SPECIAL INTERESTS

ACTIVITIES

1 2 3 I Can Collage!
written and illustrated by Irene Luxbacher
(Kids Can, $14.95) 978-1-55453-313-8
Young children will be successful engaging in these activities with colorful step-by-step instructions. (5-8)

*Adventures in Cartooning
written and illustrated by James Sturm and Andrew Arnold and Alexis Frederick-Frost
(First Second, P$12.95) 978-1-59643-369-4
In the framework of a fairy tale, a magic cartooning elf teaches the basics of comics in a story with a twist. (8-12)

Not All Animals Are Blue:
A Big Book of Little Differences
written and illustrated by Béatrice Boutignon
(Kane/Miller, $15.95) 978-1-933605-96-8
Readers will observe, laugh, talk, and learn as they match simple concepts to humorous pictures. (6-9)

The Real Spy’s Guide to Becoming a Spy
by Peter Earnest and Suzanne Harper, photos by Bret Bertholf
(Abrams, $16.95) 978-0-8109-8329-8
Follow this roadmap for becoming a spy with acronyms, different career paths, educational requirements, training, and intricacies of that career. (10-12)

Singing for Mrs. Pettigrew:
Stories and Essays from a Writing Life
by Michael Morpurgo, illustrated by Peter Bailey
(Candlewick, $18.99) 978-0-7636-3624-1
In this collection of short stories interspersed with advice to would-be authors, the reader discovers the connection between real life and the story. (12-15)
**Tyrannosaurus Math**  
by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Doug Cashman  
(Tricycle, $15.99) 978-1-582-46282-0  
A number-loving dinosaur finds many different ways to solve math problems and has lots of fun doing it. Lively, colorful illustrations. (6-8)

**What Can You Do with an Old Red Shoe?: A Green Activity Book About Reuse**  
written and illustrated by Anna Alter  
(Henry Holt, $16.95) 978-0-8050-8290-6  
A craft book describes activities to reuse and recycle everyday objects. Easy-to-follow instructions. Acrylic illustrations. (4-7)

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**ARTS**

**Alphabeasties and Other Amazing Types**  
written and illustrated by Sharon Werner, and Sarah Forss  
(Blue Apple, $19.99) 978-1-934706-78-7  
Letters in varying typefaces and sizes form animals from A to Z. Imaginative, whimsical, and amusing flip-outs. (6-9)

**An Eye for Color:**  
**The Story of Josef Albers**  
by Natasha Wing, illustrated by Julia Breckenreid  
(Henry Holt, $16.99) 978-0-8050-8072-8  
From Germany to the U.S., from student to teacher to artist, Albers studied color through his use of a simple square. (8-11)

**Oooh! Picasso**  
by Mil Niepold and Jeanyves Verdu  
(Tricycle, $14.95) 978-1-58246-265-3  
Spare text, close-up photographs, and vibrant backgrounds invite children to explore the sculpture of Pablo Picasso. (5-8)

**Panorama:**  
**A Foldout Book**  
by Fani Marceau and Joelle Jolivet  
(Abrams, $19.95) 978-0-8109-8332-8  
Graphic and bold black-and-white linocuts depict a variety of landscapes and inspire creativity in art and language. (10-12)

**There Was an Old Man Who Painted the Sky**  
by Teri Sloat, illustrated by Stefaño Vitale  
(Henry Holt, $16.95) 978-0-8050-6751-4  
Cumulative text and luminous mixed-media illustrations describe the Altamira cave paintings and express the wonder it inspired in its young discoverer. (4-8)

**The Vermeer Interviews:**  
**Conversations with Seven Works of Art**  
written and illustrated by Bob Raczka  
(Millbrook, $25.26) 978-0-8225-9402-4
“Interviews” with the models depicted in seven of Vermeer’s paintings lead readers to analyze details and make educated guesses. (12-16)

**A Young Dancer:**  
*The Life of an Ailey Student*  
by Valerie Gladstone, photographs by José Ivey  
(Henry Holt, $18.95) 978-8050-8233-3  
Details of the exciting life led by a thirteen-year-old ballet student are accompanied by vivid photographs which portray her activities. (8-11)

**BIOGRAPHY**

**Alfred Nobel:**  
*The Man Behind the Peace Prize*  
by Kathy-Jo Wargin, illustrated by Zachary Pullen  
(Sleeping Bear, $17.95) 978-1-58536-281-3  
Ashamed of the ways dynamite had been used, the inventor left his wealth to honor persons who have benefitted society. (8-11)

*Ashley Bryan: Words to My Life’s Song*  
by Ashley Bryan, photos by Bill McGuinness  
(Atheneum, $18.99) 978-1-4169-0541-7  
The famous children’s book illustrator describes his life on a small Maine island along with his personal history. Includes reproductions of his vivid artwork. (9-14)

**Bad News for Outlaws:**  
*The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal*  
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie  
(Carolrhoda, $17.95) 978-0-8225-6764-6  
A mean shot and incorruptible, Bass Reeves comes to life in a dramatically illustrated picture book. (8-12)

**Boy on the Lion Throne:**  
*The Childhood of the 14th Dalai Lama*  
by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel  
(Roaring Brook, $18.95) 978-1-59643-394-6  
As a child, Lhamo Thondup, one of the world’s great spiritual leaders, fled his homeland and always strove for peace. (10-12)

**Bylines:**  
*A Photobiography of Nellie Bly*  
by Sue Macy, foreword by Linda Ellerbee  
(National Geographic, $19.95) 978-1-4263-0513-9  
How did she circle the globe in seventy-two days? What was her real name? Why was she in an insane asylum? Archival material. (9-12)

*Charles and Emma:*  
*The Darwin’s Leap of Faith*  
by Deborah Heiligman  
(Henry Holt, $18.95) 978-0-8050-8721-5
With his wife as counterbalance, Darwin struggled with the conflict between the religious and scientific beliefs of his time. (14+)

