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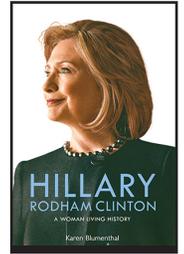
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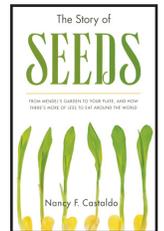


## Hot Titles - Spring 2016 - Older Nonfiction

**Blumenthal, Karen. *Hillary Rodham Clinton: A Woman Living History*. (128838)** Feiwel and Friends. Ages 12-16. There will surely be lots of interest in this Presidential candidate, especially if she wins. Here is a detailed, if somewhat lopsided look at Clinton's life. If you are a fan, you will love the behind the scenes look at her life as lawyer, governor's wife, First Lady, Senator, and Secretary of State. If you are not such a fan you will notice the things that are barely mentioned or not mentioned at all, such as her private email server, questionable practices of the Clinton Foundation, the missing \$6 billion from the State Department budget, and much more. I expected a more balanced look from Blumenthal, who is an excellent writer and researcher – she proved that in *Bootleg* in 2011 and *Steve Jobs* in 2012 – but I guess you're never going to make everybody happy with a book on a candidate in an election year. [Good reviews by Kirkus, SLJ, Booklist and Horn Book.](#) [433 pp.] **\$20.91**



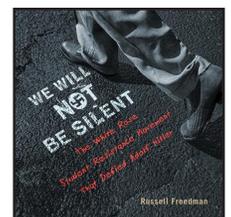
**Castaldo, Nancy F. *Story Of Seeds: From Mendel's Garden To Your Plate, And How There's More Of Less To Eat Around The World*. (198684)** Houghton. Ages 12-16. A sweeping look at all the issues affecting seeds, modern agriculture and our food. The main focus is on the shrinking number of varieties of crops being raised – the reasons why, the problems it causes, and what is being done about it. A number of scientists and activists are highlighted throughout the book, making it more personal. Although filled with facts, this is not a long book and it has a healthy sprinkling of colorful photos and illustrations. Castaldo's first nonfiction for this age group, *Sniffer Dogs* in 2014, also was well-received. [Good reviews by Kirkus and Booklist+.](#) [136 pp.] **\$20.21**



**Conkling, Winifred. *Radioactive!: How Irene Curie & Lise Meitner Revolutionized Science And Changed The World*. (235484)** Algonquin. Ages 12-16. The daughter of Marie and Pierre Curie, Irene, was also a brilliant physicist. Her work with her husband Frederic Joliot on radioactivity earned them a Nobel Prize. Another physicist Lise Meitner used their research to make discoveries that led to the idea of nuclear fission, and thus to the atomic bomb. Conkling follows the lives of Irene and Lise, the dramatic story of their findings, along with the two women's struggles to be taken seriously in the scientific world dominated by men. The book starts out somewhat dry and academic, unless you're fascinated with physics, but becomes more interesting as World War II begins and the theories

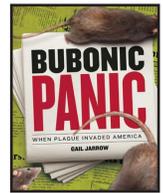
get closer to producing a war-ending bomb. Conkling's first nonfiction children's book was *Passenger On The Pearl* in 2015, about a failed escape from slavery. [Good reviews by Kirkus, SLJ, Booklist+ and Horn Book.](#) [227 pp.] **\$20.19**

**Freedman, Russell. *We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance*. (353000)** Clarion. Ages 10-14. With his usual exhaustive research and carefully written prose, Freedman tells the story of the White Rose resistance group in Nazi Germany during World War II. He makes it more personal by focusing on the story of Austrian brother and sister, Hans and Sophie Sholl, who start out in Hitler Youth but join the underground movement. There is much drama as the group plays cat and mouse with the Nazi regime and there is the final tragedy of the two teenagers being executed. I can't believe this is the first time Freedman, who seems to have written children's nonfiction on every subject imaginable, has written directly about World War II. He covered World War I in his *The War To End All Wars* in 2010, and he has a book Vietnam coming in Fall 2016. [Good reviews by Kirkus+, Booklist+ and Bulletin.](#) [112 pp.] **\$20.21**

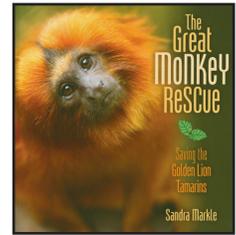


**Huey, Lois Miner. *Forgotten Bones: Uncovering A Slave Cemetery*. (469568)** Millbrook. Ages 10-14. This is a short book and a very focused book. It tells the story of archaeologists finding, excavating and researching a slave cemetery near Albany, New York, starting in 2005. This book has a very creepy looking cover that is guaranteed to draw in numerous readers. Huey's specialty is archaeology but her more general book, *Ick! Yuck! Eew!* in 2013 got good reviews. [Good reviews by Kirkus, SLJ, Booklist and Bulletin.](#) [56 pp.] **\$29.08**

**Jarrow, Gail. *Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America*. (489956)** Calkins Creek. Ages 10-18. Jarrow told of the dramatic fight against typhoid in 2015's *Fatal Fever* and studied pellagra in 2014's *Red Madness*, so this is the final book in a trilogy. The Bubonic Plague is a gruesome disease so panic ensued when it broke out in San Francisco in 1900. Jarrow gives the fight against bubonic plague a face by focusing on Dr. Rupert Blue, who led the fight against the plague in California. A fight that was not won for eight years. [Good reviews by Kirkus+, SLJ, Bulletin and Horn Book](#). [200 pp.] \$20.89

