FICTION

Adventure and Mystery

The 1000 Year Old Boy
by Ross Welford
(Schwartz & Wade Books/Random House/PRH, $16.99)
978-0-525-70745-5
When you are 1000 years old but look only 11, you need friends like never before. Will Alfie ever be able to start aging normally? (11-13)

*Dog Driven
by Terry Lynn Johnson
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, $16.99) 978-1-328-55159-7
Although McKenna, 14, is beginning to lose her sight from Stargardt disease, she decides to participate in a grueling Canadian dog sled race anyway. (12-14)

Our Castle by the Sea
by Lucy Strange
(Chicken House/Scholastic, $17.99) 978-1-338-35385-3
Living in a lighthouse facing the English Channel during WWII, Pet, 11, begins to suspect someone in her family is committing treason. Could it be her German mother? (11-13)

Running Wild
by Lucy Jane Bledsoe
(Margaret Ferguson Books/Holiday House, $16.99)
978-0-8234-4363-5
Willa’s father moved the family to the Alaskan wilderness. Now Willa needs all her survival skills to save herself and her younger brothers—partly from their father. (11-13)

The Story Pirates Present: Digging Up Danger
(Story Pirates series)
by Jacqueline West, illustrated by Hatem Aly
(Random House BFYR/PRH, $13.99) 978-1-63565-091-4
A 13-year-old ghost-hunter and her horticulturalist mom find weird plants in a flower shop. Black-and-white illustrations throughout. Includes a section on how to write a mystery. (11-13)

Coming of Age

D All the Ways Home
by Elsie Chapman
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, $16.99)
978-1-250-16679-1
A Japanese Canadian boy’s mother is killed in an accident. Now he must spend the summer in Japan with his estranged father and write an essay on the meaning of home. (12-15)

D Beast Rider
by Tony Johnston, and Maria Elena Fontanot de Rhoads
(Amulet Books/Abrams, $17.99) 978-1-4197-3363-5
Leaving his small Mexican corn farm, Manuel, 12, begins a perilous three-year journey to reunite with his older brother in Los Angeles. Glossary of Spanish terms. (12-14)

D The Crossover (The Crossover series)
by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, $22.99) 978-1-328-96001-6
Thanks to former pro Chuck Bell, their dad, twins Josh and Jordan, 12, are the kings of the basketball court ... until tragedy strikes. Dynamic black, white, and orange graphics. (11-13)
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Coming of Age, continued

**Right as Rain**
by Lindsey Stoddard
When Rain’s beloved brother dies, the family abruptly moves to the city. Her initial isolation is assuaged by new friends with stories of their own. (11-14)

**Stand on the Sky**
by Erin Bow
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, $16.99) 978-1-328-55746-9
In Kazakh nomad culture, all eagle trainers must be male. Will Aisulu defy tradition in order to have a chance at saving her brother’s life? (12-15)

**Where the Heart Is**
by Jo Knowles
(Candlewick Press, $16.99) 978-1-5362-0003-4
The summer before eighth grade, Rachel, 13, struggles with friendship, her sexual identity, social class, and the foreclosure of her home. Change is certainly bittersweet. (12-14)

**The Whispers**
by Greg Howard
(G.P. Putnam’s Sons/PRH, $16.99) 978-0-525-51749-8
In South Carolina, 11-year-old Riley fears that his mother’s disappearance is connected to her having seen him kiss a boy. But why can’t he remember what happened? (11-14)

Fantasy

**Aru Shah and the Song of Death (Pandava Series)**
by Roshani Chokshi
(Rick Riordan Presents/Disney-Hyperion Books, $16.99) 978-1-3680-1384-0
If Aru doesn’t find the god of love’s bow and arrow in ten days, she’ll be expelled from the Otherworld. Will she succeed in her quest? (11-13)

**Changeling (Oddmire series)**
written and illustrated by William Ritter
(Algonquin Young Readers/Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, $16.95) 978-1-61620-839-4
A goblin bungles an assignment to switch a changeling for a newborn baby, leaving Annie with two seemingly identical boys who she loves equally. Spot black-and-white illustrations. (11-13)

**Cicada**
written and illustrated by Shaun Tan
(Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic, $19.99) 978-1-338-29839-0
After 17 years of facing constant workplace discrimination, a cicada retires and comes into his own. Somber grey oils. (11-14)

