin Putnam N Y 1999 214 17.99 0-399-23330-X
A mysterious ghost story that takes place in 18th century Japan. The twists and turns this adventure mystery takes will grip the reader.

ms/hs Hyland, Hilary The Wreck of the Ethie TG/JS/ED
Peach Tree 1999 7.95 1-56145-3
This exciting historical fiction title recounts the tale of the steamship Ethie, which ran into a terrible storm off the coast of New foundland in 1919, and of the dog who braved the seventy-foot waves in the icy sea to help rescue the ninety-two passengers aboard.

jr/sr Jacques, Brian Marlfox
SO/JS
Philomel 386p 1998 22.99 0-399-23307-5
Marlfox is yet another exciting installment in the chronicles of Redwall Abbey. The resulting battles between those of Redwall and those following the Marlfoxes are firmly set in the traditions of high adventure. A great purchase that will stand by itself or be gobbled up by fans of the series.

ms/hs Jimenez, Francisco The Circuit: Stories From The Life of a Migrant Child. MD/ED Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston 1999 116 15.00 0-395-97902-1
This is the story of a Mexican family looking for a better way of life than their unimaginable life as illegal aliens in the United States, tempered by the child's viewpoint that guides us through his family's story.

ms/hs Johnson, Scott Safe at Second ED/SR
Philomel 1999 245p 17.99 0-399-23365-2
A powerful and realistic presentation of high school athletics and dreams gone awry.

jr/sr Jones, Charlotte Yukon Gold
LJ/LM
Holiday House 1999 99p 18.95 0-8234-1403-5
An exciting journey is offered to any student willing to read this history of the 1890's gold rush in the Klondike and Yukon river valleys. Period photographs and well-constructed text bring alive this time of great wealth, plunder, poverty and disappointment.

ms Kennedy, X.J. Knock at a Star JS/LM
Little Brown 1999 180p 17.95 0-316-48436-9
This is an anthology of poetry that contains both well known and unknown poems. Young readers will relate to the lively unique poems, haiku, songs, and limericks.

ms/hs Krizmanic, Judy Teens Vegetarian Cookbook, The JS/LM/MD
Viking 1999 186p 15.99 0-670-87426-4
Breezy style and clear, easy-to-follow recipes make this cookbook a winner for teens. Some information about nutrition for vegetarians is also given, along with suggested books with more about this topic.

jr/sr Lawlor, Laurie Window on the West: William Henry Jackson from 1869 to 1893 LJ/LM
Holiday House 1999 132p 18.95 0-8234-1380-2
The unspoiled beauty of the old west is brought to life in this photographic treasure. William Henry Jackson's (an early photographer) works are enhanced by Lawlor's insightful historical explanations in this captivating book.

ms Levine, Gail Dave at Night
S/MJ/SO
Harper Collins 1999 281p 15.95 0-06-028153-7
11 yr.-old orphan Dave determines to escape from the cruel orphanage where even his last precious possession, a hand-carved toy from his father, is stolen from him. Out on the streets of New York, Dave meets interesting characters involved in the Harlem Renaissance.

ms London, Jack White Fang
LM/ED
Viking 1998 237p 25.99 0-670-88479-0
The Whole Story Series This is a beautifully illustrated edition of a classic story. The format of the book is visually appealing with interesting sidebars with additional information.

ms Maguire, Gregory The Good Liar ED/MD

Clarion 1999 129p 15.00 0-395-90697-0

The story unfolds when a survivor of WWII is asked by a group of school children to relate some of his experiences during the war. He recalls the German occupation of his country, France, and the persecution of the Jews.

hs McNamee, Graham Hate You SVC/LM

Delacort 1999 119p 14.95 0385325932

This is the author's first young adult novel, and focuses on the thinking processes and emotions of a seventeen year-old girl who writes songs, but can never sing them, because she has a broken "Frankenstein" voice. The story is introduced with a poem entitled, Hate You. This poem conveys to the reader Alice Silvers deep emotional story.

ms/hs Meltzer, Milton They Came in Chains SVC/ED

Marshall Cavendish 2000 96p 15.95 076140967X Great Journeys series

"They came in Chains: The Story of the Slave Ships" describes the history and practice of slavery, particularly the African slave trade- its origins, growth, and demise from the fifteenth through the nineteenth centuries.

