

TWELVE TO FOURTEEN

FICTION

Adventure and Mystery

(D) Blood in the Water

by Tiffany D. Jackson
(Scholastic Press/Scholastic, \$18.99)
978-1-338-84991-2
Summering on Martha's Vineyard with family friends, Kaylani finds herself in the middle of a murder mystery. Can she solve it and free her father from prison too? (11-14)

The Free State of Jax

by Jennifer A. Nielsen
(Scholastic Press/Scholastic, P \$18.99)
978-1-5461-6608-5
Escaping from an abusive household, a resourceful 12-year-old founds a micro-nation on a hot spring lake. (12-15)

(D) Let the Monster Out

by Chad Lucas
(Amulet Books/Abrams, P \$8.99) 978-1-4197-6844-6
White, neurodivergent Kyle and biracial, hot-headed Bones—an unlikely pair—join forces to save the people of their small Canadian town from a local mind-control plot. (12-14)

(D) Smoke & Mirrors

by Rosalyn Ransaw
(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$18.99) 978-4197-7013-5
Andy, a Black 12-year-old who is helping renovate a crumbling mansion once owned by magician Red Knave, seeks to prove that the magician is not guilty of a murder. (11-14)

Anthologies and Collections

(D) You Were Made for this World:

Celebrated Indigenous Voices Speak to Young People
edited by Stephanie Sinclair and Sara Sinclair, foreword by Mazina Giizhik-iban (Murray Sinclair), illustrated by 20 Indigenous artists
(Tundra Books/Penguin Random House Canada, \$21.99) 978-1-77488-256-6
Letters in prose and poetry and powerful illustrations that speak about cultural dignity by 40 writers, noted individuals, and artists from many First Nations and Native American communities in Canada and the U.S. (12-15)

Coming of Age

(D) Aarzu All Around

by Marzieh Abbas
(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster BFYR/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing), \$18.99
978-1-6659-7041-9
In Pakistan, restrictions on women are severe. Orphaned, athletic 12-year-old Aarzu is determined to play cricket and to earn enough to save her ailing sister. Written in a variety of poetic forms. Glossary. (12-15)

City of Horses

by Frances Moloney
(Pushkin Children's Books/Pushkin Press, P \$13.95)
798-1-78269-396-3
Misty's father loses his job, forcing a move to Redbridge, where horses run free. She bonds with new friends and a pony—but a developer wants the unspoiled property. (12-15)

(M) Finding Harmony

by Eric Walters
(Orca Book Publishers, P \$14.95) 978-1-4598-3642-6
Having convinced the judge that she should live with her mother, Harmony strains to hold life together despite her mother's bad choices. Is foster care a worse alternative? (12-15) Mature content

D The Freedom Seeker

by Ruchira Gupta

(Scholastic Press/Scholastic, \$18.99)

978-1-3390-1242-1

Religious persecution prompts Simi's family to seek asylum in the United States, but only her father is accepted. Simi and her mother now face a perilous journey to rejoin him. (12-15)

D Ollie In Between

by Jess Callans

(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$18.99)

978-1-250-33134-2

An assigned class essay on "What it means to become a woman" forces 13-year-old Ollie to deal with fundamental identity issues. (13-15)

D * Rick Kotani's 400 Million Dollar Summer

by Waka T. Brown

(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, \$19.99)

978-0-06-323081-1

In Oregon, Japanese American Rick tests his pitching skills in a competitive local baseball league while picking up life lessons from a Japanese folktale his grandfather is translating for him. (11-13)

D * Scattergood

by H. M. Bouwman

(Neal Porter Books/Holiday House, \$18.99)

978-0-8234-57735-5

Peggy, going on 13, experiences many changes in her 1941 Iowa farm town: her cousin's leukemia, echoes of war, her first crush, and family secrets. Author's note. (11-14)

Spelling It Out

by Margaret Finnegan

(Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)

978-1-6659-3011-6

Ben, 12, faces a mixture of challenges and developing talent in competitive spelling bees, while dealing with shifting friendships. A summer stay with his aging grandma augments these experiences. (12-14)

D Very Bad at Math (Very Graphic Novel series)

written and illustrated by Hope Larson

(HarperAlley/HarperCollins, \$24.99)

