

SPECIAL INTERESTS

KEY	
★	Outstanding merit
	Read-aloud
•	SERIES TITLE (series books follow)
(4-6)	Age range
	Mature
NE	New Edition

Activities

31 Ways to Change the World

by Tanis Taylor

(Candlewick, P\$8.99) 978-0-7636-4506-9

Based on the suggestions of thousands of kids, the ideas selected encourage young people to use everyday actions to change the world.(9-12)

Our Grandparents: A Global Album

by Maya Ajmera, Sheila Kinkade, and Cynthia Pon, foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu
(Charlesbridge, \$16.95) 978-1-57091-458-4

The many aspects of the special relationships are supported by simple text and vivid expressive labeled photographs from around the world. Instructive activities provided.
(5-7)

Share A Scare: Writing Your Own Scary Story

by Nancy Loewen, illustrated by Christopher Lyles

(Picture Window , \$23.99) 978-1-4048-5517-5

Each of thirteen tools needed to create this genre are explained and demonstrated through an easy to follow format and annotated illustrations. (7-9)

Thank You, Miss Doover

by Robin Pulver, illustrated by Stephanie Roth Sisson

(Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-2046-9

Humorous and child friendly instruction on how to write thank you notes. Cartoonish illustrations and panels. (7-9)

Anthology

***Speeches, Essays, & Conversations**

by Virginia Hamilton, edited by Arnold Adoff, and Kacy Cook

(Blue Sky, \$29.99) 978-0-439-27193-6

The well-known author writes about the influence of America's parallel culture and family memories on her writing. (14-adult)

Architecture

Watch this Space: Designing, Defending and Sharing Public Spaces

by Hadley Dyer, Marc Ngui

(Kids Can, \$18.95) 978-1-55453-293-3

Fascinating facts about the use of public spaces from the Roman gladiators to Facebook. Includes ideas and a glossary. (10-14)

Arts

A Book About Color: A Clear and Simple Guide for Young Artists

written and illustrated by Mark Gonyea

(Henry Holt, \$19.99) 978-0-8050-9055-0

Primary, secondary, complementary--these and other terms and concepts are clearly explained with simple blocks of color. (8-10)

***The Carnival of the Animals**

by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Mary GrandPré

(Knopf, \$19.99) 978-0-375-86458-2

These poems and the music may be shared with children at home or in school. Vivid, whimsical animal portraits created in acrylic and collage. CD included. (6-10)

Me, Frida

by Amy Novesky, illustrated by David Diaz

(Abrams, \$16.95) 978-0-8109-8969-6

When Frida Kahlo accompanied her husband, Diego Rivera, the famous painter, to San Francisco, she created her own painting style. Intense acrylic and charcoal paintings. (8-11)

***Shadow**

written and illustrated by Suzy Lee

(Chronicle, \$15.99) 978-0-8118-7280-5

In this nearly wordless picture book, bold, two-color illustrations perfectly capture what happens when one little girl uses her imagination. (5-7)

Speaking of Art: Colorful Quotes by Famous Painters

edited by Bob Raczka

(Millbrook, \$25.26) 978-0-7613-5054-5

Insightful, evocative quotes from a variety of artists, coupled with a sample of their paintings, are a jumping off point for discussion. (8-10)

Biography

***All Star!: Honus Wagner and the Most Famous Baseball Card Ever**

by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Jim Burke
(Philomel, \$17.99) 978-0-399-24661-1

From teenage coal miner to major league hero, the bowlegged, large, clumsy-looking athlete played his way to stardom. Well-researched oil paintings. (8-12)

Black Elk's Vision: A Lakota Story

written and illustrated by S. D. Nelson
(Abbeville, \$19.95) 978-0-8109-8399-1

From the Battle of Little Big Horn to the massacre at Wounded Knee, Black Elk lived through critical events in the history of the Lakota-Oglala people. Stylized paintings and archival photographs. Timeline, maps, sources. (10-12)

