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Explorers



Fiction For Younger Readers

Barnett, Mac. Sam & Dave Dig A Hole. (091652) Klassen, Jon il. Sam and Dave are determined to find something spectacular by digging a hole until they encounter it. (04-08) Candlewick 2014 **B,K+,L,Q+,M+,C,W+** (AR) \$19.51


Dadey, Debbie. Treasure In Trident City. (254247) Avakyan, Tatevik il. While preparing for a unit on storytelling, the mermaids of Trident Academy learn of a legendary pirate treasure in their own city and Pearl decides to find it, despite a warning that it is guarded by a ghost. (06-09) Aladdin 2014 **Q** (AR) \$18.81

Esbaum, Jill. I Am Cow, Hear Me Moo! (314832) Gordon, Gus il. While showing her timid gal pals the wonders of the woods, brave Nadine the cow discovers that she is not entirely fearless. (04-08) Dial 2014 **B,K,L,Q,C+,W** (AR) \$19.51 

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Hunter Moran Digs Deep. (378333) Twin siblings Hunter and Zack, along with neighborhood pest Sarah Yulefsky, dig for treasure--the hidden hoard of town founder Lester Dinwitty. (08-12) Holiday House 2014 **B,K,L,Q** (AR/RC) \$19.49

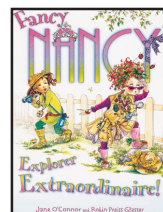
Kirk, Daniel. Library Mouse: A World To Explore. (520531) il. When Sarah, an explorer mouse, meets Sam she gives him the courage to finally climb to the highest library shelves--and beyond--and he shows her how to explore the world through reading. (06-09) Abrams 2010 **L,Q,W** (AR/RC) \$19.49  

Lester, Alison. Sophie Scott Goes South. (566098) il. Nine-year-old Sophie Scott embarks on a mission to Antarctica aboard an icebreaker and documents her adventure in a diary of its natural wonders. (06-09) Houghton 2012 **B+,K,L,Q,M,W** (AR/RC) \$20.21

Milway, Alex. Pigsticks And Harold And The Incredible Journey. (648593) il. The world's most optimistic pig and his nervous hamster sidekick set out on an exploration to find the Ends of the Earth. (05-08) Candlewick 2014 **K,L,Q+,M,C,W** (AR) \$16.71 

Moore, Inga. Captain Cat. (655302) il. A trader who loves cats discovers an island plagued by rats. (05-08) Candlewick 2013 **B,K,L,Q,C,W+** (AR/RC) \$18.81

O'Connor, Jane. Fancy Nancy: Explorer Extraordinaire! (685650)



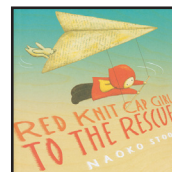
Preiss-Glasser, Robin il. Nancy and her friend Bree explore the fascinating world of birds and insects in their exclusive and glamorous Explorers Extraordinaire Club. (04-07) Harper 2009 **L,Q** (AR/RC) \$16.71




Stilton, Geronimo. Enchanted Charms: The Seventh Adventure In The Kingdom Of Fantasy. (854712) Barozzi, Danilo il. Blossom, Queen of the Fairies, needs to find the seven enchanted charms before the Wizard of the Black Pearl can get to them. (07-10) Scholastic 2015 **K** (AR) \$18.11

Stilton, Thea. Secret Of The Snow. (855178) Faccioto, Giuseppe il. The Thea Sisters are called to help an enchanted land linked to the legends of Japan, and it is in danger. It's special lotus flowers are disappearing and no one knows why. They set off on a quest to solve the mystery and must discover the secret of the flowers. (07-10) Scholastic 2014 **Q** (AR/RC) \$18.11

Stoop, Naoko. Red Knit Cap Girl To The Rescue. (858246) il. Red Knit Cap Girl and White Bunny, with help from Mr. Owl and the Moon, take to the high seas as they set off on a journey to help the lost Polar Bear Cub find his way back



to his family and his arctic home. (03-06) Little 2013 **B,K,L,Q,C** (AR) \$19.52

Yolen, Jane. Encounter. (973265) David Shannon, il. A Taino Indian boy on the island of San Salvador recounts the landing of Columbus and his men in 1492. (06-12) Harcourt 1996 **B,K,L,CA** (AR/RC) \$12.72 

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Fiction For Older Readers

Abbott, Tony. *Serpent's Curse*. (040182)

Perkins, Bill, il. The Kaplan kids trek across the cold of Siberia, along the winding canals of Venice, and through Moscow's Red Square in search of their beloved family member and the sought-after relic called the Serpent. (08-12) Harper 2014 **B,K+,L,Q** (AR/RC) **\$19.51**

