



Cream of the Crop Fall 2011

Picture Books

Arnold, Tedd. Fly Guy vs. The Flyswatter! (070066) il. When Fly Guy joins Buzz's class trip to a flyswatter factory, it's the "best field trip ever!" 4-8 Scholastic 30 pp. \$11.59



Base, Graeme. Jewel Fish Of Karnak. (095313) il. Two scruffy thieves, Jackal and Ibis, are sent down the River Nile to bring back something precious that has been taken from the Cat Pharaoh. 5-8 Abrams 40 pp. \$20.67



Brett, Jan. Home For Christmas. (149246) il. The story of a wild troll boy who leaves home to avoid his chores and tries living with various animal families. 3-5 Putnam 32 pp. \$19.29

Carle, Eric. Artist Who Painted A Blue Horse. (186240) il. An artist who paints the world as he sees it--a red crocodile, a purple fox, and a wonderful polka-dotted donkey. 3-6 Philomel 32 pp. \$19.29



Cronin, Doreen. M.O.M* (Mom Operating Manual). (250522) il. Laura Cornell. Everything you ever wanted to know about how to raise a perfect Mom. 4-8 Atheneum 56 pp. \$18.59



Day, Alexandra. Frank And Ernest Play Ball. (264338) il. With the help of a baseball dictionary so they can learn the necessary language, an elephant and a bear manage a baseball team. 5-8 North South 38 pp. \$17.87

DePaola, Tomie. Strega Nona's Gift. (266390) il. Strega Nona and Big Anthony feast their way through the holidays in this joyous celebration of food, friendship, and family. 5-8 Paulsen 32 pp. \$18.59



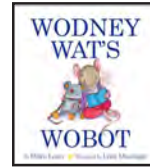
Fox, Mem. Two Little Monkeys. (348738) il. Jill Barton. Can two clever monkeys outwit a hungry creature who's on the prowl for a tasty lunch? 4-8 Beach Lane 32 pp. \$18.59

Jeffers, Susan. Hansel And Gretel. (490409) il. A classic retelling of this thrilling fairy tale. 3-5 Dutton 32 pp. \$19.29

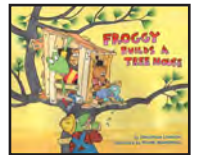
Joyce, William. Man In The Moon. (502341) il. The wildly imaginative story of the origins of the Man in the Moon. 4-8 Atheneum 50 pp. K,W+ \$19.29

Kimmel, Eric A. Flying Canoe: A Christmas Story. (518279) il. Daniel San Souci. In this classic French Canadian folktale, six homesick voyageurs paddle through the night sky in a magical canoe to reunite with their families on Christmas Eve. 4-8 Holiday House 32 pp. \$18.57

Lester, Helen. Wodney Wat's Wobot. (566145) il. Lynn Munsinger. When Wodney must face off against that big bully Camilla Capybara for a second time, a talking robot becomes his secret weapon. 4-8 Houghton 32 pp. \$18.59



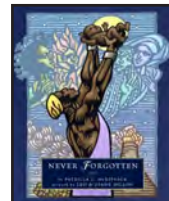
London, Jonathan. Froggy Builds A Treehouse. (584692) il. Frank Remkiewicz. Imagine all the things that can go wrong when Froggy builds a treehouse! 3-5 Viking 32 pp. \$18.59



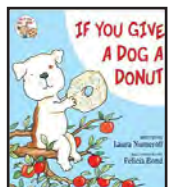
Martin, Bill. Ten Little Caterpillars. (608262) il. Lois Ehlert. Ten little caterpillars are on the move in this gorgeous new counting book. 2-6 Beach Lane 40 pp. W+ \$19.29

Mayer, Mercer. Too Many Dinosaurs. (615940) il. A boy finds a large egg that hatches into a triceratops, which gets into mischief. 4-8 Holiday House 40 pp. \$18.57

McKissack, Pat. Never Forgotten. (628127) il. Leo Dillon. Set in West Africa, a lyrical story-inverse about a young black boy who is kidnapped and sold into slavery. 4-8 Schwartz & Wade 48 pp. \$19.99



Numeroff, Laura Joffe. If You Give A Dog A Donut. (684071) il. Felicia Bond. If you give a dog a donut, he'll ask for some apple juice to go with it. Then, before you can say "Woof," Dog is off on a backyard adventure! 3-7 Balzer & Bray 32 pp. \$18.59



O'Connor, Jane. Fancy Nancy: Hair Dos And Hair Don'ts. (685673) il. Robin Preiss-Glasser. A heartwarming story about Nancy's school picture day! 4-8 Harper 32 pp. **\$10.75**



