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#### **FICTION**

#### **Adventure and Mystery**



written and illustrated by Jay Hosler (First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, P \$16.99) 978-1-62672-024-4

An intrepid group of beetles leads a scientific expedition and makes fascinating discoveries that challenge their isolated homeland's world-view. Dynamic drawings. (13-15)



written and illustrated by Noelle Stevenson (HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-227823-4 Lord Blackheart takes on a shape-shifting sidekick in his battle against Sir Goldenloin and an evil political system. Imaginative digital comic panels. (12–15)

#### **Coming of Age**

#### **Connect the Stars**

by Marisa de los Santos, and David Teague (Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-227465-6 Thirteen-year-old Audrey has given up on friendship. Will being part of a team at a desert wilderness camp restore her ability to trust others? (12–14)

#### The Frail Days (Orca Limelights series)

by Gabrielle Prendergast (Orca Book Publishers, P \$9.95) 978-1-4598-0464-7 When 16-year-old Stella, a rock musician, seeks a new singer for her band, she must overcome female stereotyping. (12–15)

#### \*Goodbye Stranger

by Rebecca Stead (Wendy Lamb Books/Random House, \$19.99) 978-0-385-74317-4

Three seventh-grade friends and their siblings deal with family issues, school bullying, viral selfies, and evolving relationships. (11–14)

#### The Honest Truth

by Dan Gemeinhart (Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-66573-5 Twelve-year-old Mark, dying of cancer, decides to climb a mountain with his dog as his final quest for his own identity. (11-14)

#### \*The Marvels

written and illustrated by Brian Selznick (Scholastic Press, \$32.99) 978-0-545-44868-0 The story of Billy Marvel, who in 1766 becomes the first member of an acting dynasty, is told in pictures. The story of Joseph Jervis, who searches for his mysterious uncle in 1990, is told in prose. How do the tales of the two boys connect? (11–13)



# \*Orbiting Jupiter

by Gary D. Schmidt (Clarion Books/HMH, \$17.99) 978-0-544-46222-9 On a rural Maine farm, Joseph, 14 years old and a father, joins the family of 12-year-old Jack as a foster child. (12-14) Mature Content.

#### P.S. I Still Love You

by Jenny Han

(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4424-2673-3 When an old friend turns up, Lara Jean's life gets complicated. Can she love two boys at once? Positive family relationships help her. (12–15)

#### \*The Seventh Most Important Thing

by Shelley Pearsall (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-553-49728-1 After assaulting the "Junk Man," 13-year-old Arthur is

ordered to work for him for 120 hours or go to jail. (12-15)

#### **Show and Prove**

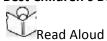
by Sofia Quintero (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$17.99) 978-0-375-84707-3

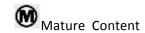
In the south Bronx in 1983, three teenagers try to make sense of poverty, drugs, race relations, and war in the Middle East. (12-15)

#### Best Children's Books of the Year

# Twelve to Fourteen

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#### **Six Impossible Things**

by Fiona Wood (Poppy/Little, Brown, \$18.00) 978-0-316-24216-5 Reeling from major family traumas, Dan contends with a new school, a sad mother, and a huge crush on the girl

next door. (12-14)

#### Stand-Off

by Andrew Smith (Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-1829-4 A high school senior deals with losing his best friend, rooming with a 12-year-old freshman, and longing for his girlfriend. (12–15)

#### This Side of Home

by Renée Watson (Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$17.99) 978-1-59990-668-3

Twins Maya and Nikki respond differently as gentrification changes their neighborhood, impacting their friendships and college decisions. (13–15)

#### **Fantasy**



by Marika McCoola, illustrated by Emily Carroll (Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-6961-4 When her widowed father becomes engaged to a woman she has never met, tween Masha runs away to become the assistant to a witch. Elegant digitally created illustrations. (11–14)



by Cat Hellisen (Henry Holt and Co. BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-9980-5

