



Stockton Collegiate Wish List

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

March 19-21, 2010

(Or simply purchase one of your favorites to add to the library.)

Melinda Long's pirate books- e.g., How I Became a Pirate, Pirates Don't Change Diapers
Skippyjon Jones by Judy Schachner
Chato's Kitchen by Gary Soto
Any version of the Classics - 3 Little Pigs, 3 Little Bears, 3 Billy Goats Gruff, Gingerbread Man, Cinderella versions
The Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen
How Big is the World? by Britta Teckentrup
Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney
Any Clifford book
Any Dr. Seuss
Any Mercer Mayer -e.g., All By Myself, Just For You, Just Me and My Dad
Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino
The Napping House by Audrey Wood
A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon or anything by David Shannon
Any books on CD
Any non-fiction picture resource books...
On the Day you Were Born Debra Frasier
Any Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor

Atwater, Richard: Mr. Popper's Penguins
Averill, Esther: Jenny and the Cat Club
Baum, L. Frank: Oz books - over 30 of them! See the list at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Oz_books
Birdsall, Jeanne: The Penderwicks
Blyton, Enid: The Faraway Tree Stories, The Wishing Chair
Bond, Michael: Paddington
Brink, Carol Ryrie: Caddie Woodlawn
Brooks, Walter R.: Freddy Goes to Florida and other books
Burgess, Thornton: The Bird Book for Children, Adventures of Chatterer the Red Squirrel
Burnett, Frances Hodgson: Racketty Packetty House and other stories, The Secret Garden*, The Little Princess*
Cameron, Eleanor: Mushroom Planet books
Carroll, Lewis: Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass
Cleary, Beverly: Mouse and the Motorcycle and other non-Ramona books*
Dahl, Roald: James and the Giant Peach*, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Eager, Edward: Half Magic and other Magic books

Eliot, Ethel Cook: The House Above the Trees, The Wind Boy
Fitzgerald, John D.: The Great Brain series
Fitzhugh, Louise: Harriet the Spy*
French, Jackie: The Dragonling series
Gannet, Ruth Stiles: My Father's Dragon, Elmer and the Dragon and the Dragons of Blueland
Gurney, James: Dinotopia and Dinotopia: The World Beneath
Gruelle, Johnny: Raggedy Ann Stories
Hale, Lucretia P.: The Peterkin Papers
Haywood, Carolyn: B is for Betsy
Jones, Elizabeth Orton: Big Susan
Juster, Norton: The Phantom Tollbooth
King-Smith, Dick: all books
Kipling, Rudyard: Just So Stories
Konigsburg, E.L.: From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Lagerlof, Selma: The Wonderful Adventures of Nils
Lawson, Robert: Rabbit Hill
Lindgren, Astrid: Pippi Longstocking series
Lovelace, Maude Hart: Betsy-Tacy series
Lopez, Barry: Crow and Weasel
Lowell, Susan: I am Lavina Cummings (local)
MacDonald, Betty: Mrs. Piggle Wiggle series
McCloskey, Robert: Homer Price
Milne, AA: Winnie the Pooh, House at Pooh Corner
Montgomery, Rutherford: Kildee House (local)
Norton, Mary: Bedknob and Broomstick, The Borrowers
O'Brien, Richard: Mrs. Frisby & Rats of NIMH
Pochocki, Ethel: The Attic Mice
Ransome, Arthur: Swallows and Amazons and Swallowdale
Rylant, Cynthia: The Lighthouse Family
Selden, George: The Cricket in Times Square
Sidney, Margaret: The Five Little Peppers and How They Grew
Speare, Elizabeth George: Sign of the Beaver
Steig, William: Abe's Island
Streatfeild, Noel: Ballet Shoes
Taylor, Sydney: All-of-a-kind Family series
Travers, Dr. P. L. and Mary Shepard: Mary Poppins
White, EB: The Trumpet and the Swan, Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little
Wilder, Laura Ingalls: Little House series
Winthrop, Elizabeth. The castle in the attic

Books for pre-adolescent readers who need challenging books with no teenage issues