*Coretta Scott
by Ntozake Shange, illustrated by Kadir Nelson
(HarperCollins, $17.99) 978-0-06-125364-5
Spare poetry and strong, oversize illustrations evoke powerful moments in the life of this civil rights leader. (4-8)

Darwin
by Alice B. McGinty, illustrated by Mary Azarian
(HMH, $18.00) 978-0-618-99531-8
The great naturalist's life story is augmented by quotes from his own writing. Hand tinted woodcuts. (7-10)

The Day-Glo Brothers:
The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer’s Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors
by Chris Barton, illustrated by Tony Persiani
(Charlesbridge, $18.95) 978-1-57091-673-1
Clear text and humorous, bright illustrations which jump off the page tell how two brothers invented a new kind of color. (8-10)

The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau
written and illustrated by Dan Yaccarino
(Knopf, $16.99) 978-0-375-85573-3
A sickly boy, enchanted by the sea, brought the ocean to the world's attention and fought to protect it. Fascinating facts and fanciful artwork. (4-7)

Ghosts of War:
The True Story of a 19-Year-Old GI
by Ryan Smithson
(HarperCollins, $16.99) 978-0-06-166468-7
Ryan gains a whole platoon of brothers and discovers the worst thing about going to Iraq. (14+)

*The Great and Only Barnum:
The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P. T. Barnum
by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Ray Fenwick
(S&W, $18.99) 978-0-375-84197-2
The larger-than-life showman is described with exuberance and interesting detail. Extensive bibliography, notes, and archival photographs. (10-13)

Into the Deep:
The Life of Naturalist and Explorer William Beebe
written and illustrated by David Sheldon
(Charlesbridge, $16.95) 978-1-58089-341-1
He traveled the globe exploring jungles and oceans, curated at the Bronx Zoo, and promoted conservation to save our vanishing wildlife and wilderness. (6-8)

Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker:
The Unlikely Friendship of Elizabeth Keckley & Mary Todd Lincoln
by Lynda Jones
(National Geographic, $18.95) 978-1-4263-0377-7
Through her own efforts and talent, Keckley goes from slavery to success and freedom as a dressmaker to Mary Todd Lincoln. (11-14)
*Nevermore:
A Photobiography of Edgar Allan Poe
by Karen E. Lange
(National Geographic, $19.95) 978-1-4263-0398-2
The tragic life and achievements of this American poet, who wrote celebrated detective stories and science fiction, is described and illustrated with photographs. Chronology, resources, and index. (12-16)

Noah Webster: Weaver of Words
by Pegi Deitz Shea, illustrated by Monica Vachula
(Calkins Creek, $18.95) 978-1-59078-441-9
This lavishly illustrated biography brings to life the story of the prodigious scholar who produced America’s first dictionary. (9-11)

*Paul Robeson
by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by George Ford
(Lee & Low, P$ $9.95) 978-1-60060-262-7
This updated edition, with bold acrylic illustrations, presents the actor, singer, and activist for civil rights in a well-written and easily understandable story. (8-12)

A Picture Book of Dolley and James Madison
by David A. Adler, and Michael S. Adler, illustrated by Ronald Himler
(Holiday House, $17.95) 978-0-8234-2009-4
An early U.S. President and his resourceful, influential wife led lives that left a great impact on our country. Pencil and watercolor illustrations. (6-9)

The Secret World of Walter Anderson
by Hester Bass, illustrated by E. B. Lewis
(Candlewick, $17.99) 978-0-7636-3583-1
The life of an eccentric, but little-known artist unfolds through lyrical text and haunting, evocative watercolors. Includes samples of the artist’s works and a bibliography. (11-14)

Shining Star:
The Anna May Wong Story
by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Lin Wang
(Lee & Low, $17.95) 978-1-60060-259-7
She achieved her dream of becoming a movie star. Some say she stereotyped the Chinese, others say she fought against discrimination. What do you think? (8-11)

Three Cups of Tea:
One Man’s Journey to Change the World...One Child at a Time
by Greg Mortenson, and David Oliver Relin, adapted by Sarah Thompson
(Penguin, P$8.99) 978-0-14-241412-5
Former mountain climber Greg Mortenson learns of rural Pakistan’s people and culture. Then he helps build schools there as a meaningful path to peace. (10-12)

Up Close: Babe Ruth
by Wilborn Hampton
(Viking, $16.99) 978-0-670-06305-5
This excellent, revealing study details one of the greatest baseball players of all time. (9-12)
Ecology

**Ecosystems**
by Debra J. Housel  
(Compass Point, $26.65)  978-0-7565-4068-5  
Learn how plants and animals in the desert, rainforest, and grasslands exist to keep a balance in nature. Maps, timelines, and activities make it fun. (8-10)

**Mission Planet Earth:**
**Our World and Its Climate - and How Humans are Changing Them**
by Sally Ride and Tim O'Shaughnessy  
(Roaring Brook, $19.95)  978-1-59643-310-6  
Are climate and weather the same? Where does wind come from? Explore the hows and whys of our changing world and what you can do to help save it. (11-13)

**True Green Kids:**
**100 Things You Can Do to Save the Planet**
by Kim McKay, Jenny Bonnin, foreword by David de Rothschild  
(National Geographic, P$15.95)  978-1-4263-0442-2  
Filled with easy tips on how to recycle, make art from found objects, and helpful web sites and resources. Good handbook for environmentally conscious kids. (6-9)

**Under the Snow**
by Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Constance R. Bergum  
(Peachtree, $16.99)  978-1-56145-493-8  
The hidden world of animals during winter is revealed in gentle watercolors and clever, simple text. (4-8)