Polacco, Patricia. Bun Bun Button. (723307) il. A favorite stuffed bunny who accidentally takes a ride through the night sky tied to a helium balloon. 3-5 Putnam 40 pp. **\$19.29**

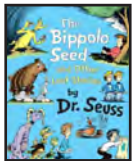
Reynolds, Peter. I'm Here. (748688) il. Gives voice to the often silent world of a kid struggling to connect with his peers--and speaks to the universal need to be loved and heard. 4-8 Atheneum 32 pp. W **\$17.89**

Schachner, Judith Byron. Skippyjon Jones Class Action. (781631) il. Too young for real school, Skippyjon heads off to the schoolhouse of his imagination. 3-5 Dutton 32 pp. K,W **\$18.59**



Scieszka, Jon. Kat's Maps. (792314) il. David Shannon. Kat loves to make maps for everything. When she gives Jack a map it leads to a surprise! 4-6 Simon 24 pp. **\$10.75**

Sendak, Maurice. Bumble-Ardy. (799509) il. The story of a pig who has his first-ever birthday party when he turns nine. 4-8 Harper 40 pp. K,W **\$19.27**



Seuss, Dr. Bippolo Seed And Other Lost Stories. (801850) il. Originally published in magazines between 1948 and 1959, seven rarely seen stories by Dr. Seuss. 6-9 Random 72 pp. **\$17.20**

Sierra, Judy. ZooZical. (817171) il. Marc Tolon Brown. A song-and-dance extravaganza performed by zoo animals. Sequel to *Wild About Books*. 4-8 Knopf 40 pp. K,W+ **\$19.29**



Tafari, Nancy. All Kinds Of Kisses. (870835) il. Shows how different creatures, from peeping ducks to mooing cows, show their love and affection in very similar ways. 3-6 Little 32 pp. **\$18.59**

Willems, Mo. Happy Pig Day! (949569) il. Piggie celebrates her favorite day of the year! But will Gerald the Elephant be included in the festivities? 4-8 Hyperion 64 pp. **\$12.99**



Anderson, M.T. Zombie Mommy. (061254) il. Kurt Cyrus. Home from their latest Delaware crime-stopping adventures, Lily and her friends face killer tarantulas and teenaged vampires when they try to rescue Lily's mother. 10-14 Beach Lane 240 pp. **\$18.59**

Barrows, Annie. Ivy And Bean No News Is Good News. (093856) il. Sophie Blackall. Ivy and Bean need some money. Hey, maybe they should write a newspaper about Pancake Court and sell it. 6-10 Chronicle 128 pp. **\$17.19**



Bosch, Pseudonymous. You Have To Stop This. (136178) il. Gilbert Ford. A class trip to the local natural history museum turns dangerous. 8-12 Little 384 pp. **\$18.59**

Clements, Andrew. Troublemaker. (221612) il. Mark Elliott. When his big brother gets in some serious trouble, Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways...but he can't seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker. 8-12 Atheneum 140 pp. B,C,K,M,W **\$18.59**

Cottrell Boyce, Frank. Unforgotten Coat. (140902) il. Carl Hunter. An evocative immigration tale about two brothers trying to survive. Two Mongolian brothers must navigate through soccer, school uniforms, and British slang. 8-12 Candlewick 112 pp. **\$17.89**



Deedy, Carmen Agra. Cheshire Cheese Cat. (268189) il. Barry Moser. A community of mice and a cheese-loving cat form an unlikely alliance at London's Cheshire Cheese, an inn frequented by Charles Dickens. 8-12 Peachtree 256 pp. K+ **\$18.57**

Erickson, John R. Hank The Cowdog: The Case Of The Mysterious Voice. (314212) il. Gerald L. Holmes. When an odd twist of events brings a parrot to the ranch, Hank and his trusty sidekick Drover find themselves in another adventure. 8-12 Viking 144 pp. **\$11.63**



Giff, Patricia Reilly. R My Name Is Rachel. (378360) In a warmhearted story of a family during the Great Depression, city girl Rachel faces up to big challenges. 9-12 Wendy Lamb 160 pp. **\$17.89**



Green, Tim. Deep Zone. (395890) Two football champs meet for the first time and realize they have more in common than just their favorite game. 8-12 Harper 272 pp. K **\$17.89**

Holm, Jennifer L. Babymouse: A Very Babymouse Christmas. (460028) il. 'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, except for...Babymouse. In graphic novel format. 7-10 Random 96 pp. **\$11.90**