Baum, L. Frank: Oz books - over 30 of them! See the list at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Oz_books
Brock, Betty: No Flying in the House
Colfer, Eoin: Artemis Fowl Series

Duane, Diane: Young Wizards series (starts with So You Want to be a Wizard)
Estes, Eleanor: The Witch Family
Flanagan, John: Ranger's Apprentice series
Hiaason, Karl: Hoot, Flush
Konigsburg, E.L.: A View From Saturday
L'Engle, Madeleine: A Ring of Endless Night
Paolini, Christopher: Eragon
Paulsen, Gary: Hatchet
Paver, Michelle: Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series (Wolf Brother is first)
Paterson, Katherine: Bridge to Terabithia
Pratchett, Terry: Tiffany Aching series (The Wee Free Men, etc.), The Bromeliad Trilogy (Truckers; Diggers; Wings)
Riordan, Rick: Percy Jackson series
Sacher, Louis: The Wayside School series
Wyss, Johann D.: The Swiss Family Robinson
Yolen, Jane: Young Merlin trilogy

Authors: Sharon Creech, Andrew Clements, Brian Jacques (Redwall series), Kate DiCamillo, Jon Scieszka

Guys Read: Check out the books on this website for fostering literacy in boys.

Math Curse (Scieszka)

Science Curse (Scieszka)

Percy Jackson & Olympians series

Higher Power of Lucky

The Fairy Tale Detectives Series (Buckley)

Tale of Despereaux (DiCamillo)

Phantom Tollbooth (Juster)

Rumpelstiltskin Problem (Vande Velde)

Heat (Lupica)

Newberry & Caldecott winners and honors books

The last few years of Newberry winners are quite good. There are a lot of favorite books and what we'd now consider classics on the list.

I also recommend getting a copy of a concise encyclopedia such as The Random House Encyclopedia. It's one large volume with an incredible amount of information with timelines and cross-cultural links.

Newbery Medal 2010

"When You Reach Me," written by Rebecca Stead, published by Wendy Lamb Books, an imprint of Random House Children's Books

Newbery Honor Books

"Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice" written by Phillip Hoose, published by Melanie Kroupa Books/Farrar Straus Giroux, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group

"The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate" written by Jacqueline Kelly, published by Henry Holt and Company

"Where the Mountain Meets the Moon" written by Grace Lin, published by Little Brown and Company Books for Young Readers

"The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg" written by Rodman Philbrick, published by The Blue Sky Press, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.

Newbery Medal Winners, 1959 - Present

- 2009: *The Graveyard Book*** by Neil Gaiman, illus. by Dave McKean (HarperCollins)
- 2008: *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village*** by Laura Amy Schlitz (Candlewick)
- 2007: *The Higher Power of Lucky*** by Susan Patron, illus. by Matt Phelan (Simon & Schuster/Richard Jackson)
- 2006: *Criss Cross*** by Lynne Rae Perkins (Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins)
- 2005: *Kira-Kira*** by Cynthia Kadohata (Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster)
- 2004: *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread*** by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick Press)
- 2003: *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*** by Avi (Hyperion Books for Children)
- 2002: *A Single Shard*** by Linda Sue Park (Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin)
- 2001: *A Year Down Yonder*** by Richard Peck (Dial)
- 2000: *Bud, Not Buddy*** by Christopher Paul Curtis (Delacorte)
- 1999: *Holes*** by Louis Sachar (Frances Foster)
- 1998: *Out of the Dust*** by Karen Hesse (Scholastic)
- 1997: *The View from Saturday*** by E.L. Konigsburg (Jean Karl/Atheneum)
- 1996: *The Midwife's Apprentice*** by Karen Cushman (Clarion)
- 1995: *Walk Two Moons*** by Sharon Creech (HarperCollins)
- 1994: *The Giver*** by Lois Lowry (Houghton)
- 1993: *Missing May*** by Cynthia Rylant (Jackson/Orchard)
- 1992: *Shiloh*** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (Atheneum)
- 1991: *Maniac Magee*** by Jerry Spinelli (Little, Brown)
- 1990: *Number the Stars*** by Lois Lowry (Houghton)
- 1989: *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*** by Paul Fleischman (Harper)
- 1988: *Lincoln: A Photobiography*** by Russell Freedman (Clarion)
- 1987: *The Whipping Boy*** by Sid Fleischman (Greenwillow)
- 1986: *Sarah, Plain and Tall*** by Patricia MacLachlan (Harper)
- 1985: *The Hero and the Crown*** by Robin McKinley (Greenwillow)
- 1984: *Dear Mr. Henshaw*** by Beverly Cleary (Morrow)
- 1983: *Dacey's Song*** by Cynthia Voigt (Atheneum)
- 1982: *A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers*** by Nancy Willard (Harcourt)
- 1981: *Jacob Have I Loved*** by Katherine Paterson (Crowell)
- 1980: *A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-1832*** by Joan W. Blos (Scribner)
- 1979: *The Westing Game*** by Ellen Raskin (Dutton)
- 1978: *Bridge to Terabithia*** by Katherine Paterson (Crowell)
- 1977: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*** by Mildred D. Taylor (Dial)
- 1976: *The Grey King*** by Susan Cooper (McElderry/Atheneum)
- 1975: *M. C. Higgins, the Great*** by Virginia Hamilton (Macmillan)
- 1974: *The Slave Dancer*** by Paula Fox (Bradbury)
- 1973: *Julie of the Wolves*** by Jean Craighead George (Harper)