Bodeen, S. A. (Stephanie A.) *Shipwreck Island*. (129606)

A newly-blended family on a sailing vacation gets shipwrecked and stranded on a deserted island. But there's something sinister and otherworldly there. (08-11) Feiwel and Friends 2014 **B,K,L,Q,CA,W** (AR) **\$19.51**

Carlson, Caroline. *Magic Marks The Spot*. (187666)

Phillips, Dave il. When Hilary Westfield escapes Miss Pimm's finishing school to join a misfit pirate crew, she embarks on an unexpectedly magical swashbuckling, plank-walking, seafaring journey. (08-12) Harper 2013 **K,L,Q,CA,W+** (AR/RC) **\$19.51**

Explorer: *The Hidden Doors*. (517070)

il. The latest volume in the Explorer graphic anthology series takes us through hidden doors to explore mysterious worlds. (09-18) Amulet 2014 **K+,L,Q+,M** (AR) **\$15.29**

Explorer: *The Lost Islands*. (318835)

il. A graphic novel collection of stories by various artists centered around mysterious lost islands. (09-13) Amulet 2013 **B,K+,L,Q+,M,CA,W+** (AR/RC) **\$15.29**

Falls, Kat. *Dark Life*. (321087)

When fifteen-year-old Ty, who has always lived on the ocean floor, joins Topside girl Gemma in the frontier's underworld to seek and stop outlaws who threaten his home, they learn that the government may pose an even greater threat. (09-12) Scholastic 2010 **B,K,L,Q,CA,W** (AR/RC) **\$19.51**

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Torn*. (409465)

Time travelers Jonah and Katherine arrive in 1611 to rescue missing child John Hudson, son of the explorer Henry Hudson. (08-12) Simon 2011 **B,K,Q** (AR/RC) **\$19.51**

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. *Secret Of The Mountain Dog*. (518293)

Just when she needs it most, a little excitement comes to Jax's mountain in the form of a Tibetan mastiff dog. The dog leads her to a mountaintop monastery where a visiting Tibetan boy takes her on a search for a long-lost statue--a search that turns dangerous unexpectedly. (08-12) Scholastic 2014 **B,K,L,Q** (AR/RC) **\$19.51**

Kirby, Matthew J. *Lost Kingdom*. (520514)

On the eve of the French and Indian War, Billy Bartram and his naturalist father travel into the American wilderness in an airship--pursued by a party of French soldiers and haunted by a terrifying bear-wolf--on a quest to find the lost kingdom of the Welsh prince Madoc. (08-12) Scholastic 2013 **B,K,L,Q,CA** (AR/RC) **\$20.21**



McIsaac, Meaghan. *Boys Of Fire And Ash*. (627456)

Urgle and two other Brothers of the Ikkuma Pit, where boys are abandoned at birth and learn to fend for themselves and rear their younger brothers, embark on a quest to rescue Urgle's brother, Cubby, who has been carried off by monsters into the forest from which no one has ever returned. (10-14) Delacorte 2015 **B,K,L,C** **\$19.51**

Mikaelson, Ben. *Jungle Of Bones*. (642554)

(08-12) When sullen teenager Dylan Barstow is caught joyriding in a stolen car he is sent to his ex-Marine uncle for the summer, but soon they are on the way to Papua New Guinea in search of a World War II fighter plane and Dylan discovers that defiance is not a survival skill when you are lost in a jungle. Scholastic 2014 **B,K,L,Q,CA** (AR/RC) **\$19.51**

Patterson, James. *Treasure Hunters*. (703996)

Neufeld, Juliana, il. Following clues left by their missing father, twelve-year-old twins Bickford and Rebecca Kidd sail from the Caribbean to New York City with their siblings to finish the dangerous quest of their world-famous treasure-hunting parents. (08-12) Little 2013 **B,K,W** (AR/RC) **\$18.11**

Patterson, James. *Treasure Hunters: Danger Down The Nile*. (703995)

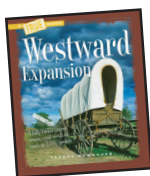
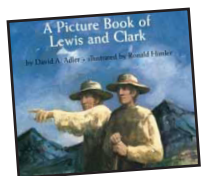
Neufeld, Juliana, il. Twelve-year-old twins Bickford and Rebecca Kidd and their two older siblings travel to Africa to track down priceless artifacts that will keep the family's treasure hunting business afloat long enough to rescue their kidnapped mother--and possibly find their missing father. (08-12) Little 2014 **Q** (AR/RC) **\$18.11**