978-0-06331-128-2

Teenager Verity (Very) excels in school in Asheville, North Carolina, at everything except math, which she's failing. Will her dyscalculia cost her the class presidency? Bright digital artwork. (11-13)

Contemporary Issues

D Displaced

by Patrick Ochieng

(Carolrhoda Books/Lerner, \$18.99)

979-8-7656-4869-8

Kimathi's father is killed for political reasons, and his family must flee to a camp for displaced people within his country, Kenya. How can they rebuild their lives? (11-14)

D Halfway to Somewhere

written and illustrated by Jose Pimienta

(Random House Graphic/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$21.99) 978-0-593-56945-0

Ave's parents' divorce splits the family between Mexico and Kansas, giving rise to questions of identity, belonging, language, and parenting. Realistic panels include scenes of memories. Back matter. (11-13)

D On Guard!

written and illustrated by Cassidy Wasserman

(Random House Graphic/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$21.99) 978-0-593-64998-5

Between her parents' divorce and possible abandonment by her best friend, Grace struggles to survive seventh grade. Cartoon-style art with watercolor backgrounds. Author's note and art concept gallery. (11-13)

Dystopian Fiction

Defanged

by H. E. Edgmon

(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-1-250-87400-9

Vampire Lux's parents plan to subject him to a defanging "cure" on his 12th birthday. He flees to find a known vampire sanctuary, where he might live free and unafraid. (11-13)

Ecology

Spark

by Chris Baron

(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$19.99)

978-1-250-86474-1

After a devastating fire, Finn and his best friend Rabbit want to restore their community, the forest surrounding it, and the animals living there. Can they take on powerful developers? (11-14)

Family and Community

D * All the Blues in the Sky

by Renée Watson

(Bloomsbury Children's Books/Bloomsbury, \$17.99)
978-1-5476-0589-7

On Sage's 13th birthday, her best friend is killed in a hit-and-run. In group counseling, Sage confronts her roiling emotions. Powerful verse and prose. (11-14)

The Burning Season

by Caroline Starr Rose

(Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin Random House,
\$17.99) 978-0-593-61793-9

Opal, 12, a fire-lookout-in-training in New Mexico, finds herself alone when she spies smoke in the distance. Can she overcome her terror of fires and save lives? Free verse. (11-13)

*** Busted**

by Dan Gemeinhart

(Henry Holt BYR/Macmillan, \$17.99)
978-1-250-37836-1

Oscar, 12, lives in a senior center with his grandfather. To earn enough money to avoid being evicted, Oscar makes a deal with a curmudgeonly resident, leading to a series of dramatic adventures. (11-13)

A Day at the Beach

by Gary D. Schmidt and Ron Koertge

(Clarion Books/HarperCollins, \$18.99)
978-0-06-338092-9

A hot summer day at the shore from the perspective of 26 different kids whose storylines often intersect. Tobias's lost iPhone links them. (11-14)

Dive

by John David Anderson

(Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins, \$19.99)
978-0-06-327936-0

Friendless at her new school, Kass, a talented aquatic diver, teams up with Miles for something riskier: dumpster diving. But is Miles as trustworthy as he is attractive? (12-14)

D Don't Cause Trouble

written and illustrated by Arree Chung

(Henry Holt BYR/Macmillan, \$22.99)
978-1-250-88729-0

Ming's Chinese immigrant parents lovingly sacrifice everything, sometimes including his dignity, to ensure his academic success. But middle school might be survivable with the right friends. Cheery, boldly colored art. (11-13)

D * El Niño

by Pam Muñoz Ryan, illustrated by Joe Cepeda

(Scholastic Press/Scholastic, \$18.99)
978-1-338-06855-9

Years ago, championship swimmer Cali disappeared. Her grief-stricken younger brother finds her overdue library book, which tells of a fantastic underwater realm. Might the mysterious kingdom actually exist? Immersive navy blue illustrations. (11-13)

How to Tell a True Story

by Tricia Springstubb

(Margaret Ferguson Books/Holiday House, \$17.99)
978-0-8234-5848-6

Amber's troubled older brother Gage rescues her from a fire that destroyed their house. The family's new-found fame raises Amber's social capital, but her parents split up, and Gage is keeping secrets. (11-13)

