FICTION

Adventure and Mystery

The Book of Blood and Shadow
by Robin Wasserman
(Knopf/Random House, $17.99)  978-0-375-86876-4
Brainy Nora embarks on a Da Vinci-code-like adventure in Prague, where she and her friends unravel what may be the key to communicating directly with God. (12-16)

The Dead of Winter
by Chris Priestley
(Bloomsbury, $16.99)  978-1-59990-745-1
In Victorian England, an orphaned boy is taken to his strange guardian’s country estate where ghosts and evil spirits visit. (12-16)

Dead Time (The Murder Notebooks series)
by Anne Cassidy
(Bloomsbury, $16.99)  978-0-8027-2351-2
Rose and her stepbrother work together to solve mysteries, including the strange disappearance of their parents five years before. (11-14)

*Endangered
by Eliot Schrefer
(Scholastic, $17.99)  978-0-545-16576-1
While rescuing bonobos for her mother’s animal sanctuary, Sophie must flee to the jungle to escape rebels and government soldiers fighting during the Civil War in the Congo. (11-16)

The False Prince (The Ascendance Trilogy, Vol. 1)
by Jennifer A. Nielsen
(Scholastic, $17.99)  978-0-545-28413-4
Fourteen-year-old Sage is chosen by a mysterious lord who has a plan to prevent a civil war in the kingdom. But is it treason? (12-15)

Guy Langman: Crime Scene Procrastinator
by Josh Berk
(Knopf/Random House, $16.99)  9780375857010
When a school forensics club stumbles on a possible murder and a robbery, Guy and his pals work together to solve the mysteries. (11-14)

My Sister’s Stalker
by Nancy Springer
(Holiday House, $16.95)  978-0-8234-2358-3
Dealing with his parents’ divorce and alienation from his dad, a sixteen-year-old uncovers a chilling, menacing plot concerning his older sister. (11-14)

The Raft
by S. A. Bodeen
(Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan, $16.99)  978-0-312-65010-0
On her way home to the Midway Island, Robie is the lone survivor of a cargo plane crash in the Pacific. Will her rebellious streak help her survive? (12-16)

Ripper
by Stefan Petrucha
(Philomel/Penguin, $17.99)  978-0-399-25524-3
In New York, when Teddy Roosevelt was police commissioner, a teenager raised in an orphanage seeks his father, who he discovers is a notorious serial killer. (13-15)

Robbie Forester and the Outlaws of Sherwood Street
by Peter Abrahams
(Philomel/Penguin, $16.99)  978-0-399-25502-1
Inspired by the Robin Hood story and given a charm bracelet with magic powers, Robbie and her friends fight injustice in their Brooklyn, New York, neighborhood. (11-16)
Adventure and Mystery, continued

Scarlet
by A. C. Gaughen
(Walker/Bloomsbury, $17.99) 978-0-8027-2346-8
Romance, surprise, and bloodthirsty adventure abound in this new take on the Robin Hood legend with a girl in the outlaw band protecting the villagers from the evil Sheriff of Nottingham. (12-16)

Secret Letters
by Leah Scheier
(Hyperion/Disney, $16.99) 978-1-4231-2405-4
Sixteen-year-old Dora defies Victorian social expectations as she uses her supersleuth talents in Sherlock Holmes style to discover her cousin’s blackmailer. (11-14)

Wonder Show
by Hannah Barnaby
(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, $16.99)
978-0-547-59980-9
Abandoned by her family, fourteen-year-old Portia escapes from a cruel home for wayward girls and seeks asylum in a traveling circus. (11-14)

Coming of Age

Anyway: A Story About Me with 138 Footnotes, 27 Exaggerations, and 1 Plate of Spaghetti
by Arthur Salm
(Simon & Schuster, $15.99) 978-1-4424-2930-7
Twelve-year-old Max is tired of being just an ordinary always-good kid. At a camp where no one knows him, he tries on a new persona—with some surprising results. (11-14)

