

## *Santa Fe School for the Arts & Sciences* *Books for students entering 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade*

We hope that all of our students will read a lot over the summer and we strongly suggest taking the time to check out some of these titles.

We hope these lists will provide you with some starting places. Please take these suggestions as a guide to explore other books by favorite or newly-discovered authors and illustrators. These titles are not required reading, but an invitation to enter--or, we hope, continue along--the richly rewarding road of sharing books with your child.

Many of these books can be found in public libraries or used bookstores and garage sales. Also, many excellent bookstores sell children's books- check out Borders, of course. If you want to purchase out of print or used books there are also internet sites to examine, such as Alibris ([www.alibris.com](http://www.alibris.com)), Bibliofind ([www.bibliofind.com](http://www.bibliofind.com)), Amazon ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)) and Barnes and Noble ([www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)).

### **NEW AND NOTEWORTHY TITLES**

Cameron, Ann. COLIBRÍ. (Realistic Fiction)

Twelve-year-old Rosa's compelling story unfolds as she regains her identity and confidence. Her riveting story is steeped in the culture, traditions and folk beliefs of modern Guatemala.\*

Corder, Zizou.

LIONBOY (Fantasy/Adventure)

A mother/daughter team co-wrote this fast-paced thrilling tale. Charlie Ashanti's runs away from his kidnapper and goes on a grand adventure trying to rescue his parents who were also kidnapped. On his way, Charlie, who can speak Cat, joins a floating grand circus and receives help from a host of alley cats, as well as lions and humans. This is the first part of a longer story. The second book will be published in September 2004, called Lionboy: The Chase.

DiCamillo, Kate. Illus. by Timothy Basil Ering.

THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX: BEING THE STORY OF A MOUSE, A PRINCESS, SOME SOUP, AND A SPOOL OF THREAD.(Fantasy)

This is the 2004 Newbery Award Winner and most deserving! The long title sums up the basic plot line but the story of Despereaux, a weak and unusual mouse, and his quest to combat evil and death to rescue his beloved Princess Pea, offers so much more. The story is at once dark and full of light - innocent as a little child's bedtime tale and frightening as a horror story.

DuPrau, Jeanne

THE CITY OF EMBER (Sci-fi)

It is the year 241 in the City of Ember. People are getting really desperate: the canned

food supply which was believed to be endless is shrinking rapidly; the generator for electricity that is the only source of light for the entire city is faltering; the potatoes in the Greenhouse are suffering from a strange disease. In addition, no one has ever discovered what is beyond the Edge of the City, except for endless darkness. Twelve-year-old Lina and Doon are determined to find a way out of Ember and save the citizens of their beloved City. This adventurous story will keep you on the edge of your seat until the exhilarating end.

Fleming, Candace.

**BEN FRANKLIN'S ALMANAC: BEING A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE GOOD GENTLEMAN'S LIFE.** (Biography)

Presented in the style of Franklin's own original almanac, Fleming's fascinating biography is chock full of information that makes history jump right out of the page.\*

Funke, Cornelia. Inkheart. Translated by Anthea Bell. (Fantasy/Adventure)

**INKHEART**

Meggie, 12-year-old, goes on a dangerous adventure in which she and her father are pursued by a group of sinister bandits, led by a man named Scorpio. Most intriguing are the identities of the bandits (who were fictional characters from story books) and the magical ability of Meggie's father who can "read" people, animals, and objects OUT of and IN to books!

Nimmo, Jenny.

**MIDNIGHT FOR CHARLIE BONE and CHARLIE BONE AND THE TIME TWISTER** (Fantasy)

In *Midnight for Charlie Bone*, readers will meet Charlie Bone, who is 11 and has a special talent. He can look at a photo and "hear" what happened when the picture was taken. After discovering his magical talent, Charlie encounters some strange people and circumstances and finally has to face down his adversity in a final battle at his new witchcraft school. The series is called *Children of the Red King*.

Paolini, Christopher.

**ERAGON** (Fantasy)

At the beginning of the story, fifteen-year-old farm boy Eragon encounters magic and magical objects and quickly realizes that he is a gifted Dragon Rider. He takes on the dangerous and exciting task of fighting the evil powers that will destroy his Empire. This is Book 1 in the *Inheritance* series. The second book will NOT be published until Summer 2005!

Paulsen, Gary.

**HOW ANGEL PETERSON GOT HIS NAME: AND OTHER OUTRAGEOUS TALES OF EXTREME SPORTS** (Memoir)

Author Gary Paulsen (*HATCHET*, *DOGWOOD*, *TRANSAL SAGA*, etc.) remembers his childhood in his hometown in Minnesota filled with amusing incidents of attempting "extreme sporting" such as jumping three barrels on a bicycle and hang gliding from an Army surplus target kite.

Potter, Ellen.

OLIVIA KIDNEY (Fantasy)

Olivia Kidney is a 12-year-old girl who lives in an apartment building in New York City. That sounds quite normal, doesn't it? But this one day in November, Olivia's life changes from the ordinary to the complete bizarre: visiting several strange apartments (one completely made out of glass, the other resembling a tropical jungle,) Olivia encounters a murderous ex-pirate, a world renowned psychic, and even a ghost. The imaginative plot and the surprising yet satisfying ending make this a truly pleasurable, although weird, read.

Sis, Peter.

THE TREE OF LIFE: A BOOK DEPICTING THE LIFE OF CHARLES DARWIN  
NATURALIST, GEOLOGIST AND THINKER. (Biography)

Darwin's unique Life and work is presented in a visually stunning, complex and appealing manner that begs multiple readings.\*

### **REALISTIC FICTION**

Bauer, Marion Dane.

ON MY HONOR

Joe's best friend Tony drowns in the dangerous river Vermillion. Joel has to find a way of telling his parents and Tony's parents the awful truth of the drowning. ON MY HONOR draws you in and makes you read on. It is a short but powerful read.

Byars, Betsy.

SUMMER OF THE SWANS

Sara's retarded younger brother is missing; now all her other problems seem less important. Also: HOUSE OF WINGS, stories about BINGO BROWN, THE PINBALLS.

Clements, Andrew.

The Landry News

Fifth-grader Cara Landry publishes her homemade newspaper, the Landry News, and reports truth and education. This paper exposes the laziness of her once enthusiastic teacher, Mr. Larson, and results in a large scale media frenzy. Written by the same author of Frindle, this is another amusing but thoughtful book.

Conford, Ellen.

ME AND THE TERRIBLE TWO

What happens when your best friend moves away, and two terrible twin boys move in next door?

Creech, Sharon.

LOVE THAT DOG

Told in short verses that model after many famous poems, this story is about a boy, his

teacher, his dog, and the inspiration poetry has on him. Other titles by this author you might enjoy are: Bloomibility, Chasing Red Bird, and Absolutely Normal Chaos.

Curtis, Christopher Paul.

**BUD, NOT BUDDY**

Bud, 10, is on the run from the orphanage and from yet another mean foster family. His mother died

when he was 6, and he wants to find his father. Set in Michigan during the Great Depression, this story is told with a lot of humor and warmth. This is the 2000 Newbery Award winner for its excellence in literary achievement.

DiCamillo, Kate.

**BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE**

Winn-Dixie, the stray dog, who is adopted by 10-year-old India Opal, brings various townspeople together in its mysterious way in this short and heartwarming tale.

Feiffer, Jules.

**THE MAN IN THE CEILING**

The failures, triumphs, and family of a young cartoonist, changing a life with a small piece of paper.

Fitzhugh, Louise.

**HARRIET THE SPY**

The thoughts and notebooks of a young "spy" who lives in New York City girl and is unhappy when her nurse leaves. Also: **SPORT, THE LONG SECRET.**

Fletcher, Ralph.

**FIG PUDDING**

A funny story of a huge family finally turns tragic, the narrator being the eldest child himself.

Gantos, Jack.

**JOEY PIGZA LOSES CONTROL**

A sequel to **JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWS THE KEY**, this story tells of Joey's out-of-control experience when he spends a summer with his eccentric grandmother and his father who has been absent for most of Joey's life. The third installment of the Joey Pigza Trilogy is **WHAT WOULD JOEY DO?** Everything in Joey's life gets even wackier.

Joey's parents are fighting big time (with motorcycle stunts and other disasters to show for it,) his grandma is getting weaker, and he is sent to be home-schooled by a preachy woman whose daughter is blind and mean. Joey has to try extra hard to keep his sanity!

Gündisch, Karin (Translated by James Skofield)

**HOW I BECAME AN AMERICAN**

Young Johann Bonfert tells what it was like for German-speaking immigrants in the U.S. in the early 20th century. This book is called a "docunovel," meaning it is a novel, but based greatly on personal and family history.

Horvath, Polly.

**TROLLS**

This is a collection of episodic wild tales told by Aunt Sally to the three Anderson children while she baby-sits.