Chapter Books & Elementary Novels



Alvarez, Julia. How Tia Lola Ended Up Starting Over. (055156) Tia Lola is opening the doors of a B & B. But someone is out to sabotage her! 8-12 Knopf 160 pp. **\$17.89**

Holm, Jennifer L. Brave New Pond. (460033) il. It's a brand new school year for everyone's favorite Amoeba! In graphic novel format. 7-10 Random 96 pp. **\$11.90**



Jenkins, Emily. Toys Come Home. (490945) il. Paul O. Zelinsky. Discover how Lumphy, StingRay, and Plastic came to live with the Girl. Prequel to *Toys Go Out!* 6-10 Schwartz & Wade 144 pp. **\$18.59**

Joyce, William. Nicholas St. North And The Battle Of The Nightmare King. (502346) il. The origin of St. Nick and the Guardians of Childhood's quest to rid the world of nightmares. 7-11 Atheneum 160 pp. **\$17.19**

Kline, Suzy. Horrible Harry And The June Box. (524476) il. Amy Wummer. One of the kids in Room 3B is breaking the rules--and this time, it's not Horrible Harry! 6-8 Viking 80 pp. **\$17.19**

Napoli, Donna Jo. Lights On The Nile. (667344) Kepi is a young girl in ancient Egypt, kidnapped and held captive on a boat bound for the capital city. 8-12 Harper 288 pp. **\$18.59**



Osborne, Mary Pope. Dogs In The Dead Of Night. (693360) il. Sal Murdocca. Jack and Annie are off to the Swiss Alps, complete with adorable St. Bernard puppies and dangerous avalanches! 7-12 Random 128 pp. **\$15.79**

Peck, Richard. Secrets At Sea. (707359) il. Kelly Murphy. It's 1887 in New York when the nouveau riche Cranstons take a cruise ship to England, the mouse Cranstons stow away in their luggage. 8-12 Dial 272 pp. K+ **\$18.59**

Pennypacker, Sara. Clementine And The Family Meeting. (709211) il. Marla Frazee. Clementine learns that there's going to be a new addition to the family. Hint: it's not going to be a gorilla. 7-10 Disney 160 pp. **\$17.19**

Rylant, Cynthia. Mr. Putter & Tabby Ring The Bell. (773962) il. Arthur Howard. Mr. Putter has an idea: What if Mr. Putter and Tabby and Mrs. Teaberry and Zeke went back to school--for show and tell? 6-9 Harcourt 44 pp. K **\$17.19**



Salisbury, Graham. Calvin Coconut: Kung Fooey. (774771) il. Jacqueline Rogers. Calvin's smarts and courage help him learn something new about standing up for friends, and facing a bully. 7-10 Wendy Lamb 144 pp. **\$15.79**

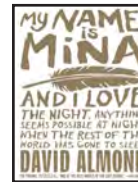
Scieszka, Jon. Spaceheadz Book #3. (792358) il. Shane Prigmore. Michael K. and the gang only have 1,000 SPHDZ left to sign up. But something is about to go horribly wrong that will change everything forever. 7-10 Simon 240 pp. K **\$17.89**

Selznick, Brian. Wonderstruck. (799412) il. Two distinct narratives--one text and one visual-- tell the stories of a boy and a girl who find their way to adventures in New York City. 9-12 Scholastic 656 pp. **\$27.69**

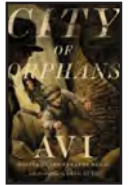


Young Adult Novels

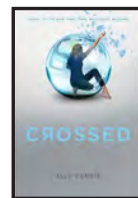
Almond, David. My Name Is Mina. (054444) Mina starts keeping a journal and makes discoveries both trivial and profound about herself and her world. Prequel to *Skellig*. 10-14 Delacorte 272 pp. **\$17.89**



Avi. City Of Orphans. (077418) il. Greg Ruth. On the streets of 1893 New York newsboy thirteen-year-old Maks Geless must turn detective to free his sister Emma from The Tombs. 10-14 Atheneum 350 pp. **\$18.59**



Condie, Allyson Braithwaite. Crossed. (234692) The sequel of *Matched* rejoins Cassia as she makes her way through the mysterious and deadly Outer Provinces in search of Ky. 14-18 Dutton 384 pp. **\$19.29**



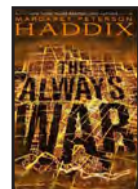
Dashner, James. Death Cure. (258900) Will anyone survive the death cure? The final book in the *Maze Runner* trilogy. 12-16 Delacorte 256 pp. **\$19.29**