Health

**100% Me:**
**Boys and Girls: Here’s the How, Why, and When of Growing Up**
written and edited by Elinor Greenwood, and Alexander Cox  
(DK, $16.99)  978-0-7566-3470-4  
This is a comprehensive, straightforward, nonjudgmental explanation and discussion of body development and sexuality. Excellent drawings and diagrams. (9-15)

**It’s Perfectly Normal:**
**Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, and Sexual Health**
by Robie H. Harris and Michael Emberley  
(Candlewick, $22.99)  978-0-7636-4483-3  
Accurate, serious text for older children and caring adults combined with frank, realistic, humorous illustrations provides answers to a great many questions. An updated classic. (10-13)

**Omnivore’s Dilemma**
by Michael Pollan  
(Dial, $17.99)  978-0-8037-3415-9  
As omnivores, humans can eat almost anything—but choosing food that is good for us (and/or the planet) can be very complicated. (11-15)
Quicksand: HIV/AIDS in Our Lives
by Anonymous
(Candlewick, $16.99) 978-0-7636-1589-5
Personal experiences and honest questions are discussed with up-to-date information about HIV/AIDS in today’s world. Extensive resources. (10-14)

HISTORY

1968
by Michael T. Kaufman
(Roaring Brook, $22.95) 978-1-59643-428-8
A reporter who was there presents the events of 1968 in news articles, photographs, and personal experiences. (12-16)

After Gandhi:
One Hundred Years of Nonviolent Resistance
by Anne Sibley O’Brien and Perry Edmond O’Brien
(Charlesbridge, $24.95) 978-1-58089-129-5
From Gandhi’s protests to the planting of trees in Kenya, almost a century of nonviolent resistance is described briefly but vividly. Bibliography, map. (12-14)

*Almost Astronauts:
13 Women Who Dared to Dream
by Tanya Lee Stone
(Candlewick, $24.99) 978-0-7636-3611-1
Thirteen women struggled to be accepted in the NASA Mercury space program in the 1960s. Archival photographs. (12-16)

*Anne Frank:
Her Life in Words and Pictures
by Menno Metselaar and Ruud van der Rol, photos
(Roaring Brook, $19.99) 978-1-59643-546-9
With photos of Anne Frank’s original diary and the interior of the annex where she hid, plus never-before published family photos, this is a must for admirers of Anne Frank. (11-14)

Before Columbus:
The Americas of 1491
by Charles C. Mann
(Atheneum, $24.99) 978-1-4169-4900-8
This fascinating exploration of the New World demonstrates that it was both older and far more sophisticated than formerly thought. Maps, archival photographs. (10-14)

*The Black Death
by Diane Zahler
(Twenty-First Century Books, $38.60) 978-0-8225-9076-7
Great detail enlivens the description of the causes, experiences, and effects of the pandemic of 1347. Graphic historical paintings and documents. (12-16)
The Duel:
The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton & Aaron Burr
by Judith St. George
(Viking, $16.99)  978-0-670-01124-7
Relationships and careers of two prominent, influential eighteenth-century Americans intersect in a famous disaster. (10-13)

*Ellis Island:
Coming to the Land of Liberty
by Raymond Bial
(HMH, $18.00)  978-0-618-99943-9
Learn about the “island of hope, the island of tears,” through which waves of immigrants passed to enter the United States. (9-12)

Everyday Life in Medieval Europe
by Kathryn Hinds
(Cavendish, $15.56)  978-0-7614-3927-1
The social and economic structure of life in the middle ages is described at all levels. (10-12)

*Marching for Freedom:
Walk Together, Children, and Don’t You Grow Weary
by Elizabeth Partridge, photos
(Viking, $19.99)  978-0-670-01189-6
In 1965, with magnificent courage and determination, hundreds of people -- including many children -- marched from Selma to Montgomery to secure equal rights for African Americans. Marvelous photographs. Source notes and bibliography. (9–14)

Mission Control, This is Apollo:
The Story of the First Voyage to the Moon
by Andrew Chaikin with Victoria Kohl, illustrated by Alan Bean
(Viking, $23.99)  978-0-670-01156-8
The space race was on, and this book gives a lively account of how the U.S. sent human beings into space and onto the moon. Vivid, colorful illustrations by Apollo 12 astronaut Alan Bean. (11-14)

Mr. Lincoln’s High-Tech War:
How the North Used the Telegraph, Railroads, Surveillance Balloons, Iron-Clads, High-Powered Weapons, and More to Win the Civil War
by Thomas B. Allen and Roger Macbride Allen
(National Geographic, $18.95)  978-1-4263-0379-1
During the Civil War, Lincoln ordered the use of much new technology, thereby changing the way wars were fought for all time. Archival pictures, notes, bibliography. (10-13)

A New Nation:
The United States 1783-1815
by Betsy Maestro, illustrated by Giulio Maestro
(HarperCollins, $17.99)  978-0-688-16015-9
The clear and absorbing narrative describes critical years in the post-revolutionary period. Supported by helpful maps, illustrations, and timeline. (12-14)

Our Country’s Presidents:
All You Need to Know About the Presidents from George Washington to Barack Obama
by Ann Bausum
(National Geographic, $24.95)  978-1-4263-0375-3
Interesting facts about the political process in the U. S. is accompanied by solid information about our Presidents. (9-14)

**Pharaoh’s Boat**
written and illustrated by David Weitzman
(HMH, $18.00) 978-0-547-05341-7
This fascinating description of the discovery and reconstruction of the boat built to take Cheops to the afterlife includes customs and beliefs. Accompanied by Egyptian-style illustrations. (10-12)

*Remember Little Rock:*
**The Time, the People, The Stories**
by Paul Robert Walker, foreword by Terrence J. Roberts
(National Geographic, $17.95) 978-1-4263-0402-6
This well-researched account with numerous photographs provides clear, accessible information about one of the most dramatic events of the Civil Rights era. (10-13)

