

Suggested Summer Reading for the Upper School 2011

This list is a compilation of recommendations by students, the Book Committee at Bank Street, American Library Association Notable Books, the Young Adult Library Services Association's Best Books Pick, and recommendations by the Bank Street Librarians. * means look for other books by these authors. The annotated selections are more recent publications. The annotations are by the YALSA Best Books Committee.

Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian*. Illus. by Ellen Forney. Little, Brown, 2007; ISBN13: 978-0-316-01368-0; \$16.99.
Junior leaves the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white high school, where the only other Native American is the school mascot. Is he choosing his own destiny or betraying his heritage?

*Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Chains*. Simon & Schuster. 2008. 978-1-4169-0585-1 \$16.99
Slaves Isabel and younger sister Ruthie are sold to harsh Loyalists at the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Isabel must decide to be loyal or spy for the American patriots.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Forge*. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing/Atheneum, 2010. \$16.99. 978-1-4169-6144-4.
All that stands between Curzon and his freedom is George Washington's army and a winter at Valley Forge.

*Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Wintergirls*. Penguin/Viking Books. 2009. 9780670011100. \$17.99
Lia is haunted by her best friend's death from bulimia, as she struggles with her own eating disorder.

*Anderson, M.T. *Whales on Stilts*. Illus. by Kurt Cyrus. Harcourt.2005 (0-15-205340-9).
Holy Toledo! An intrepid trio saves the world from a plan to launch stilt-walking whales onto land. Also Feed

Armstrong, Jennifer. *Photo by Brady: A Picture of the Civil War*. illus. Simon & Schuster/Atheneum. (0-689-85785-3). 2005
Armstrong tracks the influence of Mathew Brady, who changed the course of war photography, and whose stable of photographers shaped our vision of the Civil War.

Barnes, John. *Tales of the Madman Underground*. Penguin/Viking Books. 2009. 9780670060818. \$18.99.

In an attempt to distance himself from the rest of the students in the school's therapy group known as the Madman Underground, Karl launches his senior year with the goal of being normal.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*. Scholastic. 2005 (0-439-35379-3).

By weaving the stories of twelve young Germans into the larger fabric of Nazism and World War II, Bartoletti raises awareness of Hitler's manipulations to a new level and offers readers an opportunity to consider how they might have acted in the same situation.

*Bauer, Joan, 1999, *Rules of the Road* Seventeen-year-old Jenna's job at crusty Mrs. Gladstone's shoe store leads to her driving Mrs. Gladstone across country to Texas to prevent a company takeover.

*Bawden, Nina. *Granny the Pag*. Clarion. 1996

Twelve-year-old Catriona comes to appreciate the loving care of an eccentric grandmother after self-involved parents decide to reclaim her in this lively coming-of-age novel.

Bausum, Ann. *With Courage and Cloth: Winning the Fight for a Woman's Right to Vote*. Simon & Schuster: National Geographic, 2004. 0-7922-7647-7. The long, arduous, and sometimes violent struggle for a woman's right to vote is told in an engaging narrative. The roots of the movement as well as the other efforts it spawned are well told.

Bausum, Ann. *Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement*. 2006. illus. National Geographic, \$18.95. (ISBN-10, 0-7922-4173-8; ISBN-13, 9780792241737). Though Lewis and Zwerg were of different races, their lives became entwined as their activism helped end segregation.

Benway, Robin. *Audrey, Wait!* Penguin/Razorbill. 2008. 978-1-59514-191-0 \$16.99

Audrey's ex-boyfriend records a hit song about their breakup, and suddenly all eyes (and cameras) are on Audrey. Fans, Facebook, and tabloids - it's all too much for Audrey.

Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*. Knopf. (0-375-83143-6). 2005

Four sisters vacationing with their father in a summer cottage wreak havoc on the neighboring estate and rescue a boy in the process. A funny, old-fashioned novel with all the earmarks of a classic – endearingly quirky characters, fine dialogue, and a dog that gets into everything.

Black, Holly. *White Cat*. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2010. \$17.99. 978-1-4169-6397-4.

Cassel comes from a family of curse workers and begins to suspect his brothers have cursed him to use him as a tool in their quest for power.

Blumenthal, Karen. *Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX: The Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America*. Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2005. illus. \$17.95. (0-689-85957-0). A few years ago opportunities for women in sports not to mention most professions conducted by men were extremely limited. In 1972, congress passed a momentous law called "Title IX" forever changing the lives and professions of girls nationwide. Uppity Women Unite!

Bolden, Tonya. *Maritcha: A Nineteenth-Century American Girl*. illus. Abrams. 2005 (0-8109-5045-6).