Audition & Subtraction
by Amy Fellner Dominy
(Walker/Bloomsbury, $16.99) 978-0-8027-2374-1
Tatum desperately wants to get the one open spot for a clarinetist in the District Honor Band and to remain Lori’s best friend forever. (11-14)

Breathing Room
by Marsha Hayles
(Christy Ottaviano/Henry Holt BFYR/Macmillan, $16.99) 978-0-8050-8691-5
When adolescent girls with tuberculosis are sent away to a sanatorium in the 1940s, friendships grow in the face of suffering and dying. (10-14)

Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip
by Jordan Sonnenblick
(Scholastic, $17.99) 978-0-545-32069-6
As Pete begins high school, he copes with both the injury that has shattered his hopes of being a baseball star and with his beloved grandfather’s dementia. (12-15)

The Encyclopedia of Me
by Karen Rivers
(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, $16.99) 978-0-545-31028-4
Thirteen-year-old biracial Tink writes an encyclopedia as she tries to find herself and deal with her dysfunctional family, a volatile best friend, and the cute boy next door. (11-14)

Fighting for Dontae
by Mike Castan
(Holiday House, $16.95) 978-0-8234-2348-4
Faced with derision from the gang when he is assigned to help a severely disabled boy his age, seventh grader Javier realizes that working with Dontae is the one thing in his life worth fighting for. (11-13)

For What It’s Worth
by Janet Tashjian
(Christy Ottaviano/Henry Holt BFYR/Macmillan, $16.99) 978-0-8050-9365-0
Against the background of the Vietnam War and the 1970s music scene, fourteen-year-old Quinn grapples with moral decisions concerning draft dodging. (12-16)
Coming of Age, continued

**Fourmile**
by Watt Key
(Farrar Straus Giroux/Macmillan, $16.99)
978-0-374-35095-6
Twelve-year-old Foster confronts the pain of his father’s death, anger toward his mom’s boyfriend, and the truths that Gary, a war veteran, reveals. (12-15)

**The Girl Who Could Silence the Wind**
by Meg Medina
(Candlewick, $17.99) 978-0-7636-4602-8
Burdened by the superstitious hopes and fears of her village in Mexico, a sixteen-year-old casts aside the role assigned her and finds power within herself. (12-16)

*The Good Braider*
by Terry Farish
(Marshall Cavendish, $17.99) 978-0-7614-6267-5
As her family flees from war-torn Sudan, Viola records their journey and new life in the United States. Free verse. (12-16)

**The Jade Notebook**
by Laura Resau
(Delacorte/Random House, $16.99)
978-0-385-74053-1
Convinced that she can find clues about her father’s past in Mexico, seventeen-year-old Zeeta encounters the truth about her family’s history. Spanish glossary. (12-18)

**The Journey Back**
by Priscilla Cummings
(Dutton/Penguin, $16.99) 978-0-525-42362-1
Fourteen-year-old Digger escapes from the detention facility where he has been deservedly imprisoned. Will running away solve any problems? (12-16)

Laugh With the Moon
by Shana Burg
(Delacorte/Random House, $16.99)
978-0-385-73471-4
Thirteen-year-old Clare travels to Africa with her doctor father. With the help of her new Malawian friends, she learns to accept her mother’s death. (11-14)

**Lemonade Mouth Puckers Up**
by Mark Peter Hughes
(Delacorte/Random House, $16.99)
978-0-385-73712-8
When a major music promoter discovers the socially conscious garage band Lemonade Mouth, it seems like a dream come true. But will it turn into a nightmare? (13-16)

**Love? Maybe.**
by Heather Hepler
(Dial/Penguin, $16.99) 978-0-8037-3721-1
When a high school girl endures a tough breakup, three friends hatch a romantic plan for her—with unanticipated results. (12-15)

**Now**
by Morris Gleitzman
(Henry Holt/Macmillan, $16.99) 978-0-8050-9378-0
Named after her beloved grandfather’s best childhood friend and companion during the Holocaust, Zelda struggles to live up to her memory. (12-15)