Flanagan, John. Outcasts. (340128) il. Cliff Nielsen. First in a series of adventures set in the world and time-period of Ranger's Apprentice, but with a whole new cast of characters. 10-14 Philomel 400 pp. **\$19.99**

Gantos, Jack. Dead End In Norvelt. (366128) This blend of fiction, fact, and autobiography brings to life his dying western-Pennsylvania hometown. 10-14 Farrar 352 pp. K **\$17.89**



Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Always War. (409450) For as long as Tessa can remember, her country has been at war. But what if everything she believed to be true is a lie? 12-16 Simon 197 pp. **\$18.59**



Lane, Andrew. Rebel Fire: Sherlock Holmes: The Legend Begins. (541051) Teenage Sherlock's second case leads him to America, straight into the heart of a shocking post-war Confederate conspiracy. 12-16 Farrar 352 pp. \$18.59

Lupica, Mike. Underdogs. (590853) A washed-up former can't-miss pro basketball prospect befriends a young African American being groomed as the next LeBron James. 10-14 Philomel 256 pp. \$19.29



Myers, Walter Dean. Cruisers: Checkmate. (665825) When their friend Sidney is arrested for trying to buy drugs, it comes as a shock to those who know him, especially the Cruisers. 9-13 Scholastic 133 pp. \$18.59

Neri, Greg. Ghetto Cowboy. (670801) il. Jesse Joshua Watson. A street-smart tale about a displaced teen who learns to defend what's right--the Cowboy Way. 10-14 Candlewick 224 pp. \$17.89



Oppel, Kenneth. This Dark Endeavor: The Apprenticeship Of Victor Frankenstein. (690655) This prequel to Shelley's classic is an incredible tale of bravery, adventure, and a love triangle so strong it becomes deadly obsession. 12-16 Simon 304 pp. B,M+,W+ \$19.29



Paolini, Christopher. Inheritance. (698597) The final book in the fantasy tale of Eragon, a poor farm boy, and his dragon, Saphira. The fate of an entire civilization rests on their shoulders. 12-16 Knopf 704 pp. \$26.29



Paulsen, Gary. Paintings From The Cave. (704732) Three novellas connected by finding salvation and healing through art, books, and dogs. 10-13 Wendy Lamb 160 pp. \$17.89



Reichs, Kathy. Seizure. (744972) Tory Brennan found her life forever changed when she and her friends were exposed to a new strain of canine parvovirus--turning them into a crime-solving pack. 12-16 Razorbill 464 pp. \$19.29

Riordan, Rick. Son Of Neptune. (754970) Who are the four demigods mentioned in prophecy? Will they show up at Camp Half-Blood, or elsewhere? 10-13 Disney 384 pp. \$20.69

Sleator, William. Phantom Limb. (823846) A thriller in which one teen must go to unexpected lengths in order to save his mother's life. 14-18 Amulet 240 pp. \$18.57

Soto, Gary. Hey, 13! (836166) Being thirteen is happy, sad, humiliating, surprising, wonderful, awful, exciting, and boring. A collection of stories about being thirteen years old. 10-14 Holiday House 256 pp. \$18.57

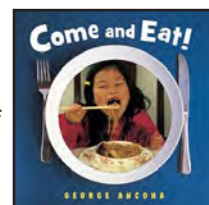


Westerfeld, Scott. Goliath. (936526) il. Keith Thompson. Alek and Deryn encounter obstacles on the last leg of their round-the-world quest to end World War I, reclaim Alek's throne as prince of Austria, and finally fall in love. 12-16 Simon 432 pp. K \$20.69

Nonfiction For Younger Readers

Adler, David A. Mystery Math: A First Book Of Algebra. (043096) il. Edward Miller. In a creepy haunted house, readers learn to find the unknown number of skeletons, ravens, and bats by using simple addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to solve equations. 6-10 Holiday House 32 pp. \$18.57

Ancona, George. Come And Eat! (057917) il. Simple text and fun photographs introduce readers to a feast of food traditions from around the world. 5-8 Charlesbridge 42 pp. B,K,W \$11.93



Bernier-Grand, Carmen T. Alicia Alonso: Prima Ballerina. (115090) il. Raul Colon. A picture-book biography in free verse of one of the 20th century's greatest ballerinas and choreographers. 10-14 Cavendish 64 pp. \$20.69

Brown, Don. America Is Under Attack: September 11, 2001. (158224) il. Narrates the events of the day of the terrorist attacks in a way that is both accessible and understandable for young readers. 6-10 Flash Point 64 pp. \$18.59