Based on an unpublished manuscript, this account introduces free-born Maritcha Rémond Lyons, who grew up in New York City during the mid-nineteenth century and went on to become an educator dedicated to bettering the lives of African Americans

*Bolden, Tonya. *Wake Up Our Souls: A Celebration of Black American Artists*. Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 2004. 0-8109-4527-4. This book highlights influential and important Black American 20th-century artists, from those of the early part of the century, to important participants in the Harlem Renaissance, to modern and contemporary artists. The text also includes sidebars highlighting individual pictures and creators, describing a wonderful chapter in the history of American art and African American life.

Bow, Erin. *Plain Kate*. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, 2010. \$17.99. 978-0-545-16664-5.

After her father's death, Plain Kate has nothing except her carving tools and her cat, Taggle. Alone, she is vulnerable to witches and to those who suspect she is one.

Bray, Libba. *Going Bovine*. Random House/Delacorte. 2009. 978-0-385-73397-7. \$17.99.

Cameron knew there was something wrong when he started seeing pillars of fire and angels, but he never imagined he had mad cow disease.

Brown, Jennifer. *Hate List*. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Hachette Book Group. 2009. 978-0-316-04144-7. \$16.99.

In the year following the devastating shootings at her high school orchestrated by her boyfriend Nick, Valerie must come to terms with grief and guilt in order to move on with her life.

Broach, Elise. *Shakespeare's Secret*. Holt. 2005 (0-8050-7387-6).

When sixth-grader Hero Netherfield moves into the famous Murphy Diamond House, she obsesses over finding the centuries-old diamond said to be inside. A funny historical mystery illuminates the debate over Shakespeare's identity.

Borden, Louise. *The Journey that Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey*. Illus. by Allan Drummond. Houghton. (0-618-33924-8).2005

The amazing story of Margret and H.A. Rey, who fled German troops during World War II and entered France with their first Curious George manuscript, unfolds in scrap book style with photographs, documents, and original illustrations.

*Bradbury, Ray *Fahrenheit 451*, Ballantine Books;1953 Fiction

Fahrenheit 451 is a classic novel set in the future when books forbidden by a totalitarian regime are burned.

*Bruchac, Joseph. *Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two*. Dial.2005 (0-8037-2921-9).

Bruchac's absorbing historical novel tells the story of a boy who became one of the brave Navajo code talkers, whose messages helped the U.S. achieve victory in World War II.

*Card, Orson Scott, 1985, *Ender's Game*

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin, a young genius in Battle School, where he is training to fight the alien Buggers, has to put his skills to the ultimate test much sooner than he expected.

*Cashore, Kristin. *Graceling*. Harcourt. 2008. 978-0-15-206396-2 \$17.00

Katsa was born with ability to kill men with her bare hands but can she find moral courage to stand up to evil rulers and fight for what is right?

Cashore, Kristin. *Fire*. Penguin Group/Dial Books. 2009. 978-0-8037-3461-6. \$17.99.

In a world full of monsters so beautiful they lure people into their doom, how can people protect themselves from human monsters?

Clinton, Catherine I, Too, *Sing America: African American Poetry* Houghton Mifflin 1998 Non-fiction

Illustrated with shimmering Stephen Alcorn art work, this emotional collection of African-American poetry gives the reader both historical perspective and personal witness.

*Choldenko, Jennifer. *Al Capone Does My Shirts: a Novel*. Putnam Publishing Group, 2004. 0-399-23861-1. Twelve year old Moose Flanagan is dismayed and more than just a little wary when his family moves to Alcatraz Island because of his father's new job as a prison guard, so that his autistic sister Natalie may attend an exclusive special school.

*Colfer, Eoin. *Airman*. Hyperion. 2008. 978-1-4231-0750-7 \$17.99
Conor Broekhart spends his days dreaming of flying hot air balloons and inventing flying machines until murder and court intrigue sends him to prison and labor in the diamond mines.

*Collins, Suzanne. *The Hunger Games*. Scholastic. 2008. 978-0-439-02348-1 \$17.99
Katniss has been providing for her family since her father died, but is she strong enough to win the Hunger Games, a deadly competition that can have only one winner?

Collins, Suzanne. *Catching Fire*. Scholastic/ Scholastic Press. 2009. 978-0-439-02349-8. \$17.99. After winning the Hunger Games, Katniss is preoccupied with the government's expectations for her romantic life. She soon has more important worries—including revolts in the Districts and new Game rules

Chotjewitz, David. *Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi*. Doris Orgel, translator. Simon & Schuster: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2004. 0-689-85747-0.
When Daniel tells his parents that they cannot forbid him from joining the Hitler Jugend (HJ), they tell him the truth - that he is half Jewish and the Nazi Party will not allow him to join.

