

NONFICTION		BIG READ	revised 4.29.09
Author	Title	Summary	Genre
Alexander, Caroline	Endurance, The: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Experience	The story of 28 men surviving two years stranded in the Antarctic Ocean depending on nerve, luck and incredible leadership.	Non-fiction
Allen, Thomas B	Harriet Tubman, secret agent: how daring slaves and free blacks spied for the Union during the Civil War	Tells the story of Harriet Tubman and other slaves and free African-Americans who risked death to gather information about the Confederacy for the Union during the Civil War.	Biography
Anderson, Dale	Maria Mitchell, astronomer	Maria Mitchell broke through myriad barriers of the mid-nineteenth century to become a world-renowned astronomer (discovering Comet Mitchell) and professor at the first U. S. college for women, Vassar. Her inspiring biography describes her fight for intellectual integrity and women's rights.	Biography
Andrews-Goegel, Nancy	Pot That Juan Built, The	A picture book that explains how Juan Quezada rediscovered the art of pottery making practiced by the ancient Casa Grandes people of Mexico and how this led to the revitalization of the village of Mata Ortiz.	Non-fiction
Andronik, Catherine M.	Copernicus: Founder of modern astronomy	The idea of a moving Earth did not begin to gain serious recognition until the work of Copernicus in the fifteenth century. This book not only reviews the wonderful contributions to astronomy made by Copernicus, but also offers an exciting glimpse into his life that is so often missing from other biographies.	Biography
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850	A look at the struggle of the Irish people during this bleak period in history, complete with newspaper accounts and personal stories.	Non-fiction
Benchley, Peter	Shark life: true stories about sharks	Benchley draws on forty years of exploring the ocean to offer advice on safety and avoiding dangers. Stories and photos about unexpected and near-fatal encounters while swimming with sharks, barracudas, morays, and other ocean life clearly illustrate that he has learned these lessons from personal experience.	Non-fiction
Blake, Robert J	Togo	In 1925, Togo, a Siberian husky who loves being a sled dog, leads a team that rushes to bring diphtheria antitoxin from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska.	Non-fiction
Boerst, William J.	Time machine: the story of H.G. Wells	The author of <i>The Time Machine</i> , <i>War of the Worlds</i> , and other classics of science fiction, Wells was also a historian, journalist, and political agitator.	Biography
Boese, Alex	Hippo Eats Dwarf: A Field Guide to Hoaxes and other B.S.	Contains thousands of examples of urban legends, spoofs, scams, advertising ploys, political doublespeak, and other hoaxes that pervade popular culture, and offers reality rules designed to help people determine the truth of what they are reading or seeing.	Non-fiction
Borden, Louise	Sea Clocks: The Story of Longitude	Spare prose and delicate pen and ink watercolors (reminiscent of the eighteenth century setting), capture John Harrison's persistent and dedicated forty-year quest to make an instrument that determines longitude on a moving ship.	Non-fiction
Borden, Louise and Mary Kay Kroeger	Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman	Discusses the life of the determined African-American woman who went all the way to France in order to earn her pilot's license in 1921.	Biography
Brackett, Virginia	Home in the heart, A : the story of Sandra Cisneros	The only daughter in a family of seven children, Sandra Cisneros learned early on how to claim the space and solitude she desired, and to rely on her imagination to take her to worlds other than the one around her. She grew up between two cultures: living in Chicago but traveling regularly to Mexico to visit family. This childhood spent navigating different languages, landscapes, and customs left Cisneros longing for a place that felt like home. She began writing stories and poems in high school, continued at Loyola University, and went on to graduate school at the prestigious Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa.	Biography
Bradley, James	Flags of our fathers	The story of those six young American flag raisers in the famed portrait of Iwo Jima, told by the son of one of the soldiers.	Non-fiction
Buchanan, Andrea J.	Daring Book for Girls	<i>The Daring Book for Girls</i> is the manual for everything that girls need to know -- and that doesn't mean sewing buttonholes! Whether it's female heroes in history, secret note-passing skills, science projects, friendship bracelets, double dutch, cats cradle, the perfect cartwheel or the eternal mystery of what boys are thinking, this book has it all.	Non-fiction
Buller, Laura	History dudes: Vikings	Describes the daily life and important events in the history of the Viking civilization.	Non-fiction
Burleigh, Robert	Chocolate: Riches from the Rainforest	Traces the history of chocolate from a drink of the Olmec and Maya and later in Europe to its popularity around the world today.	Non-fiction
Burleigh, Robert	Stealing Home: Jackie Robinson: against the odds	Presents a brief biography of legendary baseball player for the old Brooklyn Dodgers, Jackie Robinson, who, in 1947, became the first African-American to play in major league baseball.	Biography

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Burlingame, Jeff	Hillary Clinton : a life in politics	The United States may be closer than ever to getting its first woman president. Yet even as women's status in society has risen, many still are not comfortable with the idea of a woman behind the desk in the Oval Office. Hillary Clinton knows she is fighting that gender bias, along with many other perceived negatives. True to her nature, she continues to battle.	Biography
Capuzzo, Michael	Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916	An adaptation of Capuzzo's adult book, Close to Shore: A True Story of Terror in an Age of Innocence. Capuzzo describes the shark's quest to satiate his hunger with the flesh of humans, sometimes verging close to anthropomorphism as he builds an atmosphere of suspense about the creature, its wanderings and its means of attack. The menacing cover of a gaping shark's mouth, the addition of black-and-white photos and newspaper clippings, and the suspenseful writing add to the accessibility of this work for young people.	Non-fiction
Carlson, Lori M (ed.)	Cool Salsa: Bilingual poems on growing up Latino in the United States	Party times, hard times, memories, and dreams come to life in these English, Spanish, and Spanglish poems by 29 Latino writers.	Poetry
Chambers, Veronica	Mama's girl	Veronica Chambers grew up in Brooklyn in the 1970s, a girl who mastered the whirling helixes of double-dutch jump rope with the same ease and finesse she brought to her schoolwork, her often troubled family life, and the demands of being overachieving and underprivileged.	Biography