1972: *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien (Atheneum)
1971: *Summer of the Swans* by Betsy Byars (Viking)
1970: *Souder* by William H. Armstrong (Harper)
1969: *The High King* by Lloyd Alexander (Holt)
1968: *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg (Atheneum)
1967: *Up a Road Slowly* by Irene Hunt (Follett)
1966: *I, Juan de Pareja* by Elizabeth Borton de Trevino (Farrar)
1965: *Shadow of a Bull* by Maia Wojciechowska (Atheneum)
1964: *It's Like This, Cat* by Emily Neville (Harper)
1963: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (Farrar)
1962: *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare (Houghton)
1961: *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell (Houghton)
1960: *Onion John* by Joseph Krumgold (Crowell)
1959: *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth

2010 Notable Children's Books

Each year a committee of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) identifies the best of the best in children's books. According to the Notables Criteria, "notable" is defined as: Worthy of note or notice, important, distinguished, outstanding. As applied to children's books, notable should be thought to include books of especially commendable quality, books that exhibit venturesome creativity, and books of fiction, information, poetry and pictures for all age levels (birth through age 14) that reflect and encourage children's interests in exemplary ways.

According to ALSC policy, the current year's Newbery, Caldecott, Belpré, Sibert, Geisel, and Batchelder Award and Honor books automatically are added to the Notable Children's Books list.

For your convenience, Notable Children's Books that have also received other ALA awards, such as the Coretta Scott King Award, Michael L. Printz Award, Alex Award, and Schneider Family Book Award, are noted on this list.

Younger Readers

***All the World.* By Liz Garton Scanlon. Illus. by Marla Frazee. Beach Lane, \$17.99 (9781416985808).**

The myriad joys of the world are reflected with warmth and affection in this look at a day in a small community near the ocean. (A 2010 Caldecott Honor Book.)

***Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!* By Geoffrey Hayes. Illus. by the author. TOON, \$12.95 (9780979923890)**

Siblings Benny and Penny encounter trouble when curiosity about a mysterious neighbor leads them into unexpected adventures. (The 2010 Geisel Award Book.)

***Big Wolf and Little Wolf.* By Nadine Brun-Cosme. Illus. by Olivier Tallec; Trans. by Claudia Bedrick. Enchanted Lion, \$16.95 (9781592700844)**

Big Wolf lives alone until Little Wolf appears. Bit by bit, Big Wolf allows Little Wolf to join him in daily activities. Only when Little Wolf goes away does Big Wolf realize how much he cares for his new friend. (A 2010 Batchelder Honor Book.)