Ryan, Carrie. *Map To Everywhere*. (773743)

Harris, Todd il. Twelve-year-old Fin, a master thief from the pirate world of Khaznot Quay, and Marrill, also twelve, of Arizona, cross paths in the magical world of the Pirate Stream while on a quest for a mysterious map. (08-12) Little 2014 **B+,K+,L,Q,C,W+** (AR) **\$19.52**

Taylor, Sarah Stewart. *Expeditioners And The Secret Of King Triton's Lair*. (840212)

Roy, Katherine, il. Kit, Zander, and M. K. West are settling into their new lives as students



at the Academy for the Exploratory Sciences when Kit finds another mysterious map left for him by their father, the brilliant, famous--and presumed dead-- explorer Alexander West. (10-14) McSweeney's McMullens 2014 Q \$23.02

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Nonfiction For Younger Readers

Adler, David A. Picture Book Of Daniel Boone. (043111) Collins, Matt il. An adventurer who blazed trails westward and died in 1820 became part of American lore. (06-09) Holiday House 2013 K,Q (AR/RC) \$20.19 CCSS TX

Adler, David A. Picture Book Of Lewis And Clark. (043655) An introduction to the lives of Lewis and Clark and to the expedition they led from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean. (05-09) Holiday House 2003 B,K,L,Q,CA (AR/RC) \$13.92 CCSS TX

Berne, Emma Carlson. Did Christopher Columbus Really Discover America?: And Other Questions About... The New World. (114816) il. Questions and answers about Columbus's famous voyages and America's pre-Columbian history. (07-11) Sterling 2014 B \$12.90 CCSS

Cooke, Tim. Explore With Marco Polo. (236497) il. Follow the travels of Italian merchant and adventurer Marco Polo who traveled across Asia. (08-11) Crabtree 2015 B (AR) \$14.90 CCSS

Cummins, Julie. Women Explorers: Perils, Pistols, And Petticoats. (252414) Harness, Cheryl il. Introduces inspiring women whose passions for exploration made them push the boundaries. (09-11) Dial 2012 B,K,L,Q (AR/RC) \$20.91 TX

Domnauer, Teresa. Westward Expansion. (285667) il. Discover frontier America with pioneers and explorers who opened the American West. (08-10) Children's 2010 L (AR/RC) \$27.92 CCSS TX

Fern, Tracey E. Dare The Wind. (332819) McCully, Emily Arnold il. A thrilling real-life adventure of a record-breaking woman sailor. (07-09) Farrar 2014 B,K+,L,Q+,M,C,W+ (AR/RC) \$20.21 CCSS

Fritz, Jean. Where Do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus? (359640) Discusses the voyages of Christopher Columbus. (07-12) Putnam 2009 B,K,L+ (AR/RC) \$13.28 CCSS TX

Hyde, Natalie. Explore With Leif Eriksson. (476502) il. Follow the travels of Viking

explorer Leif Eriksson from Iceland to Greenland and on to North America. (08-11) Crabtree 2015 B (AR) \$14.90 CCSS

Krull, Kathleen. Sacajawea. (533301) Collins, Matt il. Sacajawea was only sixteen when she made one of the most remarkable journeys in American history, traveling 4,500 miles on the Lewis and Clark expedition. (07-10) Bloomsbury 2015 K,L,CA \$13.21 CCSS

Mara, Wil. Amelia Earhart. (602729) il. A biography of Amelia Earhart, including how she became a pioneer of the skies and her mysterious disappearance. (07-09) Children's 2014 B (AR/RC) \$12.60 CCSS

Nelson, Maria. Life Of Sacajawea. (670318) il. Explores the story of the extraordinary woman who helped Lewis and Clark explore the American West. (06-08) Gareth Stevens 2012 B,L (AR) \$14.00 CCSS TX

Nivola, Claire A. Life In The Ocean: The Story Of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle. (677312) il. The inspiring story of a world-renowned oceanographer and environmentalist. (05-08) Farrar 2012 B+,K+,L+,Q+,M,W+ (AR/RC) \$20.21 CCSS TX

Powell, Marie. Explore With Jacques Cartier. (729792) il. Follow the travels of French explorer Jacques Cartier who claimed the territory called Canada in the New World for France. (08-11) Crabtree 2015 B (AR) \$14.90 CCSS

Winters, Kay. Voices From The Oregon Trail. (956977) Day, Larry il. An account of several families and individuals making the long and often dangerous trek across the United States from Missouri to the West Coast in the 1800s. (07-09) Dial 2014 B,K-,L,Q (AR) \$20.21 CCSS