Collins, David R.	Washington Irving : storyteller for a new nation	A biography of one of America's earliest great literary figures who also served as a diplomat in Spain.	Biography
Collins, David R.	Write a book for me: the story of Marguerite Henry	A biography of the author of King of the Wind, Misty of Chincoteague, and other adventure stories for young readers.	Biography
Colman, Penny	Corpses, coffins, and crypts: a history of burial	Colman's well-researched account of death and burial answers questions for the curious and satisfies a taste for the morbid.	Non-fiction
Coulter, Laurie	Cowboys and coffin-Makers: One hundred 19th century jobs you might have feared or fancied	Illustrations and simple text describe one hundred different jobs that were common in the nineteenth century, including gold-rush prospector, cowboy, coffin maker, Civil War doughboy, coal miners, and more.	Non-fiction
Cummins, Julie	Women daredevils: thrills, chills, and frills	Profiles daredevil women who broke with convention and the social norms of the late 1800s and early 1900s to perform their death-defying stunts and earn their due respect as equals to men in their risky professions.	Biography
David, Peter	Writing for comics with Peter David	The ultimate guide for anyone who wants to write dynamic comics, Writing for Comics With Peter David teaches readers how to create comics from start to finish.	Non-fiction
Davis, James	Skateboarding is Not a Crime: 50 Years of Street culture	Skateboarding is a sport with a philosophy and a culture very much its own. Skateboarding is Not a Crime reflects this very individual 'boarding culture and is designed to appeal to skateboarders as well as those who want to understand their world.	Non-fiction
Deem, Janis	Bodies from the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii	In A.D. 79, Mount Vesuvius erupted and within 24 hours, ash, pumice, and volcanic rubble had covered, and annihilated, the city of Pompeii. In this well-researched account, Deem retells the story of this devastating eruption, combining a lively text with photographs of the bones and artifacts that have been unearthed through the years.	Non-fiction
Demi	Muhammad	The narrative tells the story of Muhammad's life and the beginning of Islam.	Biography
Dendy, Leslie and Boring, Mel	Guinea pig scientists: bold self-experimenters in science and medicine	Scientific facts that are taken for granted become real. Ten scientists' lives are revealed; they experimented on themselves to further their own research. Unbelievable tests are described about everything from digestion to surviving in caves for months. Students will be fascinated.	Non-fiction
Denega, Danielle	Gut-eating bugs: maggots reveal the time of death!	Can bugs tell the time of death? This book has three case studies that explore how insects found on dead bodies help scientists solve the crime and tell the time of death by studying the insect' life cycles. This very energetic book has lots of great illustrations and content connections.	Non-fiction
Dingus, Lowell	Dinosaur Eggs Discovered! Unscrambling the Clues	Share the exciting experiences of a group of paleontologists on a fossil trek in Patagonia, Argentina, who stumble across one of the most prolific dinosaur egg discoveries in history.	Non-fiction
DiSpezio, Michael A	How bright is your brain? Amazing games to play with your mind	Activities designed to aid in the understanding of the brain.	Non-fiction
Farrell, Jeanette	Invisible allies: Microbes that shape our lives	This book contains five sections on different microbes that positively impact our lives. Sections include historical to present-day information on bacteria and cheese, yeast and bread, bacteria and the cocoa bean (chocolate), bacteria and digestion, and decomposition. The book is very readable and accompanied by black and white pictures and illustrations.	Non-fiction

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Fisher, Leonard Everett	Gandhi	Perhaps the most difficult concept for children to grasp, Gandhi's firm, enduring belief in nonviolent resistance, is clearly explained and demonstrated. Excerpts from Gandhi's writings add a needed measure of depth to the story.	Biography
Fleischman, John	Phineas Gage: a gruesome but true story about brain science	Phineas is never the same after a metal rod enters his head at the chin and comes out his forehead.	Non-fiction
Fleischman, Sid	Escape! The story of the great Houdini	Born Ehrich Weiss into a poor and struggling family, Harry Houdini sought out fame and went on to perform some of the world's most astonishing magic tricks. Houdini's is a classic rags to riches story with plenty of personality to spare.	Biography
Fleming, Candace	Ben Franklin's Almanac: Being a True Account of the Good Gentleman's Life	Includes a narrative of his childhood, family, scientific, political and civic achievements.	Biography
Florian, Douglas	Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings	Verse, paintings and scientific facts bring the marvels of the Universe to life. The changing of Pluto's status as a planet is included.	Poetry
France, Diane	Bone detective: the story of forensic anthropologist	This biographical book depicts everything one needs to know about forensic anthropology, and it does so through the eyes and mind of Diane France. France's story starts with her childhood in Walden, Colorado, and describes her educational challenges and her life within the field of forensic anthropology. This is a great book for the budding anthropologist.	Biography
Frank, Mitch	Understanding the Holy Land: answering questions about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict	Using basic questions and answers, the current conflict is explained in a balanced, organized, and understandable approach ending with some hopeful ways teens can add peace to their own lives.	Non-fiction
Freedman, Russell	Adventures of Marco Polo	He claimed to have seen rocks burn, bandits command sandstorms, lions tamed with a look, and sorcerers charm sharks while divers gathered pearls on the ocean floor. Marco Polo shook Europe with descriptions of the world he'd seen on his epic journey to the court of Kublai Khan. But was Marco Polo the world's most accomplished explorer?	Biography
Freedman, Russell	Babe Didrikson Zaharias: the making of a champion	A biography of Babe Didrikson, who broke records in golf, track and field, and other sports, at a time when there were few opportunities for female athletes.	Biography
Freedman, Russell	Children of the Great Depression	Russell Freedman illuminates the lives of the American children affected by the economic and social changes of the Great Depression.	Non-fiction
Freedman, Russell	Confucius: the golden rule	Born in China in 551 B. C., Confucius rose from poverty to the heights of his country's ruling class. But then he quit his high post for the life of an itinerant philosopher.	Biography