Konigsburg, E.L.

**THE VIEW FROM SATURDAY**

This is a comic novel about four students who develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic. She chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class and compete in the Academic Bowl. The 1997 Newbery Winner.

Levine, Gail Carson.

**DAVE AT NIGHT**

Dave becomes an orphan at the beginning of the story and is sent to the Hebrew Home for Boys (or Hell Hole of Brats, or any other combination of words that make up the abbreviation HHB.) He never stops trying to escape and sneaks out at night – when he meets a mysterious old man who introduces him to a different life and world. He also becomes best buddies with other orphan boys. This is a heart-warming and exciting story, based loosely on Levine's only father.

Lisle, Janet Taylor.

**LOST FLOWER CHILDREN**

After their mother's death, Olivia and Nellie go to live with their great aunt, where they find an overgrown garden. They also find a storybook in which children at a tea party are transformed by fairies into flowers. Only by finding all the teacups can the flower children be freed from their spell. When the a blue cup mysteriously turns up, the girls start a journey to bring both the flower children and the garden back to life.

Lowry, Lois.

**ANASTASIA AGAIN!**

Anastasia's family is moving from their city apartment to a house in the suburbs, much to her dismay. Her story continues in other books about Anastasia Krupnik. The first book of the series is: ANASTASIA KRUPNIK: a funny story about a hilarious ten-year-old girl, learning about friends and life.

MacLachlan, Patricia.

**JOURNEY**

Journey is 11 the summer his mother leaves him and his sister Cat with their grandparents. Journey finds that the camera is a means of finding things that his naked eye has missed – things like the love that still binds his family together even though his mother has left.

Lowry, Lois.

**STAY**

STAY is a wondrous book about a dog who was separated from his family when he was young and his adventurous life.

Martin, Anne & Danziger, Paula.

**P.S. LONGER LETTER LATER: A NOVEL IN LETTERS**

Elizabeth and Sarah\*Starr are best friends. When Elizabeth moves away before their junior high years, they start corresponding and reporting to each other their respective lives in detail via letters. Written by two well-known children's authors, this story is light and rings with a realistic tone. Its sequel is SNAIL MAIL NO MORE, as their correspondence continues in e-mail form.

Morgenstern, Susie Hoch

**SECRET LETTERS FROM 0 TO 10**

Ten-year-old Ernest lives a boring existence in Paris with his grandmother until a lively girl named Victoria enters his class at school.

Moss, Melissa.

**AMELIA'S NOTEBOOK**

The fantastically written and illustrated notebook of a nine-year-old moving away from her best friend, her house, and overall, her life. The Series continues: Amelia Writes again, Amelia Hits the road.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds.

**ALICE IN RAPTURE SORT-Of (sequel to The Agony of Alice)**

The Summer of 12 year old Alice is filled with excitement, including to go on a first date with her best friend. Always entertaining and enlightening, these two ALICE books and their many many sequels have been the favorites of middle school students.

Paterson, Katherine.

**BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA**

Jess meets a neighbor girl named Leslie who leads him to the magical world of imagination. This power of imagination also helps him get through one of the most terrible things that will happen to him.

Paterson, Katherine.

**THE GREAT GILLY HOPKINS**

Eleven-year-old Gilly lives in a foster home and tries to cope with life. Can she learn to accept friendship?

Ryan, Pam Muñoz

**ESPERANZA RISING**

Esperanza, 13, immigrated from Mexico to California with her mother after her father's death. Her luxurious life before she came to the States was a stark contrast to her life as a migrant-worker in the 1930's. Esperanza's spirit helped her overcome all the harsh and

find hope and human dignity again. Inspired by the author's grandmother's stories, this lyrical novel won The Pura Belpre Author Medal in 2002.

Sachar, Louis.

### HOLES

Stanley Yelnats (his name is a palindrome) is accused of stealing a baseball player's sneakers so he is sent to a "camp" in the middle of the desert where he has to dig holes five-foot by five-foot by five-foot every day. He meets a boy named Zero. Together they try to escape the sinister warden and her cronies. This book is both hilarious and profound. Everyone should read it!

Sachar, Louis.

### THERE'S A BOY IN THE GIRL'S BATHROOM

A difficult but lovable 11-year old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor - a sort of misfit, too.

Spinelli, Jerry.

### MANIAC MAGEE

Funny and fantastic, Maniac Magee is the fastest runner in town. He's even better at showing people how to get along with one another.

Spinelli, Jerry.

### WRINGER

Not all birthdays are welcome. Find out why a boy is hiding from turning 10-years-old.

White, Ruth.

### BELLE PRATER'S BOY

In this 1997 Newbery Honor book, twelve-year old Gypsy wants to know the facts about the sudden and unsolved disappearance of her Aunt Belle. With the help and friendship of her cousin Woodrow (Belle's son), she comes to understand that there are different truths.

Wiles, Deborah.

### LOVE, RUBY LAVENDER

Nine-year-old Ruby Lavender corresponds with her grandmother by leaving notes and letters in the hollow of a tree in town. Ruby Lavender is full of life and excitement, but what happened in the accident last summer cast a dark shadow over her life and makes her and Melba Jane arch-enemies. In this poignant, sometimes very comical, story, readers see how mis-understanding and misinformation can lead to bigger divide amongst people and how truth and facts make it possible for people to forgive each other.

Wilson, Jacqueline

### DOUBLE ACT

Written in two but intertwined voices of a pair of identical twins, this is an amusing story about how Ruby and Garnet learn to grow apart but still remain best friends with each other. Some of the capers they get themselves into (going to London to be auditioned for

a TV show, for example) are funny and memorable. Other titles by this witty author you might enjoy are: BAD GIRLS, THE LOTTIE PROJECT, THE SUITCASE KID, and ELSA, STAR OF THE SHELTER.

### **SCIENCE FICTION**

Asimov, Issac.

THE FOUNDATION (trilogy)

When George Lucas wrote "Star Wars," he read these books and pretty much based it on them. A great science fiction novel for advanced readers.

Christopher, John.

THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Can Will, Henry and Beanpole escape the dominion of the extraterrestrial tripods to reach the White Mountains? This is a suspenseful science fiction tale for the adventurous reader.

Farmer, Nancy.

THE EAR, THE EYE, AND THE ARM

Tendai is a boy who lives in Zimbabwe, Africa, in the year 2194. His father General Matsika forbids him to leave his house. However, Tendai steals away with his brother and sister. In the city he is kidnapped by gangsters and wakes up in the land of the Ear, the Eye, and the Arm – three mutants with super powers who will help Tendai to avoid evils of the past and technology of the future to return home. This is a fabulous 1995 Newbery Honor book.

Haddix, Margaret.

AMONG THE HIDDEN

At a future U.S. when every family can only have two children, Luke, 12, the third boy in his farming family, has been hidden since birth, safe for the time being from the Population Police. Will Luke be able to change his world with the help of an underground organization?

Haddix, Margaret.

AMONG THE IMPOSTERS

In this sequel to AMONG THE HIDDEN, Luke has a chance to change his identity and to come out in the open, as another person altogether in a posh boarding school. The school proves to be more dangerous and more mysterious than Luke has ever expected. This page-turner will keep readers on their toes the entire time.

O'Brien, Robert C.

MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH

Mrs. Frisby, the widowed mouse, has a terrible situation and she has nowhere to turn to but the rats who keep to themselves. Those rats once were the Lab Rats in the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and they possess intelligence and power beyond your everyday farm residences. A 1972 Newbery Winner.

Scieszka, Jon.

**THE TIME WARP TRIO SERIES**

Sam, Joe, and Fred are three best friends. They have a book that they get from Joe's uncle. It lets them travel through time. Every book in the series is about their wild adventures.

Sleator, William.

**INTO THE DREAM**

Two children discover a strange link in their dreams caused by being near a UFO. This book is suspenseful, mysterious, and good for all readers.

Sleator, William.

**INTERSTELLAR PIG**

Barney's strange new neighbors invite him to play a bizarre board game called Interstellar Pig, which actually spans the universe and destroys worlds. Sleator's other titles you will enjoy are: **THE BOY WHO REVERSED HIMSELF**; **THE GREEN FUTURE OF TYCON**.

Thompson, Kate.

**SWITCHERS**

Tess, a 13-year-old girl & half-stranger Kevin, have the supernatural power to "switch" into any animal form – from sewer rats to mythical beings. Together they have to save the world from an ecological and economical disaster.

Waugh, Sylvia.

**SPACE RACE**

Patrick, 11-year-old, is scheduled to go back home, not to another city or country, but to his home planet, Ormingat. However, Patrick's feeling toward Earth makes him reluctant to leave. When he is separated from his father in an accident, the plot thickens and he has to figure out what's in store for him in the future.

**FANTASY**

Alexander, Lloyd.