**Game of Stars**
(Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond series)
by Sayantani DasGupta, illustrated by Vivienne To
(Scholastic Press, $17.99) 978-1-338-18573-7
A 12-year-old Indian princess living in New Jersey returns to another dimension to rescue a friend. Author’s note informs readers about Bengali folk tales, alchemy, astronomy, and more. Grey-toned spot illustrations. (11-14)
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**Fantasy, continued**

**Ghost:**
*Thirteen Haunting Tales to Tell*
written and illustrated by Illustrátus
(Chronicle Books, $21.99) 978-1-4521-7128-9
Two boys in summer camp sneak off to the
groundskeeper’s cabin in the middle of the night to hear
his frightening tales. Spooky digital illustrations. (11-14)

**The Library of Ever**
by Zeno Alexander
(Imprint/Macmillan, $16.99) 978-1-250-16917-4
When rich, wretched Lenora escapes from her nanny in
a mysterious library where she is appointed as an
underling librarian, a multitude of adventures await.
(11-14)

**Sal & Gabi Break the Universe (Sal & Gabi series)**
by Carlos Hernandez
(Rick Riordan Presents/Disney-Hyperion, $16.99)
978-1-3680-2282-8
In a Miami school for the arts, Cuban American seventh
grader Sal can open portals to alternate universes. But
there are consequences. (11-13)

**A Tear in the Ocean**
by H. M. Bouwman, illustrated by Yuko Shimizu
(G.P. Putnam’s Sons/PRH, $16.99) 978-0-399-54522-1
In the Second World, when the ocean water becomes
undrinkable, 12-year-old Prince Putnam runs away to
solve the problem, meeting danger and friendship on
the way. Occasional black-and-white drawings. (11-13)

**Throwback**
by Peter Lerangis
Corey has inherited his grandfather’s ability to travel in
time. But unlike his grandfather, Corey can change the
past. Can he prevent his grandmother’s untimely death?
(11-14)

**Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky**
(Tristan Strong series)
by Kwame Mbalia
(Rick Riordan Presents/Disney-Hyperion Books, $17.99)
978-1-3680-3993-2
When Tristan tumbles into the MidPass while
attempting to rescue a friend’s journal, he must
contend with haunted ships and iron monsters and find
the god Anansi. (11-13)

**Historical Fiction**

**For to See the Elephant**
by Tammi J. Truax
(Piscataqua Press, $12.99) 978-1-950381-05-0
An enslaved African boy cares for the first elephants
brought to post-colonial America. Based on primary
sources. Told in verse. Author’s note, discussion
questions, sources. (12-15)

**Girl under a Red Moon:**
*Growing Up during China’s Cultural Revolution*
by Da Chen
(Scholastic Focus, $17.99) 978-1-338-26386-2
Sisi, the granddaughter of landowners, flees her native
village with her brother Da after her shaming by Red
Guards. A harrowing story of survival during the Cultural
Revolution in China. Black-and-white
ink drawings. (11-14) Mature Content
Historical Fiction, continued

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**Twelve to Fourteen 2020 Edition**

* How High the Moon
by Karyn Parsons
(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, $16.99)
978-0-316-48400-8
In 1944, Ella, 11, returns to South Carolina after visiting
her mother in Boston and learns that her schoolmate
has been charged with murdering two white girls.
(11-13) Mature Content

*Lenny's Book of Everything
by Karen Foxlee
(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, $16.99)
978-1-5247-7012-9
Lenny, 11, and her younger brother, Davey, obsess over
the contents of monthly installments of an
encyclopedia—even as Davey's health deteriorates.
(11-14)

**The Magnolia Sword: A Ballad of Mulan**
by Sherry Thomas
(Tu Books/Lee & Low, $19.95) 978-1-62014-804-4
In fifth-century China, a girl disguised as her brother
fights for the emperor, uncovers family secrets, and
finds true love. (12-15)

**O Captain, My Captain:**
Walt Whitman, Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War
by Robert Burleigh, illustrated by Sterling Hundley
(Abrams BFYR, $19.99) 978-1-4197-3358-1
Horrific hospital conditions and a deep respect for the
president inspire the words and actions of a great poet.
Haunting illustrations and extensive back matter.
(12-15)