D No Purchase Necessary

by Maria Marianayagam

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$19.99) 978-0-06-336092-1
After stealing a candy bar for a bully who then refuses it, Ajay discovers he has the \$1,000,000 winning wrapper. How to tell his poor but strict Tamil parents? (11-14)

D Run Like a Girl

by Amaka Egbe

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$21.99) 978-1-335-00993-7

Track star Chidera must move temporarily to her estranged Nigerian immigrant father's home. The new school has no girls' track team, so she joins the boys', sparking her classmates' hostility. (11-14)

D * The Strongest Heart

by Saadia Faruqi

(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, \$19.99)
978-0-06-311585-9

Thirteen-year-old Mo is relieved to be living with his aunt and cousin in Houston, but will his father's fits of rage destroy Mo's new-found peace? (11-13)

D The Summer I Remembered Everything

by Catherine Con Morse

(Crown BFYR/Random House Children's Books/PRH,
\$19.99) 978-0-593-71142-2

Panamanian Taiwanese Emily escapes a high-pressure home life by taking a summer job as a companion to a feisty, elderly Southern lady whose memory and judgement issues become increasingly clear. (11-14)

Tear This Down

by Barbara Dee

(Aladdin/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing/S & S, \$17.99) 978-1-6659-1767-4

Twelve-year-old Freya learns that her town's revered founder opposed women's rights; she determines to work to honor local, historic women—particularly suffragists. (12-14)

The Trouble with Heroes

by Kate Messner

(Bloomsbury Children's Books/Bloomsbury, \$17.99) 978-1-5476-1639-8

Finn vandalized a cemetery. In punishment, he has to hike the Adirondack 46 in one summer with the dog of the woman whose gravestone he knocked down. The challenging journey helps him grieve his father's death. Free verse. (11-14)

The Trouble with Secrets

by Naomi Milliner

(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, \$19.99) 978-0-06-331164-0

A rabbi's daughter would rather play her flute than prepare for her bat mitzvah. When tragedy strikes her family, can she find a path to healing? (11-14)

Fantasy



*** Alanna**

by Vita Ayala, illustrated by Sam Beck

(Abrams Fanfare/Abrams, \$26.99) 978-1-4197-6558-2
Disguised as a boy, a young girl fights against all odds to pursue her dream of becoming a knight. Strikingly rich artwork. First book of an adaptation of Tamora Pierce's *Song of the Lioness*. (13-15)

The Forgotten Magic of Zoey Turner

by Erin Stewart

(Aladdin/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing/S & S, \$17.99) 978-1-6659-5225-5

Stricken with anxiety after losing her father in a tragic accident, Zoey is gifted a mysterious pencil that brings her fantasy stories to life. (11-14)

ⓓ * Graciela in the Abyss

by Meg Medina, illustrated by Anna Balbusso and Elena Balbusso

(Candlewick Press, \$18.99) 978-1-5362-1945-6

An artistic young blacksmith and a young girl ghost who inhabits the sea must work together to protect the ocean from evil. Brilliant world-building. Atmospheric art. (11-13)

It's Watching

by Lindsay Currie

(Delacorte Press/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-593-81163-4

Determined to write a winning article for the school paper, Josie and her friends decide to visit a "haunted" graveyard on Halloween night—with unexpected results. (11-14)

The Mummy Snatcher Curse (The Wand Keepers series)

by Tiffany McDaniel

(Simon & Schuster BFYR/S & S, \$19.99)

978-1-6659-5534-8

To prevent the giants from harming Egypt, her mummified cat, Spella and her friend Tolden fight to stop a monster from capturing more mummies. Black-and-white illustrations. (11-14)

*** The Poisoned King (Impossible Creatures series)**

by Katherine Rundell, illustrated by Ashley Mackenzie

(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$19.99) 978-0-593-80990-7

Dragon protector Christopher joins forces with fugitive Princess Anya, who seeks to prove her father innocent of murder. Black-and-white line drawings. Glossary of mythological creatures. (11-14)

The School for Thieves

by Peter Burns

(Aladdin/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing/S & S, \$18.99) 978-1-6659-8228-3

A street urchin who lives by his wits is identified and given the opportunity to train at an elite boarding school for thieves. (13-15)