Captain Mac: The Life of Donald Baxter MacMillan, Arctic Explorer

by Mary Morton Cowan
(Calkins Creek, \$17.95) 978-1-59078-709-0

A lifelong lover of the sea, MacMillan becomes an Arctic explorer and advances the geographic and scientific knowledge of the Arctic. (8-11)

Charles Darwin and the Mystery of Mysteries

by Niles Eldredge, and Susan Pearson
(Roaring Brook, \$19.99) 978-1-59643-374-8

The life and times of the controversial naturalist is clearly depicted with glossary, time-lines and sources. (12+)

***Dave, the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave**

by Laban Carrick Hill, illustrated by Bryan Collier
(Little, Brown, \$16.99) 978-0-316-10731-0

The creative process of a South Carolina slave is presented in a rhythmic text with expressive powerful images. (6-10)

Driven: A Photobiography of Henry Ford

by Don Mitchell, foreword by Lee Iacocca
(National Geographic, \$18.95) 978-1-4263-0155-1

The life of the innovative industrialist, warts and all, well documented. Archival photographs expand on the text. (9-12)

Frederick Douglass: A Noble Life

by David A. Adler
(Holiday House, \$18.95) 978-0-8234-2056-8

This clear portrayal of the African-American abolitionist is enhanced by the inclusion of many historical documents, engravings, and photographs. (12-14)

George Washington Carver: Agriculture Pioneer

by Stephanie Macceca
(Compass Point, \$26.65) 978-0-7565-4305-1

Born into slavery, this brilliant scientist revolutionized the world of agriculture, became a university professor, and an inventor. Timeline, resources. (8-10)

Henry Knox: Bookseller, Soldier, Patriot

by Anita Silvey, illustrated by Wendell Minor

(Clarion, \$17.99) 978-0-618-27485-7

A resourceful young man became a problem-solver for Washington as he fought the British. Excellent paintings, maps and bibliography. (8-12)

Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing

by Ann Angel

(Amulet, \$19.95) 978-0-8109-8349-6

Awkward and craving acceptance, Joplin rose to celebrity status when rock and roll was dominated by men. She changed the music world, but paid a high price. (13-15)

***Jimi Sounds Like a Rainbow: A Story of the Young Jimi Hendrix**

by Gary Golio, illustrated by Javaka Steptoe

(Clarion, \$16.99) 978-0-618-85279-6

Poetic language and dramatic mixed media illustrations tell the story of the boy who grew up to be one of the world's greatest rock musicians. (7-9)

Lost Boy: The Story of the Man who Created Peter Pan

by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Steve Adams

(Dutton, \$17.99) 978-0-525-47886-7

When J.M Barrie wrote Peter Pan, the most famous of his novels and plays, he drew on his relationship with the rambunctious boys of a family he befriended. Textured paintings. (7-10)

Oprah: The Little Speaker

by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by London Ladd

(Marshall Cavendish, \$17.99) 978-0-7614-5632-2

Brought up by her grandmother, Oprah learns to read at three, writes skits for the pigs, and says she wanted to be paid for speaking when she grew up. (5-8)

Ecology

***The Chiru of High Tibet**

by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, illustrated by Linda Wingerter

(HMH, \$17.99) 978-0-618-58130-6

In 2002 four intrepid trekkers undertook a journey to help save the endangered antelope-like chiru of remote Tibet. (9-12)

Garbage Helps Our Garden Grow: A Compost Story

by Linda Glaser, photos by Shelley Rotner

(Millbrook, \$21.59) 978-0-7613-4911-2

Cucumbers and pumpkins turn "garbage" into soil so more cucumbers and pumpkins can grow. It's true and it's natural! (4-7)

Oceans! Dolphins, Sharks, Penguins, and More!

by Johnna Rizzo, introduction by Sylvia A. Earle
(National Geographic, \$14.95) 978-1-4263-0686-0

How many oceans are there? What's the difference between a sea horse and a sea dragon?
How can one protect our oceans? Sharp, colorful photographs. (9-11)