**THE IRON RING**

There is a young king, Tamar, and in his kingdom he lives with his army general and his brilliant advisor. One night, a mysterious King Jaya gambles with him. They gamble for each other's life. Tamar loses. The next thing he knows, he is lying on the floor. His two friends think it is a dream. But because of a mysterious ring on his finger, he believes it is real. He sets out on a journey to go to Jaya's kingdom. On the way, he must overcome many challenges. This is a great book for kids who like fantasy books.

Alexander, Lloyd.

**PRYDAIN CHRONICLES (five books)**

The first title in the Chronicles of Prydain is **THE BOOK OF THREE**, in which Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper of Prydain becomes involved in a hazardous mission to save his

country from the forces of evil. The other titles in this series are **THE BLACK CAULDRON**, **THE CASTLE OF LLYR**, **TARAN WANDERER**, and **THE HIGH KING**.

Barron, T.A.

#### **THE LOST YEARS OF MERLIN**

A boy named Emrys finds himself washed up from the sea, almost dead. He doesn't remember his name, his family, or anything else about himself. He is raised by the mysterious woman Branwen who says that she's his mother. He learns of all kinds of myths. When he finally decides to seek his fortune far way, he lands in Fincayra. He meets the forest girl, Rhia, and the tiny giant Shim. Emrys has to solve the riddle of the Land of the Giants and eventually learns his true identity and his true power. The sequels to this book are **THE SEVEN SONGS OF MERLIN**, **THE FIRES OF MERLIN**, and the **MIRROR OF MERLIN**. This is a wonderful new fantasy series.

Cooper, Susan.

#### **THE BOGGART**

By mistake, Emily and her brother, Jessup, carry a mischievous old spirit with them from Castle Keep in Scotland to their home in Canada, where it creates havoc in their lives. By the author of **THE DARK IS RISING** Sequence. **THE BOGGART AND THE MONSTER** is its sequel.

Edwards, Julie.

#### **THE LAST OF THE REALLY GREAT WHANGDOODLES**

Ben, Tom, and Lindy Potter met a man named Professor Savant who told them about the last Whangdoodle, a magical creature who rules over the other strange animals in Whangdoodleland. This book is adventurous and exciting.

Ende, Michael.

#### **THE NEVER ENDING STORY**

Bastien steals a book and when he arrives at school late, he decides to read the book in the spooky school attic. Before he knows it, he goes inside the book himself and is having many many fantastic adventures: riding a dragon and discovering the secrets of the various inhabitants in the story. But he needs to get back to his own world before he will never be able to get back again. The hardcover book is filled with beautiful pictures and different colored prints. A GREAT book!

Ferris, Jean.

#### **ONCE UPON A MARIGOLD**

This delightful fairy tale's main characters are Marigold, a princess, and Christian, a forest foundling, who form a great friendship because they both love reading and writing. In fact, they send p-mail (mail carried by pigeons) to each other before they even met in person. Lots of actions and funny scenes.

Hunter, Molly.

#### **MERMAID SUMMER**

With the help of her brother, Jon, nine-year-old Anna daringly seeks to discover the secret means to undo a mermaid's curse upon their grandfather.

James, Mary.

#### SHOEBAG

A young cockroach turns into a human boy, meets the young actress, and goes on all sorts of adventures before trying to turn back into a cockroach.

Juster, Norton.

#### THE PHANTOM TOLL BOOTH

A story about a boy who goes through a toll booth and finds himself in a magical new world where he saves the day.

Levine, Gail Carson.

#### ELLA ENCHANTED

A story about a noble girl, Ella, who suffers from a terrible curse from birth: the curse that forces her to obey anybody's command. This is a humorous and well-crafted retelling of the Cinderella story with a really likable main character.

Levine, Gail Carson.

#### TWO PRINCESSES OF BAMARRE

Full of magical inventions, and detailed description of fairy tale objects, this adventure of Princess Addie in her attempt to save her sister Meryl's life is gripping and exciting. Fans of ELLA ENCHANTED and Levine's PRINCESS TALES books will relish this new book by their favorite author.

Lewis, C.S.

#### THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE

A magic wardrobe allows three children to enter a perpetual wintry land ruled by the white witch. They embark on adventures that lead them through a commitment involving trust and sacrifice to find the only creature who can turn winter into spring. Part of the NARNIA series.

Mahy, Margaret.

#### DANGEROUS SPACES

The tragic death of Anthea's parents has made it necessary for her to live with her cousin, Flora. Neither is happy. Strangely, they find themselves in the same terrifying dream and if they can learn to work together, they may be able to dispel the ghosts that haunt the entire family.

Martin, Ann M. and Laura Godwin.

#### THE DOLL PEOPLE

Annabelle Doll has been eight-years-old for over one hundred years. Being cooped up in the same dollhouse with the same people is boring--until the pink plastic Funcrafts arrive.

Norton, Mary.

**THE BORROWERS**

This book is about tiny people who live under the floorboards of a house and they borrow the big peoples things they do not steal they just borrow. until a little boy sees one of them.

Pearce, Philippa.

**TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN**

When the grandfather clock strikes thirteen, Tom is released from ordinary time. The boredom and loneliness of his summer vacation fade away as he escapes to nightly adventures in the midnight garden.

Pierce, Tamora.

**ALANNA: THE FIRST ADVENTURE**

Eleven year old Alanna, who wishes to be a Knight, disguises herself as a boy and has exciting adventures. This is the first book in the Song of the Lioness Quartet.

Pullman, Philip.

**THE GOLDEN COMPASS**

Lyra and her daemon Pantalaimon live in Jordan College, Oxford. Like other daemons of young children, Pantalaimon can change shapes and turn into any animal he wants to. One day Lyra hides in a wardrobe and hears a lecture about "dust" from her uncle Lord Asriel. She is intrigued. At the dinner after the lecture, Lyra decides to move in with what Lyra thinks charming and smart Mrs. Coulter (but you'll find out that she is not as nice as she seems to be.) Lyra runs away and learns how to read the Alethiometer (an instrument allowing Lyra to foretell the future and see the truth.) She uncovers horrifying secrets about Mrs. Coulter's operation and embarks on many breathtaking adventures. Its sequel, **THE SUBTLE KNIFE**, is as exciting, complex, and satisfying.

Rowling, J.K.

**HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE**

Until he turns age 11, Harry Potter lives the horrible life as an orphaned "muggle" but this all changes magically when he's invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He is famous and he is clueless about why he is so famous – until he starts exploring and discovering all sorts of incredible powers he has. This first book of a series is followed by **HARRY POTTER AND THE SECRET CHAMBER**, **HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN**, and **HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN**, and **HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE**.

Thurber, James.

**THE 13 CLOCKS**

A masterpiece written as a fairy tale with a delightful yet sinister quality.

Wrede, Patricia.

**DEALING WITH DRAGONS** series

Cimorene hates being a princess so she runs away to live with dragons. This is a fun read

about Cimorene's adventures with the dragons. These adventures continue in **SEARCHING FOR DRAGONS, CALLING ON DRAGONS** and **TALKING TO DRAGONS**.

### **HUMOROUS STORIES**

Brooke, William.

#### **A IS FOR AARRGH!**

Mog, a young boy living during the Stone Age, discovers words and language and teaches his fellow cave dwellers how to talk, thus altering the course of history.

Dahl, Roald.

#### **ROALD DAHL'S REVOLTING RHYMES**

Dahl changes your view of fairy tales in this collection of short twisted tales/rhymes by making them funnier, odder, and definitely more gruesome.

Babbit, Natalie.

#### **DEVIL'S STORYBOOK.**

A humorous book of stories about the Devil. Each short story is very funny and has a moral. I suggest this book for readers over the age of 8. The sequel is **DEVIL'S OTHER STORYBOOK**.

Enzensberger, Hans Magnus; translated by Michael Henry Heim.

#### **THE NUMBER DEVIL: A MATHEMATICAL ADVENTURE**

12-year-old Robert is bored with math and can't stand his math teacher whose main interest in life is to secretly eat pretzels when his students are solving math problems. When the Number Devil starts to visit Robert in his dreams, however, Robert is intrigued and inspired by the funky things numbers can do! This is for both math lovers and people who dislike math with a passion.

Horvath, Polly.

#### **EVERYTHING ON A WAFFLE**

Primrose's dire predicament -- losing her parents in a storm, combined with her humorous observations of the adults surrounding her, make this a quirky tale of faith, friendship, and growth. At the end of each chapter, there is a recipe that fits into the story. A Newbery Honor book of 2002.

Klise, Kate.

#### **REGARDING THE FOUNTAIN: A TALE, IN LETTERS, OF LIARS AND LEAKS**

This short, beautifully illustrated "watery" story has so many twists and turns and so many word plays that it will amuse you on a hot summer day. Another highly entertaining book by the same author is **LETTERS FROM CAMP**.