*Colman, Penny *Corpses, Coffins, and Crypts: A History* Holt 1997 Non-fiction
What really happens when a person dies? Why are autopsies done - and how? Colman answers these questions and many others in her personal and well-researched account of death and burial.

*Cushman, Karen. *The Midwife's Apprentice*. Clarion 1996 Fiction
An apprenticeship with the local midwife enables a nameless medieval orphan with no past and no future to get her heart's desire, a "full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world." *

*Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Watsons Go to Birmingham--1963*. Delacorte.
A family story, both comic and moving, touches on the frightening times of the early civil rights movement.

Deem, James M. *Bodies From the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii*. Houghton, 2005. illus. \$16. (0-618-47308-4). 2005 A clear, concise and intriguing explanation of the eruption of Vesuvius that destroyed Pompeii in AD 79 is presented in this thin volume.

*Dessen, Sarah. *Along For the Ride*. Penguin/Viking. 2009. 978-0-670-01194-0. \$16.99.

Auden's summer becomes one of second chances, not just for her but for her family and friends as well. The more chances she takes, the more she discovers about herself.

Dickinson, Peter E VA ,

After a terrible accident, a young girl wakes up to discover that she has been given the body of a chimpanzee. *

*Doctorow, Cory. *Little Brother*. Tom Doherty. 2008. 978-0-7653-1985-2 \$17.95 There's been another major terrorist attack and the Department of Homeland Security has clamped down big time. It's up to Marcus, computer geek, to save everyone from this police state.

*Donnelly, Jennifer. *Revolution* . Random House Children's Publishing/Delacorte, 2010. 978-0-385-73763-0; \$18.99.

Haunted by the death of her brother, Andi is taken to Paris by her estranged father where an encounter with a mysterious diary may bring her back from the edge.

*Farmer, Nancy *A Girl Named Disaster* , Orchard, 1996

Orphan Nhamo lives unhappily with her aunt and uncle, who use her like a servant. To avoid an arranged marriage to an unkind man, she sets out for Zimbabwe, where her father's people live. On her journey, Nhamo is guided by her mother's spirit, who tells her tales of the family Nhamo never knew.*

Engle, Margarita and Qualls, Sean. *The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano*. 2006. illus. Henry Holt, \$16.95. (ISBN-10, 0-8050-7706-5; ISBN-13, 9780805077063). This beautifully illustrated collection of linked poems explores the life of Juan, a brutally treated slave who nonetheless sees the world in unique and lyrical ways.

Erdrich, Louise. *The Game of Silence*. illus. HarperCollins. (0-06-029789-1).

Traditional seasonal work and cultural occasions mark the lives of nine-year-old Omakayas and her Anishinabe family until 1850 when the community must leave its beloved home on the Lake Superior shore. A sequel to *The Birchbark House*.

Farmer, Nancy. *The Sea of Trolls*. Simon & Schuster: Atheneum. 2004. 0-689-86744-1. When the Northmen invade Great Britain in 793, 11-year-old Jack, who has been apprenticing with The Bard, and Lucy, his five year old sister, are taken as slaves and partake in a series of adventures involving trolls, dragons, magic, and a very angry young Berserker girl.

Farrell, Jeanette *Invisible Enemies: Stories of Infectious Diseases* Farrar Straus Giroux 1998 Non-fiction

A fascinating account of the behaviors, treatments, and control of seven deadly diseases: smallpox, leprosy, plague, tuberculosis, malaria, cholera, and AIDS, and the scientists who studied and tamed them.

Fenner, Carol. *Yolonda's Genius*. Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry. Yolonda, an exceptionally bright fifth grader, proves that her shy younger brother Andrew is not a slow learner but rather a musical genius.

Ferris, Jean *Love Among the Walnuts* Harcourt Brace 1998 Fiction

A chicken in a coma? Alexander 'Sandy' Huntington-Ackerman can barely cope with the serious stuff, like his diabolical Uncles trying to bump off his parents and steal the family fortune. *

Fine, Anne. *The Tulip Touch*. Little Brown. 1997 Fiction

The rise and fall of a destructive friendship between two girls makes this a gripping novel.*

*Fisher, Catherine. *The Oracle Betrayed*. HarperCollins Children's Book Group: Greenwillow Books, 2004. 0-06-057157-8. The Archon sacrifices himself to the scorpion to bring rain to his drought-stricken land but not before warning shy Mirany, the new Bearer that treachery and deceit are all around.

*Flake, Sharon G. *The Skin I'm In* Jump at the Sun Hyperion 1998 Fiction

Maleeka is 13 years old and finds that her extremely dark complexion makes her the butt of jokes and an outcast among her peers until a new teacher shows her, through example, that she can accept herself.