Historical Fiction

ⓓ The Blossoming Summer

by Anna Rose Johnson

(Holiday House, \$17.99) 978-0-8234-5853-0

United after years apart, Rosemary, 13, and her brothers and parents flee Europe during World War II, seeking haven with their Native American grandmother. (13-15)

Candle Island

by Lauren Wolk

(Dutton Children's Books/Penguin Random House, \$18.99) 978-0-59369-853-9

Grieving her father's death, Lucretia moves to a small Maine island with her artist mother. Initially seeking solitude, she quickly becomes immersed in island life. (12-15)

**(D) Green Promises:
Girls Who Loved the Earth**

by Jeannine Atkins
(Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)
978-1-6659-5057-2
Three women staunchly overcome poverty, racism, lack of formal education, and sexism to pursue careers as, respectively, a botanist, a geologist, and an entomologist. Free verse. Extensive back matter. (11-14)

(D) How to Draw a Secret

written and illustrated by Cindy Chang
(Allida/HarperCollins, \$24.99) 978-0-35-865966-2
Cindy's father left for Taiwan four years ago; no one talks about it. Now she has a high-pressure art assignment, "What Family Means to Me." Semi-autobiographical. Engaging, uncluttered artwork. (11-14)

(D) * How to Say Goodbye in Cuban

written and illustrated by Daniel Miyares
(Anne Schwartz Books/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$21.99) 978-0-593-56829-3
Twelve-year-old Carlos's idyllic life is shattered when Castro's forces take over Cuba, but can his family survive the dangerous journey to America? Lush, action-packed art. Back matter. (11-14)

(D) (M) Max in the Land of Lies (Operation Kinderspion series)

by Adam Gidwitz
(Dutton Children's Books/Penguin Random House, \$18.99) 978-0-593-11211-3
Jewish 12-year-old radio expert Max returns to Berlin, now with spy training, which he needs in order to engage with Nazis and infiltrate their propagandist radio station. (11-14) Mature content

(D) * One Crazy Summer: The Graphic Novel

by Rita Williams-Garcia, illustrated by Sharee Miller
(Quill Tree Books and HarperAlley/HarperCollins, \$24.99) 978-0-06-293559-5
Sent for the summer to their mother, who ignores them, 11-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters fend for themselves and go to a day camp run by the Black Panthers. Bold artwork. (11-13)

The Peach Thief

by Linda Joan Smith, map by Linda Joan Smith
(Candlewick Press, \$19.99) 978-1-5362-3778-8
In 1850s England, an earl's gardener catches a workhouse orphan stealing. Mistaking 13-year-old Scilla for a boy, he offers her a job to pay her debt, simultaneously elevating her and complicating her desperate situation. Grayscale map and illustrations. (11-14)

Rebellion 1776

by Laurie Halse Anderson, map by Robert Lazzaretti
(Caitlyn Dlouhy Books/Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99) 978-1-4169-6826-9
After her father goes missing, 13-year-old Elsbeth finds work as a maid for a wealthy family amid a smallpox epidemic in the early days of the American Revolution. Detailed grayscale map. (11-14)

(D) * The Teacher of Nomad Land: A World War II Story

by Daniel Nayeri
(Levine Querido, \$18.99) 978-1-64614-566-9
In Iran in 1941, orphans Babak, 13, and his sister, Sana, 8, flee to the Zagros Mountains, hoping to find refuge with the Bakhtiari people. But will the nomads accept them? (11-14)

(D) Under Attack (Kidnapped from Ukraine series)

by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch
(Scholastic, \$25.99) 978-1-5461-0453-7
Dariiia and other captured Ukrainian children are torn from their families, given new Russian identities, and "adopted" by families paid per child to take them in. (12-14)

(D) * The Unexpected Lives of Ordinary Girls

by J. Anderson Coats
(Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)
978-1-6659-6861-4
In 1910 two sisters of a Slovenian immigrant family find different paths to escaping from small-town drudgery in Colorado. (12-15)

Winner of the 2026 Josette Frank Award

D * Where Only Storms Grow

by Alyssa Colman
(Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan, \$17.99)
978-0-374-39278-9

In 1930s Oklahoma, when other family members are unavailable, resourceful 12-year-old twins (one with scoliosis) battle a devastating dust storm to save their family farm. (12-15)