Thirteen-year-old Sarah works to preserve her humanity when her family is torn apart by curses, revenge, and jealousy. (12–15)

#### \*Cuckoo Song

by Frances Hardinge (Amulet Books/Abrams , \$17.95) 978-1-4197-1480-1 Thirteen-year-old Triss wakes up with a hazy memory, insatiable hunger, and inexplicable hostility from her

#### \*The Darkest Part of the Forest

by Holly Black (Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$18.00) 978-0-316-21307-3

younger sister. What is happening? (12-15)

For years, faeries and humans have co-existed in Fairfold. Then Hazel starts a chain of events that will alter both worlds forever. (13–15)

#### The Disappearance of Emily H.

by Barrie Summy (Delacorte Press/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-385-73943-6

Raine, an itinerant student with the unusual gift of seeing "sparkles" of people and places that disclose hidden truths, works to solve a mystery in her new town. (11–14)

#### **Great Ball of Light**

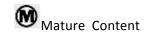
by Evan Kuhlman, illustrated by Jeremy Holmes (Atheneum BFYR/ Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-6461-2 When twins Fiona and Fenton catch a ball of light that has the magical power of restoring life, unexpected events ensue. Charcoal pencil and watercolor illustrations. (11–14)

#### Hunter

by Mercedes Lackey, illustrated by Larry Dixon (Hyperion/Disney, \$17.99) 978-1-4847-0784-5 Joy, a skillful Hunter, battles daily with deadly Othersider creatures. But can she meet the challenges of the political battles in the all-powerful government. Spot decorations. (13–15)

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# **Legend: The Graphic Novel**

adapted by Leigh Dragoon, illustrated by Kaari, based on the trilogy by Marie Lu (G.P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin, P \$14.99) 978-0-399-17189-5

This full-color graphic format adaptation of *Lu's Legend* brings the struggle between the Republic and the Patriots and the relationship between Day and June to life. (12–15)

#### Mechanica

by Betsy Cornwell (Clarion Books/HMH, \$17.99) 978-0-547-92771-8 Is there a "happily ever after" for the 16-year-old inventor-mechanic who needs to escape her dreary existence with her bullying stepfamily? A different kind of Cinderella story. (11–14)

### The Second Guard (Second Guard series)

by J. D. Vaughn

(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$16.99) 978-1-4231-6909-3 When Tali reports for military training, as required of all second-born 15-year-olds, she and her two new compatriots discover treason afoot. (12–15)

#### The Shadow behind the Stars

by Rebecca Hahn
(Atheneum BFYR/ Simon & Schuster Children's
Publishing, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-3571-0
Chloe describes the world from her perspective as the youngest of a trio of immortal sisters, the Fates of Greek myth. (11–15)

#### The Sin Eater's Daughter

by Melinda Salisbury (Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-0-545-81062-3 With one touch, Twylla executes traitors in the kingdom of Lormere. Then she struggles to unearth the truth, with the help of two suitors, the prince, and her guard. (12–15)

#### **Six of Crows**

by Leigh Bardugo (Henry Holt and Co. BFYR/Macmillan, \$18.99) 978-1-62779-212-7

Seventeen-year-old Kaz leads his gang of outcasts to a far-off island as they try to capture the scientist producing a drug that could destroy humanity. (12–15)

### Star Rise (Horses of the Dawn series)

by Kathryn Lasky (Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-39717-9 Tijo, a lame boy rejected by his clan, forms an extraordinary bond with a group of wild horses that help them all survive. (13–15)

#### The Storyspinner (The Keepers' Chronicles series)

by Becky Wallace

(Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-0565-2

Told by five characters, this fantasy combines magic, romance, political intrigue, warriors, and a missing princess. Johanna, a storyspinner, must confront her destiny. (12–15)



by Ingrid Law

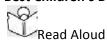
(Dial BFYR/Penguin, \$16.99) 978-0-8037-3862-1 Although their magic has gone awry, the Beaumonts need to rescue Grandma Pat, who suffers from dementia. (11–13)