**Pink Smog: Becoming Weetzie Bat**
by Francesca Lia Block
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, $17.99) 978-0-06-156598-4
Louise prefers to be called Weetzie, her father’s nickname for her, but she has been lost since her father left her and her mother. (12-15)
Coming of Age, continued

Safekeeping
by Karen Hesse
(Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan, $17.99) 978-1-250-01134-3
Dependent solely on her own resources to survive, sixteen-year-old Radley flees her Vermont home in fear of a new fascist US government. Haunting photographs of the fictional route to Canada taken by the author. (12-15)

Take What You Can Carry
written and illustrated by Kevin C. Pyle
(Henry Holt/Macmillan, P $12.99) 978-0-8050-8286-9
Two distinct stories— one about Japanese American internment, the other about a daredevil teenager— intertwine to comment on the consequences of theft and the power of compassion. Copious cartoon and sepia illustrations. (10-14)

The Unbearable Book Club for Unsinkable Girls
by Julie Schumacher
(Delacorte/Random House, $16.99) 978-0-385-73773-9
Forced to join a mother-daughter book club for the summer, four eleventh graders with nothing in common learn life lessons from literature and one another. (12-17)

Unbreak My Heart
by Melissa Walker
(Bloomsbury, $16.99) 978-1-59990-528-0
During a summer boat trip with her family, sixteen-year-old Clementine recovers from a difficult year at school and finds happiness. (12-16)

Darkwater
by Catherine Fisher
(Dial/Penguin, $16.99) 978-0-8037-3818-8
To regain her family’s wealth, sixteen-year-old Sarah bargains with “the devil.” Now her time is up and she must save her friend from the same fate. (11-13)

The Diviners
by Libba Bray
(Little, Brown/Hachette, $19.99) 978-0-316-12611-3
Some strange murders are happening in 1920s New York, and teen flapper Evie finds she must use her power as a diviner to help find the killer. (12-17)

Falling Kingdoms
by Morgan Rhodes
(Razorbill/Penguin, $18.99) 978-1-59514-584-0
When three kingdoms battle for domination, the key to the outcome will be Lucia, who possesses magic long thought to have disappeared. (13-16)

The Gathering Storm (The Katerina Trilogy, Vol. 1)
by Robin Bridges
(Delacorte/Random House, $17.99) 978-0-385-74022-7
In 1888 St. Petersburg, Russia, a young necromancer finds herself caught in the middle of a war between good and evil forces. (12-16)

The Girl Who Fell Beneath Fairyland and Led the Revels There
by Catherynne M. Valente
(Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan, $16.99) 978-0-312-64962-3
Twelve-year-old September returns to Fairyland, where everyone’s shadows are disappearing. Will she be able to figure out a way to get them back? (12-15)
Fantasy, continued

**Magisterium**
by Jeff Hirsch
(Scholastic, $17.99) 978-0-545-29018-0
When her father is arrested, sixteen-year-old Glennora flees the technological Colloquium, crossing the Rift into the magical Magisterium and wearing the bracelet her father invented—sought by both governments—for protection. (12-16)

**On the Day I Died: Stories From the Grave**
by Candace Fleming
(Schwartz & Wade/Random House, $16.99) 978-0-375-86781-1
In these deliciously creepy tales, nine teenagers tell the stories of their deaths so that they can rest peacefully in the afterlife. (12-16)

**The Other Normals**
by Ned Vizzini
(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, $17.99) 978-0-06-207990-9
Perry is forced to spend his summer at camp. He needs all his game skills as he enters an alternate world, and he’ll need social skills to return. Action-packed and very funny. (12-15)

**Peaceweaver**
by Rebecca Barnhouse
(Random House, $16.99) 978-0-375-86766-8
The King sends his sixteen-year-old niece on a journey to make peace with a nearby kingdom. Warring tribes, monsters and dragons are the least of Hild’s perils. (11–14)