D Yoli's Favorite Things

by Patricia Santana
(Margaret Ferguson Books/Holiday House, \$18.99)
978-0-8234-5948-3

In 1968 Yoli's favorite sibling—one of eight in her warm Mexican family—faces the possibility of being drafted in the unpopular Vietnam War. (11-13)

D Zarina Divided

by Reem Faruqi, map by Molly Fehr
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$19.99) 978-0-06-328499-9
The Partition of 1947 forces Zarina and her family to make a wrenching move from India to Pakistan. Free verse. Grayscale spot art and map. Archival photos and images. Glossary, notes, sources. (11-14)

Horror

D Ghost Queen

by Mahtab Narsimhan
(Orca Anchor/Orca Book Publishers, P \$10.95)
978-1-4598-4165-9

Malika, creator of a ghost-hunting Internet channel, and her boyfriend search for a ghost at a famous Indian tourist site. A hi-lo scary tale, based on a traditional legend. (12-15)

The Many Hauntings of the Manning Family

by Lorien Lawrence
(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$17.99) 978-1-41976883-5
Thirteen-year-old twins Gabby and Trent have inherited the ability to free trapped ghosts . . . but can they defeat the terrifying demon that ended their grandparents' careers? (11-13)

Magical Realism

D The Incredibly Human Henson Blayze

by Derrick Barnes
(Viking/Penguin Random House, \$17.99)
978-1-9848-3675-5

When a Black 13-year-old football phenom in Mississippi prioritizes justice for a friend over the game, it doesn't take long for him to go from being a celebrity to an outcast. (11-14)

D Neshama

by Marcella Pixley
(Candlewick Press, \$18.99) 978-1-5362-3661-3
Neshama's a middle school social outcast—plus, she speaks to the ghosts of her ancestors. The appearance of her aunt's ghost reveals important heretofore hidden truths. Free verse. (11-14)

A World Worth Saving

by Kyle Lukoff
(Dial BFYR/Penguin Random House, \$18.99)
978-0-593-61898-1
Can a golem really help a 14-year-old trans kid? A is so desperate that he literally jumps out the window and escapes into the night. Where will he go? (11-14)

School

D The Extraordinary Orbit of Alex Ramirez

by Jasminne Paulino
(G. P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin Random House, \$18.99)
978-0-593-85931-5

A Dominican American teen assigned to a self-contained program because of his neurodivergence diagnosis yearns to take the mainstream science class to support his dream of joining NASA. Free verse. (11-14)

Science Fiction

The Experiment

by Rebecca Stead
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$17.99)
978-1-250-37476-9

Nathan, 11, has been raised to believe he is an alien explorer on Earth. But when he is called back to the mothership, he begins to doubt it all. (11-13)

Someone's Been Messing with Reality

by John Hearne

(Little Island Books, P \$10.99) 978-1-915071-48-4

A seaside Irish village hosts an annual event for UFO seekers. This year, not all visitors are from Earth. Can Martin and his friends save the planet? (12-15)

Social-Emotional Learning

D M The Queen Bees of Tybee County

by Kyle Casey Chu

(Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins, \$19.99)

978-0-06-332695-8

A Chinese American seventh-grade basketball star learns to understand his queer identity and love for drag while staying with his eccentric grandma and participating in a small-town beauty pageant. (11-13) Mature content

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Biography and Memoir

*** Daring:**

The Life and Art of Elisabeth Vigée Le Brun

by Jordana Pomeroy

(Getty Publications, \$21.95) 978-1-947440-10-4

A talented, socially astute French painter survived her country's revolution by traveling through Europe and thrived in the male-dominated art world. Numerous reproductions of her work illuminate her luminous, intimate style. Notes, resources. (11-14)

Invisible:

The (Sort of) True Story of Me & My Hidden Disease

written and illustrated by David Soren

(Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House, \$17.99)

978-0-593-88662-5

The roller-coaster life of talented artist J.J., from first grade until he makes an animated film starring his disorder, Crohn's disease, when he is 13. Humorous grayscale illustrations. (11-14)

D M Never Silent:

