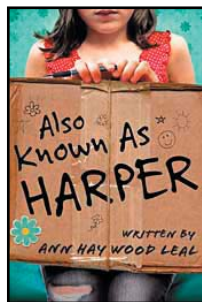


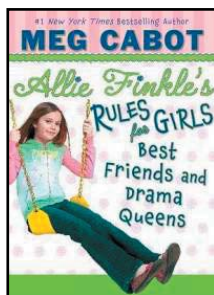
Adam Canfield: The Last Reporter, by Michael Winierip. 978-0763623425, \$16.99. In the third book about Adam Canfield, he and his fellow reporters at the Slash need to find a way to continue publishing their school newspaper while exposing corruption in their town.

Also Known As Harper, by Ann H. Hayward Leal (CT author). 978-0805088816, \$16.99. Harper Lee Morgan is an aspiring poet, which isn't surprising, seeing as how she's named after her mama's favorite writer. And life is giving her a lot to write about just now. Daddy up and walked out, leaving them broke. Then Harper's family gets evicted, leaving Harper to care for her younger brother.

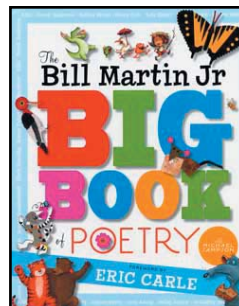


Babymouse: Dragonslayer, by Jennifer Holm. 978-0375857126, \$5.99 (paperback). An imaginative mouse who likes to read heroic fantasy novels finds herself on the school math team as it prepares to compete for the coveted Golden Slide Rule. #11 in a series of beloved graphic novels.

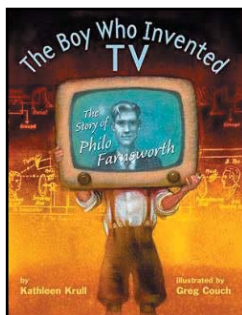
Best Friends and Drama Queens, by Meg Cabot (Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls series, #3). 978-0545040433, \$15.99. Allie looks forward to starting school again after winter vacation, but the arrival of a new girl, Cheyenne, changes everything. Within days, Cheyenne gathers a clique, starts a chase-and-kiss game at recess, and bullies most of her classmates into pairing off and "going with" each other. Using Allie's fresh voice and believable fourth-grade perspective, Cabot gets across her "let children be children" message in a way that will make sense to other kids.



The Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry, edited by Bill Martin. 978-1416939719, \$21.00. Each of the 200 poems in this amazing anthology was chosen by author Bill Martin Jr. to delight children and their families. With illustrations by award-winning artists, this is a "must-have" volume to share now and in future. Some of the poems will be familiar and others will be happy discoveries. It's a keeper!



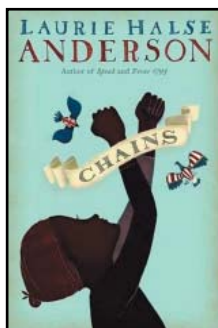
The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philip Farnsworth, by Katherine Krull; illus. by Greg Couch. 978-0375945618, \$16.99. While plowing a potato field in 1920, a 14-year-old farm boy saw a way to "make pictures fly through the air." Just eight years later he made his brainstorm a reality by transmitting the world's first television image. Find out how he did it, and the science behind his idea, in this fascinating picture book biography.



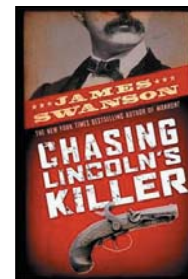
The Case of the Missing Marquess (Enola Holmes series, #1), by Nancy Springer. 978-0399243042, \$12.99 (also available in paperback), Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her missing mother. First in a series of terrific mysteries.



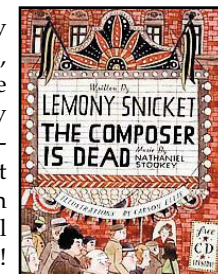
Chains, by Laurie Halse Anderson. 978-1416905851, \$16.99 (also available in paperback). Thinking that she and her younger sister are finally free upon the death of their gentlewoman master, Isabel and her sister are sold to a cruel couple in New York City. Separated from her sister and desperate, Isabel begins to spy for the Americans during the Revolutionary War.