**Redwing**
by Holly Bennett
(Orca, P $12.95) 978-1-4598-0038-0
Rowan, his family’s only survivor of the plague, and Samik, fleeing a warlord, form a friendship that uncovers their true abilities and affections. (12-15)

*Mature content*

**Seraphina**
by Rachel Hartman
(Random House, $17.99) 978-0-375-86656-2
Seraphina, who alone can save her world by renewing the treaty between humans and dragons, finds she loves both. (11-14)

**Shadow and Bone**
by Leigh Bardugo
(Henry Holt/Macmillan, $17.99) 978-0-8050-9459-6
Plucked from obscurity to train as a member of the magical elite, Alina finds an inner power. Will it be enough to save herself, her best friend, and her war-torn country? (11-14)

**Son**
by Lois Lowry
(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, $17.99) 978-0-547-88720-3
In this beautiful conclusion to the *Giver* series, Claire overcomes great obstacles to search for her son. (12-16)

**Soonchild**
by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Alexis Deacon
(Candlewick, $15.99) 978-0-7636-5920-2
When his soonchild tells him she can’t hear the world songs that lure babies to be born, Sixteen-Face John must find them. Clever, expressive charcoal and pencil illustrations. (12-17)

Historical Fiction

**A Beautiful Lie**
by Irfan Master
(Albert Whitman, $16.99) 978-0-8075-0597-7
On the eve of historical change in his beloved India, can Bilal pull off an elaborate lie so his father can die in peace? (12-16)
Historical Fiction, cont.ued

**Cross My Heart**
by Sasha Gould
(Delacorte/Random House, $17.99) 978-0-385-74150-7
Convent-raised Laura becomes involved with the Segreta, a secret society of women in sixteenth-century Venice, and uncovers mystery, murder, and other nefarious deeds. (12-14)

**The Dark Unwinding**
by Sharon Cameron
(Scholastic, $17.99) 978-0-545-32786-2
In 1852 seventeen-year-old Katharine is sent by her great aunt to her family’s estate to have her uncle declared insane and finds a genius inventor who employs a village of 900 people rescued from London workhouses. A Gothic tale of intrigue and romance. (12-16)

**Dodger**
by Terry Pratchett
(Harper/HarperCollins, $17.99) 978-0-06-200949-4
Dodger’s rescue of a beautiful young lady launches him on an adventure in Victorian London that requires the support of Charles Dickens and Benjamin Disraeli. (12-15)

**Ghosts of the Titanic**
by Julie Lawson
(Holiday House, $16.95) 978-0-8234-2423-8
When his father inherits a house in Nova Scotia, seventeen-year-old Kevin becomes eerily involved in the events surrounding the recovery of the victims of the Titanic disaster. (13-16)

**The Horse Road**
by Troon Harrison
(Bloomsbury, $16.99) 978-1-59990-846-5
Thirteen-year-old Kallisto—whose father is an aristocrat and whose mother is a nomad who lives for her horses—makes peace with an invader and proves her capability to herself and her parents. (11-14)

**Jepp, Who Defied the Stars**
by Katherine Marsh
(Hyperion/Disney, $16.99) 978-1-4231-3500-5
A dwarf at the Infanta’s court seeking answers to questions about his parentage creates his own destiny. (12-15)

**Jump into the Sky**
by Shelley Pearsall
(Knopf/Random House, $16.99) 978-0-375-83699-2
In 1945, a thirteen-year-old African American boy is sent to North Carolina to live with his father—a World War II army pilot—and learns the harsh realities of Jim Crow. (12-15)

**My Family for the War**
by Anne C. Voorhoeve
(Dial/Penguin, $17.99) 978-0-8037-3360-2
Raised as a Protestant, ten-year-old Ziska is taken out of Germany and placed with a Jewish family in London where she learns about the religion of her ancestors. (12-15)