A Hiroshima Survivor's Story

by Setsuko Thurlow and Kathy Lowinger, illustrated by Michelle Theodore

(Annick Press, \$22.99) 978-1-77321985-1

The disastrous aftermath of the bombing of Hiroshima and its impact on survivors eventually led Setsuko on a path of anti-nuclear activism. Somber illustrations. Archival photographs. Back matter. (11-14) Mature content

D Okchundang Candy

written and illustrated by Jung-soon Go, translated from Korean by Aerin Park

(Levine Querido, \$21.99) 978-1-64614-514-0

A tender, frank, sometimes painful grandchild's-eye view of the last years of her loving grandparents' lives. Delicate pencil and watercolor artwork. (11-14)

D Ours to Tell:

Reclaiming Indigenous Stories

by Eldon Yellowhorn and Kathy Lowinger, illustrated by Chantal Jung and Coco Apunnguaq Lynge

(Annick Press, \$24.99) 978-1-77321-953-0

Indigenous authors profile the work of notable Indigenous people, past and present, from Canada to Mexico. Illustrations include original collages and portraits as well as reproductions and archival photos and images. Index. Detailed back matter. (11-14)

D Revolutions Are Made of Love:

The Story of James Boggs and Grace Lee Boggs

by Sun Yung Shin and Mélina Mangal, illustrated by Leslie Barlow

(Carolrhoda Books/Lerner, \$18.99) 979-8-7654-1152-4

Two different authors take us through 50 years of activism by a biracial Chinese American and Black couple. Free verse. Colorful realistic illustrations. Back matter. (11-14)

The Sky Was My Blanket:

A Young Man's Journey Across Wartime Europe

written and illustrated by Uri Schulevitz

(Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan, \$19.99)

978-0-374-39246-8

Yehiel, 15, left his home in Poland to explore Europe. Among his adventures were fighting in the Spanish Civil War and escaping Nazi capture in Italy. Expressive grayscale illustrations. (11-14)

True Gretch:

Lessons for Anyone Who Wants to Make a Difference

by Gretchen Whitmer

(Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99)

978-1-6659-8376-1

Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer shares her life story and future political ambitions, her significant personal challenges, and advice for facing them.

Archival photos. Resources. Young adult edition of *True Gretch: What I've Learned About Life, Leadership, and Everything in Between*. (11-14)

Vanished:

Seven Woman Magicians Who Simply Disappeared

by Anna Hays, illustrated by Mary Kate McDevitt

(Bright Matter Books/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$18.99) 978-0-593-71255-9

Portraits of remarkable women, from an illusionist to an escape artist, who were successful during the Golden Age of Magic (1860–1930) and later forgotten. Handsomely designed with colorful, vibrant illustrations and archival photos and images. Back matter. (11-14)

Contemporary Issues

*** A World Without Summer:**

A Volcano Erupts, a Creature Awakens, and the Sun Goes Out

by Nicholas Day, illustrated by Yas Imamura

(Random House Studio/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$19.99) 978-0-593-64387-7

The cataclysmic 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora triggered worldwide climate change and a chain of historical events, including Mary Shelley's creation of *Frankenstein*. Black-and-white mixed-media illustrations. Extensive back matter. (13-15)

History

*** Earthrise:**

The Story of the Photograph That Changed the Way We See Our Planet

by Leonard S. Marcus

(Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan, \$21.99)

978-0-374-39211-6

The extraordinary photograph of Earth captured by Apollo 8 astronauts in 1968 was the culmination of the rivalry of military enemies in space exploration. Engaging text. Exemplary back matter. (11-14)

*** Many Voices:**

Building Erie, the Canal That Changed America

by Laurie Lawlor

(Holiday House, \$19.99) 978-0-8234-5563-8

A detailed and exciting account of the origin, engineering, construction, impact, and evolution of the incredible inland waterway that rapidly transformed the United States. Sourcing. Archival maps, images, and photographs. Back matter. (12-15)

STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics)

ⓓ The Six:

The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts

by Loren Grush, with Rebecca Stefoff

(Simon & Schuster BFYR/S & S, \$19.99)

978-1-5344-9704-7

Despite intense sexism, six talented, determined women succeeded in a profession previously restricted to men and joined NASA's corps of people journeying into outer space. Color photos. Back matter. Young readers edition. (11-14)