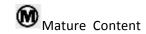
# The Sword of Summer (Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard series)

by Rick Riordan

(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$19.99) 978-1-4231-6091-5 Magnus dies heroically in battle with the Norse darklord Surt and goes to Valhalla to defend the Nine Worlds from destruction on Ragnarok, the Day of Doom. (11–15)

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# \*The Whisper (The Riverman Trilogy)

by Aaron Starmer (Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-374-36311-6

When 12-year-old Alistair attempts to find his friend in magical Aquavania he encounters strange truths about himself, others, and the nature of reality. (12-15) Mature Content.

#### **Historical Fiction**

#### After the Ashes

by Sara K. Joiner (Holiday House, \$17.95) 978-0-8234-3441-1 In August 1883 two teenagers in the Dutch East Indies colony of Java, with very different ideas about their futures, try to survive a volcanic eruption and the giant waves that follow. (11-14)

### \*Audacity

by Melanie Crowder (Philomel Books/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-399-16899-4 Clara Lemlich's story of her life as a child in Russia, as a young immigrant in America, and as a labor activist in New York, is vividly told in verse. Includes historical

# \*Cast Off: The Strange Adventures of Petra De Winter and Bram Broen

by Eve Yohalem (Dial BFYR/Penguin, \$16.99) 978-0-525-42856-5 Twelve-year-old Petra's discovery as a stowaway on a Dutch merchant ship bound for Batavia in 1663 is the beginning of many incredible adventures. (12-14)

### Catch You Later, Traitor

notes and glossary. (12–15)

by Avi

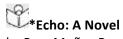
(Algonquin Young Readers/Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, \$16.95) 978-1-61620-359-7 In Brooklyn in the early 1950s, a 12-year-old dealing

with Red Scare accusations and a hostile school environment is determined to ferret out family secrets. (11-14)

# \*Diary of a Waitress: The Not-So-Glamorous Life of a Harvey Girl

by Carolyn Meyer

(Calkins Creek/Highlights, \$17.95) 978-1-62091-652-0 Deprived of college by her father's business failure, Kitty leaves home to become a Harvey Girl, though her ultimate goal is to be a journalist. (12-15)



by Pam Muñoz Ryan (Scholastic Press, \$19.99) 978-0-439-87402-1 With the help of a very special harmonica, three children, in three very different places and circumstances, are able to meet serious challenges. (11-14)

### The Falconer's Apprentice

by Malve von Hassell (Namelos, P \$9.95) 978-1-60898-193-9 When Andreas tries to save a hunting peregrine, he becomes involved in the struggle between the papacy and the Holy Roman Empire and unexpectedly finds his true calling. (12-15)

### **Finding Fortune**

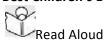
by Delia Ray

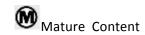
(Margaret Ferguson Books/Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-374-30065-4 The town of Fortune, Iowa, famous for shell buttons, is down on its luck. So is Ren, whose father is in Afghanistan. (11–13)

### The Great War: Stories Inspired by Items from the First **World War**

by David Almond and others, illustrated by Jim Kay (Candlewick Press, \$19.99) 978-0-7636-7554-7 Eleven original short stories evoke the tragedy of the "war to end all wars." A beautifully designed book with striking black-and-white illustrations. (11-14)

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### In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse

by Joseph Marshall III, illustrated by Jim Yellowhawk (Amulet Books/Abrams, \$16.95) 978-1-4197-0785-8 On a trek with his grandfather, Jimmy, 11, learns about the great warrior Crazy Horse, who, like Jim was teased for not looking like a Lakota. Black-and-white illustrations. (11–14)