*Fleischman, Paul *Whirligig* Holt 1998 Fiction

When sixteen-year-old Brent Bishop causes the death of a girl, he goes to the four corners of the country to build whirligigs in her memory.*

*Fleischman, Sid. *Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini*. 2006. illus.

HarperCollins/Greenwillow, \$18.99. (ISBN-10, 0-06-085094-9; ISBN-13, 9780060850944). A spellbinding biography of the amazing Harry Houdini written by a fellow magician.

*Fletcher, Susan Shadow Spinner Atheneum 1998 Fiction
Young Marjan brings new stories to the Sultan's wife, Sharazad, officially confined to the Harem; Marjan must steal away to the market square to find new tales for each evening's story spinning.

*Fleming, Candace. *Our Eleanor: A Scrapbook Look at Eleanor Roosevelt's Remarkable Life*. illus. Simon & Schuster/Anne Schwartz. (0-689-86544-9).2005
In a well-illustrated scrapbook format, Fleming traces Eleanor Roosevelt's life from her difficult childhood to her role as a precedent-setting First Lady and a leading proponent of human rights

Forman, Gayle. *If I Stay*. Penguin/ Dutton. 2009. 978-0-525-42103-0. \$16.99.
While in a coma after her family is killed in a car accident, Mia struggles to decide whether to live or die.

*Freedman, Russell. *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott*. 2006. illus. Holiday House, \$18.95. (ISBN-10, 0-8034-2031-0; ISBN-13, 9780823420315). Through photos and eyewitness accounts, Freedman draws readers close to the dramatic 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and the ordinary people who participated.

Freedman, Russell *Martha Graham: A Dancer's Life* Clarion 1998 Non-fiction
Freedman shows us in words and photographs why Martha Graham was one of the most unusual women in 20th century art. *

Freedman, Russell *Eleanor Roosevelt, a Life of Discovery*, Clarion 1994, Non-Fiction
Photographs and insight portray a dynamic first lady devoted to public service and humanitarian causes. *

Freedman, Russell. *The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights*. Houghton Mifflin Company: Clarion Books, 2004. 0-618-15976-2. A biography of the great singer Marian Anderson and her role in bringing the injustice of segregation in the arts to national awareness.

*Funke, Cornelia. *Inkspell*. Tr. by Anthea Bell. Scholastic/Chicken House. (0-439-55400-4).

Dustfinger, Farid, and Meggie and her family return to the world of the fictional Inkheart to discover that the darkness underneath the beauty of the Inkworld is busily enforcing its own reality on the text they thought they knew. Translated from the German.

*Gaiman, Neil. *The Graveyard Book*. HarperCollins. 2008. 978-0-06-053092-1 \$17.99

This often chilling story describes the life of a boy growing up in a graveyard as he is looked after by ghosts and a mysterious guardian.

García, Laura Gallego. *The Legend of the Wandering King*. Tr. by Dan Bellm. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine. (0-439-58556-2). 2005

Set in the deserts of Arabia before Islam, this wonderful, fantastical fairy tale about a magnificent poet and a once-noble prince is at once fresh and familiar. Translated from the Spanish.

*Gratz, Alan. *Samurai Shortstop*. 2006. Penguin Group USA/Dial, \$17.99. (ISBN-10, 0-8037-3075-6; ISBN-13, 9780803730755). In 1890 Tokyo, 16-year-old Toyo uses traditional bushido training to improve his baseball game and comes to understand the place of Samurai values in Japanese culture.

Greenberg, Jan and Sandra Jordan, Chuck Close, *Up Close*. DK Ink. Non-Fiction Personal and artistic challenges loom large for a contemporary American painter in this exciting biography, anchored by many well-chosen photographs and reproductions.

*Griffin, Adele *The Other Shepards* Hyperion 1998 Fiction
Holland and her younger sister Geneva are haunted by the shadows of their two brothers and sister killed in an accident twenty years ago.

**Guys Write for Guys Read*. Ed. by Jon Scieszka. illus. Viking. (0-670-06007-0 hc, 0-670-06027-5 pbk).

Scieszka has compiled an intriguing collection of stories, reflections, reminiscences, advice, poems, and drawings about being a guy.

*Hale, Shannon. *Princess Academy*. Bloomsbury. (1-58234-993-2).

In a fresh approach to the princess story, with unexpected plot twists and great emotional resonance, Miri becomes a strong, resilient, courageous leader of the Princess Academy, the school from which the prince must choose a bride

*Heiligman, Deborah. *Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith*. Henry Holt and Company. 978-0-8050-8721-5. \$18.95.