***Birds.* By Kevin Henkes. Illus. by Laura Dronzek. Greenwillow, \$17.99 (9780061363047).**

An young unseen narrator explores colors, shapes, and sizes as she watches red, blue, yellow and green birds outside her window. Perfect for the youngest.

***A Book.* Mordicai Gerstein. Illus. by the author. Roaring Brook, \$16.95 (9781596432512).**

Part of a family who live inside a book, a young girl travels through fairy tales, mysteries, adventure yarns, and historical novels in search of a story of her own.

***Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day; Celebremos El día de los niños/El día de los libros.* By Pat Mora. Illus. by Rafael López. Rayo, \$17.99 (9780061288777)**

Latino children invite children of other cultures into their book fiesta, leading the reader on a visual journey that shows how reading sparks the imagination and unites us all. (The 2010 Belpré Illustrator Award Book.)

***The Curious Garden.* By Peter Brown. Illus. by the author. Little, Brown, \$16.99 (9780316053297).**

Liam discovers a patch of lonely plants in an elevated train track and encourages them to grow into a magnificent garden that spreads throughout the drab city.

***Gracias * Thanks.* By Pat Mora. Illus. by John Parra. Lee & Low, \$17.95 (9781600602580)**

Small pleasures of Latino family life and experiences are captured in nostalgic folk art illustrations. (A 2010 Belpré Illustrator Honor Book.)

***Higher! Higher!* By Leslie Patricelli. Illus. by the author. Candlewick, \$15.99 (9780763632410).**

With Dad pushing her higher and higher in the swing, a little girl soars into the realm of fun and fantasy.

***I Spy Fly Guy!* By Tedd Arnold. Illus. by the author. Scholastic, \$5.99 (9780545110280)**

A disastrous ending to a game of hide and seek finds Fly Guy hauled away to the local dump in this new take on a lost pet. (A 2010 Geisel Honor Book.)

***Little Mouse Gets Ready.* By Jeff Smith. Illus. by the author. TOON, \$12.95 (9781935179016)**

Little Mouse narrates this story with humor and excitement as he dons clothes and dreams of adventures to come. (A 2010 Geisel Honor Book.)

***Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea.* By Greg Mortenson and Susan L. Roth. Collages by Susan L. Roth. Dial, \$16.99 (9780803730588).**

Children of Korphe, Pakistan describe their world and how they worked with an American to build a school for their village. Stunning collages enhance the story.

***Mommy, Mama and Me.* By Lesléa Newman. Illus. by Carol Thompson. Tricycle, \$7.99 (9781582462622).**

In this gentle board book two loving mothers share daily activities with their baby.

***Mouse and Mole: Fine Feathered Friends.* By Wong Herbert Yee. Illus. by the author. Houghton, \$15.00 (9780547152226)**

Artistic Mole and poetic Mouse join forces to hatch a clever plan for watching skittish birds and create their own book of paintings and poems celebrating their bird-watching adventures (A 2010 Geisel Honor Book.)

***My Abuelita.* By Tony Johnston. Illus. by Yuyi Morales. Harcourt, \$16.00 (9780152163303)**

As a grandmother flows through the book pages in her robes as flamboyant as the stories she loves to tell, she inspires her grandson to want to be just like her when he grows old. (A 2010 Belpré Illustrator Honor Book.)

***Pearl and Wagner: One Funny Day.* By Kate McMullan. Illus. by R. W. Alley. Dial, \$14.99 (9780803730854)**

Friends Pearl and Wagner experience the hijinks and pranks of April Fools' Day. (A 2010 Geisel Honor Book.)

***Posy.* By Linda Newbery. Illus. by Catherine Rayner. Atheneum, \$16.99 (9781416971122).**

Posy the kitten scampers through a busy day tangling yarn and catching spiders. Her antics are described with minimalist art and playful rhyming text perfect for the youngest reader.

***Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors.* By Joyce Sidman. Illus. by Pamela Zagarenski. Houghton, \$16.00 (9780547014944).**

Evocative poems celebrate color and enliven the senses as readers follow a woman and her dog surrounded by myriad intricately costumed and stylized figures through the seasons. (A 2010 Caldecott Honor Book.)