#### Like a River: A Civil War Novel

by Kathy Cannon Wiechman (Calkins Creek/Highlights, \$17.95) 978-1-62979-209-5 In this gripping story of loyalty and courage, two teenage Union soldiers, each hiding a secret, face danger and the horrors of war and imprisonment. (11–14)

#### Listen to the Moon

by Michael Morpurgo (Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-1-250-04204-0 On the Scilly Isles, a boy and his father find an injured girl who is unable to speak and has no memory of how

#### **Newt's Emerald**

by Garth Nix (Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$18.99) 978-0-06-236004-5 In the 19th century, a hereing disguises herself as

she got there. Can they help her? (11–14)

In the 19th century, a heroine disguises herself as a boy and experiences romance, magic, and mystery. (12–15)

#### A Night Divided

by Jennifer A. Nielsen (Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-68242-8 Despite great risk, Gerta, Fritz, and Mama dig a tunnel beneath the Berlin Wall to join father and Dominic in the West. (11–14)

#### The Saga of Gudrid the Far-Traveler

by Nancy Marie Brown (Namelos, P \$9.95) 978-1-60898-190-8 Intrepid, resourceful Gudrid prefers adventure to domesticity and succeeds in journeying to Wine Land despite many challenges and obstacles. Based on 11-century Icelandic sagas. (13–15)

# Terrorist: Gavrilo Princip, the Assassin Who Ignited World War I

written and illustrated by Henrik Rehr (Graphic Universe/Lerner, \$33.32; P \$11.99) 978-1-4677-7279-2; 978-1-4677-7284-6 (pbk) How does a poor student from a tiny village become a terrorist who changes the course of history? Black-and-white drawings set the edgy mood. Map. (13–15)

# \*The War That Saved My Life

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Dial BFYR/Penguin, \$16.99) 978-0-8037-4081-5 During World War II, Ada, born with a club foot, runs away from her abusive mother with her younger brother when children are evacuated during the London Blitz. (11–14)

#### **Science Fiction**

#### **Denton Little's Deathdate**

by Lance Rubin (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$17.99) 978-0-553-49696-3 Today is Denton's deathdate, and he has lots of plans for it—but then his funeral preparations go crazily awry. (12–14)

#### **Masterminds**

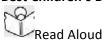
by Gordon Korman (Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-229996-3

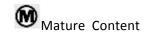
"Special" takes on a new meaning for the 13-year-olds who live in Serenity, New Mexico. Are the Surety guards keeping them safe or in prison? (11–14)

#### The Orphan Army (The Nightsiders series)

by Jonathan Maberry (Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$16.99) 978-1-4814-1575-0 Eleven-year-old Milo Silk and his mother are members of a small ragtag group of survivors in a dystopian world ravaged by environmental disasters and terrifying alien invaders. (11–14)

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#### **Today**

#### **Boys Don't Knit (In Public)**

by T. S. Easton (Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-1-250-05331-2

When Ben Fletcher, 17, inadvertently signs up for a knitting class as part of his probation, he has a hard time keeping it from his friends and family. (12–15)

#### **Breakout**

by Kevin Emerson (Crown BFYR/Random House, \$17.99) 978-0-385-39112-2

A song that Anthony writes for his band goes viral. Then, for a school performance, he is told to censor the lyrics. What should he do? (11–14)

#### **Bright Lights, Dark Nights**

written and illustrated by Stephen Emond (Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-1-62672-206-4

Inner city racial tensions and conflict between police and residents form the backdrop of the story of Walter's and Naomi's Romeo-and-Juliet relationship. Black-and-white illustrations. (12–15)

#### **Everybody Knows Your Name**

by Andrea Seigel and Brent Bradshaw (Viking Juvenile/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-670-01562-7 Teenagers Ford and Magnolia, contestants in a reality TV singing competition, have more at stake than just winning; they're trying to escape their pasts. Will they succeed? (13–15)