Cleary, Brian P. Fraction's Goal--Parts Of A Whole. (220564) il. Brian Gable. Funny examples (pizzas, planes, cranes, and plants) explain what a fraction is. 5-8 Millbrook 31 pp. \$18.57

Gibbons, Gail. It's Snowing! (376214) il. Information about different types of snowstorms, regions where snow falls most, and how to prepare when a snowstorm is approaching. 4-8 Holiday House 32 pp. \$19.27

Jenkins, Steve. Just A Second. (490944) il. Explores time and how we think about it in a different way--as a series of events in the natural world that take place in a given unit of time. 4-8 Houghton 40 pp. \$18.59

Jurmain, Suzanne. Worst Of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, And The True Story Of An American Feud. (504766) il. Larry Day. A fun look at the fickle friendship of two of America's most famous founding fathers. 6-8 Dutton 32 pp. \$18.59



Krull, Kathleen. Jim Henson: The Guy Who Played With Puppets. (533291) il. Steve Johnson. The life of the man behind Sesame Street And The Muppet Show. 5-7 Random 40 pp. \$18.59

Murphy, Claire Rudolf. Marching With Aunt Susan. (665108) il. Stacey Schuett. Bessie learns about women's rights when she attends a suffrage rally led by Susan B. Anthony. 6-10 Peachtree 36 pp. \$18.57



Rockwell, Anne F. Apples And Pumpkins. (761274) il. Lizzy Rockwell. A little girl spends a glorious Fall day picking apples and searching for the perfect pumpkin. 3-6 Aladdin 24 pp. L \$17.19

Sidman, Joyce. Swirl By Swirl: Spirals In Nature. (817038) il. Beth Krommes. Reveals the many spirals in nature, from elephant tusks to spiraling galaxies, and celebrates the beauty and usefulness of this fascinating shape. 4-8 Houghton 40 pp. \$18.59

Sill, Cathryn P. About Hummingbirds. (817243) il. John Sill. Simple, easy-to-understand language teaches children what hummingbirds are, how they look, how they move, what they eat, and where they live. 3-7 Peachtree 46 pp. \$18.57



Silverstein, Shel. Every Thing On It. (819125) il. Over one hundred never-before-seen poems and illustrations by this beloved American artist. 8-12 Harper 208 pp. \$20.69



Simon, Seymour. Butterflies. (820323) il. Introduces young readers to the world of butterflies and moths. 5-9 Harper 32 pp. \$19.29

Nonfiction For Older Readers

Aronson, Marc. Trapped. (071113) il. The fascinating story of the trapped Chilean miners and their incredible rescue! 8-12 Atheneum 144 pp. W+ \$18.59

Borden, Louise. His Name Was Raoul Wallenberg. (134779) il. An amazing and inspirational World War II story about a Swedish humanitarian who worked in Budapest, Hungary, to rescue Jews from the Holocaust. 12-16 Houghton 144 pp. \$19.99

Krull, Kathleen. Big Wig. (533248) il. Peter Malone. Hair from the dawn of history to contemporary times, using incredible bits and bobs of hair fact and lore to show us just how much things have changed (and how they haven't!). 8-12 Scholastic 48 pp. W+ \$19.99



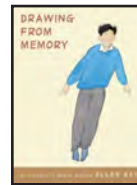
Lourie, Peter. Polar Bear Scientists. (588199) il. Follow scientists as they scan the vast Alaskan wilderness for these amazing creatures. 9-12 Houghton 80 pp. \$19.99

Marrin, Albert. Little Monsters: The Creatures That Live On Us And In Us. (604620) il. The fascinating and occasionally icky story behind the world's most interesting and dangerous parasites. 10-14 Dutton 160 pp. \$19.99

Nelson, Kadir. Heart And Soul. (670323) il. The compelling and inspiring story of our country through the lens of the African-American experience. 9-12 Balzer & Bray 104 pp. W+ \$20.69



Say, Allen. Drawing From Memory. (781223) il. A graphic novel chronicling Say's journey as an artist during WWI, when he apprenticed under Noro Shinpei, Japan's premier cartoonist. 10-14 Scholastic 64 pp. W \$19.29



Walker, Sally M. Blizzard Of Glass. (915751) A fascinating history of the largest man-made explosion prior to the atomic bomb, in 1917, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. 10-14 Holt 160 pp. \$19.99



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- B** Booklist
- C** Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
- K** Kirkus Reviews
- L** School Library Journal
- M** Horn Book
- Q** Horn Book Guide
- W** Publishers Weekly
- +** Starred review
- AR** Accelerated Reader® test available
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