**No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Michaux, Harlem Bookseller**
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
(Carolrhoda/Lerner, $17.95) 978-0-7613-6169-5
The life of the author’s great-uncle, a bookseller in Harlem whose store became a cultural center for iconic figures such as Langston Hughes and Malcolm X, is chronicled with archival photographs and pen and ink illustrations. (12-18)
Historical Fiction, continued

No-Name Baby
by Nancy Bo Flood
(Namelos, $18.95; P $9.95) 978-1-60898-117-5; 978-1-60898-118-2
After World War I ends, fourteen-year-old Sophie helps on her family’s farm and learns surprising family secrets. (12-14)

Rachel’s Secret
by Shelly Sanders
(Second Story, P $12.95) 978-1-926920-37-5
In 1903 Kishinev, the murder of a teenage boy results in a pogrom. Rachel, a Jewish friend, knows the truth but is afraid to tell. (12-16)

The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano
by Sonia Manzano
(Scholastic, $17.99) 978-0-545-32505-9
In 1969 a fourteen-year-old becomes involved with Puerto Rican activists, the Young Lords, while exploring her identity and her family relationships. (11-14)

The Runaway
by Glen Huser
(Tradewind Books, P $12.95) 978-1-896580-21-0
When fourteen-year-old Leroy is orphaned, he joins a traveling educational Chautauqua show and discovers his true talents. (11-14)

The Secret Keepers
by Paul Yee
(Tradewind Books, P $12.95) 978-1-896580-96-8
How can fifteen-year-old Jackson make a new life for his San Francisco family after the 1906 earthquake when he is haunted by old ghosts? (11-14)

Shadow on the Mountain
by Margi Preus
(Amulet/Abrams, $16.95) 978-1-4197-0424-6
A fourteen-year-old turns spy when Nazi Germany invades Norway. Inspired by real events. (10-14)

Spirit’s Princess
by Esther Friesner
(Random House, $17.99) 978-0-375-86907-5
In ancient Japan, a spirited young girl contrives to follow her life’s path to become a shaman, though her father forbids it. (11-14)

Victory: Resistance: Book 3
by Carla Jablonski, illustrated by Leland Purvis
(First Second/Macmillan, P $17.99) 978-1-59643-293-2
In the last year of World War II, a group of teens continues its work in the French Resistance despite the increasing wrath of the Nazis. Detailed illustration with effective use of two contrasting palettes. (12-16)

Yesterday’s Dead
by Pat Bourke
(Second Story, P $11.95) 978-1-926920-32-0
Will thirteen-year-old Meredith, a household servant, be able to manage the crisis when all the adults are stricken with the flu that swept Toronto in 1918? (12-14)

Science Fiction

Adaption
by Malinda Lo
(Little, Brown/Hachette, $17.99) 978-0-316-19796-0
Life changes for Reese after an airplane crash. As more crashes occur, it appears that it might be a conspiracy. Can she get to the bottom of it? (12-17)

A Confusion of Princes
by Garth Nix
(Harper/HarperCollins, $17.99) 978-0-06-009694-6
Life as a Prince lacks the glamour Khemri had imagined. Moreover, there are ten million Princes striving to become Emperor. Intergalactic adventure. (12-15)
Science Fiction, continued

Crewel
by Gennifer Albin
(Farrar Straus Giroux/Macmillan, $17.99) 978-0-374-31641-9
Gifted with the unusual ability to embroider the fabric of life, sixteen-year-old Adelice is summoned to become a Spinster and discovers a world of corruption and deception. (12-14)

The Exceptionals
by Erin Cashman
(Holiday House, $16.95) 978-0-8234-2335-4
A family tradition of special education lands fifteen-year-old Claire in the midst of a battle between good and evil. Will her extraordinary ability to read the minds of animals be enough to allow good to triumph? (11-13)

Fracture
by Megan Miranda
(Walker/Bloomsbury, $17.99) 978-0-8027-2309-3
After seventeen-year-old Delaney miraculously survives death by drowning, she finds herself drawn to dying people. Does she cause their deaths? (12-16)