**Orange for the Sunsets**
by Tina Athaide
(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, $16.99)
978-0-06-279529-8
Asha, Indian, and Yesofu, Ugandan, find their deep
friendship tested when dictator Idi Amin announces
that Indians have 90 days to leave Uganda. Back matter
includes timeline and resources. (11-13)

**A Place to Belong**
by Cynthia Kadohata, illustrated by Julia Kuo
(A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum BFYR/
Simon & Schuster, $17.99) 978-1-4814-4664-8
Hanako, 12, recounts the family's return to Hiroshima
after their confinement in an incarceration camp in the
United States during World War II. Occasional black-
and-white illustrations. (11-13)

**Queen of the Sea**
written and illustrated by Dylan Meconis
(Walker Books/Candlewick Press, $24.99)
978-1-5362-0498-8
Raised in an island convent, Margaret longs to know her
true identity, but when Queen Eleanor, an exiled
monarch, arrives on the island, Margaret has difficult
choices to make. Muted graphic illustrations. (11-13)

**Spy Runner**
by Eugene Yelchin
(Godwin Books/Henry Holt/Macmillan, $17.99)
978-1-250-12081-6
Jake, 12, wonders if his mother's new boarder is a
Russian spy going after secret plans from the nearby Air
Force base. Black-and-white photographic-style
illustrations. (11-13)
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Historical Fiction, continued

D Stage Dreams  ✩
written and illustrated by Melanie Gillman  
(Graphic Universe/Lerner, $29.32) 978-1-5124-4000-3
In New Mexico during the Civil War, Grace, a transgender runaway, and Flor, a Latina outlaw, join to thwart a Confederate plan. Color graphic panels. Historical annotations. (13-15)

D* White Bird: A Wonder Story
written and illustrated by R. J. Palacio,  
ingking by Kevin Czap, afterword by Ruth Franklin  
French girl Sara, separated from her parents, is hidden from the Nazis by classmate Julien, a polio victim, and his parents. Digital art. Back matter and biographical information. (11-13)

Magical Realism

Dead Voices
by Katherine Arden  
(G.P. Putnam’s Sons/PRH, $16.99) 978-0-525-51505-0
In this sequel to Small Spaces, three friends stuck in a snowstorm encounter ghosts and a longtime enemy. Will their parents ever believe them? (11-13)

D Just South of Home
by Karen Strong  
(Simon & Schuster BFYR, $17.99) 978-1-5344-1938-4
Dark racist secrets haunting the past of a Georgia town begin to be revealed as four young explorers encounter a ghost who seeks justice and closure. (11-13)

D Trace
by Pat Cummings  
(Harper/HarperCollins Publishers, $16.99) 978-0-06-269884-1
The ghost of a child who died when the New York City Colored Orphan Asylum burned down in the 1860s confronts Trace, 13. What’s the connection? (11-14)

D Dragon Pearl
by Yoon Ha Lee  
(Rick Riordan Presents/Disney-Hyperion Books, $16.99) 978-1-3680-1335-2
Min, a gumiho (shape-shifting fox spirit), must rely on all her abilities to search for her missing brother and uncover the mystery of the Dragon Pearl. (11-14)

D* The Giver
by Lois Lowry, adapted by P. Craig Russell, illustrated by P. Craig Russell, Galen Showman, and Scott Hampton, coloring by Lovern Kindzierski, lettering by Rick Parker  
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, $22.99) 978-0-544-15788-0
In a conformist community, The Giver imparts Memory, and thus feelings, to Jonas, who then must find a way out. Cartoon panels in a blue-grey palette depict a colorless world. Until . . . (12-15) Mature Content

Outwalkers
by Fiona Shaw  
(David Fickling Books/Scholastic, $17.99) 978-1-338-27750-0
In a future dystopian England, Jacob escapes from an orphanage, pursued by authorities, seeking freedom with a gang of rebel children. (11-14)
Science Fiction, continued

**The Seventh Voyage**
by Stanislaw Lem, adapted and illustrated by John J. Muth, translated from the Polish by Michael Kandel
(Graphix/Scholastic, $19.99) 978-0-545-00462-6
In an adaptation of the famous Polish science fiction writer’s humorous short story, an astronaut meets himself in the near and distant past and future. Action-filled watercolors. (12-14)