ms/jr Montejo, Victor Popol Vuh

JS/LM

Douglas McIntyre 1999 85p 19.95 0-88899-334-X

Gorgeously illustrated recent translation , meant for young people, of the Mayan Indian creation myths that nearly died out under Spanish rule.

hs Myers, Walter Dean Monster ED/TG

Harper Collins 1999 15.95 0060280778

While on trial for being an accomplice to murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon recounts his experiences in prison and court in the form of a movie script. A powerful and thought provoking piece of literature.

ms/hs Namioka, Lensky Ties That Bind, Ties That Break MD/TG/SVC/SR

Delacorte Press, New York 1999 154 15.95 0-385-32666-1

In this incredible story set in China in 1925, Ailin is her father's favorite; how else could anyone explain the fact that Ailin did not have to have her feet bound?

ms Napoli, Donna Jo Crazy Jack

SR/SO

Delacorte 1999 134p 15.95 0-385-32327-0

This is the story of Jack and the beanstalk, fleshed out with fully developed and believable characters and events. There is magic here, realism, and romance too, combined together in a brief and compelling story for middle and upper school readers.

ms/jr Nixon, Joan Lowery Who Are You? LJ/LM

Delacorte 1999 184p 15.95 0-385-32566-5
Many twists and turns are revealed in this engaging mystery about a stalked victim, Kristi. Readers will learn the intricacies about police work and what can happen when a victim attempts to circumvent the official investigation.

ms Norell, Mark A. and Lowell Dingus A Nest of Dinosaurs: the Story of Oviraptor
SO/LJ Random 1999 42p 17.95 0-385-32558-4 An exciting book chronicling the discovery of the oviraptor nests and fossilized eggs and their impact on modern paleontology. The writing is crisp and concise, explaining the science of paleontology with clarity. The photographs, both modern color and period black-and-white, are well-placed and add immensely to the interest of the book as do the drawings and sidebars. An index would have made this perfect.

ms Nye, Naomi What Have You Lost? TG/JS

Greenwillow 1999 204p 19.00 0-688-16184-7 A collection of poems by 140 poets who write about the many levels of loss: gloves, memories, loved ones, etc. Distinctive black and white photographs create additional beauty to this multicultural anthology.

ms Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw The Incredible Story of China's Buried Warriors
LM/SO Benchmark 2000 64 p. \$18.95 0-7614-0783-9 Frozen in time
This book is a sure attention grabber for middle school students. It describes the discovery and restoration of the clay warriors of Xi'an and contains more than enough information to be extremely useful for a research project and will attract the casual browser as well. A wonderful purchase for all libraries.

ms Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw Treasures of the Spanish Main MD/SO Benchmark
1999 64 p. \$18.95 0-7614-0768-3
Frozen in time This book describes the discovery of the gold-bearing Spanish Ghost Galleons and will be equally useful for research projects and for browsing alike. Recommended for all libraries.

ms Perkins, Lynne Rae All Alone in the Universe LJ/MD

Greenwillow 1999 148p 16.00 0-688-16881-7
The author's pen and ink drawings provide readers with an added bonus in this marvelous tale of childhood. This book is a heartwarming story and of interest to all ages.

ms/jr Pullein-Thompson Classic Horse & Pony Stories LM/SO
DK 1999 95p 16.95 0-7894-4896-3 DK Classics

This is a new book in a series that we listed last year. It contains famous horses in their real life settings. The stories cover horses from Pegasus or the horse in Alice in Wonderland to Flicka and Black Beauty.

ms/hs Randle, Kristen Breaking Rank

SR/MD

Morrow 1999 201p 16.00 0-688-16243-6

Baby is Clan, and Clan members do not participate in school. They follow the rules, but they don't carry books, study or volunteer answers. But Baby is smart and agrees to transfer to honors classes, hoping he can hide this from the Clan, until the challenge of the honors program and the relationship that develops with Casey, his peer tutor, causes repercussions no one expected.

hs Rottman, S.L. Head Above Water ED/SO

Peach Tree 1999 192p 14.95 1-56145-185-1

A vivid portrayal of a swimmer's life and the commitment necessary to do well in this sport. An important story of the delicate balancing act all athletes have between their competitive sports, school, friends, love interests, and family obligations.

ms Schmidt, Gary D. Anson's Way ED/SR

Clarion 1999 213p 15.00 0-395-91529-5

Anson is a young drummer in the British Fencibles sent over to maintain peace in eighteenth century Ireland. Almost immediately, Anson is torn between his duty as a Fencible and his appreciation for the plight of the Irish.