Seed, Soil, Sun: Earth's Recipe for Food

by Cris Peterson, photos by David R. Lundquist
(Boyd's Mills, \$17.95) 978-1-59078-713-7

Where does popcorn come from? How do worms help plants grow? How do seeds become
the food we eat? References and resources. (5-7)

The Shocking Truth about Energy

written and illustrated by Loreen Leedy
(Holiday House, \$17.95) 978-0-8234-2220-3

An entertaining and informative look at energy combining physical and environmental
science. (6-8)

The Smash! Smash! Truck: Recycling as You've Never Heard it Before!

by Professor Potts
(David Fickling, \$16.99) 978-0-385-75143-8

A clear explanation of recycling glass and a wonderful description of how the earth is a
process of recycling. (8-11)

History

***The Battle of Nashville: General George H. Thomas and the Most Decisive Battle of the Civil War**

by Benson Bobrick
(Knopf, \$19.99) 978-0-375-84887-2

Learn about one of the few perfectly planned and executed battles in military history.
Important background information about the Civil War is also provided, with bibliography
and notes.

***Birmingham Sunday**

by Larry Dane Brimner
(Calkins Creek, \$17.95) 978-1-59078-613-0

On September 15, 1963, six young people were killed in bombings by segregationists in
Birmingham, Alabama. Background, bibliography, source notes. (11-14)

Discovery in the Cave

by Mark Dubowski, illustrated by Bryn Barnard
(Random House, P\$3.99) 978-0-375-85893-2

Four boys find 15,000-year-old paintings in a cave in France. (8-10)

FDR's Alphabet Soup: New Deal America, 1932-1939

by Tonya Bolden
(Knopf, \$19.99) 978-0-375-85214-5

Learn about the agencies that Franklin D. Roosevelt created to address the problems of the Great Depression. Archival photographs, glossary. (12-14)

The Hallelujah Flight

by Phil Bildner, illustrated by John Holyfield

(Putnam, \$16.99) 978-0-399-24789-7

In 1932, James Banning and Thomas Allen, in a broken-down plane, become the first African Americans to complete a transcontinental flight. Humorous acrylics. (6-9)

Lafayette and the American Revolution

by Russell Freedman, photos

(Holiday House, \$24.95) 978-0-8234-2182-4

While still a teenager, the French nobleman fought bravely in the American Revolution and won the respect of George Washington. Archival materials. (11-13)

Liberty or Death: The Surprising Story of Runaway Slaves Who Sided with the British During the American Revolution

by Margaret Whitman Blair

(National Geographic, \$18.95) 978-1-4263-0590-0

During the American Revolution, slaves were offered their freedom if they joined the British forces. Many chose to do so and showed great bravery. (11-16)

Off Like the Wind! The First Ride of the Pony Express

by Michael P. Spradlin, illustrated by Layne Johnson

(Walker, \$17.99) 978-0-8027-9652-3

This describes the first ten and one-half day horseback trip from Missouri to California to deliver the mail. Oil paintings, time-line and author's note. (9-11)

Poop Happened! A History of the World from the Bottom Up

by Sarah Albee, illustrated by Robert Leighton

(Walker, P\$15.99) 978-0-8027-2077-1

How disease, plumbing, and toilets changed the world. Black and white illustrations. (8-11)

***Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down**

by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney

(Little, Brown, \$16.99) 978-0-316-07016-4

On February 1, 1960, four young men began a peaceful protest to desegregate a lunch counter and inspired countless others to join in the nonviolent struggle for social justice. Expressive watercolor and ink illustrations. (9-12)

Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network that Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement

by Rick Bowers, foreword by Wade Henderson

(National Geographic, \$16.95) 978-1-4263-0595-5

In the 1950s and 1960s, Mississippi founded an official state program to infiltrate the African American community's efforts to change conditions. Bibliography and sources. (12-14)

Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science

by Marc Aronson and Marina Budhos

(Clarion, \$20.00) 978-0-618-57492-6

The authors begin with a personal connection to the history of sugar and show how this led to the most brutal form of slavery as well as to the abolitionist movement. Archival photographs, illustrations and maps

The Taxing Case of the Cows: A True Story About Suffrage

by Iris Van Rynbach and Pegi Deitz Shea, illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully
(Clarion, \$16.99) 978-0-547-23631-5

In 1869 Connecticut, two sisters campaign for their rights when taxed more than men. An amusing introduction to an important subject. Detailed watercolors. (8-10)

***The War to End All Wars: World War I**

by Russell Freedman
(Clarion, \$22.00) 978-0-547-02686-2

A vivid picture of this destructive war with quotes from those at the front. Includes archival photographs and information about arms that had never before been used. (12-16)

Holidays

Arbor Day Square

by Kathryn O. Galbraith, illustrated by Cyd Moore
(Peachtree, \$16.95) 978-1-56145-517-1

A lyrically told tale of planting trees in the prairie includes gentle watercolor and pencil illustrations. (4-7)

The Christmas Eve Ghost

written and illustrated by Shirley Hughes
(Candlewick, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-4472-7

When good neighbors help her children, Mom overcomes her prejudice in Liverpool 1930. Ink and watercolor illustrations. (6-9)

The Christmas Giant

written and illustrated by Steve Light
(Candlewick, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-4692-9

Humphrey the Giant and Leetree the Elf are given a mission to grow a special Christmas tree. Will they succeed? Detailed pastel crayon and pen-and-ink drawings. (5-8)

Engineer Ari and the Sukkah Express

by Deborah Bodin Cohen, illustrated by Shahar Kober
(Kar-Ben, \$7.95) 978-0-7613-5128-3

Can Ari figure out how all his friends--even those who live far away--can join him to celebrate Sukkot? Cheerful, colorful illustrations. (6-8)

Tashlich at Turtle Rock

by Susan Schnur and Anna Schnur-Fishman, illustrated by Alex Steele-Morgan
(Kar-Ben, P\$7.95) 978-0-7613-4510-7

Annie and her family add their own customs as they perform "tashlich"--the ceremony of symbolically casting away last year's sins. Gentle, softly textured illustrations. (6-8)

Thanking the Moon: Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival

written and illustrated by Grace Lin

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86101-7

Three young girls go out to an evening picnic to watch the moon rising in this Chinese-American story honoring the Mid-Autumn Festival. Gouache paintings. (5-7)

Math

For Good Measure: The Ways We Say How Much, How Far, How Heavy, How Big, How Old

written and photographed by Ken Robbins

(Roaring Brook, \$17.99) 978-1-59643-344-1

Puzzled by the meaning of a fathom, a league, a span? Find out the origin of these and other everyday measurements and their equivalent in the metric system. Spectacular photographs add to the explanations. (9-10)

Fractions, Decimals, and Percents

by David A. Adler, illustrated by Edward Miller

(Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-2199-2

With colorful illustrations, simple text, and lots of examples, the author explains the relationship between these often challenging math concepts. (8-10)

Growing Patterns: Fibonacci Numbers in Nature

by Sarah C. Campbell, photos by Sarah C. Campbell
and Richard P. Campbell

(Boyd's Mills, \$17.95) 978-1-59078-752-6

Can you discover mathematical patterns in flowers, fruits, and shells? Close-up photos demonstrate complex ideas. (7-10)

Teddy Bear Counting

by Barbara Barbieri McGrath, illustrated by Tim Nihoff

(Charlesbridge, \$16.95) 978-1-58089-215-5

Counting bears, rhyme, and bright colored digital illustrations explain simple math concepts. (5-7)

Memoir

Child of the Civil Rights Movement

by Paula Young Shelton, illustrated by Raul Colón

(S&W, \$17.99) 978-0-375-84314-3

Andrew Young's daughter remembers her childhood when she joined her father and other Civil Rights leaders and participated in important events. Warm watercolor and pencil illustrations. (8-11)