Morgenstern, Susie, translated by Gill Rosner.

#### **A BOOK OF COUPONS** (realistic fiction)

The weird new (but very old) teacher Messiuere Noel wins his students' hearts by giving

them strange coupons (for being late to school, for forgetting your homework, for dancing wherever you want...) and precious life lessons.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds.

#### THE BOYS START THE WAR

The Hatford boys' best friends and next door neighbors move away. The Meloy girls move in. The Hatford boys plan a lot of pranks on the Meloy girls and the girls get even! These kids' funny pranks will make you wish that you had thought of them yourself!

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds.

#### THE GRAND ESCAPE

Marco and Polo might have been content to stay housecats forever. But Marco has been "reading" about ranches and wants to find one, while Polo longs to meet the mother he barely remembers. Together they set out on a journey and meet up with a gang of alley cats. They have to solve 3 mysteries of life in order to join the club.

Peck, Richard.

#### A YEAR DOWN YONDER

A rip-roaring story set against the backdrop of the Depression Era, features a grandmother who is a sharp shooter, bakes the most delicious pies, steals pumpkins from her neighbor's garden, plays tricks on Halloween pranksters, and is truly kind-hearted. This year's Newbery winner, this book is the sequel to A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO.

Rogers, Mary.

#### FREAKY FRIDAY

This is a book about a girl who thinks being grown up is easier than being a teenager. Find out what happens when she finds out the truth. You might also want to read SUMMER SWITCH, in which a boy switches identities with his father, by the same author.

Sachar, Louis.

#### DOGS DON'T TELL JOKES

A boy named Goon wants to be a professional comedian. When a talent show comes around, he figures that it's his lucky day to make his dream come true. But it is not so easy to become a star, as he realizes. This is a very funny book that also has a few great football scenes.

Scieszka, John, illustrated by Lane Smith.

#### SQUIDS WILL BE SQUIDS: FRESH MORALS, BEASTLY FABLES

This pair of wacky author/illustrator of THE STINKY CHEESEMAN once again produced a fun-packed collection of silly fables.

Sleator, William.

#### ODD BALLS

This is a collection of short stories of an odd ball family. In one story, a boy is hypnotized

by his brother's friend and actually drinks out of the toilet bowl! Another time the children throw water balloons out of a window at people and are not even punished. This is a great funny book.

Smith, Robert.

**MOSTLY MICHAEL**

The humor-filled diary of 11-year old Michael coping with an unwanted girl friend, braces, a younger sister, a school play, and, of course, parents.

Snicket, Lemony.

**THE VILE VILLAGE**

In this 7th installment of the Baudelaire orphans' A Series of Unfortunate Events, they siblings are sent to a strange, crow-infested village where they have to perform all sorts of chores and have a chance to save their friends, the Quagmire triplets. This is a hugely popular series where gloomy and desparate situations is oddly mixed with delightful, intelligent, and humorous word plays. You should start your adventure the first book called **THE BAD BEGINNING**, then go on to **THE REPTILE ROOM**, then, **THE WIDE WINDOW**, **THE MISERABLE MILL**, **THE AUSTERE ACADEMY**, and **THE ERSATZ ELEVATOR**. The 8th book is **THE HOSTILE HOSPITAL**.

**HISTORICAL FICTION**

Avi.

**CRISPIN: THE CROSS OF LEAD**

When after his mother's death, Asta's son, the nameless boy, found out that he not only had a name, but a noble name. He also found that his life is in danger, being wanted for dead of a crime he did not commit. While running for his life, he encounters Bear, a juggler with a secret and dangerous mission. This exciting, fast paced story set in 14th century England is the 2003 Newbery Winner.

Curtis, Christopher Paul.

**THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM-1963**

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go visit Grandma in Alabama in 1963. A Newbery Honor Book.

Cushman, Karen.

**CATHERINE, CALLED BIRDY**

Against the background of a medieval manor, Catherine's spirited account of her fourteenth year is told in a diary format. It is an entertaining story of an utterly unforgettable heroine. **THE MIDWIFE'S APPRENTICE** by the same author won the 1998 Newbery Award for its excellence in literary quality, also set in Middle Ages.

Duncan, Alice Faye.

**EVERYDAY PEOPLE**

The National Civil Rights Museum celebrates the civil rights movement in America from

1954-1968, using select exhibitions at the museum as a framework. This book is a tribute to the unnamed heroes and heroines who fought for equal rights in the USA.

Fleischman, Sid.

**BANDIT'S MOON**

This is an exciting adventure story set during the California Gold Rush time. Outlaw Joaquin Murieta rescues the orphaned Annyrose, who generously repays his kindness.

Giff, Patricia.

**LILY'S CROSSING**

This story is about a girl during World War II whose friendship with Albert, a young Hungarian refugee, makes her see the war and her own world from a different perspective. This story has a sad ending.

Giff, Patricia Reilly.

**NORY RYAN'S SONG**

Twelve-year-old Nory Ryan, along with her family and friends, learns how to survive and help one another during the Potato Famine in Ireland.

Levoy, Myron.

**ALAN AND NAOMI**

In New York of the 1940's a boy tries to befriend a girl traumatized by Nazi brutality in France.

Lowry, Lois.

**NUMBER THE STARS**

Set in Nazi-occupied Denmark, this novel recounts the efforts of Annemarie Johansen and her family to smuggle their Jewish friends to safety in Sweden.

Lyons, Mary.

**LETTERS FROM A SLAVE GIRL**

A fictionalized version of the life of Harriet Jacobs, told in the form of letters that she might have written during her slavery in North Carolina and as she prepared for escape to the North in 1842.

Osborne, Mary Pope.

**STANDING IN THE LIGHT**

This is a fictional diary of Katherine Carey Logan, a Quaker girl who grew up in the Delaware River Valley in 1760's. She was captured along with her brother by Wamponog??? Indians. Readers can find romance, adventures, and a lot more in this dramatic book. (One of the Dear America titles.)

Pope, Elizabeth.

**THE SHERWOOD RING**

The location is Orange County, New York during the Revolutionary War. Peggy has to adjust to a new life at her uncle's house during a time of guerrilla warfare.

Speare, Elizabeth George.

**THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER**

Matt Howell is left behind in Maine to guard their crops. Matt gets hurt and the Indians bring him back to health. Matt meets an Indian boy named Attean and becomes good friend with him. Weeks pass by and there is no sign of Matt's father. Will Matt's father ever return? Will Matt survive the harsh winter alone?

**SUSPENSEFUL, ADVENTURE OR SCARY STORIES**

Avi.

**POPPY**

This story of bravery, persistence, and an overthrown tyrant features the heroine Poppy - a small deer mouse - and the evil Mr. Ocax, a great horned owl, who protects Poppy and her family provided they don't leave their territory without his permission.

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**THE TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE**

Charlotte leaves England in 1832 to rejoin her family and finds herself aboard a troubled ship sailing to Rhode Island under the brutal Captain Jaggery.

Bellairs, John.

**THE DOOM OF THE HAUNTED OPERA**

Jonathan Barnavelt, uncle of Lewis Barnavelt, has left to Florida from Michigan on an important business. While he is gone, Lewis and his friend Rose Rita find the musci to a long lost opera, The Day of Doom. Suddenly the town is trapped in a mysterious fog that prevents anyone from entering or leaving the town. When the composer's grandson, Henry Vanderhelm, gets to town - what has happened? Will Lewis ever be able to contact his uncle? Find out when you read this exciting book.

Bellairs, John.

**THE GHOST IN THE MIRROR**

Strange things have been happening to Mrs. Zimmerman. It all started when she first saw the images in the mirror the old dead witchcraft teacher. Now she and Rose Rita must go back in time and save the wise family from "the great wrong" and discover a big secret. Other excellent books by John Bellairs include THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALLS, THE MASION IN THE MIST, and THE EYES OF THE KILLER ROBOT, and more.

Brooks, Walter R.

**FREDDY AND THE IGNORMUS**

Freddy the Pig is back and the Ignormus ishaunting the big woods. Freddy tries to stop this ghastly ghost. What will happen? Read to rind out. (Also in this re-released classic series are: FREDDY THE DETECTIVE, FREDDY THE PIG, FREDDY THE PILOT, FREDDY AND THE DRAGON, Freddy and the Baseball Team from Mars, etc.)

Brooks, Walter R.

**FREDDY THE DETECTIVE**

Freddy the Pig wants to be a detective and here's his chance. Someone has stolen Evert's train and Freddy is going to find the thief. Along the way he has other mini-cases to solve. A good read!

Cameron, Eleanor.

**THE COURT OF THE STONE CHILDREN**

In this fantasy-mystery-ghost story, Nina meets Domi, a girl from the French Revolution, at a museum. Can Nina help Domi prove the innocence of her father, who was executed as a traitor?

Chrisitie, Agatha.

**MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS**

Hercule Poirot, en route to Istanbul, becomes involved in solving the mystery of a murdered passenger.

Conrad, Pam.

**STONE WORDS -- A GHOST STORY**

Zoe always knows that something is not quite right with the friend she has, another little girl also named Zoe -- no one else seems to notice this Zoe's existence. In this ghost/time-travel story, the Zoe of the present has to find a way to rescue the ghostly Zoe from the past.

Cooney, Caroline B.

**THE FACE ON THE MILK CARTON**

A photograph of a missing girl from long time ago on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity. This suspenseful story continues in **WHATEVER HAPPENED TO JANIE** and **THE VOICE ON THE RADIO**.

Draanen, Wendelin Van.

**SAMMY KEYES AND THE HOTEL THIEF series**

Sammy Keyes spies a thief stealing money in the hotel across the street and tries to help the police solve the case. Until one day she finds out who the thief is and has to figure out how to prove it to the police. This is a great mystery that keeps you turning the pages. There are more Sammy Keyes mystery stories including: **SAMMY KEYES AND THE RUNAWAY ELF**, **SAMMY KEYES AND THE SKELETON MAN**.

Funke, Cornelia. (Translated by Oliver Lastch)

**THE THIEF LORD**

Prosper and Bo (12 and 5) are newly orphaned brothers who run away from their aunt and uncle because they plan to adopt the angelic-looking Bo but to send Prosper away to boarding school. They run to Venice, the magical city in their mother's view. The Thief Lord (a masked young man who acts like a Robin Hood) take these two and some other street urchins under his wing. They live, like a family, in an abandoned movie theater. But the aunt has hired a detective to track the boys down. Will they be captured? Will the

Thief Lord's identity be exposed? And is the legendary Carousel really magical? This is a suspenseful, entertaining, and inspiring read! This is the Betchelder Award winner for best translated children's book of the year in 2003.

Hahn, Mary Downing.

**TIME FOR ANDREW: A GHOST STORY**

When he goes to spend the summer with his great-aunt in the family's old house, Drew is drawn eighty years into the past to trade places with his great-great-uncle who is dying of diphtheria

Hahn, Mary Downing.

**WAIT TILL HELEN COMES**

Molly saves her strange stepsister from the ghost of a child who haunts the cemetery behind their new home.

Ibbotson, Eva.

**JOURNEY TO THE RIVER SEA**

Maia is taken suddenly out of her private school in London to live with relatives that she never knew in the Amazon River region. This could very well be wonderful, because she's an adventurous person. But, stuck inside with her mean cousins and a strict aunt definitely does not suit Maia. She explores and her life twists and turns with surprises, adventures, and new friendships.

Jacques, Brian.

**REDWALL series**

Small animals such as mice, shrews, weasels, and stoats are in their own world having adventures, battles, and great feasts (no guns involved!) There are 12 books in the series so far. Look for the newest additions to the batch – **THE LEGEND OF LUKE** and **LORD BROCKTREE**.

Lasky, Kathryn.

**SHADOWS IN THE WATER**

When the Starbuck children (2 sets of twins) move to the Florida Keys, everything changes. The twins have telepathic power to mentally communicate with each other. They meet a group of dolphins and have conversations with them. The dolphins help the children track down a gang dumping toxic waste in the ocean.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds.

**BERNIE AND THE BESSELDORF GHOST**

Bernie Magruder's father manages the Besseldorf, a 125-year old hotel with a ghost a guest.

Raskin, Ellen.

**THE WESTING GAME**

Sam Westing has died. 16 people came to hear his will. It turns out that they are all related. The will says that some one has murdered Westing and the heirs have to solve a

puzzle game in order to inherit the huge amount of money left by him. This is a fun-filled mystery. Highly recommended.

Steig, William.

ABEL'S ISLAND

A mouse gets stuck on an island after going on a picnic with his fiancée.

Yolen, Jane, ed.

THE HAUNTED HOUSE

This is an anthology of short stories featuring ghosts, haunting and curses.

### CLASSICS AND AWARD WINNERS

Alcott, Louisa May.

LITTLE WOMEN

This is the well-known classic about the very special March family - their struggles, fun, tragedy and romance. The March family's adventures are also continued in GOOD WIVES, LITTLE MEN, and JO'S BOYS. For advanced readers.

Barrie, J.M.

PETER PAN

The favorite tale about Wendy and Peter, the boy who just won't grow up, is told in several new, beautifully illustrated editions.

Armstrong, William.

SOUNDER

Sunder the great coon dog can not save his master from the problems of racism. This is a powerful book set in the time of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Baum, L. Frank.

THE WIZARD OF OZ

The adventure of a girl in a magical new world called OZ you have probably seen the movie but you don't know the book.

Brink, Carol R.

CADDIE WOODLAWN

This is the story of a tomboy pioneer girl and her exciting adventures on the Wisconsin frontier. If you liked THE LITTLE HOUSE series, you'll also like this popular classic.

Burnett, Frances H.

THE SECRET GARDEN

A lonely orphan girl comes to live with her uncle in England, discovers a secret garden, and finds friends and happiness. THE LITTLE PRINCESS is another excellent title.

Butterworth, Paul.

THE ENORMOUS EGG

This book is about a boy named Nate Twitchell who lives in Freedom N.H., and the

amazing story of their hen that laid an Enormous Egg. Read and see what hatches out of that mysterious egg.

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan.

**THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES**

You and Dr. Watson can attempt to figure out all the clues which Sherlock Holmes finds so simple.

George, Jean Craighead.

**JULIE OF THE WOLVES**

Alone and lost in the Alaskan wilderness without food or a compass, Julie is accepted by a pack of wolves who help her struggle to survive.

Konigsburg, E.L.

**FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER**

Claudia knows she has to run away, but grubby hideouts are not her style. The Metropolitan Museum of Art has all the elegance she wants - and much, much more.

Lawson, Robert.

**RABBIT HILL**

Rabbits and other are happy about new FOLKS (people) moving into Rabbit Hill. But they are also worried if these new people will be their friends or enemies. I think this is a good book because it is both humorous and sad at the same time.

Lofting, Hugh.

**THE STORY OF DOCTOR DOOLITTLE**

This is the story of the kind-hearted Doctor Doolittle, who is fond of animals and understands their language. He travels to Africa with some of his favorite pets to cure the monkeys of a terrible sickness.

Nesbit, E.

**FIVE CHILDREN AND IT**

When five brothers and sisters discover a Psammead (a sand fairy who is obliged to grant wishes that last a whole day) while digging in the quarry near their summer cottage, the stage is set for wondrous adventures. Also **THE RAILWAY CHILDREN**.

O'Dell, Scott.

**ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS**

This is the fascinating story of Karan, a young Indian girl who lived alone for 18 years on an island off the coast of California.

Park, Linda Sue.

**A SINGLE SHARD** (historical fiction)

Set in 12th Century Korea, orphaned boy Tree-ear's set out on quests to become accepted into a family, as a budding artist, and as an adopted son. This is a touching story about

striving to be both a fine craftsman and a fine human being. 2002 Newbery Medal Winner.

Stevenson, Robert Lois.

**KIDNAPPED**

It is the 1800's, a young man volunteers to travel with an old seaman. little does he know what lies ahead.

Twain, Mark.

**ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER**

Tom's adventures involve Aunt Polly and her church-going friends on the one hand and Huck and his disreputable father on the other. Absurd and hilarious episodes have kept this book a favorite through the years.

Webster, Jean.

**DADDY LONG LEGS**

Jerusha Abot is an orphan who has lived her whole life at the John Grier Home when she is unexpectedly sent to college by one of the orphanages trustees. Only she is not to know his name and she must write to him every month without expecting an answer. This endearing story of the relationship between a young orphan girl and her philanthropist friend is told in letter format. This book is continued in Dear Enemy.

Wells, H. G.

**THE INVISIBLE MAN, THE TIME MACHINE and THE WAR OF THE WORLDS**

Three great suspense and Science Fiction novels. THE WAR OF THE WORLDS is about aliens taking over Earth, and the other two titles are self-explanatory.

**POETRY**

Adoff, Arnold, ed.

**MY BLACK ME: BEGINNING BOOK OF BLACK POETRY**

A compilation of poems reflecting thoughts on being Black by such authors as Langston Hughes and Nikki Giovanni. Poet Adoff and his wife Virginia Hamilton have published many other worthwhile anthologies.

Cole, William, comp.

**THE POETRY OF HORSES**

This is just one of Cole's gatherings of poems on a theme. Another collection is A BOOK OF NATURE POEMS.

Creech, Sharon.

**LOVE THAT DOG**

Told in short verses that model after many famous poems, this story is about a boy, his teacher, his dog, and the inspiration poetry has on him.

Demi, selec. & illus.

**IN THE EYES OF THE CAT: JAPANESE POETRY FOR ALL SEASONS**

A selection of mostly haiku organized by season with corresponding illustrations.