**A Savage Thunder:**
**Antietam and the Bloody Road to Freedom**
by Jim Murphy
(McElderry, $17.99) 978-0-689-87633-2
Accurate text and archival photographs present the horrors and results of the Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest day of war in American history. (10-14)

*Traveling the Freedom Road:*
**From Slavery & the Civil War Through Reconstruction**
by Linda Barrett Osborne
(Abrams, $24.95) 978-0-8109-8338-0
This book depicts slavery in the U. S. by focusing on the lives of young African Americans. Historical documents, revealing prints, drawings, and photographs from national archives. (12-16)

*Truce*
by Jim Murphy
(Scholastic, $19.99) 978-0-545-13049-3
As soldiers on both sides suffered the horrors of World War I, many defied their commanders on Christmas, 1914, to create a precious moment of peace. (12-16)

**Upon Secrecy**
by Selene Castrovilla, illustrated by Jeff Crosby and Shelley Ann Jackson
(Calkins Creek, $17.95) 978-1-59078-573-7
Sources and a timeline support the thrilling story of the Culper Spy Ring which helped General Washington avoid a disastrous defeat. Realistic paintings. (7-10)

**With One Sky Above Us:**
**The Story of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians**
by Nancy Plain
(Mondo, PS) 978-1-60201-985-0
Chief Joseph’s words tell about the struggle to stay on ancient land. Archival photographs. (11-14)

*Years of Dust:*
**The Story of the Dust Bowl**
by Albert Marrin
(Dutton, $22.99) 978-0-525-42077-4
What causes dust to bury everything it passes over? How do people survive with dirt between their teeth? Can we prevent dust bowls? Gripping photographs, glossary, bibliography, resources. (10-14)
**HOLIDAY**

**Boo to You!**  
written and illustrated by Lois Ehlert  
(S&S, $17.99)  978-1-4169-8625-6  
Fantastic collages and rhymes tell the story of a cat trying to crash the harvest party of the mice. (4-6)

**The Christmas Magic**  
by Lauren Thompson, illustrated by Jon J. Muth  
(Scholastic, $16.99)  978-0-439-77497-0  
After Santa’s whiskers begin to tingle, he quietly and diligently prepares for the big night. (4-7)

**The Gingerbread Pirates**  
by Kristin Kladstrup, illustrated by Matt Tavares  
(Candlewick, $16.99)  978-0-7636-3223-6  
Captain Cookie musters his forces to prevent Santa from eating the pirate crew. Expressive watercolor and gouache illustrations. (5-8)

**The Secret Shofar of Barcelona**  
by Jacqueline Dembar Greene, illustrated by Doug Chayka  
(Kar-Ben, P$7.95)  978-0-8225-9944-9  
An orchestra conductor devises a plan to celebrate a Jewish holiday publicly during the Spanish Inquisition of the 1500s. (7-9)

**Sukkot Treasure Hunt**  
by Allison Ofanansky, photos by Eliyahu Alpern  
(Kar-Ben, $15.95)  978-0-8225-8763-7  
An Israeli family hunts for the four plants needed for the fall holiday, a celebration of the harvest. Helpful photographs and facts. (7-9)

**MEMOIR**

**Christian the Lion:**  
**Based on the Amazing and Heartwarming True Story**  
by Anthony Bourke, and John Rendall  
(Delacorte, $14.99)  978-0-385-73856-9  
Two humans help Christian, a young lion who lived in an English zoo, a department store, and a furniture shop, find a home in Africa. (7-10)

**For the Duration:**  
**The War Years**  
written and illustrated by Tomie De Paola  
(Putnam, $15.99)  978-0-399-25209-9  
The continuing childhood events, funny and sad during World War II are illustrated with black-and-white ink and wash drawings in the author’s signature style. (7-9)
**POETRY**

*African Acrostics:
A Word in Edgeways*
poetry by Avis Harley, photos by Deborah Noyes
(Candlewick, $17.99)  978-0-7636-3621-0
Different types of acrostic poems superbly describe behaviors of various African animals. Color photographs feature arresting close-ups.  (8-12)

*All God's Critters*
Song by Bill Staines, pictures by Kadir Nelson
(S&S, $16.99)  978-0-689-86959-4
A lively collection of animals takes the stage to sing this tribute to a diverse world. Dramatic pencil, oil, and watercolor illustrations.  (5-8)

**Amiri & Odette:**
**A Love Story**
by Walter Dean Myers, paintings by Javaka Steptoe
(Scholastic, $17.99)  978-0-590-68041-7
Swan Lake is reset in a contemporary city housing project. Intense collage and acrylic artwork.  (12-16)

**Brothers & Sisters:**
**Family Poems**
by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist
(HarperCollins, $17.99)  978-0-06-056284-7
Poems celebrate the bonds and rivalries between all kinds of siblings. Colorful, lively illustrations.  (5-12)

*Bubble Trouble*
by Margaret Mahy, illustrated by Polly Dunbar
(Clarion, $16.00)  978-0-547-07421-4
The plight of a baby brother floating off in a bubble unfolds through pulsating tongue twisters and clever rhymes. Humorous watercolor and cut paper illustrations.  (5-7)

*Button Up!:
Wrinkled Rhymes*
by Alice Schertle, illustrated by Petra Mathers
(Harcourt, $16.00)  978-0-15-205050-4
From shoelaces to hats, each of these upbeat poems about clothing has a distinctive voice. Humorous watercolors add to the fun.  (6-9)

*City I Love*
poetry by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by Marcellus Hall
(Abrams, $16.95)  978-0-8109-8327-4
Poems celebrating urban environments around the world capture the landmarks and points of interest. Bold, colorful illustrations.  (6-12)
Dinothesaurus
prehistoric poems and paintings by Douglas Florian
(Atheneum, $17.99) 978-1-4169-7978-4
Humor and wordplay with quirky collage and mixed media art make this a fresh, if slightly irreverant, guide. (6-9)