Insignia
by S. J. Kincaid
(Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins, $17.99)
978-0-06-209299-1
Tom leaves behind the unstable existence with his gambling father to engage in virtual wars with corporate sponsors. Will Tom’s combat instincts earn him a place in the Intrasoar Forces? (12-15)

Momentum
by Saci Lloyd
(Holiday House, $16.95) 978-0-8234-2414-6
In dystopian London, a privileged son of the ruling Citizen class aids a girl from the repressed, resourceful Outsiders’ underclass and safeguards the Outsiders’ most valuable secret. (13-17)

*Origin
by Jessic Khoury
(Razorbill/Penguin, $17.99) 978-1-59514-595-6
Raised in a secret lab in the Amazon, Pia is immortal, and scientists race to create her perfect mate. When she meets a boy in the jungle, everything changes. (12-14)

Slide
by Jill Hathaway
(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, $17.99)
978-0-06-207790-5
Teenager Vee’s ability to “slide” into the minds of others enables her to solve the mystery of the deaths of her friends while resolving her own family’s conflicts. (12-16)

Starters
by Lissa Price
(Delacorte/Random House, $17.99)
978-0-385-74237-5
When Callie rents her body to a wealthy senior who longs to be young again, she soon realizes the evil truth behind the rental agency. (12-15)

The Survivors
by Will Weaver
(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, $17.99)
978-0-06-009476-8
When teenagers Sarah and Miles cope with a world covered with volcanic dust, they uncover new truths about themselves and others. Sequel to Memory Boy. (12-16)

Time Snatchers
by Richard Ungar
(G.P. Putnam’s Sons/Penguin, $16.99)
978-0399-25485-7
Bullied and cruelly treated, Caleb begins to question his role in the time-travel missions. Set in New Beijing, formerly New York City, 2061. (12-14)
Science Fiction, continued

Under the Moons of Mars: New Adventures on Barsoom
by John Joseph Adams, inspired by the work of Edgar Rice Burroughs
(Simon & Schuster, $16.99) 978-1-4424-2029-8
Fourteen exciting short stories by today’s best science fiction writers are inspired by the Mars novels of Edgar Rice Burroughs. (12-16) Mature content

Under the Never Sky
by Veronica Rossi
(Harper/HarperCollins, $17.99) 978-0-06-207203-0
Aria’s only chance to return home is an Outsider, Perry, who could kill her at any moment. Perry needs her, too, if he wants to save his own life. (12-16)

Today

*Beneath a Meth Moon
by Jacqueline Woodson
(Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin, $16.99)
978-0-399-25250-1
Hurricane Katrina has taken Laurel’s mother and grandmother. Now her methadone habit is taking her away from her father and loving younger brother. (13-16)

Choke
by Diana López
(Scholastic, $17.99) 978-0-545-41822-5
Eighth grader Windy’s longing to be part of the popular “in-crowd” leads her to unwilling participation in the choking game, with tragic consequences. (11-14)

Colin Fischer
by Ashley Edward Miller and Zack Stentz
(Razorbill/Penguin, $17.99) 978-1-59514-578-9
Colin has Asperger’s Disorder and lacks social skills, but his great investigative talent leads him to defend the school bully as a matter of justice. (12-16)

*Dying to Know You
by Aidan Chambers
(Amulet/Abrams, $16.95) 978-1-4197-0165-8
To help him impress his girlfriend, a teenage boy enlists a famous writer and in the process finds himself. (12-16)

Friends with Boys
written and illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks
(First Second/Macmillan, P $16.99) 978-1-59643-556-8
No longer homeschooled, Maggie must navigate public high school with a missing mother, battling brothers, and a cop dad. Black-and-white illustrations. (11–14)

The Glass Collector
by Anna Perera
(Albert Whitman, $17.99) 978-0-8075-2948-5
A member of the Zabbaleen, fifteen-year-old Aaron subsists by sorting waste in his Cairo slum. He is drawn to glass for its beauty. (12-14)