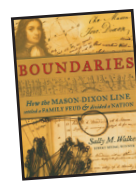
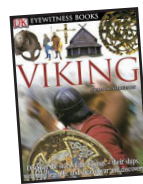
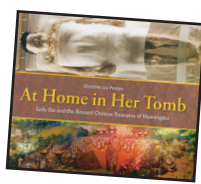
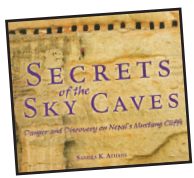
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Nonfiction For Older Readers

Armstrong, Jennifer. Shipwreck At The Bottom Of The World: The Extraordinary True Story Of Shackleton And The Endurance. (069465) Describes the events of the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition. (10-13) Crown 2000 B,K+,L+,M+,C,W+ (AR/RC) \$16.69 CCSS

Asselin, Kristine Carlson. Who Really Discovered America? (074578) il. Follows the stories of three groups of people as they make their way to a new land we now call America. (08-12) Capstone 2011 L (AR/RC) \$20.53 CCSS TX





Athans, Sandra K. Secrets Of The Sky Caves: Danger And Discovery On Nepal's Mustang Cliffs. (074860) il. Discover the mysterious caves of Mustang, a remote region in Nepal. (09-13) Millbrook 2014 **K,L+,Q,CA** (AR/RC) **\$25.09**

Callery, Sean. Titanic. (830718) il. Discover everything you wanted to know about the sinking of the Titanic. (09-13) Scholastic 2014 **B,Q** (AR/RC) **\$18.81**

Hale, Nathan. Donner Dinner Party. (412014) il. A graphic novel look at the Donner Party expedition, a fascinating snapshot of the westward expansion of the US. (08-12) Amulet 2013 **B,Q** (AR/RC) **\$16.69**

Halls, Kelly Milner. Ghostly Evidence: Exploring The Paranormal. (415103) il. Do you believe in ghosts? Explore what ghosts are, where they're found, and meet some famous ghost busters. Check out the high-tech equipment modern ghost hunters use, and see their most convincing evidence that ghosts are real. (10-14) Millbrook 2014 **B,K,L,Q** (AR) **\$22.29**

Jeffrey, Gary. Explorations Of Lewis And Clark. (490482) Riley, Terry il. Lewis and Clark explore the American West. Graphic novel. (08-12) Gareth Stevens 2012 **L** (AR) **\$13.40**

Krull, Kathleen. Lives Of The Explorers: Discoveries, Disasters (And What The Neighbors Thought) (533294) Hewitt, Kathryn il. With juicy tidbits about everything from favorite foods to first loves, fascinating adventurers are revealed as both world-changers and real people. Takes readers through the centuries and across the globe, profiling the men and women whose curiosity and courage have led them to discover our world. (09-12) Harcourt 2014 **B,K,L,Q,C** (AR/RC) **\$22.31**

Liu-Perkins, Christine. At Home In Her Tomb: Lady Dai And The Ancient Chinese Treasures Of Mawangdui. (580361) Brannen, Sarah S. il. When archaeologists excavated the tombs of Lady Dai and her family from the Han dynasty, they unearthed a treasure chest and a time capsule that gave clues to daily life in ancient China. (09-12) Charlesbridge 2014 **B+,K+,L,Q+,M,C** (AR/RC) **\$21.59**

Mara, Wil. Deep-Sea Exploration: Science, Technology, Engineering. (602834) il. Learn about the history of deep sea exploration and find out what it takes to make it in this exciting career field. (10-13) Children's 2015 **B,L** (AR) **\$13.95**

Margeson, Susan M. Viking. (602963) Examines the story of the Vikings, their ships and weapons, heroes and myths, and great adventures in war and exploration. (10-14) DK Publishing 2010 **\$19.51**

Seiple, Samantha. Byrd & Igloo: A Polar Adventure. (796285) il. The story of some explorations of Richard Byrd from the perspective of his lovable dog explorer, Igloo. (08-12) Scholastic 2013 **B,K-,L,Q,W** (AR/RC) **\$18.81**

Walker, Sally M. Boundaries: How The Mason-Dixon Line Settled A Family Feud And Divided A Nation. (915768) il. Traces the tale of the Mason-Dixon Line through family feuds, brave exploration, scientific excellence, and the struggle to define a cohesive country. (12-16) Candlewick 2014 **B,K+,L,Q,M,C,W** (AR/RC) **\$25.11**

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C	Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
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