ms/hs Severance, John B. Einstein, Visionary Scientist SR/SVC

Clarion 1999 156p 15.00 0-395-93100-2

This book discusses Einstein's life and his theories and stresses the point that his ideas are still the basis of work by today's top physicists, showing how, in so many ways, Einstein gave the world an enormous push into the future.

ms/jr Sonenklar, Carol My Own Worst Enemy LM/LJ

Holiday House 1999 151p 15.95 0-8234-1456-6

When Eve's family has to relocate when her father gets downsized, she decides to try to fit in. That proves harder than one might think possible. The preludes to the chapters will leave you contemplating whether you fit her comments.

jr/sr St. George, Judith In the Line of Fire MD/SO

Holiday House 1999 142p 18.95 08234-1428-0

An intriguing book on the assassinated presidents in American History and the survivors of assassination attempts

jr/sr Stanley, Diane A Time Apart MD/SR

Morrow Junior Bks. , New York 1999 263 16.00 0-688-16997-X Ginny is not happy to have to spend her summer with her dad, but she is truly surprised when she discovers that she will be living with a group of people who are recreating the Iron Age as part of an experiment in anthropology.

ms Tolan, Stephanie Ordinary Miracles SR/JS

Morrow 1999 221p 16.00 0-688-16269-X
Matthew and Mark are identical twins, expected to follow in their father's footsteps as preachers. When a Nobel -prize- winning scientist involves Mark in a research project at school, Mark finds that something he cares about more than preaching. In the end, prayer and science are both important here, and the final miracle is open to interpretation.

elem/ms Trumbauer, Lisa Homework: For kids on the Net JS/LM Millbrook Press 2000 80p 16.90 0-7613-1655-8
Cool Sites Brief annotations tell readers what they will find at 67 varied web sites that can help them with their homework. The sites range in level but most seem suitable for middle school.

jr/sr Willett, Edward Meningitis
SO/LM

Enslow 1999 128 p. \$19.95 0-7660-1187-9 Diseases and people
Meningitis is a straightforward and clearly presented book that discusses the history, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of different types of meningitis and the impact of future research. A very well done book and excellent for a research project.

ms/jr Woodruff, Elvira The Ghost of Lizard Light MD/LM

Alfred A. Knopf, New York 1999 176 14.95 0-679-89281-8
A ghost story with a very good ending. The opening paragraph will grab you and keep you till the end.

ms Woodson, Jacqueline Lena MJ/JS
Delacorte 1999 115p 15.95 0-385-32308-5
Thirteen-year-old Lena and her younger sister Dion mourn the death of their mother as they hitchhike from Ohio to Kentucky while running away from their abusive father, This is a sequel to I Hadn't Meant To Tell You This.

ms/hs Yen Mah, Adeline Chinese Cinderella: The true story of an unwanted daughter. MD/TG

Delacorte Press, New York 1999 205 16.95 0-385-32707-2
This is a truly remarkable and very sad life story of a Chinese Cinderella, and a book that must be read with a box of tissues near by.

ms Yep, Laurence The Amah MD/SO

G.P. Putnam & Sons/ 1999 181p 15.99 0-399-23040-8 Laurence Yep,
the author, manages to give us an inside view of life in a Chinese American
home, including all the troubles of parents trying to understand their
Americanized children.

ms/hs Young, Karen R The Beetle and Me
SR/SO

Greenwillow 1999 181p 15.00 0-688-15922-2
This is the story of 15-year-old Daisy Pandolfi's love affair with a purple,
1957 Volkswagon beetle. Daisy's love life is as up and down as her engine, but
she manages to get both in tune, with the help of loving family and friends.

ms/hs Zeinert, Karen The Valiant Women of the Vietnam War LM/ED
Millbrook Press 2000 96p 28.40 0-7613-1268-4
Emerging from their stylized role as wives and mothers, women came out in force
during the Vietnam War. From journalist to nurses and/or volunteers women
served under all types of conditions. Their efforts culminated in the
establishment of the women's memorial. Both American and Vietnamese women's
roles are discussed in this informative book.