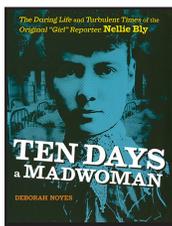
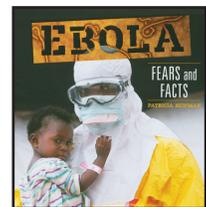


**Markle, Sandra. *Great Monkey Rescue: Saving The Golden Lion Tamarins*. (603831)** Millbrook. Ages 10-13. This book is quite short and dominated by many beautiful photos. But the limited text contains some advanced scientific concepts as it explores the endangerment of a species of monkey in Brazil's Atlantic Forest and the attempt to preserve the species. Hence the higher age level recommendations. The golden lion tamarins are incredibly cute and photogenic and that will certainly make the book an easier sell, along with its environmental message. Markle has written dozens of nonfiction books on a variety of subjects but most commonly on the endangered animal world. Her most recent include 2014's *The Case Of The Vanishing Little Brown Bat* and 2013's *The Case Of The Vanishing Honeybee*. [Good reviews by Kirkus+, SLJ and Booklist](#). [40 pp.] \$29.08

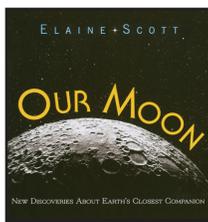


**Miller, Sarah Elizabeth. *Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden & The Trial Of The Century*. (644488)** Schwartz & Wade. Ages 10-14. Lizzie Borden returned to her home in Fall River, Massachusetts in 1892 to find her parents murdered. Eventually authorities decided that Lizzie must have done it and put her on trial. The book covers the events and tracks the evidence as first it appears she must have done it and then it seems she is innocent. She is exonerated in the trial but the book leaves us wondering what really happened even after the last page. If you can stand not knowing, an excellent legal thriller with a lot of information about life before the turn of the last century. Miller has written a couple of historical novels for teens, including *Miss Spitfire* in 2007, but this is her first nonfiction. [Good reviews by Kirkus, SLJ+, Booklist, Bulletin and Horn Book](#). [288 pp.] \$20.21

**Newman, Patricia. *Ebola: Fears And Facts*. (674818)** Millbrook. Ages 10-14. The story of how the Ebola virus began in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of the attempts to control the outbreak that surged in 2014. A short book full of facts that contains good background about viruses in general. I don't often say much about price but I think a book with a list price of \$32 and only 48 pages is getting a little expensive, despite all the color photos. Newman's *Plastic, Ahoy!* in 2014 was also fairly successful as children's nonfiction. [Good reviews by Kirkus, SLJ, Booklist+ and Bulletin](#). [48 pp.] \$30.01

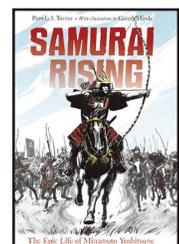


**Noyes, Deborah. *Ten Days A Madwoman: The Daring Life And Turbulent Times Of The Original "Girl" Reporter, Nellie Bly*. (683965)** Viking. Ages 10-14. It is true that sometimes truth is stranger than fiction and the life of investigative reporter Elizabeth Cochran, pen-named Nellie Bly, proves it. This book documents the wild lengths she went to for a story – pretending to be mad to get shut up in an insane asylum, traveling around the world alone in 73 days, staying in a haunted house for a night – and so on. In some ways her personal life was just as unconventional as her career as a New York City reporter. Noyes' most successful book prior to this was nonfiction for a younger age level, *Red Butterfly* from 2007. [Good reviews by Kirkus, SLJ+, Booklist and Horn Book](#). [136 pp.] \$20.91



**Scott, Elaine. *Our Moon: New Discoveries About Earth's Closest Companion*. (793500)** Clarion. Ages 9-12. Despite the title, this book covers much of what we have believed and learned about the moon throughout man's history, not just recent discoveries. There is a particular focus on the last several decades of intense exploration of the moon with manned and unmanned flights. The photos of the moon are truly gorgeous. Scott's nonfiction is mainly about space, such as *Mars And The Search For Life* in 2009 and *Space, Stars And The Beginning Of Time* in 2010, although her *Buried Alive* in 2012 about the Chilean miners was quite well-reviewed also. [Good reviews by Kirkus, SLJ, Booklist and Horn Book](#). [72 pp.] \$20.91

**Turner, Pamela S. *Samurai Rising: The Epic Life Of Minamoto Yoshitsune*. (894536)** Charlesbridge. Ages 10-15. Turner has had popular nonfiction before, such as *The Dolphins Of Shark Bay* in 2013 and *Frog Scientist* in 2009, but nothing that looks like this book. Since the subject is a samurai master in Japan in the 12th century the usual photos were out of the question. Instead, Japanese style black and white drawings by Gareth Hinds illustrate the text. Any story about samurai is bound to be full of action and intrigue so this book reads more like historical fiction than biography. Turner pulls this ancient biography out of extensive sources both modern and old, as illustrated by the fact that 52 of the 236 pages of this book are taken up with the source notes and the bibliography! [Good reviews by Kirkus+, SLJ+, Booklist+ and Bulletin](#). [236 pp.] \$19.49



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