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.	Biography
Freedman, Russell	Freedom Walkers: the story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott	In 1955, the law in Montgomery, Alabama, said that African Americans had to sit in the backs of buses. They were also often forced to give up their seats to whites if buses became crowded. Some African Americans tried to fight back, refusing to give up their seats, and were arrested and fined. Leaders of the local black community wanted to take this issue to federal court, but they needed just the right person to help them win.	Non-fiction
Freedman, Russell	In defense of Liberty: the story of America's Bill of Rights	Describes the origins, applications of, and challenges to the ten amendments to the United States Constitution that comprise the Bill of Rights.	Non-fiction
Freedman, Russell	In the days of the Vaqueros: America's first true cowboys	In this rousing account of the first true cowboys, Newbery Medalist Russell Freedman brings to life the days when the vaqueros rounded up cattle, brought down steers, and tamed wild broncos.	Non-fiction
Freedman, Russell	Indian Chiefs	Biographies of six Western Indian chiefs who led their people in a historic moment of crisis, when a decision had to be made about fighting or cooperating with the white pioneers encroaching on their grounds.	Biography
Freedman, Russell	Life and death of Crazy Horse, The	A biography of the Oglala leader who relentlessly resisted the white man's attempt to take over Indian lands.	Biography
Freedman, Russell	Lincoln: a photobiography	Photographs and text trace the life of the Civil War President.	Biography
Freedman, Russell	Martha Graham: a dancer's life	A photo-biography of the American dancer, teacher, and choreographer who was born in Pittsburgh in 1895 and who became a leading figure in the world of modern dance.	Biography
Freedman, Russell	Out of darkness: the story of Louis Braille	A biography of the nineteenth-century Frenchman who, having been blinded himself at the age of three, went on to develop a system of raised dots on paper that enabled blind people to read and write.	Biography
Freedman, Russell	Voice that challenged a nation, The: Marion Anderson and the struggle for equal rights	Newbery medalist Freedman (Lincoln: A Photobiography) succinctly traces the career of renowned contralto Marian Anderson (1897-1993) from her Philadelphia childhood, when she first revealed her extraordinary voice in church choirs.	Biography

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Freedman, Russell	Wright Brothers, The: how they invented the airplane	Follows the lives of the Wright brothers and describes how they developed the first airplane.	Biography
Freeman, Russell	Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence	Includes quotations, saying, and paintings that depict what was happening at the time of the writing.	Non-fiction
Fritz, Jean	Leonardo's Horse	Examines the life of Leonardo da Vinci, focusing on his unfinished sculpture of a huge horse he was commissioned to create for the Duke of Milan in the late 1400s, and discusses how the project was taken up by pilot Charlie Dent in 1977 and, after several setbacks, completed and presented as a gift to Milan in 1999.	Non-fiction
Gantos, Jack	Hole in my life	Personal memoir of a poor boy's dream to be a writer, his entanglements with drugs, prison, and his ultimate success.	Biography
Gee, Joshua	Encyclopedia Horrifica: the terrifying TRUTH! About vampires, ghosts, monsters, and more	A collection of interviews, rare images, and eyewitness accounts of paranormal and unexplained phenomena, with topics ranging from UFOs to psychic activity and sea monsters.	Non-fiction
George, Kristine O'Connell	Hummingbird Nest: A Journal of Poems	This kinetic and keen journal of poems traces one family's experiences with a hummingbird and her young throughout their seasonal activities of nest building, egg hatching, and flying lessons.	Poetry
George, Kristine O'Connell	Toasting Marshmallows: Camping Poems	Presents thirty poems that depict the experience of camping, from toasting marshmallows to enjoying the solitude of an abandoned cabin.	Poetry
Gerstein, Mordicai	Man Who Walked Between the Towers, The	The story of a young French tightrope walker, who in 1974 who spent an hour walking, dancing, and doing tricks a quarter of a mile above pedestrians on the streets below.	Biography
Giblin, James Cross	Amazing life of Benjamin Franklin, The	A concise, readable biography presenting a great deal of information about a key figure in American history in a non-romanticized way. Franklin's challenges and illnesses are balanced with his many successes. Illustrations not only capture Franklin and his family but reveal much about life in the colonies and England during this period.	Biography
Giblin, James Cross	Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth	It's convenient to think of Edwin Booth as "good," and his brother, President Lincoln's assassin, as "bad," but this dual biography shows that such labels are simplistic. Giblin raises his biographical curtain on both brothers in the theater, letting the mid-1800s' arts and the brothers' careers share center stage.	Biography
Gilbreth, Frank	Cheaper by the Dozen	No growing pains have ever been more hilarious than those suffered loudly by the riotous Gilbreth clan.	Biography
Goldenberg, Linda	Little people and a lost world: an anthropological mystery	While conveying the excitement, importance, and history of the discovery of a diminutive - possibly human - species, this book demonstrates (though not without its own slight bias) how interpretation of data can become embroiled in politics and scientific ego. It includes chapters on local folklore and the current status of the controversy.	Non-fiction
Gottfried, Maya	Good Dog	This picture book collection of free-verse poetry includes poems written in the distinctive voices of various dog breeds. Full-page painted portraits of the canines and smaller preliminary pencil sketches accompany the verses.	Poetry
Grandits, John	Technically it's not my fault: concrete poems	Collection of poems in which the words and the artistry of their placement on the page portray the life of an 11-year-old boy.	Poetry
Green, Michelle Y	Strong Right Arm, A: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson	Tells the story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, a woman who had to overcome the obstacles of gender and race to pursue her dream of playing baseball, and who finally got her chance when she and other African-American women were invited to play in the Negro Leagues after male players were allowed on major league teams.	Biography
Halls, Kelly Milner	Mysteries of the Mummy Kids	Explores mummies from around the world, focusing on mummified children; and provides information about their deaths, the sites where they were found, and what caused their preservation.	Non-fiction