Eliot, T.S.

**OLD POSSUM'S BOOK OF PRACTICAL CATS**

"The naming of cats is a difficult matter..." So starts this classic which was turned into a musical.

Gollub, Matthew. Illustrated by Kazuko G. Stone.

**COOL MELONS -- TURN TO FROGS: THE LIFE AND POEMS OF ISSA**

This is a collection of 33 haikus by an eighteenth-century Japanese. Both the English and the Japanese versions of each poem are presented.

Hall, Donald, ed.

**THE OXFORD BOOK OF CHILDREN'S VERSE IN AMERICA**

From the Bay Psalm Book to Jack Prelutsky, this collection brings together over 250 perennial favorites and some delightful surprises.

Harrison, Michael & Christopher Stuart-Clark

**THE OXFORD TREASURY OF CLASSIC POEMS**

This is Oxford's new anthology of famous, well-loved poems.

Hopkins, Lee Bennett

**BEEN TO YESTERDAY: POEMS OF A LIFE**

Spare poems capture shifting family circumstances as experienced by the author at age 13.

Koch, Kenneth and Kate Farrell, selec.

**TALKING TO THE SUN: AN ILLUSTRATED ANTHOLOGY OF POEMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Poems from many countries organized by themes and illustrated by works from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Janeczko, Paul (editor)

**A POKE IN THE I: A COLLECTION OF CONCRETE POEMS**

A collection of thirty "concrete poems." With stunning and wacky collage illustrations, this is a most enjoyable introduction to visual poetry.

Janeczko, Paul, selec.

**POCKET POEMS**

This pocket-sized collection of 120 small poems by American poets is ideal for travel. Any of Janeczko's other collections are worthwhile.

Larrick, Nancy, ed.  
PIPING DOWN THE VALLEYS WILD  
A merry mix of verses for all ages."

Lear, Edward  
A BOOK OF NONSENSE  
The Metropolitan Museum reprint captures all the nonsense and absurdity in verse and illustration of this master of the limerick. There are many other editions.

Opie, Iona.  
I SAW ESAU: The School Child's Pocket Book  
The rhymes and word plays collected by renown folklorists Iona and Peter Opie are even more endearing when matched seamlessly with Maurice Sendak's color drawings.

Panzer, Nora, ed.  
CELEBRATE AMERICA IN POETRY AND ART  
The personal visions of poets and artists celebrate how Americans see their country and themselves.

Prelutsky, Jack.  
PIZZA THE SIZE OF THE SUN  
A collection of whimsical short poems illustrated by James Stevenson. If you like Shel Silverstein, you will enjoy this collection, too. Also other collections by Prelutsky, including THE DRAGONS ARE SINGING TONIGHT, A. NONNY MOUSE WRITES AGAIN, MONDAY'S TROLL.

Prelutsky, Jack.  
SOMETHING BIG HAS BEEN HERE  
This is a hilarious poetry collection that makes you laugh out loud.

Silverstein, Shel.  
FALLING UP  
The latest collection from the ingenious poet Shel Silverstein (who brought us THE LIGHT IN THE ATTIC, WHERE THE SIDEWALK ENDS, and THE GIVING TREE.)

Stevenson, Robert Louis.  
A CHILD'S GARDEN OF VERSES  
There are many different editions of this collection -- pick out one with great illustrations and enjoy the rich flavor of these timeless poems.

Sullivan, Charles, ed.  
IMAGINARY GARDEN: AMERICAN POETRY AND ART FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
Enjoy this outstanding selection of poetry complemented by art, with careful attention to the layout. Another fine example from the same editor: CHILDREN OF PROMISE: AFRICAN-AMERICAN LITERATURE AND ART FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

## **BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIRS**

Blumberg, Rhoda.

### **SHIPWRECKED**

A true and dramatic account of the very first Japanese man who came to the United States after his fishing boat was shipwrecked in the 1800's.

Choi, Sook Nyui.

### **YEAR OF IMPOSSIBLE GOODBYES**

A young Korean girl survives oppressive Japanese and Russian occupation of North Korea during the 1940's only to be forced to escape to freedom in South Korea.

Freedman, Russell.

### **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT**

A lively and inspiring portrait of perhaps our most influential First Lady. Excellent photographs and numerous quotations add to this well researched biography.

Freedman, Russell.

### **THE WRIGHT BROTHERS**

The Newbery author has filled this photo-biography, which follows the lives of the Wright brothers and describes how they developed the first airplane with original photographs by Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Fritz, Jean.

### **HOMESICK, MY OWN STORY**

This is the author's fictionalized version, though all events are true, of her childhood in China in the 1920's. Also: YOU WANT WOMEN TO VOTE, LIZZY STANTON?

Jiang, Ji Li

### **RED SCARF GIRL**

Jiang writes about her difficult times during the Cultural Revolution. This powerful book makes you laugh and cry at the same time.

Krull, Kathleen

### **LIVES OF THE WRITERS: COMEDIES, TRAGEDIES, AND WHAT THE NEIGHBORS THOUGHT**

This is a collection of biographies of some of the most famous writers ever, such as Mark Twain and William Shakespeare. Also look for LIVES OF THE MUSICIANS, LIVES OF THE ATHLETES, and LIVES OF THE ARTISTS by the same author.

Lowry, Lois

### **LOOKING BACK: A BOOK OF MEMORIES**

Using family photographs and quotes from her books, the very popular author (of THE GIVER and the ANASTASIA KRUPNIC stories) provides glimpses into her life.

Marcus, Leonard  
SIDE BY SIDE

Five author-artist teams of picture books are interviewed and their stories of collaboration are documented in this informative and delightful collection.

Spinelli, Jerry  
KNOTS IN MY YO-YO STRING

Spinelli, author of MANIAC MAGEE and WRINGER, turns regular happenings in his life like sidewalk races and his first kiss hilarious in this autobiography.

Uchida, Yoshido.  
THE INVISIBLE THREAD

Author tells her true story of feeling American, but being treated differently, as she describes her early life and incarceration in a prison camp for Japanese-Americans during World War II.

Wadsworth, Ginger.  
JULIA MORGAN, ARCHITECT OF DREAMS

Biography of one of the country's first highly successful female architects, who spent many years designing Hearst Castle in San Simeon, California.

Zindel, Paul.  
THE PIGMAN AND ME

Paul Zindel is the author of the Pigman books for older children. In this memoir, he wrote about when he was a kid. He lived with his mom and sister. The family moved a lot but there is one place that was special to him because there he met his own "pigman," Nanno Frankie. It is a great read.

## **Grades 5-6 GROWING UP AND HUMOR**

Bauer, Marion Dane. On My Honor When his best friend drowns while they are both swimming in a treacherous river that they had promised never to go near, Joel is devastated and terrified at having to tell both sets of parents the terrible consequences of their disobedience.

Blume, Judy Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret Faced with the difficulties of growing up and choosing a religion, a twelveyear- old girl talks over her problems with her own private God.

Creech, Sharon Ruby Holler Thirteen-year-old twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage, but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet couple invite them on an adventure beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

Creech, Sharon *Walk Two Moons* After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

Creech, Sharon *The Wanderer* Thirteen-year old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the *Wanderer*, a forty five foot sail boat, which, along with Uncles and another cousin, is en route to visit their grandfather in England.

Curtis, Christopher Paul *Bud, Not Buddy* Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

DiCamillo, Kate *Because of Winn-Dixie* Ten-year old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

DiCamillo, Kate *The Tiger Rising* Rob, who passes time in his rural Florida community by wood carving, is drawn by his spunky but angry friend Sistine into a plan to free a caged tiger.

Gantos, Jack *Joey Pigza Swallowed The Key* To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription wears off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired. Sequel: *Joey Pigza Loses Control*

Grove, Vicki *Destiny* Twelve-year-old Destiny tries to find meaning through art when her life is complicated by three younger siblings, a mother who dreams of winning the lottery, and her mother's unscrupulous boyfriend.

Holt, Kimberly Willis *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.

Konigsburg, E. L. *The View from Saturday* Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

MacLachlan, Patricia *Journey Left* by their mother with their grandparents, two children feel as if their past has been erased until Grandfather finds a way to restore it to them.

Paterson, Katherine *Bridge to Terabithia* The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer.

Paterson, Katherine *The Great Gilly Hopkins* An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.

Pullman, Philip *I Was A Rat!* A little boy turns life in London upside down when he appears at the house of a lonely old couple and insists he was a rat.

Rodgers, Mary *Freaky Friday* A thirteen-year-old girl switches places with her mother when she has to spend a day in her mother's body and vice-versa.

Sachar, Louis *Holes* As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Spinelli, Jerry. *Loser* Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Donald Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

Spinelli, Jerry. *Maniac Magee* After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats.