Enchanted Lions
by David T. Greenberg, illustrated by Kristina Swarner
(Dutton, $16.99) 978-0-525-47938-3
Somewhere between bedtime and dreams, a little girl is whisked away by an imaginary lion for a magical trip through outer space. Lyrical, vibrant illustrations. (6-9)

Every Second Something Happens:
Poems for the Mind and Senses
selected by Christine San José, Bill Johnson, illustrated by Melanie Hall
(Wordsong, $17.95) 978-1-59078-622-2
A cleverly organized mix of poems using sounds, sights, and imagination by authors famous and very young. Sprightly mixed-media illustrations. (4-8)

*Julie Andrews’ Collection of Poems, Songs, and Lullabies
selected by Julie Andrews, and Emma Walton Hamilton, illustrated by James McMullan
(Little, $24.99) 978-0-316-04049-5
Grouped thematically, from Gershwins to Sondheim, from A. A. Milne to Prelutsky, this extraordinary selection will delight readers throughout their lives. Interpretive, watercolor illustrations. (All Ages)

*Looking Like Me
by Walter Dean Myers, illustrated by Christopher Myers
(Egmont, $18.99) 978-1-60684-001-6
This father-son team uses vibrant collages to celebrate the people they are and to encourage readers to think about their own identities. (6-10)

Messing Around on the Monkey Bars:
and Other School Poems for Two Voices
by Betsy Franco, illustrated by Jessie Hartland
(Candlewick, $18.99) 978-0-7636-3174-1
A lively and accessible collection of multiple voice poems based on everyday experiences in a school setting. Playful artwork. (7-10)

More Pocket Poems
selected by Bobbi Katz, illustrated by Deborah Zemke
(Dutton, $17.99) 978-0-525-42076-7
This joyous collection of short poems by noted authors contains many to copy and tuck in one’s pocket. Frisky watercolor illustrations. (6-12)

*Mother Poems
written and illustrated by Hope Anita Smith
(Henry Holt, $16.95) 978-0-8050-8231-9
With exquisite paper collages and deeply felt story poems, the author explores a young girl’s struggle to come to terms with her mother’s death. (10-14)

*My People
by Langston Hughes, photos by Charles R. Smith Jr.
(Atheneum, $17.99) 978-1-4169-3540-7
Hughes’s spare, powerful, eloquent language and Smith’s expressive photographs convey deep love and pride in being African American. (6-9)

*Once Upon a Twice*
by Denise Doyen, illustrated by Barry Moser
(Random, $16.99) 978-0-375-85612-9
An adventurous mouse learns a lesson after barely escaping danger. Moonlit illustrations accompany clever wordplay and rhyme. . (6-8)

*Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors*
by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski
(HMH, $16.00) 978-0-547-01494-4
The changing colors of the seasons are personified in imaginative, unrhymed poems. Mixed-media, primitive style paintings. (6-8)

Sky Magic
compiled by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by Mariusz Stawarski
(Dutton, $17.99) 978-0-525-47862-1
Poems tell the story of the sun, moon, and stars by day and night. Striking, stylized narrative paintings. (6-9)

Sweethearts of Rhythm: The Story of the Greatest All-Girl Swing Band in the World
by Marilyn Nelson, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
(Dial, $21.99) 978-0-8037-3187-5
Jazzy language, intense poetry, and arresting collage and watercolor illustrations tell the tale from the point of view of the musical instruments. (10-13)

We Troubled the Waters
by Ntozake Shange, illustrated by Rod Brown
(HarperCollins, $16.99) 978-0-06-133735-2
Short, strong poems about the Civil Rights Movement of the twentieth century. Oil paintings of the ordinary and the famous. (8-14)

*What's the Weather Inside?*
poetry by Karma Wilson, drawings by Barry Blitt
(McElderry, $17.99) 978-1-4169-0092-4
A clever collection captures the experiences, thoughts, and feelings of children. Humorous ink and watercolor illustrations. (5-10)

A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems
by Deborah Ruddell, illustrated by Joan Rankin
(McElderry, $16.99) 978-1-4169-4211-5
Whimsical poems about various animals catch their essence while giving each a unique character. Rich, watercolor illustrations. (4-10)

*The Year I Was Grounded*
by William New
(Tradewind Books, P$12.95) 978-1-896580-35-7
Through poems, prose , and puzzles, Geordie contemplates sports, music, family life, and the world around him. Joyous celebration of words. (12-16)
REFERENCE

The Name Game:  
A Look Behind the Labels  
by Donna M. Jackson, illustrated by Ted Stearn  
(Viking, $16.99)  978-0-670-01197-1  
The power and influence of names is examined in funky cartoons. (10-12)

Punctuation Celebration  
by Elsa Knight Bruno, illustrated by Jenny Whitehead  
(Henry Holt, $17.95)  978-0-8050-7973-9  
Join the fun and learn about commas, parentheses, and more. Humorous mixed-media illustrations. (8-10)

Say What?:  
The Weird and Mysterious Journey of the English Language  
by Gena K. Gorrell  
(Tundra, P$10.95)  978-0-88776-878-1  
Sugar is from Arabic, sleigh from Dutch, shampoo from Hindi. Wind/wind are spelled alike but pronounced differently. Learn more about our diverse language! Sources and bibliography. (11-14)

The Word Snoop  
by Ursula Dubosarsky, illustrated by Tohby Riddle  
(Dial, $16.99)  978-0-8037-3406-7  
The peculiarities and elements of the English language are presented as mysteries and puzzles. Includes origins, punctuation, and sources. (11-15)