Halls, Kelly Milner	Tales of the Cryptids: mysterious creatures that may or may not exist	Get the scientific facts about Bigfoot, the Loch Ness monster, Chupacabra, the Mongolian Death Worm, and 50 other legendary creatures, and find out what is true, what is myth, and what just isn't known (yet).	Non-fiction
Hamilton, Bethany	Soul surfer: a true story of faith, family, and fighting to get back on the board	They say Bethany Hamilton has saltwater in her veins. How else could one explain the tremendous passion that drives her to surf? How else could one explain that nothing-not even the loss of her arm in a horrific shark attack-could come between her and the waves?	Biography

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Harmin, Karen Leigh	J.K. Rowling: author of Harry Potter	In 1990, Jo Rowling was sitting on a train when she began to envision the story of a young wizard. She raced home to capture her ideas in a notebook creating the first few pages of Harry Potter. For years Rowling held fast to the dream of publishing her work, but tumultuous events and poverty made it nearly impossible even to finish writing the story. Little did she know, her "quirky little book" would create a worldwide literary phenomenon, monopolizing the top slot on the New York Times Best Seller list and making her one of the richest women in the world.	Biography
Harper, Charise Mericle	Flush: the scoop on poop throughout the ages	Illustrations and rhyming text describe the history of toilets and the disposal of human waste.	Poetry
Hart, Joyce	Native son: the story of Richard Wright	Traces the life and achievements of the twentieth-century African American novelist, whose early life was shaped by a strict grandmother who had been a slave, an illiterate father, and a mother educated as a schoolteacher.	Biography
Haskins, Don	Glory road: my story of the 1966 NCAA basketball championship and how one team triumphed against the odds and changed America forever	Texas coach Don Haskins forever changed college sports in 1966 when he chose to field five black players in the formerly segregated NCAA basketball tournament-and won.	Non-fiction
Hickam, Homer	Rocket Boys/October Sky	The author's memoir of coming-of-age in a coal mining town in West Virginia. The first in a series of memoirs by the author about his experiences as a NASA engineer.	Biography
Hines, Anna Grossnickle	Pieces: A Year in Poems & Quilts	Presents poems about nature throughout the four seasons, accompanied by photographs of quilts made by the author.	Poetry
Hinman, Bonnie	Benjamin Banneker : American mathematician and astronomer	A free black man in the 1700s, Benjamin Banneker was a brilliant thinker. At a time when clocks were very expensive, he built his own out of wood. America's first black man of science also was famous for his almanacs and his role in helping survey the streets of Washington, D. C. This book documents Banneker's love of learning and desire for an end to slavery.	Biography
Hodges, Margaret	Joan of Arc: The Lily maid	A biography of the fifteenth-century peasant girl who led a French army to victory against the English, witnessed the crowning of King Charles VII, and was later burned at the stake for witchcraft.	Biography
Holtz, Thomas R Jr.	Dinosaurs: The Most Complete, Up-to-Date Encyclopedia for Dinosaur Lovers of All Ages.	This beautifully written and illustrated adventure about the world of dinosaurs will encourage readers to learn more about these mind-boggling creatures that roamed Earth for 178 million years. Sort through the fossil record to learn about the earliest dinosaurs, the diversity of dinosaurs, and their extinction 65 million years ago.	Non-fiction
Houston, Jeanne	Farewell to Manzanar	Biography of Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston relating her experiences of living at the Manzanar internment camp during World War II and how it has influenced her life.	Biography
Hulls, John	Rider in the sky: How an American cowboy built England's first airplane	Samuel Cody came to England as a Wild West performer and became a hero for inventing England's first airplane. The reader follows as Cody moves from creating a controllable man-lifting kite to a lighter-than-air craft. Cody made his first airplane flight in England in 1907.	Biography
Hunter, Latoya	Diary of Latoya Hunter, The: My first year in junior high	LaToya faces the many challenges of youth and life in the tough inner city and shares it all in her diary.	Biography
Iggulden, Conn and Hal Iggulden	Dangerous Book for Boys, The	There are instructions for folding "The Greatest Paper Airplane in the World"; building tree houses, go-carts and electromagnets; making and shooting a bow and arrow; speaking Navajo; finding north with a watch; and on and on. Mixed in are tales of great battles; the adventures of explorers, fighter pilots and mountain climbers; primers on grammar, Latin, astronomy, insects and trees; along with advice on everything from first aid to talking with <i>girls</i> .	Non-fiction
Jackson, Donna M.	In Your Face: The Facts About Your Features	Readers are encouraged to undertake a closer examination of a familiar part of their anatomy in this logical, cumulative study. A wide variety of topics (from face decorating to reconstruction) are introduced in text that blends scientific inquiry with social and cultural issues.	Non-fiction
Jackson, Ellen	Looking for life in the universe	This inspirational book follows Jill Tartar of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) Institute as she and her colleagues search for extraterrestrial intelligence. This book discussed the science involved in the search and the day-to-day efforts of the team as well as the dreams of the young girl who became an astrophysicist.	Non-fiction
Janeczko, Paul	Wing Nuts: Screwly Haiku	Contains a collection of illustrated senryu--short poems related to haiku--covering a wide range of subjects, including baby-sitters, jumping rope, snoring parents, spoiled pets, and more.	Poetry
Janeczko, Paul B	Dirty Laundry Pile: Poems in Different Voices	A scarecrow, washing machine, cow, and other objects and animals express themselves in this collection of poems.	Poetry

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Janeczko, Paul B (selected by)	Hey, You! Poems to Skyscrapers, Mosquitoes, and Other Fun Things	Contains poems written to things that are not usually spoken to, including a mote of dust, sneakers, mosquitoes, snowflakes, and others.	Poetry
Katz, Bobbi	We the People: Poems	Includes 65 poems about a person from a specific period in American history.	Poetry
Keller, Helen	Story of my life, The	Presents a chronology of the life and works of Helen Keller where she describes the challenges of being both deaf and blind and the many obstacles she had to overcome,	Biography