This lively biography of Charles Darwin focuses on the family life of one of the world's most famous scientists, including the impact differing religious beliefs had on the family's relationships.

Hiaasen, Carl. *Flush*. Knopf. (0-375-82182-1).

In a satiric look at environmental corruption, Noah sets out to prove his father's allegation that a local casino boat is dumping sewage into the bay.

Helfer, Ralph Modoc Harper Collins 1997 Non-fiction

Story of the greatest elephant that ever lived and the bond between the animal and the boy who grew up with him.

Hesse, Karen. *Out of the Dust*. Scholastic Press. 1997 Fiction

Through a spare poetic narrative, fourteen year old Billie Jo recalls th hard times and the tragedies her family endures in Oklahoma during the 1930's.

Hesser, Terry Spencer *Kissing Doorknobs* Delacorte 1998 Fiction

Tara's life is nearly taken over completely by some of her very strange compulsions.

Himmelblau, Linda. *The Trouble Begins*. Delacorte. (0-385-73273-2).2005

In an entertaining, original novel, fifth-grader Du recounts his difficult adjustment to life in the U.S. when he immigrates from a Vietnamese refugee camp after a ten-year separation from his family.

Holt, Kimberly Willis *My Louisiana Sky* Holt 1998 Fiction

Set in rural 1950s Louisiana, twelve-year-old Tiger has some tough times growing up with her grandmother dying and trying to accept her mentally handicapped parents.

Hoose, Phillip M. *The Race to Save the Lord God Bird*. Melanie Kroupa Books, 2004. 0-374-36173-8. The story of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker's demise is the centerpiece for a book about extinction and the pressures of mankind upon the Earth.

Hoose, Phillip M. *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. 2009. 978-0-374-31322-9. \$19.95.

As a teen, Claudette Colvin sparked the protest that led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott and desegregation of public facilities by refusing to relinquish her seat to a white woman

*Hopkinson, Deborah. *Up before Daybreak: Cotton and People in America*. 2006. illus. Scholastic Nonfiction, \$18.99. (ISBN-10, 0-439-63901-8; ISBN-13, 9780439639019). Oral histories and archival photographs enrich the story of King Cotton, deepening readers' understanding of the place of an iconic crop in American history.

*Howe, James. *Totally Joe*. Simon & Schuster/Ginee Seo. (0-689-83957-X).2005

Joe knows he is gay. During his 8th grade year, an English journaling assignment helps him express his growing self-awareness.

Jacobson, Sid and Colon, Ernie. *The 9/11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation*. 2006. illus. Farrar, Straus and Giroux/Hill and Wang, \$30. (ISBN-10, 0-8090-5738-7; ISBN-13, 9780809057382). This concise graphic novel re-creation of the government's official report conveys the horror of 9/11 and looks at how it happened.

Jiang, Ji-Li. *Red Scarf Girl : A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution*. HarperCollins. 1997 Non-Fiction
Political terror and personal turmoil shape the lives of a girl and her family in this riveting memoir about growing up in China during the Cultural Revolution.

Jimenez, Francisco *The Circuit: Stories from the life-migrant child* Univ. of New Mexico Press 1997 Non-Fiction
Panchito's longing for a permanent home, time to attend school, and hope for his family's future makes this memoir/short story collection an emotionally charged read.

Jinks, Catherine. *The Reformed Vampire Support Group*. Harcourt/ Houghton Mifflin. 2009. 978-0-15-206609-3. \$17.00.
Nina Harrison, now and forever a teenage vampire, leads her dysfunctional crew of bloodsuckers on a mission to halt vampire persecution and rescue a vicious werewolf.

Kelly, Jacqueline. *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*. Henry Holt. 2009. 978-0-8050-8841-0. \$16.99.
In 1899, eleven-year-old Calpurnia bonds over science and nature with her grandfather even as she becomes increasingly aware that she may not be able to pursue those interests as an adult.

*Konigsburg, E.L. *The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place*. Simon & Schuster: Atheneum. 2004. 0-689-86636-4. Rescued from summer camp bullies by her Old World-styled Granduncles, Margaret Rose Kane spends a transformative month lodging at their unusual home.

Larson, Kirby. *Hattie Big Sky*. 2006. Random House/Delacorte, \$15.95. (ISBN-10, 0-385-73313-5; ISBN-13, 9780385733137). In 1918, 16-year-old Hattie Brooks runs a 400-acre Montana farm, faces threats from wolves, and fights prejudice and loneliness.