Eva's Story: A Survivor's Tale by the Stepsister of Anne Frank

by Eva Schloss with Evelyn Julia Kent

(Eerdmans, P\$14.99) 978-0-8028-6495-6

Eva Schloss spent years in hiding as a child before she was sent to Auschwitz. Unlike Anne Frank, Eva survived to tell the harrowing story of her life in a concentration camp. (15-18)

Saltypie: A Choctaw Journey from Darkness into Light

by Tim Tingle, illustrated by Karen Clarkson

(Cinco Puntos, \$17.95) 978-1-933693-67-5

The wisdom of Tim Tingle's grandmother helps his Choctaw family overcome anti-Indian bigotry in this true story of a modern Indian family. Colorful illustrations by a Choctaw artist. (7-10)

Shake, Rattle & Turn That Noise Down!: How Elvis Shook Up Music, Me and Mom

written and illustrated by Mark Alan Stamaty

(Knopf, \$17.99) 978-0-375-84685-4

Growing up in the 50s, the future cartoonist (and Elvis imitator at times) depicts his growing love for rock and roll, especially Presley, in spite of his mother's concerns. (8-12)

Short: Walking Tall When You're Not Tall at All

by John Schwartz

(Roaring Brook, \$16.99) 978-1-59643-323-6

Does being short mean you're not smart? How much of what studies and newspapers say is true? How tall is Prince? George Lucas? (11-14)

***Under a Red Sky**

by Haya Leah Molnar

(FSG, \$17.99) 978-0-374-31840-6

Life in Communist-ruled Bucharest in the late 1950s and 1960s was especially harsh for this large Jewish family as they hoped and waited to emigrate. (9-12)

Parenting

What if Everybody Did That?

by Ellen Javernick, illustrated by Colleen M. Madden

(Marshall Cavendish, \$12.99) 978-0-7614-5686-5

Humorous mixed media illustrations convey the consequences of misbehavior. (5-8)

Poetry



Amazing Faces

by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by Chris Soentpiet

(Lee & Low, \$18.95) 978-1-60060-334-1

Through the work of well-known poets, the feelings of contemporary children are explored. Detailed watercolors highlight the diversity of communities in the United States. (8-12)

***Bats at the Ballgame**

written and illustrated by Brian Lies

(HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-24970-4

Have you ever seen a bat at bat? Humorous verse and lively acrylic illustrations convey the excitement of a very special ballgame. (6–9)

***Borrowed Names**

by Jeannine Atkins

(Henry Holt, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-8934-9

The lives of three extraordinary nineteenth-century women and their daughters are explored through poetry that heightens their complex relationships. (10-12)

City Kids

by X. J. Kennedy, illustrated by Philippe Béna

(Tradewind Books, \$17.95) 978-1-896580-44-9

Thoughtful, humorous, delightful rhymes about city kids, streets, and skyscrapers are accompanied by amusing expressive illustrations. (8-12)

***Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night**

by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Rick Allen

(HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-15228-8

Newbury honor winner Sidman lyrically describes nocturnal creatures and their habitats. Glowing woodcut prints. (6-10)

An Egret's Day

by Jane Yolen, photos by Jason Stemple

(Wordsong, \$17.95) 978-1-59078-650-5

Egrets are described in poetry, prose, and stunning color photographs. (8-11)

***Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys**

by Bob Raczka, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

(HMH, \$14.99) 978-0-547-24003-9

Six poems for each season with a focus on exploration and adventure outdoors. Watercolor illustrations capture the pleasure of each experience.