Kennedy, John F	Profiles in Courage	Presents John F. Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize-winning study of men who, at a risk to themselves, stood fast for a principle, covering John Quincy Adams, Daniel Webster, Sam Houston, Robert Taft, and others.	Biography
Kerley, Barbara	Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins, The	The true story of Victorian artist Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, who built life-sized models of dinosaurs in the hope of educating the world about what these awe-inspiring ancient animals were like.	Non-fiction
Koppes, Steven N.	Killer rocks from outer space: Asteroids, comets, and meteorites	This book provides an excellent account of the catastrophic effects of prehistoric meteor and comet impacts on Earth. A discussion of how astronomers are searching the Solar System for asteroids and comets in the hope of preventing future catastrophes is included.	Non-fiction
Krull, Kathleen	Boy on Fairfield Street, The: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss	Biographer Krull introduces readers to the first twenty-two years in Ted Geisel's life; spot art reproductions of familiar characters from Dr. Seuss's many works remind children of these favored books and tie into detailed back matter concerning Dr. Seuss's later life and work.	Biography
Krull, Kathleen	Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez	Biography of Cesar Chavez and his efforts to organize the National Farm Workers Association to improve working and living conditions for migrant farm workers.	Biography
Krull, Kathleen	Isaac Newton	Contains a look at the life and times of Isaac Newton, the seventeenth century scientist who provided an explanation of gravity, from his childhood through his accomplishments in science.	Biography
Landau, Elaine	Smokejumpers	Describes the training and the work of smokejumpers, men and women who are trained to battle fires in places that are inaccessible to traditional fire fighting equipment.	Non-fiction
Lawson, Jon Arno	Black stars in a white night sky	Over 100 poems, ranging from funny to thoughtful. Students who liked Shel Silverstein and Jack Prelutsky as children will enjoy these.	Poetry
Lester, Julius	Blues Singers: Ten Who Rocked the World	Shares the lives of Bessie Smith, Robert Johnson, Mahalia Jackson, Muddy Waters, Billie Holiday, B.B. King, Ray Charles, Little Richard, James Brown, and Aretha Franklin.	Biography
Lewis, J. Patrick	Freedom Like Sunlight: Praisesongs for Black Americans	Discusses the courage and contributions of Arthur Ashe, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Louis Armstrong, Martin Luther King, Jr., Satchel Paige, Rosa Parks, Langston Hughes, Jesse Owens, Marian Anderson, Malcolm X, Wilma Rudolph, and Billie Holiday.	Biography
Litwin, Laura Baskes	Diego Rivera: legendary Mexican painter	The book begins by describing the controversial incident in which Rivera included a portrait of Vladimir Lenin in the RCA Building mural. Debate ensued over who had the final say on an artist's work-the creator or the commissioner of the work. Unfortunately for the art world, Rivera's mural was destroyed on Nelson Rockefeller's order. The following chapters go on to cover the artist's life from his birth to his death.	Biography
Logan, Claudia	5,000 year-old puzzle: Solving a mystery of ancient Egypt	Written in diary form, this engaging narrative captures the imagination while exciting young readers to revel in the "you are there" glimpse of an archeological dig and learn that excavation can some-times uncover more than just treasure. This lively presentation of information and color photographs highlights the adventure, frustration, and mystery of an archeological investigation. Sidebars, Historical fact sheets.	Non-fiction
Lutes, Jason and Nick Bertozzi	Houdini: the handcuff king	A brief biography of escape artist Harry Houdini written in graphic comic format that reveals the secret of some of his stunts.	Biography
Macy, Sue	Bull's-Eye: A Photobiography of Annie Oakley	A photographic biography of Annie Oakley, discussing her early life, her prowess with a gun, her stint with Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, and her enduring image in movies, books, television shows, and plays.	Biography
Mah, Adeline Yen	Chinese Cinderella	The author recounts the cruelty she suffered from her stepmother and the callous indifference of her well-to-do father while growing up in China at the end of World War II.	Biography
Main, Mary	Isabel Allende : award-winning Latin American author	Describes the life and works of the Chilean author.	Biography
Mann, Elizabeth	Empire State Building	From inception to completion, Mann tracks the wonders of architecture, engineering, and construction that went into the creation of the Empire State Building. Social and political profiles of both millionaires and laborers capture the essence of the individuals who dreamed of and built this landmark.	Non-fiction

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Markle, Sandra	Outside and Inside Mummies	Using new scientific methods, researchers are learning about mummies from the inside out. X-rays, CT scans, and computers help scientists solve the mysteries about people who lived and died in ancient times.	Non-fiction
Marrin, Albert	Oh Rats! The Story of Rats and People	Describes rat behavior and survival skills and aspects of their relationship with humans, including disease, rats as food, rats as pests, and the training of rats as rescuers.	Non-fiction
Masoff, Joy	Oh, Yikes! History's grossest moments	Provides facts about some of the grossest, messiest, and strangest moments in history, relating information about the disgusting habits of Attila and the Huns, the Aztecs, cavemen, circus performers, cowboys, gladiators, the Vikings, and many others.	Non-fiction
McBride, James	Color of water, The: a black man's tribute to his white mother	Tells the story of James McBride and his mother--a rabbi's daughter, born in Poland and raised in the South, who fled to Harlem, married a black man, founded a church, and put 12 children through college.	Biography
McCully, Emily Arnold	Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor	Inventor, Margaret Knight, was not the usual 19th century young woman. Her first inventions were for her brothers, and at age twelve she invented a shuttle-guard that prevented many mill injuries. She became part of history when a man stole her invention for making square bottomed paper bags, and she had to go to court to prove herself as the inventor to obtain the patent.	Biography
Meltzer, Milton	Ten Kings: and the worlds they ruled	Presents illustrated profiles of ten legendary kings who used their power to change the course of history, including Hammurabi, King David, Kublai Khan, and others.	Biography