Lester, Julius *From Slave Ship to Freedom Road* Dial Books 1998 Non-fiction
This stunning combination of art and lyricism causes one to pause and really think about the effects of slavery on all of humanity. *

Levine, Gail Carson. *Ella Enchanted*. HarperCollins. 1997
The classic Cinderella story is a springboard for this humorous fantasy about a young girl with a curse that forces her to obey every command.

Lobel, Anita *No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War Greenwillow* 1998 Non-fiction
This highly regarded children's book illustrator recounts her childhood experiences as a Jew living in Nazi-occupied Poland, her imprisonment in a succession of concentration camps, and her life following the war as a displaced person in Sweden.

Mastoon, Adam *The Shared Heart Morrow* 1997 Non-fiction
Four dozen gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender teens and young adults are presented through photographic portraits and personal essays.

McCaughrean, Geraldine *The Pirate's Son Scholastic* 1998 0590203444 Fiction
Imagine fulfilling your boyhood fantasy of sailing off with pirates: fourteen-year-old Nathan Gull's wishes turn into a reality, not always with the results he anticipated.

McKee, Tim/ Blackshaw, Anne *No More Strangers Now: Young Voices-So. Africa DK* 1998 Non-fiction
Twelve teenagers from South Africa share their experiences of life under and since apartheid and their hopes for the future of their country.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. *Dairy Queen*. 2006. Houghton Mifflin, \$16. (ISBN-10, 0-618-68307-0; ISBN-13, 9780618683079). Running her family's dairy farm and fulfilling others' expectations makes D.J. feel like a cow, until she finds herself training the rival school's quarterback.

Mwangi, Meja. *The Mzungu Boy*. Greenwood/House of Anansi. (0-88899-653-5).2005
In 1950's Kenya, two boys, one the grandchild of an English landowner, one the son of the landowner's cook, form an unlikely and quietly revolutionary friendship against the backdrop of the so-called Mau-Mau insurrection.

*Myers, Walter Dean. *Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices*. Holiday House, 2004. 0-8234-1853-7. The hopes, dreams, and disappointments of the iconic African American community are explored in verse and vintage photographs.

*Nelson, Marilyn. *A Wreath for Emmett Till*. Illus. by Philippe Lardy. Houghton Mifflin. (0-618-39752-3).
An intricate cycle of fifteen linked sonnets eulogizes fourteen-year-old Till. The language of flowers that is woven throughout conveys rage, pain, sorrow, and hope.

November, Sharyn *Firebirds Rising: An Anthology of Original Science Fiction and Fantasy*. Ed.. 2006. Penguin Group USA/Firebird, \$19.99. (ISBN-10, 0-14-240549-3; ISBN-13, 9780142405499). Teens from different worlds and times populate these 16 short stories, which are as wildly inventive as they are relevant.

*Partridge, Elizabeth. *Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary*. Penguin Group/Viking. 2009. 978-0-670-01189-6. \$19.99. In a tense, day-by-day account of the Freedom March of 1965, teen voices are crucial to the spirit and drive of the march.

*Paterson, Katherine. *JIP: His Story*. Dutton/Lodestar 1996
Raised on a poor farm during the mid-1800s, a kind-hearted orphan cares for the local "lunatic" as he comes to terms with his own identity. *

Paulsen, Gary *Soldier's Heart* Delacorte Press 1998 Fiction
After facing the real fighting in the Civil War, Charlie realizes war is hell on earth both mentally and physically. *

Peck, Richard. *The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts*. Penguin USA: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2004. 0-8037-2736-4. When mean ole Myrt Arbuckle hauls off and dies, fifteen year old Russell Culver thinks he is finally done with school forever until his older sister becomes the new teacher.

Pierce, Tamora. *Terrier*. 2006. Random House, \$18.95. (ISBN-10, 0-375-81468-X; ISBN-13, 9780375814686). Raised in the slums, trained to the lawkeeping force, and armed with the ability to hear the voices of the dead, Beka Cooper is determined to save the people of the Lower City.

Pratchett, Terry. *Wintersmith*. 2006. HarperCollins/HarperTempest, \$16.99. (ISBN-10, 0-06-089031-2; ISBN-13, 9780060890315). Waily, waily, waily! In this Discworld novel, witch-in-training Tiffany Aching accidentally attracts the attention of the Wintersmith, imperiling her family and requiring the expertise of the Wee Free Men.

Pullman, Philip. *The Golden Compass: His Dark Materials Book One*. Knopf
Lyra and her daemon, Pantalaimon, journey to the far north to rescue kidnapped children in this complex, provocative tale. *

Pratchett, Terry. *Nation*. HarperCollins. 2008. 978-0-06-143302-3 \$17.89
Mau is caught in the tidal wave that destroyed his island and Daphne is the only survivor from her ship. Together on the devastated island they form a new Nation.