Hallowilloween: Nefarious Silliness

written and illustrated by Calef Brown

(HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-21540-2

Silly and scary, these poems capture the fun, and fear, of the holiday. Colorful illustrations are part of the fun. (7-10)

***In the Wild**

by David Elliott, illustrated by Holly Meade

(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-4497-0

Elephants, sloths, and orangutans, along with many other wild animals, come to life through thought-provoking poems and bold woodblock prints. (4-8)

Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Josée Masse

(Dutton, \$16.99) 978-0-525-47901-7

Poems about fairy tale characters read top down and then bottom up adding new meaning to delight and surprise. Vibrant acrylic illustrations. (5-8)

¡Muu, Moo! Rimas de Animales/Animal Nursery Rhymes

selected by Alma Flor Ada, and F. Isabel Campoy, English versions by Rosalma Zubizarreta, illustrated by Viví Escrivá

(Rayo, \$16.99) 978-0-06-134613-2

Traditional and new poems in Spanish along with English adaptations that keep the music and rhythm alive. Engaging illustrations. (3-6)

My Heart Is Like a Zoo

written and illustrated by Michael Hall

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-191510-9

Humorous rhymes describe the many ways a heart can feel -- eager as a beaver, angry as a bear, and more. Illustrations encourage counting the hearts. (6-8)

Nest, Nook & Cranny

by Susan Blackaby, illustrated by Jamie Hogan

(Charlesbridge, \$15.95) 978-1-58089-350-3

Poems describe animals that live in five different habitats. Brief notes about the habitats and notes that explore the poetic forms and devices. (8-12)

One Big Rain: Poems for Rainy Days

compiled by Rita Gray, illustrated by Ryan O'Rourke

(Charlesbridge, \$9.95) 978-1-57091-716-5

Poems, including Haiku, by distinguished authors celebrate the qualities of rain through the seasons. Oil on paper illustrations. (6-9)

Open the Gates: Poems for Young Readers

by Dabney Stuart, illustrated by Susan E. Elliott

(Pinyon Publishing, P\$27.00) 978-0-9821561-6-2

Nature-based poetry is sometimes humorous, always clever and full of keen observations. Watercolors. (9-15)

***Poetrees**

written and illustrated by Douglas Florian

(Beach Lane Books, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-8672-0

Turn this book vertically to enjoy the unusual mixed-media paintings and clever poems about trees the world over. (6-10)

***Sharing the Seasons: A Book of Poems**

selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by David Diaz

(McElderry, \$21.99) 978-1-4169-0210-2

Forty-eight poems about the seasons by master classic and contemporary poets. Luminous mixed-media illustrations. (6-10)

Some Kind of Love: A Family Reunion in Poems

by Traci Dant, illustrated by Eric Velasquez

(Marshall Cavendish, \$17.99) 978-0-7614-5559-2

A nine-year-old tells about a large family, mostly African American, who meet every summer in Mississippi at Grandma's house. Rich, realistic oil paintings. (7-11)

***Switching on the Moon: A Very First Book of Bedtime Poems**

collected by Jane Yolen, and Andrew Fusek Peters, illustrated by G. Brian Karas
(Candlewick, \$21.99) 978-0-7636-4249-5

A collection of captivating poems, with humorous, wistful and wise thoughts expressed with rhythm and clever word play. (3-7)

Time You Let Me In: 25 Poets Under 25

selected by Naomi Shihab Nye
(HarperTeen, \$16.99) 978-0-06-189637-8

Twenty-five young poets write about their lives, their experiences, and life in general. Inspiring! (13-16)

***Ubiquitous**

by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Beckie Prange
(HMH, \$17.00) 978-0-618-71719-4

Innovative poetry and fascinating facts combine in this exploration of resilient life forms. Colorful illustrations. (8-12)

Reference

The Cat's Pajamas

written and illustrated by Wallace Edwards
(Kids Can, \$18.95) 978-1-55453-308-4

Humorous, detailed illustrations convey the meaning of twenty-six popular idioms. (8-11)

Religion

Jesus

illustrated by Gennady Spirin
(Marshall Cavendish, \$21.00) 978-0-7614-5630-8

One stunning illustration divided into panels depicts the life of Jesus, with text drawn from the King James Bible. (9-11)