Meltzer, Milton	Ten Queens: portraits of women of power	Provides biographical portraits of ten queens from history including Esther, Cleopatra, Boudicca, Zenobia, Eleanor of Aquitaine, Isabel of Spain, Elizabeth I, Christina of Sweden, Maria Theresa, and Catherine the Great.	Biography
Miller, Calvin Craig	Spirit like a storm: the story of Mary Shelley	Biography of the nineteenth-century English author who at the age of nineteen wrote the classic horror novel, "Frankenstein."	Biography
Miller, Debbie S.	Arctic Lights, Arctic Nights	Describes the unique light phenomena of the Alaskan Arctic and the way animals adapt to the temperature and daylight changes each month of the year.	Non-fiction
Miller, Ron	Elements, The: what you really want to know	This book provides a historical account of how scientists studied the elements, from the early Greeks and their idea of the atom to the proposed existence of quarks. The book is also an excellent source of information about each of the naturally occurring and transuranium elements.	Non-fiction
Miller, Ron	Rockets	Rockets from ancient Chinese history to modern-day applications in space exploration are the topic of this book. Containing content with which many readers are not familiar, this book explores the invention and use of rockets throughout history with many little-known applications. There are good descriptions of physical science and technological applications.	Non-fiction
Montgomery, Sy	Encantado: Pink Dolphin of the Amazon	Welcome to a forest filled with water. In the wet season, the swollen Amazon becomes a looking glass into another world, where pink dolphins swim like something from a dream. In Peru they are called bufeo colorado—the ruddy dolphin. Their color ranges from white to gray to a vivid pink. These astonishing mammals, actually river-dwelling whales, easily navigate their way through the complex, hazardous world of the Amazon rain forest.	Non-fiction
Montgomery, Sy	Good Good Pig, The: The Extraordinary Life of Christopher Hogwood	The author describes her unique friendship with a pig named Christopher Hogwood, a sickly piglet who helped her develop a new relationship with neighbors in her small-town community.	Biography
Montgomery, Sy	Man-Eating Tigers of Sundarbans, The	Along the Bay of Bengal between India and Bangladesh stretches a strange and beautiful flooded forest. This enchanted forest is called the Sundarbans Tiger Reserve and is home to more tigers than anywhere else on earth. There are said to be some five hundred tigers here. Nowhere else do tigers live in a mangrove swamp. And nowhere else do healthy tigers routinely hunt people. Yet about three hundred people are killed each year by the tigers of Sundarbans. No one knows why.	Non-fiction
Montgomery, Sy	Quest for the Tree Kangaroos: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea	It looks like a bear, but isn't one. It climbs trees as easily as a monkey— but isn't a monkey, either. It has a belly pocket like a kangaroo, but what's a kangaroo doing up a tree? Meet the amazing Matschie's tree kangaroo, who makes its home in the ancient trees of Papua New Guinea's cloud forest. And meet the amazing scientists who track these elusive animals.	Non-fiction
Montgomery, Sy	Search for the Golden Moon Bear: Science and Adventure in the Asian Tropics	Join Sy Montgomery as she travels far and wide in search of the golden moon bear. Along with her research companions, she delves deep into the jungles of the Elephant Mountains, visits the bustling streets of Cambodian cities, explores remote villages, and attends a Club Med for bears in Thailand—all while carrying marshmallows and tweezers for her encounters with the bears along the way.	Non-fiction
Montgomery, Sy	Snake Scientist, The	Discusses the work of Bob Mason and his efforts to study and protect snakes, particularly red-sided garter snakes.	Non-fiction

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Montgomery, Sy	Tarantula Scientist, The	Follow scientist Samuel Marshall at work in the field in French Guiana, as well as in the Hiram College lab in Ohio, while he studies all kinds of tarantulas, including the Goliath birdeater, native to French Guiana and as big as a dinner plate.	Non-fiction
Murphy, Jim	American plague, An: the true and terrifying story of the yellow fever epidemic of 1793	In 1793, a yellow fever epidemic swept through Philadelphia, creating chaos as people began evacuating in droves, leaving the city without government, goods or services. Physicians, the Free African Society, and others stayed on to care for the sick.	Non-fiction
Murphy, Jim	Blizzard!: The Storm That Changed America	In this riveting account of the Great Blizzard of 1888, Murphy blends fact, science, and testimonies of survivors and victims to tell the harrowing story of the blizzard that crippled New York City in March, 1888.	Non-fiction
Murphy, Jim	Great Fire, The	A veritable cinematic account of the catastrophe that decimated much of Chicago in 1871, forcing more than 100,000 people from their homes.	Non-fiction
Myers, Walter Dean	Bad Boy	Who would ever have thought that celebrated author Walter Dean Myers was once a troublemaker and a truant? Walter recounts what growing up in Harlem was like in the 1940s and 50s—when seeing Langston Hughes and Sugar Ray Robinson on the street was the norm and Jackie Robinson ruled the baseball field.	Biography
Myers, Walter Dean	Greatest, The: Muhammad Ali	A biography of one of the world's greatest boxers chronicles his childhood, his rise as a champion, his politics, and his battle against Parkinson's disease.	Biography
Nardo, Don	Cleopatra : Egypt's last pharaoh	Examines the life and reign of the woman who ruled Egypt from 51 to 30 B.C. and discusses her relationship with two powerful Roman leaders, Julius Caesar and Mark Antony.	Biography
Nardo, Don	Tycho Brahe: pioneer of astronomy	This fascinating biography reveals the life of Tycho Brahe, a privileged, eccentric astronomer whose interest in the newfound science of astronomy led him to create a more accurate map of the sky. Beautiful paintings by masters, timelines, charts, and photographs enrich and add historical perspective to this remarkable chronicle.	Biography
Nelson, Kadir	We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball	It's the illustrations that will first draw the reader to this book. Each page will be turned in admiration as one is introduced to the players, coaches, and teams of the Negro Baseball League. The narration is equally admirable. Nelson explains that the narrator is "a collective voice, the voice of every player, the voice of we." Readers feel as if they are sitting in their den listening to the stories being told. The pain of segregation and the joy of playing the game will be felt by all who board this Ship.	Non-fiction
Nobleman, Marc Tyler	Aliens and UFOs	Supplemented by well-chosen photographs as well as occasional cartoons by the author, this series presents the facts--legends, history, science, media involvement--and focuses on the unanswered questions, encouraging open-minded curiosity while avoiding misleading conclusions.	Non-fiction