***Thunder Boomer.* By Shutta Crum. Illus. by Carol Thompson. Clarion, \$16.00 (9780618618651).**

A family runs for cover on their farm as a hot day brings a frightening storm, then delivers a soaked and shivery surprise.

***Waiting for Winter.* By Sebastian Meschenmoser. Illus. by the author. Kane Miller, \$15.99 (9781935279044).**

First squirrel, then hedgehog, and finally bear wait anxiously for winter to appear as they mistake several white and wet and cold and soft objects for snow.

***Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales.* By Lucy Cousins. Illus. by the author. Candlewick, \$18.99 (9780763644741).**

Bright illustrations in primary colors accompany bold retellings of eight familiar folktales. Young listeners will gobble these up!

Middle Readers

***Adventures in Cartooning.* By James Sturm, Andrew Arnold and Alexis Frederick-Frost. Illus. by the authors. First Second, \$12.95 (9781596433694).**

The Magic Cartooning Elf mesmerizes readers with the story of a knight and a princess that also provides step-by-step instruction for creating cartoons.

***An Eye for Color: The Story of Josef Albers.* By Natasha Wing. Illus. by Julia Breckenreid. Holt, \$16.99 (9780805080728).**

In a picture book format, Wing offers simple explanations of the unusual ways that artist Josef Albers used color and shape to open the eyes of the world.

***Anne Frank: her life in words and pictures from the archives of the Anne Frank House.* By Menno Metselaar and Ruud van der Rol. Roaring Brook, \$19.99 (9781596435469).**

A visual companion to other accounts of Anne Frank's life is told chiefly through photographs, many published nowhere else, and handwritten excerpts from her actual diary in a well-researched and powerful and compact package.

***Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal.* By Vaunda Micheaux Nelson. Illus. by R. Gregory Christie. Carolrhoda, \$17.95 (9780822567646).**

Former slave Bass Reeves, the first black U.S. Marshall, staunchly defended territorial law in the American West through many remarkable deeds. (The 2010 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner)

***Crow Call.* By Lois Lowry. Illus. by Bagram Ibatoulline. Scholastic, \$16.99 (9780545030359).**

Reunited after serving in the war, a father and youngest daughter begin their journey of reconnection through a hunting shirt, cherry pie, tender conversation, and a crow call.

***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. Charlesbridge, \$18.95 (9781570916731).**

This glowing biography tells of two inventive brothers who worked together from a startling discovery in their basement to a lifetime creating fluorescent colors. (A 2010 Sibert Honor Book.)

***Diego: Bigger Than Life.* By Carmen T. Bernier-Grand. Illus. by David Diaz. Marshall Cavendish, \$18.99 (9780761453833)**

A series of chronological poems delve into the life of artist Diego Rivera, enlivened by bold, bigger than life images. (A 2010 Belpré Illustrator Honor Book and Belpré Author Honor Book.)

***Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea.* By Steve Jenkins . Houghton, \$17.00 (9780618966363).**

This irresistible underwater exploration reveals the mysteries of the sea by going deeper and deeper and deeper from top to bottom, viewing little known creatures and encountering spaces where few have ever been.

***Eidi.* By Bodil Bredsdorff. Trans. by Kathryn Mahaffy. Farrar Straus Giroux, \$16.99 (9780374312671)**

Feeling displaced by the birth of her half-brother, Eidi leaves her beloved family in Crow Cove and sets out on a journey to discover her independence and talents. (A 2010 Batchelder Honor Book.)

***The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate.* By Jacqueline Kelly. Holt, \$16.99 (9780805088410).**

Eleven-year-old Calpurnia Virginia Tate and her curmudgeony old grandfather bond over their interest in the evolution of the species on a Texas plantation at the turn of the last century. (A 2010 Newbery Honor Book.)