**Today**

* **The Best at It**
by Maulik Pancholy
(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, $16.99) 978-0-286641-7
Rahul, 12, an Indian American boy growing up in a small town in Indiana, struggles to come to terms with his identity, including that he may be gay. (11-13)

* **For Black Girls Like Me**
by Mariama J. Lockington
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, $16.99) 978-0-374-30810-0
Adopted by a white family, Makeda, who is black, struggles to find her place in the white world, complicated by her mother’s mental illness. (12-15)

* **Girl of the Southern Sea**
by Michelle Kadarusman
(Pajama Press, $17.95) 978-1-77278-081-9
In the Jakarta slums, motherless Nia, 14, an aspiring writer, must support herself and her little brother when their alcoholic father abandons them. Glossary. (11-14)

**Good Enough**
by Jen Petro-Roy
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, $16.99) 978-1-250-12351-0
Sent to a residential eating disorder clinic, Riley vividly describes her struggles with eating and self-image. (11-14)

**Harvey Comes Home**
by Colleen Nelson, illustrated by Tara Anderson
(Pajama Press, $17.95) 978-1-77278-097-0
Austin, a young volunteer at a retirement home, rescues a runaway dog, who a reclusive resident bonds with. Should Austin still try to find the dog’s owner? Soft black-and-white illustrations. (11-13)

**Let Me Fix that For You**
by Janice Erlbaum
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, $16.99) 978-0-374-30810-0
Glad, 12, believes she can find the solution to any problem, including her parents’ severed relationship. (12-14)

**The Line Tender**
by Kate Allen
(Dutton Children's Books/PRH, $17.99) 978-0-7352-3160-3
After a tragedy, Lucy continues her late mother’s shark research to process her grief. Lifelike pencil drawings of sharks. (11-13)

**Look Both Ways:**
A Tale Told in Ten Blocks
by Jason Reynolds
Ten interrelated but stand-alone humorous and touching stories present middle school children walking home at the end of a school day. (11-13)
Today, continued

**Maybe He Just Likes You**
by Barbara Dee
(Aladdin/Simon & Schuster, $17.99) 978-1-5344-3237-6
Mila feels that four boys in her school are singling her out for inappropriate attention. Finally, she finds the strength to confront the problem. (11-14)

**The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James**
by Ashley Herring Blake
(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, $16.99)
978-0-316-51553-5
Sunny, 12, navigates heart surgery, betrayal, reconnection with a mother who abandoned her, and feelings for another girl. (11-14)

**Operatic**
by Kyo Maclear, illustrated by Byron Eggenschwiler
(Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press, $19.95)
978-1-55498-972-0
Middle school angst is explored graphically through soft dramatic drawings expressing musical history. Charlotte (Charlie) Noguchi struggles with crushes and bullying, and finds comfort learning about opera singer Maria Callas. Bibliography. (12-14)

**The Other Half of Happy**
by Rebecca Balcárcel
(Chronicle Books, $16.99) 978-1-4521-6998-9
No way is Quijana going with her family to visit Guatemala. She can’t speak Spanish anyway. But can her little brother manage without her? (10-13)

**The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise**
by Dan Gemeinhart
(Henry Holt and Co. BFYR/Macmillan, $16.99)
978-1-250-19670-5
A devastating loss sends Coyote and her dad on a nomadic life, where they learn that it is still possible to go home. (12-14)

**Summer of a Thousand Pies**
by Margaret Dilloway
(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, $16.99)
978-0-06-280346-7
Previously homeless, Cady, 12, is now fostered by her aunt, who runs a struggling pie shop. As Aunt Shell gains Cady’s trust, secrets are revealed and pies are baked. Spot black-and-white illustrations. (11-13)

**POETRY**

*The Iliad*
adapted and illustrated by Gareth Hinds,
based on several translations from the ancient Greek
(Candlewick Press, $27.99) 978-0-7636-8113-5
This retelling of the Homeric epic powerfully conveys the chaos and brutality of the war between the Greeks and the Trojans, each aided by Olympian deities. Dramatic, richly detailed artwork. (13-15)
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INFORMATION BOOKS

