About the List and Criteria for Selection
The books that appear in this annotated list were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and assembled in cooperation with the Children’s Book Council (CBC). NCSS and CBC have cooperated on this annual bibliography since 1972. Books selected for this bibliography were published in 2016 and were written for children in grades K-12. The Book Review Committee looks for books that emphasize human relations, represent a diversity of groups and are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences, present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic, are easily readable and of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, where appropriate, include illustrations that enrich the text. Each book is read by several reviewers, and books are included on the list by committee assent; the annotations do not necessarily reflect the judgment of the entire committee.

Publishers’ addresses are available in standard reference works such as Children’s Books in Print (R.R. Bowker) and Literary Market Place (R.R. Bowker), and from CBC. CBC’s Members List may be downloaded at www.cbcbooks.org/membership/member-list. Credits for permission to reproduce the cover art included in this supplement are printed on page 16.

Titles are arranged by broad subject categories. Although many are appropriate for more than one category, they have been placed where their usefulness in social studies education appears greatest. Annotators have also indicated the thematic strands (shown below) from National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies: A Framework for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, to which the book relates.

Thematic Strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies
1. CULTURE
2. TIME, CONTINUITY, AND CHANGE
3. PEOPLE, PLACES, AND ENVIRONMENTS
4. INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTITY
5. INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS
6. POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE
7. PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION
8. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY
9. GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
10. CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES

Key to a Notable Listing
1. The titles marked with an asterisk are Selectors’ Choices—books that individual committee members responded to with particular enthusiasm. 2. Title: Subtitle 3. Author(s) 4. Illustrator 5. Publisher 6. Number of pages 7. International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) are included for all available editions (trade, library, and paperback). The symbol “F” indicates that a paperback edition is forthcoming. A publisher’s name in parentheses indicates that a different publisher will issue the paperback edition. 8. Price as of January 2017 9. Reading levels: P: Primary (K-2), I: Intermediate (3-5), M: Middle (6-8), H: High (9-12). They are intended as guidelines and are not meant to limit the potential use of titles. 10. Brief descriptive annotation, plus notations of the presence of additional textual materials, if any. 11. Initials indicating the reviewer responsible for the annotation (see list at right). 12. Thematic strands of the curriculum standards for social studies in order of relevancy (see list above).

1. * Buffalo Sisters. 2. Jim Morrison. 3. Illustrated with various photographs.
7. $12.89. 8. (M, H)

Ada’s Ideas: The Story of Ada Lovelace, the World’s First Computer Programmer. Fiona Robinson. ABRAMS. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781419718724, $17.95. (I). This informational picture book shows how one young woman’s creative idea can have lasting effects. A Note about Bernoulli Numbers, Artist’s Note, Bibliography. (JG) 

Amelia Earhart (Little People, Big Dreams). Ma Isabel Sánchez Vegara. Illustrated by Mariadiamantes. Quarto Children’s Publishing USA / Frances Lincoln Children’s Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781847808882, $14.99. (P) Young readers meet Amelia Earhart as a young child with a dream. As she grows up, so does her dream and her fame. Readers (especially girls) will learn to dream big with Amelia! Author’s Note, Timeline. (JR) 


Blood Brother: Jonathan Daniels and His Sacrifice for Civil Rights. Rich Wallace and Sandra Neil Wallace. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9781629790947, $18.95. (H) Social justice advocates will enjoy this informational history of a white seminarian during the 1960s civil rights movement and his dedication to nonviolent protest. His courage and sacrifice will provide inspiration for future generations. Many historical photographs are included. Author’s Note, Timeline, Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (JG) 


Dorothea’s Eyes. Barb Rosenstock. Illustrated by Gérard DuBois. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781629792088, $16.95. (P) Polio left Dorothea Lange with a limp and the desire to disappear. Being invisible allowed her to blend into the background and see what many others did not. Deciding to be a photographer against her family’s wishes, she followed her dream and photographed people whose stories were not being told during the Great Depression. Author’s Note. Timeline. (LL) 

Elizabeth Started All the Trouble. Doreen Rappaport. Illustrated by Matt Faulkner. Disney-Hyperion. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780786851423, $17.99. (P) Readers take a journey through the evolution of suffrage with Elizabeth Cady Stanton—from the first women’s rights convention at Seneca Falls, N.Y., through protests, trials, and jail sentences, and a movement that eventually achieved the right to vote for women. A good first book to introduce younger students to the women’s rights movement. Bibliography, Author’s Note. (JSP) 

Esquivel! Space-Age Sound Artist. Susan Wood. Illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. Charlesbridge. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781580896733, $17.95. (I) Mexican born Esquivel turned the music industry on its ear by experimenting with sounds in new and unique ways. Readers will love the illustrations and fun word play that bring this little known story to life! Author and Illustrator’s Notes, Resources. (JR) 

Fannie Never Flinched: One Woman’s Courage in the Struggle for American
Labor Union Rights. Mary Cronk Farrell. ABRAMS. 56pp. Trade ISBN 9781419718847, $19.95. (I) The incredible story of Fannie Sellins, a labor activist who traveled the United States advocating for better working conditions, living conditions, and wages for employees in the garment and mining industry. She sacrificed her life working to achieve the American ideals of equality and justice for all. Author’s Note, Glossary, Timeline, Sources, Websites and Books for further information, Index. (JSP)  ●●●