***A Faraway Island.* By Annika Thor. Trans by Linda Schenck. Delacorte, \$16.99 (9780385736176)**

Two Jewish sisters from Vienna, Austria, are sent by their parents to Sweden to escape the Nazis. (The 2010 Batchelder Award Book.)

***Federico García Lorca.* By Georgina Lázaro. Illus. by Enrique S. Moreiro. Lectorum, \$14.99 (9781933032399)**

Lázaro's lyrical poetry, written in Spanish, evokes the spirit and style of 20th-century poet and playwright, Federico García Lorca (A 2010 Belpré Author Honor Book.)

***The Frog Scientist.* By Pamela S. Turner. Photographs by Andy Comins. Houghton, \$18.00 (9780618717163).**

Tyrone Hayes and his students work to understand frogs so they can save these amphibians from the pesticides that are slowly killing off creatures older than dinosaurs.

***The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews during the Holocaust.* By Karen Gray Ruelle and Deborah Durland DeSaiz. Illus. by the authors. Holiday, \$17.95 (9780823421596).**

Powerful illustrations illuminate a little known aspect of WWII resistance: the heroic Muslim effort to orchestrate the escape of Jews who were aggressively pursued by Nazis during the four year occupation of Paris.

***How Oliver Olson Changed the World.* By Claudia Mills. Illus. by Heather Maione. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, \$15.95 (9780374334871).**

A third-grade science project gives Oliver the confidence to break free from his overprotective parents in this humorous, realistic school story.

***In the Belly of an Ox: the Unexpected Photographic Adventures of Richard and Cherry Kearton.* By Rebecca Bond. Illus. by the author. Houghton, \$16.00 (9780547076751).**

Establishing a new era in nature photography, two brothers spend many weekends finding ingenious ways to photograph bird nests in the nineteenth century English countryside.

***The Magician's Elephant.* By Kate DiCamillo. Illus. by Yoko Tanaka. Candlewick, \$16.99 (9780763644109).**

A fortune teller's strange prediction and a magician's startling trick lead Peter on an extraordinary journey to find his sister in the kingdom of Baltese.

***The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg.* By Rodman Philbrick. Blue Sky, \$16.99 (9780439668187).**

Homer, an admitted liar and teller of tales, must rescue his brother Harold after Uncle Squinton Leach sells him to the Union Army. (A 2010 Newbery Honor Book.)

***Pharaoh's Boat.* By David L. Weitzman. Illus. by the author. Houghton, \$18.00 (9780547053417).**

Meticulously created, hieroglyphic-like illustrations along with a detailed text reveal the riddle of reconstructing a regal boat commissioned by Cheops, the Pharaoh, to journey into the afterlife.

***River of Dreams: The Story of the Hudson River.* By Hudson Talbott. Illus. by the author. Putnam, \$17.99 (9780399245213).**

With illustrations that flow along with the text, this book celebrates the river that has played a key role in the settling of the New World, the outcome of the Revolutionary War, and the history of a state and a country.

***The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis.* By Barbara O'Connor. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$16.99 (9780374370558).**

Popeye grabs at a chance for adventure and friendship when a boy his age named Elvis rolls into the sleepy town of Fayette.

***The Storm in the Barn.* By Matt Phelan. Illus. by the author. Candlewick, \$24.99 (9780763636180).**

At the stark, dry height of the 1937 Kansas dust bowl, 11-year-old Jack tries to bring back the rain when he challenges a mythical figure in this stirring graphic novel.

***Tsunami!* By Kimiko Kajikawa. Illus. by Ed Young. Philomel, \$16.99 (9780399250064).**

Through deep personal sacrifice, Ojiisan, known as grandfather, saves his village from a tsunami. The tension in this Japanese folktale is heightened by the rich texture of the mixed media illustrations.

***When You Reach Me.* By Rebecca Stead. Random/Wendy Lamb, \$17.99 (9780385737425).**

Twelve-year-old Miranda must unravel a puzzle involving increasingly strange notes warning that someone she knows may die. (The 2010 Newbery Award Winner.)