Reeve, Philip. *Here Lies Arthur*. Scholastic. 2008. 978-0-545-09334-1 \$17.99
A fresh look at the Arthur legend told through the eyes of a young girl who pretends to be a boy to survive.

*Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief*. Hyperion. (0-7868-5629-7).2005
Percy Jackson has been in six schools in six years. Officially diagnosed with ADHD, Percy's lack of self control gets him in trouble again and again. Could he secretly be a demi-god?

Rosenberg, Liz (Editor)

Earth-Shattering Poems Henry Holt & Company, Inc, 1998

Here is a collection of the world's most intense poetry, carefully selected to inspire and feed fervent feelings.*

The Invisible Ladder : An Anthology of Contemporary American Poems for Young Readers Henry Holt & Company, 1996

This anthology combines modern American poetry with commentary by the poets and photos of them as children and adults.*

Rosoff, Meg. *how i live now*. Random House Children's Books: Wendy Lamb Books, 2004. 0-385-74677-6. Fifteen-year-old Elizabeth (Daisy) finds her whole world turned upside down when she travels to England to stay with relatives, falls in love, and is caught up in a devastating world war.

Rowling, J.K. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* Scholastic Press/ Levine 1998 Fiction

A book for all ages. An orphan boy is summoned to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in this rousing and richly rendered British fantasy about true identity and destiny.*

Sachar, Louis *Holes* FSG 1998 Fiction

Stanley Yelnatz suffers from a curse brought on by his great-great grandfather who stole a pig from a one-legged gypsy. Now Stanley must dig one hole every day in a correctional camp for juvenile boys, and for a crime he didn't even commit - stealing Sweet Feet Clyde Livingston's tennis shoes. *

Salisbury, Graham. *Eyes of the Emperor*. Random House/Wendy Lamb. (0-385-72971-5).

In this riveting, often painful novel, a 16-year-old Japanese American boy from Hawaii enlists in the army before Pearl Harbor and faces many race-based humiliations

Salisbury, Graham *Jungle Dogs* Delacorte 1998 Fiction

James 'Boy' Regis learns some tough lessons about courage and respect while growing up in Hawaii. *

Sheth, Kashmira. *Keeping Corner*. Hyperion. 2007. 978-0-7868-3859-2 \$15.99

In India during World War I, twelve-year-old Leela's husband dies, and she is forced to shave her head and keep corner, staying inside her family's house for a year.

Shusterman, Neal. *Unwind*. Simon & Schuster, 2007; ISBN13: 978-1-4169-1204-0; \$16.99.

This is a future world where teens are “unwound”—their body parts are harvested for use by others. Conor, Risa, and Lev will go to extreme lengths to avoid this fate.

Silvey, Anita, selector *Help Wanted: Short Stories-Young People Work Little*, Brown 1997 Fiction

These twelve stories by authors such as Michael Dorris, Ray Bradbury, and Judith Ortiz Cofer deal with an important rite of passage for teens - the first job.

Smith, Sherri L. *Flygirl*. Penguin/G.P. Putnam's Sons. 2009. 978-0-399-24709-5. \$16.99.

During WWII, Ida Mae Jones must go against her family and heritage to join the Army's WASP program and fulfill her dream of being a pilot.

Standiford, Natalie. *How to Say Goodbye in Robot*. Scholastic. 2009. 978-0545107082. \$17.99.

Fringe dwellers Jonas (Ghost Boy) and Beatrice (Robot Girl) use their adopted alter egos to help navigate the difficulties of fractured families and impending adulthood during their senior year.

Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me*. Random House / Wendy Lamb Books. 2009. 978-0-385-73742-5. \$15.99.

The year they are twelve, Sal begins to ignore Miranda and breaks her heart. But Miranda's attention is diverted when she begins to receive urgent, anonymous notes in unexpected places.

Sonnenblick, Jordan. *Notes from the Midnight Driver*. Scholastic, 2006; ISBN13: 978-0-439-75779-9; \$16.99.

Alex's drunken joyride in his mother's car lands him with 100 hours of community service mentoring a cantakerous elderly man.

Spinelli, Jerry *Knots in My Yo-yo String* Knopf 1998 Non-fiction

Author Jerry Spinelli talks about all the important things that happened to him in his first 16 years of life. *

Springer, Nancy *I am Mordred Philomel* 1998 Fiction

Young Mordred is confused and isolated; when he discovers his personal history, his only wish is to escape his fate. *

Stiefvater, Maggie. *Shiver*. Scholastic Inc./Scholastic Press. 2009. 978-0-545-12326-6. \$17.99.