Biography and Memoir

[=] Child of the Dream: A Memoir of 1963
by Sharon Robinson
(Scholastic Press, $16.99) 978-1-338-28280-1
Sharon remembers the year she was 13; her famous father, Jackie; learning about the civil rights movement; and participating in the March on Washington. Family photographs. (11-13)

[=] Dissenter on the Bench:
Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Life & Work
by Victoria Ortiz
(Clarion Books/HMH, $18.99) 978-0-544-97364-0
Selected legal cases illuminate this Supreme Court justice’s illustrious legal career-long fight for gender and racial equality. Photographs, bibliography, index. (12-15)

[=] Dreaming in Code:
Ada Byron Lovelace, Computer Pioneer
by Emily Arnold McCully
(Candlewick Press, $19.99) 978-0-7636-9356-5
The brief, unhappy life and extraordinary intellectual pursuits of this mathematician and daughter of Lord Byron are recounted in detail. Archival photos and extensive back matter. (12-14)

Elon Musk: A Mission to Save the World
by Anna Crowley Redding
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, $19.99)
978-1-250-31362-1
Bullied as a child, Musk nonetheless used curiosity and inventiveness to evolve into a polymath and world-renowned entrepreneur. Archival photos, endnotes. (12-15)

[=] Enemy Child:
The Story of Norman Mineta, a Boy Imprisoned in a Japanese American Internment Camp during World War II
by Andrea Warren
(Margaret Ferguson Books/Holiday House, $22.99) 978-0-8234-4151-8
A young child forcibly interned with his family grows up to become a congressman committed to constitutional rights. Archival photographs and extensive back matter. (11-14)

[=] Fighter in Velvet Gloves:
Alaska Civil Rights Hero Elizabeth Peratrovich
by Annie Boochever, with Roy Peratrovich, Jr.
(University of Alaska Press, P $16.95) 978-1-60223-370-6
An impassioned speech, given in 1945 by this Tlingit activist, is credited with propelling the passage of the first antidiscrimination legislation in the United States. Photographs, time line, glossary, bibliography. (11-13)

Franklin D. Roosevelt (The Making of America series)
by Teri Kanefield
(Abrams BFYR, $16.99) 978-1-4197-3402-1
The only US president to be elected to four terms led the country through the Great Depression and World War II. Includes index, notes, speeches, time lines, and photos. (12-14)

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Stories of Central American Teen Refugees
Who Dream of Crossing the Border
by Juan Pablo Villalobos,
translated from the Spanish by Rosalind Harvey
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, $17.99)
978-0-374-30573-4
Ten teenagers recount their dire journeys from Central America to the United States, the reasons they left, and the dangers they encountered along the way. Author’s note and glossary. (12-15)

D Stephen Curry (Epic Athletes series)
by Dan Wetzel, illustrated by Zeke Peña
(Henry Holt and Co. BFYR/Macmillan, $16.99)
978-1-250-29576-7
Vivid writing and graphic black-and-white illustrations show how Curry, although short for a basketball player, got to the top with persistence, talent, faith in God, and teamwork. (11-14)

Susan B. Anthony (The Making of America series)
by Teri Kanefield
(Abrams BFYR, $16.99) 978-1-4197-3401-4
This detailed biography uses primary sources in presenting the early advocate for women’s rights. Back matter includes sources, time line, selected writings, bibliography, and index. (11-13)

D This Promise of Change:
One Girl’s Story in the Fight for School Equality
by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy
(Bloomsbury Children's Books, $17.99)
978-1-68119-852-1
Jo Ann Allen Boyce shares her experience as one of 12 black teens integrating Tennessee’s Clinton High School in 1956. Archival photographs, time line, and bibliography. (11-13)

D Troublemaker for Justice:
The Story of Bayard Rustin, the Man behind
the March on Washington
by Jacqueline Houtman, Walter Naegle,
and Michael G. Long
(City Lights Books, P $13.95) 978-0-87286-765-9
Committed pacifist, passionate human rights activist, and unabashedly gay African American Bayard Rustin is given his due in this thorough account. Photographs, documents, and bibliography. (12-15)

Ecology

G No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference
by Greta Thunberg
(Penguin Books/PRH, P $10.00) 978-0-14-313356-8
In 16 passionate speeches given from 2018 to 2019, Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old Swedish climate activist, demands action from governments around the world. (11-14)
Best Children’s Books of the Year