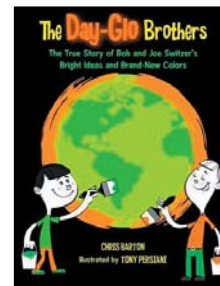
Chasing Lincoln's Killer, by James L. Swanson. 978-0439903547, \$16.99. An engrossing read about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the ensuing manhunt for John Wilkes Booth through the Maryland and Virginia countryside, this page-turner reads like the most captivating of adventure and suspense stories.



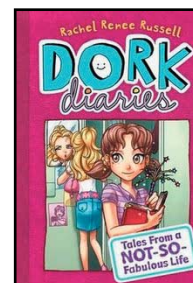
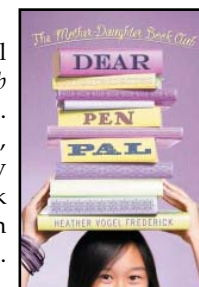
The Composer is Dead! by Lemony Snicket. 978-0061236273, \$17.99. An inspector seeks to solve a murder mystery at the symphony by questioning each of the musical instruments. A thrilling look at the instruments of the orchestra in true Snicket fashion, with musical accompaniment!



The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand New Colors, by Chris Barton; illus. by Tony Persiani. 978-1570916731, \$18.95. Joe and Bob Switzer were very different brothers – one was studious; the other loved show business. But when they began experimenting with ultraviolet light and fluorescent paints, together they invented a whole new kind of color.



Dear Pen Pal, by Heather Vogel Frederick (Mother-Daughter Book Club series, #3). 978-1416974307, \$15.99. In this third book in a popular series, the girls learn that as long as they have one another - and a good book - they're ready for whatever eighth grade has in store.

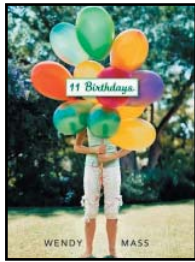
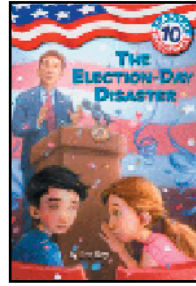


Dork Diaries, by Rachel Renee Russell. 978-1416980063, \$12.99. Nikki J. Maxwell begins a private middle school, and drama ensues in this sassy *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* for girls.



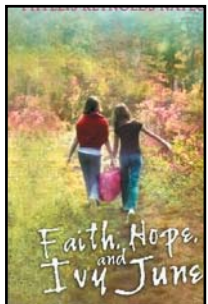
The Dragon of Trelian, by Michelle Knudsen. 978-0763634551, \$16.99. Princess Meg is secretly raising a dragon. The only one she can trust is a mage's apprentice named Calen. It may be up to them to save the kingdom from the terrible tragedy foretold in a chilling prophesy.

The Election-Day Disaster, by Ron Roy (*Capital Mysteries* series, #10). 978-0375848056, \$3.99 (paperback). Touching upon the timely topic of online safety, KC and Marshall try to figure out who has posted digitally doctored and damaging pictures of the President on the Internet. Another great title in one of the best series for this age group.



11 Birthdays, by Wendy Mass. 978-0545052399, \$16.99 (also available in paperback). Amanda and ex-best friend Leo are trapped in repeating their 11th birthday over and over, having funny and daring adventures, until they figure out what can be done to break the enchantment.

Emmaline and the Bunny, by Katherine Hannigan. 978-0061626548, \$14.99. The townspeople of Neatasapin are required to be clean, tidy, and quiet, but Emmaline can't help it if she likes to dig in the dirt and shout "Hoopalala!" when she's happy. What are the chances that she will be able to get the bunny she wants?

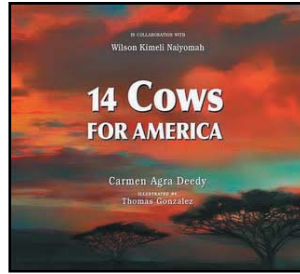


Faith, Hope, and Ivy June, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. 978-0385736152, \$16.99. During a student exchange program, seventh-graders Ivy June and Catherine share their lives, homes, and communities, and find that although their lifestyles are total opposites they have a lot in common.