Nye, Naomi Shihab	19 varieties of Gazelle: poems of the Middle East	In response to September 11, 2001, Nye writes profound poems about the Middle East and about life as an Arab American.	Poetry
Okey, Shannon	Knitrrl: Learn to Knit With 15 Fund and Funky Projects	Presents full-color illustrated instructions for creating fifteen knitted projects including hats, scarves, and more.	Non-fiction
Oliver, Mary	Owls and others fantasies: poems and essays	The Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning poet offers twenty-six poems and two essays inspired by birds.	Poetry
Ortiz Cofer, Judith	Silent dancing : a partial remembrance of a Puerto Rican childhood	A collection of writings by the poet, novelist, and essayist recalling her childhood spent shuttling between the land of her birth and the family home in New Jersey.	Biography
Osborne, Mary Pope	Pompeii: Lost and Found	Osborne and Christensen ask readers to become archaeologists, imagining the eruption of Mount Vesuvius on August 24, 79 CE and interpreting the daily life of this very "modern" ancient Roman town.	Non-fiction
Paulsen, Gary	Caught by the sea: my life on boats	Gary Paulsen, author of Hatchet and other adventure novels, tells about his lifelong love of sailing, boats he has owned, and the storms, sharks, and peaceful lagoons he has experienced on his voyages.	Biography
Paulsen, Gary	Guts: the true story behind "Hatchet" and the Brian books	In Guts, Gary tells the real stories behind the Brian books, the stories of the adventures that inspired him to write Brian Robeson's story: working as an emergency volunteer; the death that inspired the pilot's death in Hatchet; plane crashes he has seen and near-misses of his own.	Biography
Paulsen, Gary	How Angel Peterson Got His Name and Other Outrageous Tales about Extreme Sports	The author recounts the bizarre and daredevil feats he and his friends attempted during their Minnesota childhood.	Biography
Paulsen, Gary	Puppies, dogs, and blue northers: reflections on being raised by a pack of sled dogs	Minnesota author and dog musher Gary Paulsen reflects on the growth of his sled dogs as he and his animals discover the world around them.	Biography

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Paulsen, Gary	Winterdance: the fine madness of running the Iditarod	Vividly bringing to life the Alaskan Iditarod, a dogsled race requiring intensive training, skill, endurance, and the ability to survive subzero temperatures, Paulsen highlights the dogs who made it possible for him to make it to the finish line.	Non-fiction
Paulsen, Gary	Woodsong	For a rugged outdoor man and his family, life in northern Minnesota is a wild experience involving wolves, deer, and the sled dogs that make their way of life possible. Includes an account of the author's first Iditarod, a dogsled race across Alaska.	Biography
Porcellino, John	Center for Cartoon Studies presents Thoreau at Walden, The	The two years Thoreau spent at Walden Pond are shown in this graphic novel that uses quotes from Thoreau's own writings to illustrate his philosophy.	Non-fiction
Reynolds, Quentin	Wright Brothers: pioneers of aviation, The	A biography of the two brothers from Dayton, Ohio, who built and flew the first airplane.	Biography
Rhynes, Martha E	Gwendolyn Brooks : poet from Chicago	Presents a biography of the African American poet who has received the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.	Biography
Richards, Andrea	Girl Director: A how-to guide for the first-time, flat broke film and video maker	A guide to do-it-yourself filmmaking from a female perspective, featuring accessible expert advice and a hip history of women in film.	Non-fiction
Roach, Mary	Stiff: the curious lives of human cadavers	Roach examines the afterlife of human cadavers in this humorous, touching, and respectful look at how scientists utilize the human body.	Non-fiction
Ryan, Pam Munoz	When Marian Sang	An introduction to the life of Marian Anderson, extraordinary singer and civil rights activist, who was the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera, whose life and career encouraged social change.	Biography
Sabuda, Robert and Matthew Reinhart	Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaurs	Beginning with the first dinosaur in the Triassic period and ending with possible reasons for the extinction of dinosaurs 65 million years ago, this intricate paper-engineered volume includes six spreads of dinosaur pop-ups and information.	Non-fiction
Sandler, Michael	Bethany Hamilton: Follow your dreams!	A brief overview of the life of surfer Bethany Hamilton that focuses on how she returned to surfing after losing her arm in a shark attack.	Biography
Savage, Candace	Born to be a Cowgirl	Yee-haw! Fresh air, open prairie, and a galloping horse-what more could a girl want? Beginning in the mid-nineteenth century, families headed west to build ranches and start new lives in the cattle business. Their daughters were raised on the range with an independent spirit and horses in their blood. Now modern-day cowgirls can come face-to-face with the revolutionary cowgirl style of yesteryear through first-person recollections and over 40 detail-rich, engaging photographs.	Non-fiction
Schoell, William	Remarkable journeys : the story of Jules Verne	A biography of the nineteenth-century Frenchman whose childhood love of literature, science, and adventure, along with his vivid imagination, led him to become a highly successful science fiction author.	Biography
Scieszka, Jon	Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost true stories of Growing up Scieszka	Autobiography told with humor and lots of illustrations.	Biography
Sidman, Joyce	Eureka! Poems about inventors	In sixteen poems, the lives about famous and relatively unknown inventors from ancient times to the present are told from the inventor's point of view.	Poetry
Sidman, Joyce	This is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness	The assignment for this fictionalized class is to write poems of apology. It's a hit. The students ask the recipients of the apologies to reply, and the class puts them together in a book. Through a wide variety of poetry the emotion involved in "I'm sorry" and "you're forgiven" is presented.	Poetry
Silverstein, Ken	Radioactive Boy Scout, The: the Frightening True Story of a Whiz Kid and His Homemade Nuclear Reactor	Tells the story of David Hahn, the Michigan teenager who built a nuclear breeder reactor in his backyard in 1994, endangering the residents of his Michigan hometown and raising the ire of the federal government.	Biography
Sinnott, Susan	Extraordinary Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	Chronologically arranged profiles of 72 individuals and 9 groups provide information and insight into their unique contributions to American thought and culture.	Biography