In Honor
by Jessi Kirby
(Simon & Schuster, $16.99) 978-1-4424-1697-0
Seventeen-year-old Honor takes off in her late brother’s cherished car along with his former friend as they both struggle to deal with their grief and understand their loss. (12-14)
Today, continued

Last Chance (Robyn Hunter Mysteries, Book 1)  
by Norah McClintock  
(Darby Creek/Lerner, P $8.95)  978-0-7613-8529-5  
Deathly afraid of dogs but sentenced to volunteer at an animal shelter, Robyn encounters a boy from her past and learns that things aren’t always what they seem. (11-14)

Matthew Meets the Man  
written and illustrated by Travis Nichols  
(Roaring Brook/Macmillan, $15.99)  
978-1-59643-545-2  
Matt plays trumpet in his school band but dreams of drumming in his own group. Humorous black-and-white illustrations. (12-15)

Meant to Be  
by Lauren Morrill  
(Delacorte/Random House, $17.99)  
978-0-385-74177-4  
Uptight Julia, on a class trip in London, is paired with her nemesis, Jason, for the duration. Could he do anything more than annoy her for two weeks? (12-15)

My Name Is Parvana  
by Deborah Ellis  
(Groundwood/House of Anansi Press, $16.95)  
978-1-55498-297-4  
In post-Taliban Afghanistan, after her mother’s struggling girls’ school is bombed, Parvana is imprisoned by Americans as a possible terrorist. Sequel to The Breadwinner. (12-16)

See You at Harry’s  
by Jo Knowles  
(Candlewick, $16.99)  978-0-7636-5407-8  
When an unexpected tragedy turns twelve-year-old Fern’s world upside down, she and her family struggle to manage their feelings of love and loss. (12-15)

Shadow  
by Michael Morpurgo  
(Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan, $16.99)  
978-0-312-60659-6  
When he learns that his friend Aman is about to be deported back to Afghanistan, Matt asks his grandfather to help. After hearing Aman’s harrowing story, his grandfather tries, but is it too late? (12-15)

Skinny  
by Donna Cooner  
(Point/Scholastic, $17.99)  978-0-545-42763-0  
Ever Davies weighs 302 pounds. Helped by gastric bypass surgery, she still must confront Skinny, her inner demon of self-doubt. (12-16)

Summer of the Wolves  
by Polly Carlson-Voiles  
(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, $15.99)  978-0-547-74591-6  
Can helping raise an orphaned wolf cub and experiencing wilderness life change the heart of a girl who has suffered too many losses? (12-15)

POETRY

Freedom’s a-Callin Me  
by Ntozake Shange, illustrated by Rod Brown  
(HarperCollins, $16.99)  978-0-06-133741-3  
A harrowing journey on the Underground Railroad from slavery to freedom is told in a series of poems and subdued oil paintings. (11-15)

October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard  
by Lesléa Newman  
(Candlewick, $15.99)  978-0-7636-5807-6  
A variety of poetic forms, all poignant and stark, provide different views concerning the hate-crime murder of Matthew Shepard in 1998. (12-16) Mature content
INFORMATION BOOKS

Biography

The Brontë Sisters: The Brief Lives of Charlotte, Emily, and Anne
by Catherine Reef
(Clarion/HMH, $18.99) 978-0-547-57966-5
We become well acquainted with the short-lived Brontës as girls, sisters, and writers. Illustrated with photographs and portraits. (11-14)

Light on the Prairie: Solomon D. Butcher, Photographer of Nebraska’s Pioneer Days
by Nancy Plain
(University of Nebraska Press, $16.95) 978-0-8032-3520-5
Solomon Butcher’s determination to document pioneer life on the Great Plains has left a rich, wonderful record of that period. Archival photographs. (11-14)

Surviving the Angel of Death: The True Story of a Mengele Twin in Auschwitz
by Eva Mozes Kor and Lisa Rojany Buccieri
(Tanglewood, $8.95) 978-1-933718-57-6
Twin girls are picked by the Germans to be part of medical experiments during World War II. (12-18) Mature content