Yep, Laurence *Dream Soul* Joan Lee and her siblings are excited that they have the chance to celebrate Christmas in their new home in West Virginia, until a crisis in their family forces Joan to gain a new understanding of her heritage and her parents.

## **HISTORICAL FICTION**

Bishop, Claire *Twenty and Ten* Twenty French children in a mountain refuge during World War II help hide ten Jewish children from the Nazis.

Cushman, Karen *The Ballad of Lucy Whipple* In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town.

Cushman, Karen *Catherine, Called Birdy* During the Middle Ages, the thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal, recording in particular her longing for adventures beyond a woman's common lot and her bawdy efforts to prevent being married off. Another good book from this period is the author's *The Midwife's Apprentice*.

DeAngeli, Marguerite *A Door in the Wall* Robin is hoping to be a page but is stricken with a disease which paralyzes his legs. Helped by Brother Luke, he slowly makes his way north and is reunited with his noble family. A beautifully illustrated book set in 13th century England.

DeJong, Meindert *The House of Sixty Fathers* When the Japanese invade China during World War II, a little boy is separated from his family, but he finds them with the help of American troops.

DeTrevino, Elizabeth Borton I, Juan de Pareja *The story of the painter Velazquez' slave*, who himself became an accomplished artist in 17th century Spain.

Garden, Nancy *Dove and Sword: a Novel of Joan of Arc* In 1455 in France, Gabrielle is visited by Pierre d'Arc, a brother of Joan of Arc, and with him remembers their childhood together in Domremy, and Joan's subsequent trial and burning at the stake at Rouen twenty-four years before.

Giff, Patricia Reilly *Lily's crossing* During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

Giff, Patricia Reilly *Nory Ryan's Song* When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

Gray, Elizabeth *Adam of the Road* A beautifully illustrated story about a minstrel's son traveling through England in the 13th century.

Hesse, Karen *Stowaway* A fictionalized journal relates the experiences of a young stowaway from 1768 to 1771 aboard the Endeavor which sailed around the world under Captain James Cook.

Hesse, Karen *Witness* Eleven different voices are used to tell the story of the Ku Klux Klan in a small town in Vermont in 1924. The voices tell the story of how events felt to different people.

Kerr, Judith *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* Anna's family flees Germany for Switzerland to escape the Nazis. The nine year- old Anna begins school in Switzerland, then Paris, and finally London as she and her family continue to move.

Kurtz, Jane *The Storyteller's Beads* During the political strife and famine of the 1980's, two Ethiopian girls, one Christian and the other Jewish and blind, struggle to overcome many difficulties, including their prejudices about each other, as they make the dangerous journey out of Ethiopia.

Lowry, Lois *Number the Stars* A Christian family in Denmark during World War II hides and protects their Jewish neighbors.

McGraw, Eloise Jarvis *The Golden Goblet* In ancient Egypt, a boy discovers that his brother belongs to a group of robbers who raid the tombs of rich nobles and kings in the Valley of the Dead.

McSwigan, Marie Snow *Treasure* A true story set in Norway during World War II, about some children who fool the Germans by sliding past them on sleds which have gold from the nation's treasury strapped underneath, gold which is then smuggled out of the country to help fight the Nazis.

Moskin, Marietta *I Am Rosemarie* Based on a true story, this tells of a Jewish girl who is living in Amsterdam when World War II begins. Her family is forced to move to a series of detention camps, and yet they ultimately survive.

O'Dell, Scott *The Captive* A Spanish boy, studying to be a priest, is shipwrecked en route to the New World in the company of Spanish nobles who are seeking gold. To save himself, the boy must pose as a god before the Mayans. This author has written many good historical novels.

Orgel, Doris *The Devil in Vienna* Vienna in 1938 is the setting for this story of Inge, who is Jewish, and Lisalotte, whose father is a Nazi. Their forbidden friendship endures, and it is Lisalotte who helps Inge's family escape from Austria.

Park, Linda Sue *A Single Shard* Tree-ear, a thirteen-year old orphan in Medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potter's village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself. 2001 Newbery Winner.

Paterson, Katherine *The Sign of the Chrysanthemum* In medieval Japan, a boy is sent to a big city by his dying mother with instructions to search for his long-lost father, whom he will recognize by the chrysanthemum tattooed on his shoulder.

Pyle, Howard *Men of Iron* Young Miles wins his knighthood and redeems the honor of his family in this tale set in the England of Henry IV. The author's other medieval classic is *Otto of the Silver Hand*, about a boy in medieval Germany whose emperor gives him the motto: "Better a hand of silver than a hand of iron."

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Esperanza* Rising Esperanza, 13, immigrated from Mexico to California with her mother after her father's death. Her luxurious life before she came to the States was a stark contrast to her life as a migrant-worker in the 1930's. Esperanza's spirit helped her overcome all the hardship and find hope and human dignity again.

Serraillier, Ian *The Silver Sword* During World War II, two Polish children are left on their own after their parents' arrest. They survive to make a perilous journey across postwar Europe to find their parents in Switzerland.

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley *Song of the Gargoyle* When mysterious men in black abduct his father, the court jester of Austerneve, thirteen-year-old Tymmon flees into the forest, where he acquires a strange animal companion and plots to rescue his father.

Speare, Elizabeth *The Bronze Bow* In Roman times, Daniel, a Jewish boy, detests the Roman conquerors. The bronze bow is the secret symbol with which he and his friends show their determination to fight the invaders.

Stolz, Mary Pangur Ban In ninth century Ireland, a boy joins a monastery in order to practice his art, and creates an illuminated manuscript that will be treasured far into the future.

Sutcliff, Rosemary *The Witch's Brat* In 12th-century England, Lovel is cast out of his village and finds refuge in a Minster, where the monks recognize his healing skills. Sutcliff is England's leading historical novelist for children.

Temple, Frances *The Ramsay Scallop* In England during the Middle Ages, a fourteen-year-old girl, betrothed to a lord's son, undertakes a memorable pilgrimage to Spain. Followed by *The Bedouin's Gazelle*.

Treece, Henry *Viking's Dawn* The first book in a trilogy, this follows Harald through his adventures as a pirate along the British coast. In *Road to Miklagaard*, Harald journeys to Constantinople, and, in *Viking's Sunset*, he participates in a disastrous expedition to Vinland.

Winterfield, Henry *Detectives in Togas* Roman schoolboys set out to discover who wrote "Caius is a dumbbell" on the walls of a temple. A lot of fun, and also accurate in historical detail. Followed by *Mystery of the Roman Ransom*.

## **AMERICAN HISTORICAL FICTION**

Avi *The Fighting Ground* A thirteen-year-old farmer's son is taken prisoner by three Hessian soldiers during the American Revolution and discovers the realities of war and life. The author's *Night Journeys* tells the exciting story of escaped indentured servants in Colonial America and the boy who must decide whether to capture them or help them get away. Followed by *Encounter at Easton*.

Beatty, Patricia *Turn Homeward, Hannalee* Hannalee is a mill hand who was sent north during the Civil War to work in Yankee mills. She determines to make her way home to her family in Georgia.

Beatty, Patricia *Wait for Me, Watch for Me, Eula Bee* A boy and his little sister are taken prisoner by Indians. The brother attempts to escape and then return to rescue the little girl.

Blos, Joan W. *A Gathering of Days* A fictional diary of a New England girl. It begins in 1830 and follows thirteen-year-old Catherine through two years in a New Hampshire community. Böhner, Charles *Bold Journey* Private Hugh McNeal relates his experiences accompanying Captains Lewis and Clark on their 1804-1806 expedition in search of a northwest passage to the Pacific Ocean.

Brady, Esther Toliver's Secret Toliver is sent from New Jersey to New York to deliver a message to General Washington that has been concealed in a loaf of bread. Brink, Carol R. Caddie Woodlawn Caddie is an eleven-year-old tomboy who loves roaming about on horseback and playing with her brothers. This story is set in pioneer Wisconsin in the 1860's and is followed by Magical Melons.

Byars, Betsy Trouble River Dewey and his grandmother, using a raft to escape marauding Indians, make a funny picture when the old woman insists on being carried downstream in her rocking chair.

Clapp, Patricia Constance Fourteen-year-old Constance Hopkins records in her journal her thoughts and feelings about life as a member of the group who arrived in America on the Mayflower in the 1620's.

Collier, James L. & Christopher Jump Ship to Freedom The story of a young black slave during the American Revolution. Followed by War Comes to Willy Freeman and Who is Carrie?

Collier, James L. & Christopher My Brother Sam is Dead Based on actual events, this first-person account describes the divisions in a Connecticut family during the American Revolution.

Curtis, Christopher Paul The Watsons Go To Birmingham--1963 The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

De Angeli, Marguerite Thee, Hannah! A Quaker girl living in Philadelphia during the Civil War helps a runaway slave.