#### **Everything That Makes You**

by Moriah McStay (Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-229548-4

What if? Alternating chapters tell two stories about the same girl. In one she is horribly scarred as a child; in the other there has been no accident. (11–14)

#### The Great Good Summer

by Liz Garton Scanlon (Beach Lane Books/Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) 978-1-4814-1147-9

When 12-year-old Ivy's mama runs off to Florida with a preacher named Hallelujah Dave, Ivy and her friend Paul set out from Texas to find her. (12–14)

#### **House Arrest**

by K. A. Holt (Chronicle Books, \$16.99) 978-1-4521-3477-2 Caring for a baby brother with a birth defect causes 12-year-old Timothy to commit a crime. Under house arrest, he uses a journal to work out his problems. (12–14)

#### Kiki and Jacques

by Susan Ross (Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-3427-5 This story, set in a decaying US mill town originally settled by French Canadians, explores the issues aroused when Somali refugees join the community. (11–13)

#### The Summer We Saved the Bees

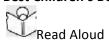
by Robin Stevenson

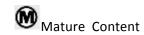
(Orca Book Publishers, P \$9.95) 978-1-4598-0834-8 Twelve-year-old Wolf's mother is on a crusade to reverse bee-colony collapse and save the world. But can Wolf save his family from the ensuing disruption of their lives? (11–14)

### \*Tiny Pretty Things

by Sona Charaipotra and Dhonielle Clayton (HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-23439-3 Nothing matters to Bette, Gigi, and June but having leading roles in their elite ballet school—and they'll do anything it takes to get them. (12–14)

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#### We are All Made of Molecules

by Susin Nielsen (Wendy Lamb Books/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-553-49686-4

When their parents move in together, brilliant, nerdy Stewart and beautiful mean-girl Ashley alternate their ghostly tales of their so-not-the-Brady-Bunch new family. (11–14)

#### **POETRY**

### \*My Seneca Village

by Marilyn Nelson (Namelos, \$21.95) 978-1-60898-196-0
The residents, most of whom were free African Americans, of an early 19th-century New York City neighborhood that was razed to create Central Park relate the stories of their lives. Various verse forms. Prose introductions and notes. (11–14)

### INFORMATION BOOKS

#### **Activities**

# How to Make a Movie in 10 Easy Lessons (Super Skills series)

by Robert Blofield, illustrated by Venetia Dean (Walter Foster Jr., \$12.95) 978-1-63322-012-6 Lights! Camera! Action! Learn about the process of filmmaking, from script writing to final production. Diagrams and colorful illustrations. (11–14)

#### Welcome to New Zealand: A Nature Journal

written and illustrated by Sandra Morris (Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-7477-9 Learn how to make an extensive nature journal by discovering and closely observing what is in the environment. Detailed mixed-media illustrations. (11–14)

#### Writer to Writer: From Think to Ink

by Gail Carson Levine (Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-227530-1 The Newbery Honor Book author offers practical advice about every phase of writing a story or a poem. (12–15)

#### **Biography and Memoir**

### **Breakaway: Beyond the Goal**

by Alex Morgan, with Sarah Durand (Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-5107-9 Olympic gold medalist Alex Morgan shares her life story and passion for soccer and gives advice on meeting goals and challenges. (12–15)

# \*Honor Girl: A Graphic Memoir

written and illustrated by Maggie Thrash (Candlewick Press, \$19.99) 978-0-7636-7382-6 Maggie, 15, finds herself attracted to an older female camp counselor. Artwork in watercolor, pencil, and pen. (12–15)

# \*I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives

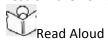
by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda, with Liz Welch (Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$18.00) 978-0-316-24131-1

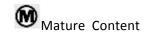
For a school assignment Caitlin, 12, sent a pen pal letter to Zimbabwe. Martin received it, and a close friendship began that changed their lives. (11–14)

# Sally Ride: A Photobiography of America's Pioneering Woman in Space

by Tam O'Shaughnessy (Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$19.99) 978-1-59643-994-8