Zora!: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston
by Judith Bloom Fradin, and Dennis Brindell Fradin
(Clarion/HMH, $17.99) 978-0-547-00695-6
The talented novelist, poet, and collector of African American folk tales surmounted obstacles to receive an education and become a writer. (12-16)
History, continued

The Impossible Rescue: The True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure
by Martin W. Sandler
(Candlewick, $22.99)  978-0-7636-5080-3
When an unexpected storm traps hundreds of whalers in treacherous Alaskan terrain, rescuers risk their own lives to help. Resources, time line, and source notes. (11-13)

Marching to the Mountaintop
by Ann Bausum
(National Geographic, $19.95)  978-1-4263-0939-7
To support the strike of sanitation workers, Martin Luther King Jr., the great Civil Rights leader who also fought for workers’ rights, came to Memphis—his final act in the struggle for equality and justice. (11-18)

Rightfully Ours: How Women Won the Vote: 21 Activities
by Kerrie Logan Hollihan
(Chicago Review Press, P $16.95)  978-1-883052-89-8
Who were the suffragettes and how did they get the vote for women? Find out in this thorough and engaging account. Activities and resources. (11–14)

Stolen into Slavery: The True Story of Solomon Northrup, Free Black Man
by Judith Bloom Fradin and Dennis Brindell Fradin
(National Geographic, $18.95)  978-1-4263-0938-0
Kidnapped in 1841 and sold into slavery, Solomon Northup worked to regain his freedom. Archival drawings and photographs. (11-14)

Superman versus The Ku Klux Klan: The True Story of How the Iconic Superhero Battled the Men of Hate
by Rick Bowers
(National Geographic, $16.95)  978-1-4263-0915-1
Superman, the Man of Steel, has successfully defeated all kinds of evildoers. But even with the help of an infiltrator, can he unmask the KKK? (12-15)

Titanic: Voices From the Disaster
by Deborah Hopkinson
(Scholastic, $17.99)  978-0-545-11674-9
The voices of the survivors of the Titanic are included in this absorbing account of the tragedy. Many historical photographs. (12-16)

To the Mountaintop: My Journey through the Civil Rights Movement
by Charlayne Hunter-Gault
(Roaring Brook/Macmillan, $22.99)  978-1-59643-605-3
Segregation of Georgia’s public schools ended when the author entered the University of Georgia, one of the many significant events of the Civil Rights movement that she examines. (12-15)

*We’ve Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children’s March
by Cynthia Levinson
(Peachtree, $19.95)  978-1-56145-627-7
To draw attention to the Civil Rights movement, African American children in Birmingham, Alabama, marched and went to jail. Focuses on four of the participants. Archival photographs. (12-16)

Memoir

The Letter Q: Queer Writers’ Notes to Their Younger Selves
edited by Sarah Moon, with contributing editor James Lecesne
(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, $17.99)  978-0-545-39932-6
A funny, heartbreaking, inspiring collection of “it gets better” letters for LGBTQ teens and any kid feeling different and alone. (11-18)
Science

Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95
by Phillip Hoose
(Farrar Straus Giroux/Macmillan, $21.99) 978-0-374-30468-3
Red Knots fly over 3,000 miles on their migration route. Can a bird make this journey nineteen times? Handsome color photographs. (11-14)

Their Skeletons Speak: Kennewick Man and the Paleoamerican World
by Sally M. Walker and Douglas W. Owsley
(Carolrhoda/Lerner, $22.95) 978-0-7613-7457-2
Part crime scene investigation, part paleontology lesson, this is a gripping account of information gathered from examining a prehistoric skeleton. (12-15)

World

*A Game for Swallows: to Die, to Leave, to Return
written and illustrated by Zeina Abirached
(Graphic Universe/Lerner, P $9.95) 978-0-7613-8568-4
Shells and snipers make life in the streets of Lebanon perilous, but neighbors create a caring community for Zeina and her brother. Compelling black-and-white graphic novel. (11-14)