The Life of Jesus: An Illustrated Rosary

by Mary Billingsley, foreword by Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, C. F. R.
(Eerdmans, \$19.99) 978-0-8028-5362-2

Paintings based on the artist's sculptures illuminate the prayers of the Rosary. The art respects the importance of key New Testament events while also taking a new visual perspective. (9-14)

Sammy Spider's First Simchat Torah

by Sylvia A. Rouss, illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn
(Kar-Ben, P\$7.95) 978-0-7613-3966-3

When he gets stuck on a candy apple, Sammy gets to celebrate the joyful holiday honoring the Torah. (5-7)

Science

About Raptors: A Guide for Children

by Cathryn Sill, illustrated by John Sill
(Peachtree, \$16.95) 978-1-56145-536-2

Simple text and detailed watercolor illustrations introduce young children to birds of prey. Notes at the end provide additional information for older children and adults. (4-6)

Adventure Beneath the Sea: Living in an Underwater Science Station

by Kenneth Mallory, photos by Brian Skerry
(Boyd's Mills, \$18.95) 978-1-59078-607-9

Go beneath the ocean near the Florida Keys and share the experience of studying sea creatures. Reference materials included. (9-12)



***Ants**

by Melissa Stewart
(National Geographic, P\$3.99) 978-1-4263-0608-2

Inviting photographs and simple text show the anatomy, behavior, and different species of this insect. (6-8)

Bats

by Elizabeth Carney
(National Geographic, P\$3.99) 978-1-4263-0710-2

These fascinating mammals are explained in clear, simple text and color photographs. (6-8)

Biodiversity of Rain Forests

by Greg Pyers
(Marshall Cavendish, \$19.95) 978-1-60870-073-8

Learn about both tropical and temperate rain forests throughout the world. Includes glossary, maps, graphs, and list of websites. (9-14)

***Bones**

written and illustrated by Steve Jenkins
(Scholastic, \$16.99) 978-0-545-04651-0

Fascinating facts about bones and skeletons are stunningly illustrated with cut-paper collages. (8-11)

Bugs and Bugsicles: Insects in the Winter

by Amy S. Hansen, illustrated by Robert C. Kray
(Boyd's Mills, \$17.95) 978-1-59078-269-9

Instructive illustrations help explain the many different strategies insects use to survive in winter. (8-10)

***Can an Old Dog Learn New Tricks? and Other Questions about Animals**

by Buffy Silverman
(Lerner, \$26.60) 978-0-8225-9083-5

Fascinating animal myths are examined. Photos, humorous sketches, and text boxes. (8-11)

***Cicadas! Strange and Wonderful**

by Laurence Pringle, illustrated by Meryl Henderson
(Boyd's Mills, \$16.95) 978-1-59078-673-4

Text and clear illustrations explain the history and life cycles of the many kinds of cicadas native to the United States. (6–10)

Dinosaur Mountain: Digging into the Jurassic Age

written and illustrated by Deborah Kogan Ray
(FSG, \$16.99) 978-0-374-31789-8

Colorful paintings illustrate this discussion of Bone Mountain and its role in the “Bone Wars” to find dinosaur remains, which began in the 1870s. (8-11)

Dolphins

by Melissa Stewart
(National Geographic, P\$3.99) 978-1-4263-0652-5

Basic facts with clearly labeled photographs show dolphins in their habitats. Vocabulary and riddles. (6-8)

***Every Bone Tells a Story: Hominin Discoveries, Deductions, and Debates**

by Jill Rubalcaba and Peter Robertshaw
(Charlesbridge, \$18.95) 978-1-58089-164-6

This account of four archeological discoveries explains how scientists study the history of hominins, including the impact of new scientific techniques, and discusses controversies and unresolved questions. (12-16)

Face to Face with Manatees

written and photographed by Brian Skerry
(National Geographic, \$16.95) 978-1-4263-0616-7

Close-up photographs and detailed descriptions provide information about these aquatic mammals. (7-10)

Frozen Secrets: Antarctica Revealed

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