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**Health**

**You Are Enough:**
*Your Guide to Body Image and Eating Disorder Recovery*
by Jen Petro-Roy
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, $18.99)
978-1-250-15102-5
This self-help manual explores techniques, resources, and the personal journey of the author to overcome her eating disorder. (11-13)

**Viral:**
*The Fight against AIDS in America*
by Ann Bausum
(Viking/Penguin YR/PRH, $22.99) 978-0-4252-8720-0
Bausum traces the devastating pandemic from its mystifying beginnings through the long-delayed efforts to combat the stigmatized illness. Black-and-white photographs. (12-15) Mature Content

**History**

**Accused!**:
*The Trials of the Scottsboro Boys: Lies, Prejudice, and the Fourteenth Amendment*
by Larry Dane Brimner
(Calkins Creek/Highlights, $18.99) 978-1-62979-775-5
In 1931, nine black teenagers were falsely accused of rape in Alabama. Their harrowing journey through a racist judicial system is detailed. Archival photographs, bibliography, footnotes, index. (12-15) Mature Content

**Caught!**:
*Nabbing History’s Most Wanted*
by Georgia Bragg, illustrated by Kevin O’Malley
(Crown BFYR/Random House/PRH, $18.99)
978-1-5247-6741-9
Fourteen accused figures from European and American history are profiled with interesting details. Spot black-and-white illustrations and comprehensive back matter. (11-14)

**Dark Sky Rising:**
*Reconstruction and the Dawn of Jim Crow*
by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., with Tonya Bolden
(Scholastic Focus, $19.99) 978-1-338-26204-9
This intense narrative of Reconstruction details the struggle for African American emancipation and civil rights in the face of white supremacy. Archival photographs, illustrations. Heavily resourced. (11-14)
History, continued

**Deadly Aim:**
The Civil War Story of Michigan’s Anishinaabe Sharpshooters
by Sally M. Walker, maps by Elisabeth Alba, foreword by Eric Hemenway
(Henry Holt and Co. BFYR/Macmillan, $19.99)
978-1-250-12525-5
Company K—an entirely Native American company in the Union Army—fights with valor for their families, land, and heritage. Photographs, maps, and extensive back matter. (11-14)

**Fighting for the Forest:**
How FDR’s Civilian Conservation Corps Helped Save America
by P. O’Connell Pearson
(Simon & Schuster BFYR, $17.99) 978-1-5344-2932-1
During the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps employed millions of jobless people and restored 120 million acres of forests and farmland. (11-14)

**The Greatest Treasure Hunt in History:**
The Story of the Monuments Men
by Robert M. Edsel
(Scholastic Focus, $18.99) 978-1-338-25119-7
A specialized Western Allied unit recovered priceless artwork and cultural treasures that Nazis had stolen from public museums and private, mostly Jewish, collections. Archival photos, documents, glossary. (11-13)

**Standing Up against Hate:**
How Black Women in the Army Helped Change the Course of WWII
by Mary Cronk Farrell, foreword by Major General Marcia M. Anderson, U. S. Army (Ret.)
(Abrams BFYR, $17.99) 978-1-4197-3160-0
African American women valiantly fought America’s foes while facing entrenched discrimination from their own countrymen. Archival photographs and extensive back matter. (12-15)

**Torpedoed:**
The True Story of the World War II Sinking of “The Children’s Ship”
by Deborah Heiligman, illustrated by Lawrence Lee
(Godwin Books/Henry Holt/Macmillan, $19.99)
978-1-62779-554-8
A German submarine attack on a passenger ship turned everyday people into heroes. Black-and-white illustrations, photos, and extensive back matter. (13-15)

**Vote!:**
Women’s Fight for Access to the Ballot Box
by Coral Celeste Frazer
(Twenty-First Century Books/Lerner, $37.32)
978-1-5415-2815-4
Race, class, alliances, and feuds contributed to the dramatic struggle for women’s suffrage. Historical context and background information are clearly explained. Archival photographs. Meticulous sourcing. (12-15)
History, continued

**D**Warrior Queens:
True Stories of Six Ancient Rebels Who Slayed History
by Vicky Alvear Shecter, illustrated by Bill Mayer
(Boys Mills Press/Boys Mills & Kane, $17.99)
978-1-62979-679-6
Follow the campaigns of six queens who, during the period from 1492 B.C.E. to 269 C.E., led their armies to fight for their countries. Photographs, black-and-white illustrations. Bibliography, index, citations. (13-15)