SCIENCE

Amazing Armadillos  
by Jennifer Guess McKerley, illustrated by Paul Mirocha  
(Random, P$3.99)  978-0-375-84352-5  
The life of the only armored mammal is described with colorful, detailed illustrations. (6-8)

*Bird, Butterfly, Eel  
written and illustrated by James Prosek  
(S&S, $16.99)  978-0-689-86829-0  
The lives, including habitats and migration, of three diverse animals are traced. Detailed, realistic watercolor paintings. (7-10)

Bizarre Dinosaurs:  
Some Very Strange Creatures and Why We Think They Got That Way  
by Christopher Sloan  
(National Geographic, $16.95)  978-1-4263-0330-2  
Unusual dinosaurs are described with the aid of photographs of fossils and computer graphics. Sidebars include valuable information. (8-12)
Butterflies and Moths
written and photographed by Nic Bishop
(Scholastic, $17.99)  978-0-439-87757-2
Simple explanations and astonishing photographs will appeal to the younger set. (5-7)

Cars on Mars:
Roving the Red Planet
by Alexandra Siy
(Charlesbridge, $18.95)  978-1-57091-462-1
Spirit and Opportunity, the robotic Rovers, have been exploring Mars and sending photographs and data to earth since 2004. (10-14)

Crocodile Safari
written and illustrated by Jim Arnosky
(Scholastic, $22.99)  978-0-439-90356-1
An engaging text and vibrant acrylic art take readers to the Everglades to investigate the crocodiles and other wildlife found there. (7-9)

Down Down Down:
A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea
written and illustrated by Steve Jenkins
(HMH, $17.00)  978-0-618-96636-3
Many fascinating creatures live far below the ocean surface. Detailed collage illustrations. (8-10)

*Earthly Treasure:
A Pop-up Book about Minerals...Treasure from Under the Ground!
by Kate Petty, illustrated by Jennie Maizels, paper engineering by Ania Mochlinska
(Dutton, $19.99)  978-0-525-42080-4
Minerals--how they are formed, where they are found--are artfully described in question and answer format. (8-11)

Earthquake!
by Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by John Wallace
(Aladdin, P$3.99)  978-1-4169-2551-4
The real cause of and the various myths about this destructive natural disaster are explained in this early reader. (6-8)

*Even an Ostrich Needs a Nest:
Where Birds Begin
written and illustrated by Irene Kelly
(Holiday House, $16.95)  978-0-8234-2102-2
From the American Dipper to the Yellow-Rumped Thornbill, birds build their nests in an astonishing variety of ingenious ways. Wonderfully detailed illustrations. (6-9)

Face to Face with Leopards
written and photographed by Beverly and Dereck Joubert
(National Geographic, $16.95)  978-1-4263-0636-5
Stunning photographs taken on site in Botswana follow an eight-day-old leopard as she becomes independent. (8-10)

Face to Face with Sharks
by David Doubilet, and Jennifer Hayes
(National Geographic, $16.95)  978-1-4263-0404-0
Some lay cork-screw shaped eggs. Some are as big as whales or small as cigars. Some can walk on the ocean floor. Maps, glossary, and resources. (8-10)

Flamingos
by Jean M. Malone
A flamingo’s life cycle, habitat, physical appearance, and distinctive traits are described along with color photographs. (5-8)

**Forest Animals**
by Deborah Hodge, illustrated by Pat Stephens
(Kids Can, $14.95) 978-1-55453-070-0
Which animal hangs upside down, sleeps under leaves, or buries food for later? Find out in this well-illustrated guide. (5-7)

**The Frog Scientist**
by Pamela S. Turner, photos by Andy Comins
(HMH, $18.00) 978-0-618-71716-3
Follow the frog scientist and his students as they investigate the effect of pesticides on frogs. Clear text and informative photographs. (9-12)

**Frogs!**
by Elizabeth Carney
(National Geographic, P$3.99) 978-1-4263-0392-0
Outstanding photographs and simple text explain the amazing variety of these creatures. (5-7)

**Genetics: From DNA to Designer Dogs**
by Kathleen Simpson
(National Geographic, $17.95) 978-1-4263-0361-6
The most current research about DNA and its application in areas such as solving crimes, curing disease, and saving endangered species is carefully described. (11-14)

**Honk, Honk, Goose!**
**Canada Geese Start a Family**
by April Pulley Sayre, illustrated by Huy Voun Lee
(Henry Holt, $16.95) 978-0-8050-7103-0
Evocative cut-paper collages accompany this comforting, informative tale of two Canada geese and their new-born chicks. (6-9)

**How Many Baby Pandas?**
by Sandra Markle
(Walker, $15.99) 978-0-8027-9783-4
Close-up photographs portray the development of baby pandas in captivity from birth to one year. A counting book. Notes, glossary. (6-8)

*How to Scratch a Wombat: Where to Find It...What to Feed It...Why It Sleeps All Day*
by Jackie French, illustrated by Bruce Whatley
(Clarion, $16.00) 978-0-618-86864-3
Where do they live? What do they eat? Find out the answers and more in this riotous romp with wombats. (8-10)

**Hurricanes!**
written and illustrated by Gail Gibbons
(Holiday House, $17.95) 978-0-8234-2233-3
This informative book in the author’s distinctive style explains the storms and the damage they can incur. (7-10)
*Insects:
Biggest! Littlest!
by Sandra Markle, photos by Dr. Simon Pollard
(Boyd Mills, $16.95) 978-1-59078-512-6
Close-up photographs and simple text illustrate and explain how the special features of each creature help it to survive. (5-8)

Inventions
written and illustrated by Glenn Murphy
(S&S, $16.99) 978-1-4169-3865-1
From the wheel to the computer, inventions are explained, illustrated, and traced through history. (10-14)