Dowell, Frances O'Roark Dovey Coe When accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Coe, a strong-willed twelve-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother.

Field, Rachel Calico Bush A French girl is bound out to a family settling in dangerous Indian territory during early pioneer days in Maine. The author's Hitty: Her First Hundred Years tells of a doll carved from mountain ash and her adventurous nineteenth century life.

Fritz, Jean Early Thunder Events rapidly transpiring in Salem, Massachusetts in 1774 force fourteen-year-old Daniel West to re-examine his loyalties.

Giff, Patricia Reilly All the Way Home In 1941, circumstances bring together Brick, a boy from New York's apple country, and Mariel, a young girl made shy by her bout with

polio, as the two make a journey from Brooklyn back to help Brick's elderly neighbors save their apple crop and to help Mariel learn about her past.

Jacobs, Paul Samuel James Printer: a Novel of Rebellion Although he has lived and worked as a printer's apprentice with the Green family in Cambridge Massachusetts, for many years, James, a Nipmuck Indian, finds himself caught up in the events that lead to a horrible war.

Keith, Harold Rifles for Watie In the Civil War, young Jefferson Davis Bussey is sent behind enemy lines to discover where Confederate Stand Watie is getting new rifles. A Newbery winner.

Lord, Bette Bao In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.

Lyons, Mary E. Dear Ellen Bee A scrapbook kept by a young black girl details her experiences and those of the white woman, "Miss Bet" who had freed her and her family.

Lyons, Mary E. The Poison Place A former slave named Moses reminisces about his famous owner, Charles Willson Peale, and the intrigue surrounding Peale's son's suspicious death.

O'Dell, Scott Sarah Bishop Daughter of a Tory in a Patriot town, Sarah Bishop draws on all her reserves of courage when raiders sweep down on her family's Long Island farm.

Patterson, Katherine. Lyddie Thirteen-year-old Lyddie must work as a factory girl in 1840's Massachusetts to help her debt-ridden family. Lyddie learns to love reading and teaches a fellow worker to read as well.

Peck, Richard. A Long Way From Chicago: A Novel in Stories This Depression-era novel is made up of seven humorous, rollicking tales about a boy and the summers he spent with his larger-than-life grandmother. The 1999 Newbery Honor Book.

Peck, Richard. A Year Down Yonder A rip-roaring story set against the backdrop of the Depression Era, features a grandmother who is a sharp shooter, bakes the most delicious pies, steals pumpkins from her neighbor's garden, plays tricks on Halloween pranksters, and is truly kind-hearted. The 2001 Newbery winner, this book is the sequel to A Long Way From Chicago.

Peck, Richard Fair Weather In 1893, thirteen-year-old Rosie and members of her family travel from their Illinois farm to Chicago to visit Aunt Euterpe and attend the World's Columbian Exposition which, along with an encounter with Buffalo Bill, turns out to be a life changing experience for everyone.

Petry, Ann Tituba of Salem Village Tituba, a black slave living in Salem during the witch trials, is a sensitive, intelligent woman who is charged with witchcraft but eventually pardoned.

Pope, Elizabeth Marie The Sherwood Ring A modern young woman encounters some eloquent ghosts who lived during the time of the American Revolution.

Speare, Elizabeth George Calico Captive In 1754, the Willard family is captured by Indians and eventually, after many hardships, reunited in Montreal.

Speare, Elizabeth George The Sign of the Beaver The story of a growing friendship between a white boy, who must spend some months alone waiting for his family in the woods, and the Indian boy who helps him.

Uchida, Yoshiko A Jar of Dreams A story of Japanese-Americans during the Depression era, showing the double burden of financial hardship and prejudice. Followed by The Best Bad Thing and The Happiest Ending.

Uchida, Yoshiko Journey to Topaz After the attack on Pearl Harbor during World War II, a Japanese-American family is forced to move to a camp for enemy aliens. Followed by Journey Home.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls The Little House in the Big Woods The first of nine classic stories, much loved by children, which tells of the author and her family as they first moved west in 1870.

Wolff, Virginia Euwer Bat 6 In small town, post-World War II Oregon, twenty-one sixth grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface.

Yates, Elizabeth Carolina's Courage When Carolina's family leaves New Hampshire to travel west, she is allowed to take her doll Lyddy-Lou. It is this doll, in an odd twist of fate, that saves the family from an Indian attack.

## **SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY**

Babbitt, Natalie. Tuck Everlasting The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.

Cooper, Susan The Boggart After visiting the castle in Scotland which her family has inherited and returning home to Canada, twelve-year-old Emily finds that she has accidentally brought back with her a boggart, an invisible and mischievous spirit with a fondness for practical jokes.

Enzensberger, Hans Magnus *The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure* Annoyed with his math teacher who assigns word problems and won't let him use a calculator, twelve-year-old Robert finds help from the number devil in his dreams.

Farmer, Nancy *The Ear, the Eye And The Arm*. In Zimbabwe, in the year 2194, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine, while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.

Hunter, Mollie *The Mermaid Summer* With the help of her brother, Jon, nine-year-old Anna daringly seeks to discover the secret means to undo a mermaid's curse upon their grandfather.

Jacques, Brian. *Redwall* When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy. Levine, Gail Carson *Ella Enchanted* In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Oppel, Kenneth *Sunwing* Continues the adventures of Shade, a young bat, as he searches for his father and struggles to prevent the evil jungle bat Goth from wiping out the sun.

Sleator, William *Interstellar Pig* Barney's boring seaside vacation suddenly becomes more interesting when the cottage next door is occupied by three exotic neighbors who are addicted to a game they call "Interstellar Pig."

Waugh, Sylvia *The Mennymys* The Mennymys, a family of life-size rag dolls living in a house in England and pretending to be human, see their peaceful existence threatened when the house's owner announces he is coming from Australia for a visit.

Wrede, Patricia C. *Dealing with Dragons* Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.

## **SUSPENSEFUL AND SCARY STORIES**

Avi *The True Confessions Of Charlotte Doyle* As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

Bellairs, John *The Ghost In The Mirror* Strange things have been happening to Mrs. Zimmerman. It all started when she first saw the images in the mirror of the old dead witchcraft teacher.

Christie, Agatha *Murder On The Orient Express* Hercule Poirot, en route to Istanbul, becomes involved in solving the mystery of a murdered passenger.

Cooney, Caroline *The Face On The Milk Carton* A photograph of a missing girl from long ago on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity. The suspenseful story continues in *Whatever Happened to Janie* and *The Voice on the Radio*.

Hahn, Mary Downing *Wait Till Helen Comes* Molly and Michael dislike their spooky new stepsister Heather but realize that they must try to save her when she seems ready to follow a ghost child to her doom.

Yolen, Jane, ed. *The Haunted House: a collection of original stories* Stories by Bruce Coville, Jane Yolen, Gary Hines and others.

## **BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS**

Brooks, Polly Schoyer. *Beyond the Myth: The Story Of Joan of Arc* This book focuses on the single year in which Joan led the army of Prince Charles to victory and then fell prey to the jealousy, court intrigue, and superstition that brought about her death.

Freedman, Russell *Eleanor Roosevelt : A Life Of Discovery* A photobiography of the first wife of a president to have a public life and career of her own.

Jiang, Ji-li *Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir Of The Cultural Revolution* Jiang writes about her difficult times during the Cultural Revolution.

Lowry, Lois *Looking Back: A Book of Memories* Using family photographs and quotes from her books, the author provides glimpses into her life.

MacLeod, Elizabeth *Lucy Maud Montgomery: A Writers Life* An introduction to the author of *Anne of Green Gables*.

Pickney, Andrea Davis *Let it Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters* Profiles ten African American women including Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, and Shirley Chisholm.

Roehm, Michelle *Girls who Rocked the World 1 & 2* Profiles young women from around the world who accomplished great things while still teenagers, including Harriet Tubman, Florence Nightingale, and Mia Hamm.

Spinelli, Jerry. *Knots in my Yo-Yo String*

Spinelli, author of *Maniac Magee* and *Wringer*, turns regular happenings in his life, like sidewalk races and his first kiss, into hilarious episodes in this autobiography.

Sterling, Dorothy. *Freedom Train* Harriet Tubman was born into slavery and escaped to freedom through the Underground Railroad. She then risked her life to lead others on the same route.

Thomas, Jane Resh Behind the Mask: The Life of Queen Elizabeth This biography describes the opulent but cruel childhood that shaped the woman Elizabeth became and details her triumphant reign, as well as the unrelenting forces that opposed her.

Uchida, Yoshiko. The Invisible Thread : An Autobiography Children's author, Yoshiko Uchida, describes growing up in Berkeley, California, as a Nisei, second generation Japanese American, and her family's internment in a Nevada concentration camp during World War II.

Zaunders, Bo Feathers, Flops & Flops: Fabulous Early Fliers An introduction to personal achievements in aviation.