Series Listings

ms/hs Series: African American Biographies MJ/TG/SO/LM/ID
Enslow 2000 128p 19.95

An excellent series of biographies of famous African-Americans. They chronicle
the lives of men and women who have added immensely to the American experience
and should be required purchases for any school library.

ms Series: Complete Guide to Horse and Ponies SO/LM

Gareth Stevens 1999 64p 21.27 This series covers the basics of riding
and types of horses and ponies to ride. The instructions are quite detailed and
the format is colorfully illustrated.

ms Series: DK Riding Club TG/SVC/SO/MJ/LM

Dorling Kindersley 1999 48p 12.95
This series of books will appeal to young riders because of its visual format
that includes many informative photographs and illustrations. The topics covered
are very educational and thoroughly portrayed for the reader.

ms/jr Series: Drama of American History SR/SVC
MC/Benchmark 1999 20.95

These useful and informative introductions to various periods in American
history illuminate how and why history happened by discussing the cultures,
motivations, aims and actions of the people involved rather than listing dates,
names and places - suitable for middle school, but just as useful for explaining
difficult points for high school students.

jr/sr Series: Ecosystems of North America SR/LM/SO
MC/Benchmark 2000 64p 18.95

Large photographs and clear text describe ecosystems, habitats, and their inhabitants, physical and ecological stresses on each area and attempts to counter them, ending with a look at the future of each area.

UE/MS Series: Festivals of the World
MD/LM

Gareth Stevens 1999/2000 19.93

Each book in this series is thin on pages but packed with information and activities on the religious and cultural festivals of a country. It provides an arts and crafts activity. Titles reviewed include Haiti, Costa Rica, and the Philippines.

ms/hs Series: Historical American Biographies
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Enslow 1999/2000 128p 19.95

This informative and approachable series covering notable Americans from many fields includes many b/w photos and occasional sidebars which expand upon secondary topics from the main text, and will be useful for research, reports, and for personal interest.

ms Series: How We Lived LM/ED/SO
MC/Benchmark 2000 71p 18.95

This series explains the basics about everyday life in colonial times. The five books cover cooking, playing, working, and dressing in the New England, the Middle Colonies, the Western Frontier, the Southern Colonies, and the Spanish West.

ms/hs Series: In American History SR/JS/SO/MD/LJ
Enslow 2000 128p 19.95

This series is a good research tool for history assignments, although the information presented by the source documents is sometimes illegible and some books in the series are more thorough than others.

hs Series: Issues in Focus SR/ED/TG/JS
Enslow 1999 112p 19.95 prefix 0-7660

This is a very thought-provoking ongoing series, which looking at hot topics including the role of advertising in our society, computer crime, women in combat, and body image and what it means and does to young people in America, and featuring clear text, detailed chapter notes, bibliography of further reading and related Internet addresses, glossary, and index.

ms/hs Series: Lifeways ED/LM
Marshall Cavendish 2000 105p 32.79

Detailed descriptions of all aspects of the history and the daily life of four major tribes of North America.

ms Series: Myths and Civilization MD/LJ/SO/LM
Peter Bedrick 1999 48p 16.95

This series explores the myths and civilizations of various cultures in the ancient world. The books include stories, dramatic illustrations, factual text, and artifacts of the culture. The people discussed in the series are: ancient Greeks, ancient Egyptians, Native Americans, and the Vikings.

ms/hs Series: People to Know ED/MD/SVC/LM/SR
Enslow 1999/2000 128p 19.95

This series examines the lives of interesting people around the world. The text of each book relates the childhood, travels, adventures, and career of each individual followed by further readings and web resources. Titles reviewed include Madeleine Albright, Tipper Gore, Jack London, Christopher Reeve, Al Gore, John Steinbeck, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Stephen King.

ms/hs Series: Science Fair Success SO/LM/ED
Enslow 1999/2000 128p 19.95

This is a wonderful series of books on science fair experiments. The books contain very clear diagrams of experiments, illustrations, charts, graphs, and tables that support these experiments, with lists of science competitions and organizations with Internet addresses. These should be required reading for anyone interested in entering a science fair competition.

ms Series: Science of Saving Animals SR/MD
Twenty First Century 2000 64p

This series of over-sized, colorfully illustrated and well-designed books gives an overview of wildlife conservation for the 21st century, combining care for individual animals with an overriding concern for the future of all species.

ms/hs Series: Science Projects LM/ED/SVC/SR/LJ
Enslow 1999/2000 128p 19.95

These science books are to inspire young students to explore the world of science. Each text contains projects that can be completed with simple materials right in one's own home or as science fair projects. The topics of the books range from planning and presenting at a science fair to kitchen chemistry.

ms/hs Series: Story of Science SVC/LJ/SR/SO
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