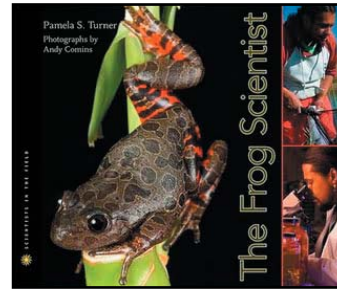
Forest Secrets: A Fairy Houses Mystery, by Tracy Kane and Kelly Sanders. 978-0976628910, \$14.95. Moving to the edge of an enchanted forest in Maine provides Kate with a mystery to solve. She and her friend Luke investigate the magical secrets of the woods.



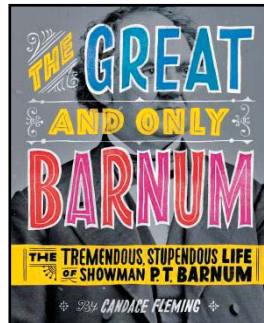
14 Cows for America, by Carmen Agra Deedy; illus. by Thomas González. 978-1561454907, \$17.95. As a child in the small Kenyan village of the Maasai, Kimeli Naiyomah's biggest dream was to one day own a cow, a symbol of life to his people. As an adult studying in America during 9/11, Kimeli decided to offer his beloved cow to the grieving Americans as an expression of his sympathy. In similar gestures, his tribe offered more cows - fourteen in all. A beautiful story of kindness, compassion, and hope.



The Frog Scientist, by Pamela S. Turner. 978-0618717163, \$18.00. Fabulous photos of frogs and fascinating information about the life of a field biologist make this a good choice for young wild-life enthusiasts.

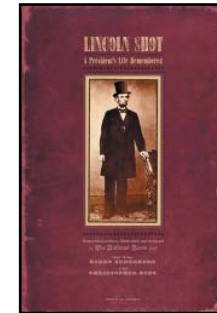
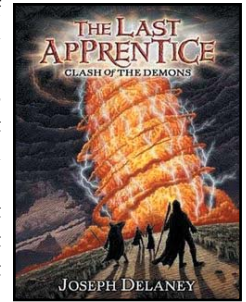


The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum, by Candace Fleming; illus. by Ray Fenwick. 978-0375945977, \$18.99. This new illustrated biography of Connecticut resident P.T. Barnum is a complete and captivating look at the man behind "The Greatest Show on Earth."



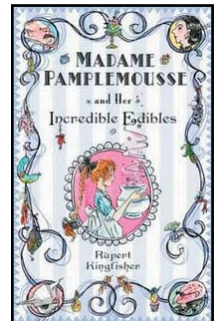
Guinness World Records 2010: The Book of the Decade. 978-1904994503, \$28.95. In addition to all those intriguing bits of trivia, this year's edition brings free downloads of videos, photographs, screensavers and interviews. There's a record for every day of the year, and highlights of unusual festivals around the world. Lots of fun and informative too!

The Last Apprentice: Clash of the Demons, by Joseph Delaney (*Last Apprentice* series, #6). 978-0061344626, \$17.99. Tom is reunited with his mother and must return to Greece to face a new and terrible threat from the dark forces, and a momentous decision must be made, causing a serious rift between Tom and the Spook that threatens to separate them forever.



Lincoln Shot: A President's Life Remembered, by Barry Denenberg; illus. by Christopher Bing. 978-0312370138, \$24.95. Employing a richly illustrated newspaper format, complete with yellowed pages and 1860s advertisements, Lincoln Shot's premise is that it is a commemorative edition of the "National News" published one year after Lincoln was shot. The oversized volume contains biographical information on Lincoln, the Civil War years, as well as a chronology and online bibliography. Great for history buffs of all ages!

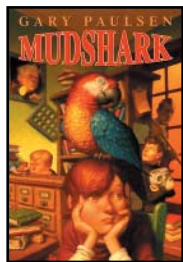
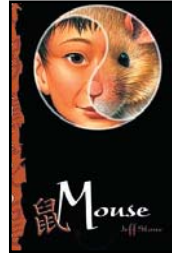
Madame Pamplemousse and Her Incredible Edibles, by Rupert Kingfisher; illus. by Sue Hellard. 978-1599903064, \$15.99. In Paris, Madeleine learns Madame's fantastical cooking secrets and is conflicted - should she tell them to her nasty uncle, the chef? A Roald Dahl read-alike, if you ever did see one!