Ride was an introverted teen tennis star, and then she discovered a love of physics that launched her into the previously all-male world of astronauts. Photographs of key people and artifacts. (12–15)





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# Somewhere There Is Still a Sun: A Memoir of the Holocaust

by Michael Gruenbaum, with Todd Hasak-Lowy (Aladdin/Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4424-8486-3

Michael Gruenbaum's life in Czechoslovakia, as remembered and retold, changes radically after the Nazi invasion in 1939. Some documents and a brief bibliography. (12–14)

#### The Trouble in Me

by Jack Gantos (Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-374-37995-7

New to town, Jack idolizes his delinquent next-door neighbor, Gary, and vows to remake himself in Gary's image, with hilarious but fiery results. (12–15)

#### A Year without Mom

written and illustrated by Dasha Tolstikova (Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press, \$19.95) 978-1-55498-692-7

When her mother goes to study in America, 12-year-old Dasha is left with her grandparents in Moscow during a year of political and personal change. Fully illustrated with pen and ink drawings with a grey wash. (11–14)

#### **History**

# The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club

by Phillip Hoose (Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$19.99) 978-0-374-30022-7

During the World War II Nazi occupation of Denmark, teenage boys took perilous risks to sabotage the invaders and inspired the Danish resistance. Archival photographs and sources. (12–15)

# The Bullies of Wall Street: This Is How Greed Messed Up Our Economy

by Sheila Bair

(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-0085-5 Why did people lose homes, jobs, and public services during the financial crisis of 2008? The former head of the FDIC offers a no-holds-barred analysis. Charts, notes, explanation of key terms, index. (12–15)

# Child Soldier: When Boys and Girls Are Used in War (CitizenKid series)

by Jessica Dee Humphreys and Michel Chikwanine, illustrated by Claudia Dávila (Kids Can Press, \$17.95) 978-1-77138-126-0 In the Democratic Republic of Congo, a five-year-old boy's life changes dramatically after he is kidnapped and forced to become a rebel soldier. Colorful, realistic illustrations. (11–13)

# **Choosing Courage: Inspiring Stories of What It Means to Be a Hero**

by Peter Collier

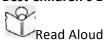
(Artisan/Workman Pub., \$18.95) 978-1-57965-596-9 Meet the men and women who were awarded the Medal of Honor for bravery during World War II and the wars in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Background information and photographs. (11–14)

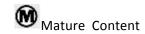
# \*Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans

written and illustrated by Don Brown (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt BFYR, \$18.99) 978-0-544-15777-4

Matter-of-fact text coupled with dramatic pen and ink illustrations capture the gut-wrenching story of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and its impact on New Orleans. Source notes and bibliography. (12–15)

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### Religion

### \*Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes

by Rick Riordan, illustrated by John Rocco (Disney-Hyperion Books, \$24.99) 978-1-4231-8365-5 Capturing flesh-eating horses, fulfilling seemingly impossible tasks, and outwitting the Gods? No problem for Atalanta, Perseus, and other Greek heroes, dude! Dramatic painterly illustrations. (12–15)

# <u>Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics</u> (<u>STEM</u>)

# \*Breakthrough!: How Three People Saved "Blue Babies" and Changed Medicine Forever

by Jim Murphy

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by Kay Frydenborg (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt BFYR, \$18.99) 978-0-544-17566-2

The Amazon rain forest, Mesoamerica, Spanish conquistadores, exploitation, sustainable farming, and delicious recipes are all part of the often troubling story of chocolate. Illustrated with photographs. Resources. (11–14)

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by Stuart A. Kallen (Twenty-First Century Books/Lerner, \$33.32) 978-1-4677-2646-7

Is there enough clean water for everyone? What might be causing the world to run dry? Photographs, index, and bibliography. (12–15)

# \*This Strange Wilderness: The Life and Art of John James Audubon

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