Siy, Alexandra & Dennis Kunkel	Mosquito Bite	Here's a mosquito, up close and personal. "Bordered with scales, her wings whine, beating about 500 times in one second." And she's coming closer, showing (through photomicrographs) readers why and how she bites unsuspecting humans.	Non-fiction
Somervill, Barbara A.	Ida Tarbell : pioneer investigative reporter	Follows the life of Ida Tarbell, from her childhood among the oil fields of western Pennsylvania through her career as a biographer and investigative journalist.	Biography
Soto, Gary	Fire in my hands, A	An expanded version of A Fire in My Hands, Gary's Soto's acclaimed collection of poems about growing up Latino. The author's twenty-one poems are about the themes of life and each is preceded by a personal anecdote.	Poetry

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Soto, Gary	Living up the street	The author describes his experiences growing up as a Mexican American in Fresno, California.	Biography
Soto, Gary	Summer life, A	Poet Soto (The Tale of Sunlight) here offers 39 brief essays about his years from age five to 17 in and around Fresno, Calif.	Biography
Spinelli, Jerry	Knots in my yo-yo string	This Italian-American Newbery Medalist presents a humorous account of his childhood and youth in Norristown, Pennsylvania.	Biography
Stern, Sam, with Susan Stern	Cooking up a storm: the teen survival cookbook	Especially geared toward teen readers is the lively running commentary from Sam, plus colorful photos of food preparation and the ultimate chef's reward: feasting with friends.	Non-fiction
Stewart, Mark	Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim	Presents the history, accomplishments, and key personalities of the Los Angeles Angels baseball team; and includes timelines, quotes, maps, glossary and websites.	Non-fiction
Stewart, Mark	Los Angeles Dodgers, The	Reviews the history and accomplishments of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and introduces some of the baseball team's most memorable players. Includes timelines, quotes, maps, a glossary, and sources of more information.	Non-fiction
Sullivan, George	Berenice Abbott: Photographer	Presents a look at the life and work of New York photographer Berenice Abbot, from her early years in the bohemian communities of Paris and Greenwich Village to her career as a famous photographer.	Biography
Szpirglas, Jeff	Gross Universe: Your Guide to All Disgusting Things Under the Sun	Presents a scientific look at some of the more disgusting organisms and behaviors of the natural world.	Non-fiction
Tanaka, Shelley	Attack on Pearl Harbor: The True Story of the Day America Entered World War II	Tanaka reconstructs key events of the attack on Pearl Harbor, based on the harrowing, real-life experiences of four young men: Commander Mitsuo Fuchida, who led the first air strike on the U.S. fleet in Pearl Harbor; 11-year-old Peter Nottage, who witnessed the bombing of the Kaneohe Naval Air Station; 23-year-old Ensign Kazuo Sakamaki, who participated in an ill-fated midget submarine attack on the harbor; and 19-year-old George DeLong, a seaman who was trapped in the wreckage of the <i>USS Oklahoma</i> .	Non-fiction
Taylor, Gaylia	George Crum and the Saratoga Chip	Teased as a child, George Crum could turn feisty. When he became a chef, a fussy customer insisted her French fries weren't crisp, so feisty George whipped up a new creation: the potato chip.	Biography
Thimmesh, Catherine	Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon	Everyone knows about the job of the astronauts in the space program, but most don't realize the thousands of people it takes behind the scenes to have a successful mission. With photos from NASA and quotes from those involved in Team Moon, everyone is given their due as the Apollo 11 spacecraft takes off on its history-making moon landing.	Non-fiction
Tilden, Thomasine E. Lewis	Belly-busting worm invasions! Parasites that love your insides!	Imagine a four-foot-long guinea worm in your leg, or perhaps, a pea shaped tapeworm in your brain. These true-life case studies just might repulse you, but they'll also completely intrigue you! This book included parasite-related historical information, news, and career possibilities and is part of the 24/7 Science Behind the Scenes Medical Files series.	Non-fiction
Vizzini, Ned	Teen Angst? Naaah...: a quasi-autobiography	A collection of essays written by the author from age fifteen to seventeen in which he shares impressions of school, sports, cool people, boring people, friends, family, money, music, and obsessions.	Biography
Walker, Sally	Secrets of a Civil War submarine: solving the mystery of the H. L. Hunley	Archaeologists excavate the Civil War submarine, the H.L. Hunley, off the coast of South Carolina, finding artifacts and the remains of eight crewmen. They reconstruct their faces and discuss their reburial.	Non-fiction
Warren, Andrea	Escape from Saigon: how a Vietnam War orphan became an American boy	More than a million South Vietnamese children were orphaned by the Vietnam War. This affecting, true account tells the story of Long, who, like more than 40,000 other orphans, is a mixed-race child with little future in Vietnam and his dramatic escape to America.	Biography
Warren, Andrea	Surviving Hitler: a boy in the Nazi death camps	This biography of Jack Mandelbaum covers the period of his life from 1939 when he was a twelve-year-old in Poland to the end of World War II, three years of which were spent in concentration camps.	Biography
Whitelaw, Nancy	Bram Stoker, author of Dracula	A biography of the theatrical manager and prolific author who, among other achievements, completed the novel "Dracula" in 1897.	Biography
Zimmerman, Keith	Mythbusters: The Explosive Truth Behind Thirty of the Most Perplexing Urban Legends of All Time	With photographs, illustrations, blueprints, and exclusive interviews to document the mythbusting process, <i>MythBusters: The Explosive Truth Behind 30 of the Most Perplexing Urban Legends of All Time</i> will examine dozens of urban legends, from exploding toilets to being buried alive -- these guys have tested them all. Eye-opening, jaw-dropping, and even laugh-inducing, this book will delight armchair scientists, curious readers, and fans of the show alike.	Non-fiction

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	Fantastic feats and failures	This fascinating book compares and contrasts accomplishments and failures in engineering history. Excellent photographs and discussions will introduce the reader to engineering feats like the Eiffel Tower and the Panama Canal as well as infamous failures like Chernobyl and Apollo 13. A thought-provoking book!	Non-fiction
	What are you?: voices of mixed-race young people	Many young people of racially mixed backgrounds discuss their feelings about family relationships, prejudice, dating, personal identity, and other issues.	Non-fiction