***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon.* By Grace Lin. Illus. by the author. Little, Brown, \$16.99 (9780316114271).**

A young Chinese girl, long a believer in her father's fantastic stories, goes on a quest to find the legendary Old Man of the Moon in the hope of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain. (A 2010 Newbery Honor Book.)

***A Whiff of Pine, A Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems.* By Deborah Ruddell Illus. by Joan Rankin. Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry, \$16.99 (9781416942115).**

Clever rhyming verse showcases a variety of forest animals throughout the seasons.

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?! By Jonah Winter. Illus. by André Carrilho. Random/Schwartz & Wade, \$17.99 (9780375837388).

Sandy Koufax's achievements as a great left-handed pitcher come to life in dramatic and dynamic illustrations coupled with smitherings of alluring facts and figures.

Older Readers

Anything But Typical. By Nora Raleigh Baskin. Simon & Schuster, \$15.99 (9781416963783).

Jason, a 12-year-old with autism spectrum disorder, finds life in a “neurotypical” world daunting but achieves success through his creative writing online. (The 2010 Schneider Family Book Award Winner for middle grades)

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream. By Tanya Lee Stone. Candlewick, \$24.99 (9780763636111).

In the early 1960s, 13 women endured rigorous testing and training for the space program, as well as prejudice. Numerous photographs and a revealing text chronicle their difficulties and achievements. (The 2010 Sibert Award Winner.)

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice. By Phillip Hoose. Farrar, Straus, Giroux/Melanie Kroupa, \$19.95 (9780374313227).

Nine months before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus, a 15-year-old girl was arrested for defying the same Montgomery, Alabama bus laws. This is her long-neglected story.

(A 2010 Newbery Honor Book and Sibert Honor Book.)

The Giant-Slayer. By Iain Lawrence. Delacorte, \$16.95 (9780385733762).

An epic narrative spun for the residents of a polio ward in 1955 becomes personal for the young storyteller Laurie Valentine.

The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum. By Candace Fleming. Random/Schwartz & Wade, \$18.99 (9780375945977).

This sweeping biography of a famous, sometimes infamous, trickster and businessman who left no stone unturned to bring the famous Barnum & Bailey Circus to an eager 19th century audience.

Leviathan. By Scott Westerfeld. Illus. by Keith Thompson. Simon Pulse, \$19.99 (9871416971733).

A hunted young Prince Aleksander Ferdinand and a girl disguised as a boy must form an unlikely alliance to survive in this steampunk version of WWI.

The Lost Conspiracy. By Frances Hardinge. HarperCollins, \$16.99 (9780060880415).

A complex political puzzle filled with subterfuge and intrigue is at the center of this enticing fantasy set on a remote tropical island about two sisters who must grapple with an unknown evil.

Marching For Freedom: walk together, children, and don't you grow weary. By Elizabeth Partridge. Viking, \$19.99 (9780670011896).

Haunting illustrations and moving text tell the story of children leading the way on freedom marches, through voter registration drives, and even to jail during the quest for civil rights.

Moribito II: Guardian of the Darkness. By Nahoko Uehashi. Illus. by Yuko Shimizu. Trans. by Cathy Hirano. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine, \$17.99 (9780545102957)

Bodyguard-for-hire Balsa returns in this tale of redemption and political intrigue set in a fantasy world reminiscent of medieval Japan. (A 2010 Batchelder Honor Book.)

Mother Poems. By Hope Anita Smith. Illus. by the author. Holt/Christy Ottaviano Books, \$16.95 (9780805082319).

This touching collection of free verse poems explores a child's view of her mother and their life together, then expresses raw emotions after her mother's death.

***Mr. Lincoln's High-Tech War: How the North Used the Telegraph, Railroads, Surveillance Balloons, Ironclads, High-Powered Weapons, and More to Win the Civil War.* By Thomas B. Allen & Roger MacBride Allen. National Geographic, \$18.95 (9781426303791).**

Breaking new historical ground, this book explores how Lincoln came to understand, value, and use "modern" technology to assist the North and help win the Civil War.

***Return to Sender.* By Julia Alvarez . Knopf, \$16.99 (978037858383)**

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