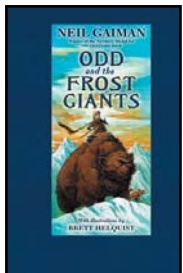
The Magician's Elephant, by Kate DiCamillo. 978-0763644109, \$16.99. When a fortuneteller's tent appears in the market square, orphan Peter Augustus Duchene knows the questions that he needs to ask: Does his sister still live? And if so, how can he find her? The fortuneteller's mysterious answer sets off a chain of events so remarkable, so impossible, that you will hardly dare to believe it's true.

Mouse (978-0375830815, \$15.99), by Jeff Stone, and other books in *The Five Ancestors* series. This action-packed adventure series follows five young "temple" brothers who have each mastered a different kung fu animal fighting style. When their temple is destroyed, each young warrior monk must set out on his own to figure out his past in order to save their future.



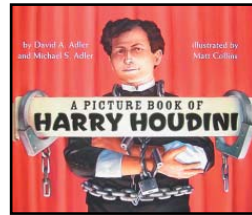
Mudshark, by Gary Paulsen. 978-0385746854, \$12.99. Principal Wagner confidently deals with a faculty wash-room crisis, a psychic parrot, and a terrorizing gerbil, but when sixty-five erasers go missing, he enlists the help of the school's best problem solver and locator of lost items - twelve-year-old Lyle Williams, a.k.a. Mudshark.

My Life in Pink and Green, by Lisa Greenwald. 978-0810983526, \$16.95. 12-year-old Lucy turns a flair for makeovers into a business venture to save her family's pharmacy. Lucy's personality, friendships, and the focus on going green make this a fun read about making a difference.



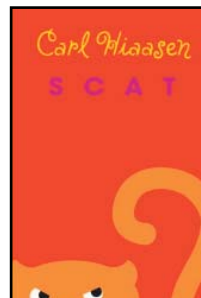
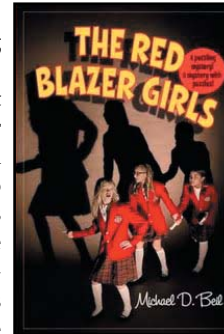
Odd and the Frost Giants, by Neil Gaiman. 978-0061671739, \$14.99. In true Gaiman style, he reaches back through old traditional folk/fairy tales and weaves something very special and different - a wild and magical trip to the land of giants and gods. Great illustrations by Brett Helquist.

One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference, by Katie Smith Milway; illus. by Eugenie Fernandes. 978-1554530281, \$18.95. Based on a true story, this incredible book tells of Kojo, a poor boy from Ghana who buys a chicken through a community loan program and turns it into a thriving farm and a livelihood for many in his impoverished community. An inspiring story of how microfinance can make a huge impact. Beautifully illustrated.

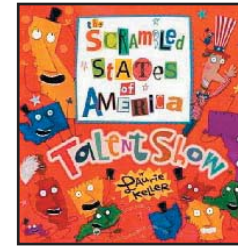


A Picture Book of Harry Houdini, by David A. Adler and Michael S. Adler; illus. by Matt Collins. 978-0823420599, \$17.95. Harry Houdini astounded audiences around the globe as he freed himself from ropes, handcuffs, and prison cells. Readers will be mesmerized by this captivating illustrated biography of one of history's most celebrated magicians.

The Red Blazer Girls: The Ring of Rocamadour, by Michael D. Beil. 978-0375848148, \$16.99. First in a forthcoming series. Four friends decipher clues to help an old lady who lives next door to their private school. Their goal is to discover and return a valuable ring to its intended owner. Successfully tackling word puzzles and geometry equations, these young detectives prove themselves as competent and entertaining as that other sleuth, Nancy Drew.

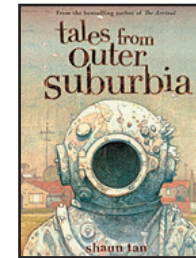
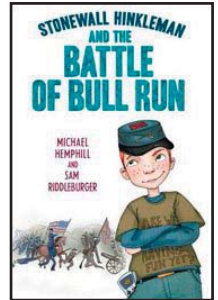


Scat, by Carl Hiaassen. 978-0375834868, \$16.99. Mrs. Starch disappeared while taking her biology class on a field trip to Black Vine Swamp. Is the class troublemaker involved? Nick and Marta encounter a strange array of characters as they try to solve the mystery.