Grace has spent years watching the wolves in the woods behind her house. She has been particularly drawn to one – a yellow-eyed wolf who, in turn has been watching her intensely.

Stone, Tanya Lee. *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*. Candlewick. 2009. 978-0-7636-3611-1. \$24.99.

The story of the “Mercury 13” women who paved the way for females in space and aeronautics by challenging the political and social culture behind NASA’s unwritten rule that astronauts must be male.

Stork, Francisco X. *Marcelo in the Real World*. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books. 2009. 978-0-545-05474-4. \$17.99.

Marcelo—a teen who exhibits Asperger-like behaviors—is forced to leave his job caring for horses to work in his father’s law firm and experience “the real world.”

Tan, Shaun. *The Arrival*. Illus. by Shaun Tan. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine, 2007; ISBN13: 978-0-439-89529-3; \$19.99.

Without a single word, Tan’s extraordinary images express the loneliness, sadness, anxiety, and wonder of the immigration experience.

Thompson, Kate. *The New Policeman*. HarperCollins/Greenwillow, 2007; ISBN13: 978-0-06-117427-8; \$16.99.

In search of the perfect gift for his mother, J. J., an Irish 15-year-old, must save the inhabitants of another world and solve an ancient mystery.

Temple, Frances *The Beduin's Gazelle Orchard*/Richard Jackson,1996 Fiction
Studying law in the city of Fez in 1302, young Beduin Atiyah longs for Halima, the girl he has been promised to marry. Then, in a dream, Atiyah sees that she is being held by a sheik who demands that she marry him. With the help of his French friend Etienne, Atiyah returns to the desert to rescue his love.*

Thimmesh, Catherine. *Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon*. 2006. illus. Houghton Mifflin, \$19.95. (ISBN-10, 0-618-50757-4; ISBN-13, 9780618507573). Suspenseful and packed with little-known facts, this exploration of the Apollo 11 mission captures the dedication of the people behind the scenes.

Tillage, Leon Walter. *Leon's Story*. Illus. by Susan L. Roth. Farrar Straus & Giroux. 1997 Non-Fiction

A sharecropper's son recalls his life in the Jim Crow South and during the Civil Rights Movement in this understated memoir.

Turner, Megan Whalen. *The King of Attolia*. 2006. HarperCollins/Greenwillow, \$16.99. (ISBN-10, 0-06-083577-X; ISBN-13, 9780060835774). Eugenides must convince his new queen, his court, and his subjects of his ability to rule, despite his disreputable past as a liar and a thief.

Warren, Andrea. *Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story*. Houghton 1996
Non- Fiction

The true story of Lee Nailling and the early work of the Children's Aid Society in relocating orphans is told in poignant alternating chapters.

Westerfeld, Scott. *Leviathan*. Simon & Schuster/Simon Pulse. 2009.
9781416971733. \$19.99.

Steampunk novel that is a strange mixture of Victorian times with mechanical inventions. Bio-society countries are at war with mechanical countries in this extremely fresh novel.

Wilson, Diane *I Rode a Horse of Milk White* Jade Orchard Books 1998 Fiction
Oyuna, crippled as a toddler and orphaned at seven, manages with sheer determination to become 'one who speaks with horses,' a woman who attempts to seek the great Kublai Khan.

Wolff, Virginia Euwer. *Bat 6*. Scholastic. 1998 Fiction

Twenty-one Oregon girls recall a fateful softball game in 1949 when bigotry left over from World War II throws them a curve ball. *

Woodson, Jacqueline. *After Tupac and D Foster*. G.P. Putnam's Sons. 2008.
978-0-399-24654-8 \$15.99

The friendship of three girls from very different families fills the emptiness of uncertainty as they struggle with Tupac Shakur's troubles as well as their own.

Yee, Lisa. *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time*. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine. (0-439-62247-6).

Basketball fanatic Stanford Wong is forced to forgo sports camp for a summer spent making up his failed English class with the help of girl genius Millicent Min.

Zevin, Gabrielle. *Elsewhere*. Farrar. (0-374-32091-8).

This unusual, wryly humorous novel begins after 15-year-old Liz comes to Elsewhere, the island where people go after they die and begin to regress to babyhood and rebirth.

Yolen, Jane and Coville, Bruce *Armageddon Summer* Harcourt Brace 1998
Fiction

The world will end on Thursday, July 27, 2000. That's what Reverend Beelson has told his congregation. Marina's mom believes. So does Jed's dad. That's why they've dragged Marina and Jed to a mountain retreat with the rest of the reverend's flock. From this vantage point, the Believers will wait the two weeks until the Fires of Hell descend upon the rest of the world. *