Just the Right Size:
Why Big Animals are Big and Little Animals are Little
by Nicola Davis, illustrated by Neal Layton
(Candlewick, $14.99) 978-0-7636-3924-2
Humorous, factual text and cartoon-like illustrations reveal the fascinating effects of the relationship between length versus the weight and volume of living creatures. (8-12)

Life in a Coral Reef
by Wendy Pfeffer, illustrated by Steve Jenkins
(HarperCollins, $16.99) 978-0-06-029553-0
Explore the complex and interdependent underwater neighborhoods that exist within coral reefs. (5-9)

*Living Sunlight:
How Plants Bring the Earth to Life
by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm, illustrated by Molly Bang
(Blue Sky, $16.99) 978-0-545-04422-6
Stylized, colorful illustrations and clear text explain to young readers how the sun creates life through photosynthesis. (7-9)

The Man Who Flies with Birds
by Carole Garbuny, and Yossi Leshem
(Kar-Ben, $18.95) 978-0-8225-7643-3
An Israeli researcher tracks bird migration routes through Israel while protecting birds from many dangers and airplanes from bird strikes. Colorful photographs. (10-14)

*Moonshot:
The Flight of Apollo 11
written and illustrated by Brian Foca
(Atheneum, $17.99) 978-1-4169-5046-2
Experience the excitement and wonder of the first time people landed on the moon, and learn what it took to get them there -- and back. Expressive, detailed illustrations. (6-9)

Mountains
by Cathryn Sill, illustrated by John Sill
(Peachtree, $16.95) 978-1-56145-469-3
Spare text and detailed colorful illustrations introduce young people to the plant and animal life of different mountain habitats. (6-8)

Mummies
by Elizabeth Carney
(National Geographic, $3.99) 978-1-4263-0528-3
The art of preserving the dead in different cultures is simply explained and illustrated with useful photographs. (7-9)
**One Beetle Too Many:**
The Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin
by Kathryn Lasky, illustrated by Matthew Trueman
(Candlewick, $17.99) 978-0-7636-1436-2
From young collector of insects to famous naturalist, Darwin’s life followed many paths leading to the “theory of evolution.” Humorous multimedia illustrations. (9-12)

*One Giant Leap*
by Robert Burleigh, paintings by Mike Wimmer
(Philomel, $16.99) 978-0-399-23883-3
Full-color oil paintings and a compelling text allow readers to experience the drama and beauty of the 1969 moon landing. (5-8)

**Organs!:
How they Work, Fall Apart, and Can Be Replaced (Gasp!)
**
written and illustrated by Nancy Winslow Parker
(HarperCollins, $17.99) 978-0-688-15105-8
Simple, colorful drawings and easy-to-understand descriptions explain the anatomy and function of our vital organs. (7-10)

**Out of Control: The Science of Wildfires**
by Lyn A. Sirota
(Compass Point, $27.00) 978-0-7565-4064-7
Clear text and illuminating photographs explain how wildfires occur and how they can be combatted. (10-12)

**Panda Kindergarten**
by Joanne Ryder, photos by Dr. Katherine Feng
(HarperCollins, $17.99) 978-0-06-057850-3
Young pandas being raised at Wolong Nature Reserve in China star in adorable photographs and cheerful text. (4-8)

**Penguins!**
by Anne Schreiber
(National Geographic, P$3.99) 978-1-4263-0426-2
See: Frogs (5-7)

**A Place for Birds**
by Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Higgins Bond
(Peachtree, $16.95) 978-1-56145-474-7
Some species of birds in North America are pictured in the ecosystems that support their survival. (8-10)

**Plant Secrets**
by Emily Goodman, illustrated by Phyllis Limbacher Tildes
(Charlesbridge, P$7.95) 978-1-58089-205-6
Discover how the seed becomes a plant, flower, and then a fruit. Vivid, detailed illustrations. (5-8)

**A Really Short History of Nearly Everything**
by Bill Bryson, illustrated by Yuliya Somina
(Delacorte, $19.99) ’08 978-0-385-73810-1
The scientific discoveries of time, space, the earth, and much more are sketched briefly and often with humor. Ample photographs and illustrations. (12-16)

**Rocks! Rocks! Rocks!**
written and illustrated by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
(Marshall Cavendish Children, $17.99) 978-0-7614-5528-8
A young bear and his mother enjoy an informative rock walk. A great first book for budding geologists with engaging multi-media illustrations. (4-6)

**Snakes!**  
by Melissa Stewart  
(National Geographic, P$3.99) 978-1-4263-0428-6  
See: Frogs

**Storms**  
by Miriam Busch Goin  
(National Geographic, P$3.99) 978-1-4263-0394-4  
Comprehensive coverage for beginning readers describes all kinds of storms. Includes vocabulary and some riddles. (5-7)

**Tarra & Bella:**  
The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends  
written and photographed by Carol Buckley  
(Putnam, $16.99) 978-0-399-25443-7  
Engaging color photographs illustrate the unlikely, yet touching, friendship between Tarra, a retired show business elephant, and stray dog Bella in the Tennessee Elephant Sanctuary. (5-8)

**The Time Book:**  
A Brief History from Lunar Calendars to Atomic Clocks  
by Martin Jenkins, illustrated by Richard Holland  
(Candlewick, $18.99) 978-0-7636-4112-2  
Take a ride through time and space from the first calendars to the theory of relativity. Mixed- media illustrations. (8-12)

**Undersea Animals:**  
A Dramatic Dimensional Visit to Strange Underwater Realms  
by Jane H. Buxton, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney  
(National Geographic, $14.95) 978-1-4263-0334-0  
Colorful pop-ups and pull tabs create an interactive exploration of the form and movement of many sea animals. (6-9)