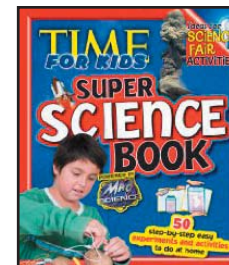
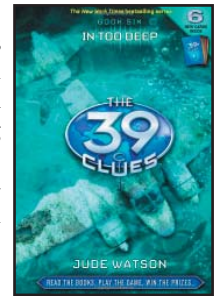
The Scrambled States of America Talent Show, by Laurie Keller. 978-0805079975, \$16.95. Get to know the beloved Scrambled States again this time as they prepare for and perform a talent show. Who knew states could be so comical?

Stonewall Hinkleman and the Battle of Bull Run, by Michael Hemphill and Sam Riddleburger. 978-0803731790, \$16.99. Stonewall Hinkleman's bugle call at a Civil War reenactment transports him to The Battle of Bull Run. A humorous and at times serious adventure of a tween who tries to keep history on track and get back to the future.

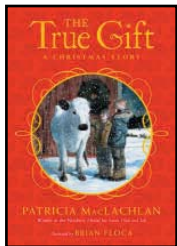


Tales from Outer Suburbia, by Shaun Tan. 978-0545055871, \$19.99. Welcome to a fantastic world where familiar things are just slightly ... twisted. A magical mix of incredible illustrations and very short stories that will make you look at everyday life a little differently.

The 39 Clues series, by various authors (#6, *In Too Deep*, released 11/09). Two young sleuths solve a series of mysteries while traveling the globe with their cool baby sitter. This very engaging series also incorporates online and playing card components.

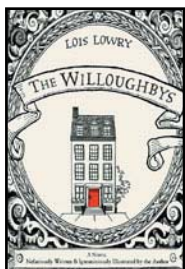
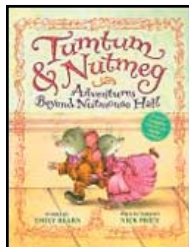


Time for Kids Super Science Book, by Lynnette Brent Sandvold. 978-1603208123, \$11.99 (paperback). With step-by-step illustrations, this hands-on book covers aspects of earth, physical, and life sciences as kids tackle more than 50 easy experiments and activities they can perform at home.



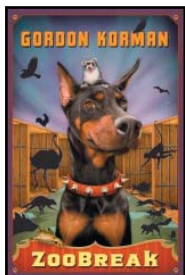
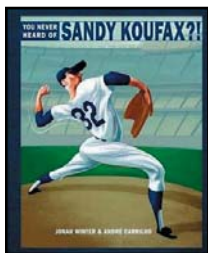
The True Gift: A Christmas Story, by Patricia MacLachlan; illus. by Brian Floca. 978-1416990819, \$12.99. While spending Christmas vacation with his sister on his grandparents' farm, young Liam becomes worried about lonely White Cow, and sets in motion a plan to help. A lovely, old-fashioned story that brings home the meaning of a true and heartfelt gift (and the sacrifice it entails). Perfect for all looking to de-emphasize materialism over the holidays. Have a tissue handy!

Tumtum and Nutmeg: Adventures beyond Nutmouse Hall, by Emily Bearn; illus. by Nick Price. 978-0316027038, \$16.99. This gentle animal fantasy chronicles the humorous escapades of two mice, Tumtum and Nutmeg Nutmouse, who live comfortably in the well-appointed Nutmouse Hall, hidden inside a dilapidated cottage inhabited by an absent-minded inventor and his two children.



The Willoughbys, by Lois Lowry 978-0618979745. The four Willoughby children set out to become deserving orphans in this hilarious cross between Roald Dahl and Lemony Snicket.

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?! by Jonah Winter; illus. by André Carrilho. 978-0375837388, \$17.99. "You gotta be kidding! You never heard of Sandy Koufax?" This picture book biography relates the story of arguably the greatest left-handed pitcher in baseball history.



Zoobreak, by Gordon Korman. 978-0545124997, \$16.99. After a class trip to a floating zoo where animals are mistreated and Savannah's missing pet monkey is found in a cage, Long Island sixth-grader Griffin Bing and his band of misfits plan a rescue.

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