**D**What the Eagle Sees:
Indigenous Stories of Rebellion and Renewal
by Eldon Yellowhorn and Kathy Lowinger
(Annick Press, $24.95) 978-1-77321-329-3
The ways in which the people of Turtle Island preserved their culture when invaded are presented through oral stories, biographies, and historical photographs. Back matter. (12-14)

Law and Justice

**D**M Is for Movement:
AKA Humans Can’t Eat Golf Balls
written and illustrated by Innosanto Nagara
(Triangle Square BFYR/Seven Stories Press, $19.95)
978-1-60980-935-5
With humor and gorgeous paintings, the narrator portrays the birth of an activist, linking movements for social justice in Indonesia with others around the world. (11-13)

**D**Never Again:
The Parkland Shooting and the Teen Activists Leading a Movement
by Eric Braun
(Lerner Publications, $31.99) 978-1-5415-5270-8
In 2018, Florida students refused to let the world forget the shooting at their school by pressing for gun safety laws. Photographs, clear documentation, and time line. (11-14)

Reference

**D**Encyclopedia of American Indian History and Culture:
Stories, Time Lines, Maps, and More
by Cynthia O’Brien
(National Geographic Children's Books, $24.99)
978-1-4263-3453-5
Full-color photographs illustrate the history and overview of North America’s native peoples. (11-13)

**D**Fake News:
Separating Truth from Fiction
by Michael Miller
(Twenty-First Century Books/Lerner, $37.32)
978-1-5415-2814-7
The author provides clues to analyze the news and contrasts the diligence of journalism with the perpetration of hoaxes and propaganda. Photographs, graphics, and extensive back matter. (12-15)
Sports

D War in the Ring: Joe Lewis, Max Schmeling, and the Fight between America and Hitler
by John Florio and Ouisie Shapiro
(Roaring Brook Press/Holtzbrinck/Macmillan, $19.99)
978-1-250-15574-0
Boxer Joe Louis was a hero to African Americans. When he faced Max Schmeling, the pride of Nazi Germany, Louis became a hero to white Americans too. Photographs. (11-13)

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Body 2.0: The Engineering Revolution in Medicine
by Sara Latta
(Twenty-First Century Books/Lerner, $37.32)
978-1-5415-2813-0
Learn about what developments lie ahead in the not-too-distant future of medical technology. Compelling true stories and brief profiles of diverse researchers, with photos, color diagrams, and extensive back matter. (11-14)

D Eclipse Chaser: Science in the Moon’s Shadow
(Scientists in the Field series)
by Ilima Loomis, photographed by Amanda Cowan, illustrated by Andrea Miller
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, $18.99) 978-1-328-77096-7
Follow Syrian American University of Hawaii astrophysicist Shadia Habbal and her “Solar Wind Sherpas” as they study the sun’s corona in the 2017 total eclipse. Vivid personal photographs. (11-13)

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On Safari with Africa’s Last Great Herds
by Sy Montgomery, photographed by Roger Wood and Logan Wood, maps by Mike Reagan
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, $24.99) 978-0-544-76113-1
Journal entries and photographs illuminate Serengeti wildlife, including the remarkable wildebeest migration, and how human expansion, poaching, and climate change impact their ecosystem. Selected bibliography. (11-13)

Monstrous:
The Lore, Gore, and Science behind Your Favorite Monsters
written and illustrated by Carlyn Beccia
(Carolrhoda Books/Lerner, $19.99) 978-1-5124-4916-7
Learn the science and history behind eight famous monsters, including the kraken and Dracula. Dark, spooky illustrations. Time lines, source notes, bibliography, and glossary. (11-14)

Tooth & Claw:
The Dinosaur Wars
by Deborah Noyes
(Viking/Penguin YR/PRH, $18.99) 978-0-425-28984-6
Tales of competition and intrigue in the world of early paleontology present the budding science in the context of 19th-century America. Extensive photographs and back matter. (11-13)
World

D The Global Refugee Crisis: Fleeing Conflict and Violence
by Stephanie Sammartino McPherson
(Twenty-First Century Books/Lerner, $37.32)
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