*What Bluebirds Do*  
written and photographed by Pamela F. Kirby  
(Boys Mills, $18.95) 978-1-59078-614-7  
Stunning photographs follow a bluebird family as the parents build a nest, feed their offspring, and lead them on their first flights. (6-9)

*Written in Bone:*  
Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland  
by Sally M. Walker  
(Carolrhoda, $22.95) 978-0-8225-7135-3  
A fascinating and meticulous examination of the methods used by forensic scientists in interpreting the life stories of unidentified human remains buried hundreds of years ago. (11-15)

**Young Charles Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle**  
by Ruth Ashby  
(Peachtree, $12.95) 978-1-56145-478-5  
Join Darwin in collecting specimens and observing plants and animals on his five-year journey of exploration around the world. (14-16)
**SPORTS**

**B is for Baseball:**
**Running the Bases from A to Z**
by Lisa McGuinness
(Chronicle, $15.99)  978-0-8118-6096-3
Photographs and bright illustrations help describe America’s national pastime. (6-8)

**Mermaid Queen**
by Shana Corey, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham
(Scholastic, $17.99)  978-0-439-69835-1
Annette Kellerman, Australian swimmer, isn’t afraid to make some waves so that other women can enjoy the water. Vivid, digital illustrations, author’s note. (8-10)

**You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!**
by Jonah Winter, illustrated by André Carrilho
(Schwartz & Wade Books, $17.99)  978-0-375-83738-8
The great Dodger pitcher’s road to the Major Leagues, record-breaking career, and sudden retirement is described by a fictional “teammate.” Stylized illustrations.

**WORLD**

***14 Cows for America**
by Carmen Agra Deedy, in collaboration with Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah, illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez
(Peachtree, $17.95)  978-1-56145-490-7
A Masai student returns to his people and tells of the horrific events of 9/11 in the United States. Sweeping, stunning double-page paintings of Kenya. (8-14)

**Balarama:**
**A Royal Elephant**
written and illustrated by Ted and Betsy Lewin
(Lee & Low, $19.95)  978-1-60060-265-8
Two entrancing styles of watercolors bring to life the authors’ real-life experiences meeting the trained elephants of India. Includes background information and glossary. (7-10)

**Cycle of Rice, Cycle of Life:**
**A Story of Sustainable Farming**
written and photographed by Jan Reynolds
(Lee & Low, $19.95)  978-1-60060-254-2
The ancient system of rice farming is still used in Bali today even though it conflicts with more modern techniques. Descriptive photographs. (8-11)

**Every Human Has Rights:**
**A Photographic Declaration for Kids Based on the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights**
poetry by ePals Community
Exquisite poetry by young people, evocative photographs, and an unadorned text make the Declaration of Human Rights accessible to readers of all ages. (10-14)

*Faith*
by Maya Ajmera, and Magda Nakassis, and Cynthia Pon
(Charlesbridge, P$7.95) 978-1-58089-178-3
A collection of striking color photographs depicting religious rituals around the world note universal feelings in brief statements. Map, background notes. (6-10)

Guatemala
by Anita Croy
(National Geographic, $27.90) 978-1-4263-0471-2
Cloud forests, ruins, and volcanoes! The history, culture, and natural resources of this small Central American country are vividly described. (8-10)

**Hands of the Rain Forest:**
The Emberá People of Panama
by Rachel Crandell
(Henry Holt, $16.99) 978-0-8050-7990-6
The clear, engaging photos and short explanatory texts describe the arts and daily life of the Emberá people, indigenous to Panama. (6-9)

If America Were a Village:
A Book about the People of the United States
by David J. Smith, illustrated by Shelagh Armstrong
(Kids Can, $18.95) 978-1-55453-344-2
Most Americans have German ancestry; Luxembourg has more cell phones than people; Costa Rica has better health care than the United States; for every dollar a man earns, a woman makes 77 cents-and more about our country. (6-8)

Is it Still Cheating if I Don’t Get Caught?
by Bruce Weinstein, illustrated by Harriet Russell
(Roaring Brook, P$12.95) 978-1-59643-306-9
Straightforward questions and answers on a range of topics including downloading music, handling criticism, and breaking up with a boy or girl friend. (10-14)

Mauritania
by Ertagale Blauer, and Jason Lauré
(Cavendish, $42.79) 978-0-7614-3116-9
Does slavery still exist? Are camels the ideal way to cross the desert? Learn about one of Africa’s most unfamiliar countries. Map, timeline, glossary, and resources. (11-13)

Mule Train Mail
written and illustrated by Craig Brown
(Charlesbridge, $16.95) 978-1-58089-187-5
Anthony and his mules deliver mail to a very remote town at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Pastel illustrations. (5-7)

My School in the Rain Forest:
How Children Attend School Around the World
by Margriet Ruurs
(Boyd’s Mills, $17.95) 978-1-59078-601-7
Twelve children from around the world provide a look at different school environments and indicate the importance of education. (8-11)
**One World, One Day**
by Barbara Kerley
(National Geographic, $17.95) 978-1-4263-0460-6
Children from many countries follow similar daily patterns but approach these rituals differently. Simple text and excellent photography. (6-10)

**Portugal**
by Zilah Decker
(National Geographic, $27.90) 978-1-4263-0390-6
Islands, cities, and famous explorers inspire interest in traveling to Portugal. (9-11)

**Sacred Mountain: Everest**
by Christine Taylor-Butler
(Lee & Low, $19.95) 978-1-60060-255-9
Did Everest climb the mountain? Who are the Sherpas? Can you ski or snowboard down? Captivating photographs, glossary and resources. (9-11)

**Teens in Pakistan**
by J.M. Bedell
(Compass Point, $33.32) 978-0-7565-4043-2
Boys and girls enjoy western influences but also endure child labor, family obligations, poverty, terrorism, and an unstable political climate. Glossary, maps, and resources. (11-13)