Florence Nightingale: The Courageous Life of the Legendary Nurse. Catherine Reef. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 192pp. Trade ISBN 9780544535800, $18.99. (M, H) This comprehensive and informational biography details Nightingale’s life as she brushes aside her days of privilege to work tirelessly on transforming war hospitals from gruesome wards to places of cleanliness, relief, and hope. Source Notes, Selected Bibliography, Index. (BLS)  ●●●


Hillary Clinton: American Woman of the World. Cheryl Harness. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 92pp. Trade ISBN 9781481460576, $17.99. An inspirational biography of Hillary Clinton and her life, documenting her early years to the 2016 campaign for the presidency. It chronicles the different roles Clinton has assumed in public service and how her work improved the lives of others. Timeline, Further Reading and Viewing, Sources, Index. (ML)  ●●●


In the Fields and the Trenches: The Famous and the Forgotten on the Battlefields of World War I. Kerrie Logan Hollihan. Chicago Review Press. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781613731307, $19.95. (H) World War I was expected to be a great adventure. However, it quickly became a bloody nightmare. The text follows the stories of 18 young men and women caught up in the ravages of war. Their stories are 100 years old, but they convey timeless themes of love, power, courage, hate, greed, fear, and sacrifice. Epilogue, Notes, Bibliography, Index. (JSP)  ●●●

smuggled out in the hopes that they would be reunited with their families after the war. (LL)

John Lincoln Clem: Civil War Drummer Boy (Based on a True Story). E.F. Abbott. Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Feiwel & Friends. 192pp. Trade ISBN 9781250068378, $15.99. (I) John Lincoln Clem is just nine years old when he sneaks off to join the fight, first as a drummer and eventually as a soldier in his own right. Author’s Note, Glossary. (JR)


Mountain Chef: How One Man Lost His Groceries, Changed His Plans, and Helped Cook Up the National Park Service. Annette Bay Pimentel. Illustrated by Rich Lo. Charlesbridge. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781580897112, $16.95. (I) This story about Chinese American Chef Tie Sing, who cooked for the Mather Mountain Party of influential conservationists, is a fascinating romp into one of the lesser known stories of the creation of the National Parks Service. Additional Materials, Historic Photos, Source Notes, Bibliography, Map. (JR)


She Stood for Freedom, The Untold Story of a Civil Rights Hero: Joan Trumpauer Mulholland. Loki Mulholland and Angela Fairwell. Illustrated by Charlotta Janssen. Shadow Mountain Publishing. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781629721767, $17.99. (I, M) Joan Trumpauer Mulholland was taught that “all men are created equal,” yet as a young white girl, she witnessed segregation and racism daily. She joined her first demonstration in 1959 and her activism continued as she participated and led sit-ins at segregated lunch counters and later joined with the Freedom Riders. Her story highlights the role that ordinary people played in the civil rights movement. Timeline. (LL)


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WHOOSH!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions. Chris Barton. Illustrated by Don Tate. Charlesbridge. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781580892971, $16.95. (I, H) Did you know the Super Soaker was invented by accident? Lonnie Johnson, an African American engineer who worked for NASA, defied stereotypes from a young age and eventually invented one of America’s most memorable toys, the Super Soaker! Additional Illustrations of Johnson’s Inventions, Author’s Note. (BLS) 4


INTRODUCING TEDDY: A GENTLE STORY ABOUT GENDER AND FRIENDSHIP. Jessica Walton. Illustrated by Dougal MacPherson. Bloomsbury USA. 32pp. Trade ISBN 97816250106117, $9.99. (M, H) Phoebe lives with her mom and beautiful sister, Deirdre, in New Jersey. Their father left them and now lives with his new girlfriend. When their 14-year-old cousin Leonard comes to live with them, Phoebe is bothered by how connected he seems to other members of her family. And, she’s mainly bothered by his flamboyance and the confidence Leonard has in himself as a young gay male. One day, Leonard disappears; as Phoebe and her family search for him, family secrets come to the surface. (RR) 4

A Dog Like Sam. Edward van de Vendel. Illustrated by Philip Hopman. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 111pp. Trade ISBN 9780802854841, $13. (I, M) A very relatable story about two kids wanting to adopt a big white dog that shows up on their front lawn. This memorable and heartwarming tale touches on love, forgiveness, mental illness, and compassion for animals. Author’s Note. (BLS) 4

All We Have Left. Wendy Mills. Bloomsbury USA. 368pp. Trade ISBN 9781619633438, $17.99. (H) Two powerful 9/11 stories, told in alternating viewpoints, reveal the profound connection between present-day Jesse, whose brother died in the attacks, and Alia, a Muslim girl trapped in one of the Towers on that tragic day. (LFS) 4

How to Keep Rolling After a Fall. Karole Cozzo. Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Swoon Reads. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9781250079282, $9.99. (M, H) Nikki Baylor has been expelled from her school and ostracized from all of her friends. Because of the cyberbullying incident at a party at her house, Nikki’s parents don’t trust her and she is now the girl everyone hates. Then, she meets Pax, who is in a wheelchair, and begins to forgive herself and see that maybe even she deserves a second chance. (RR) 4

CONTEMPORARY CONCERNS


Introducing Teddy: A Gentle Story about Gender and Friendship. Jessica Walton. Illustrated by Dougal MacPherson. Bloomsbury USA. 32pp. Trade ISBN 97816250106117, $9.99. (M, H) Teddy has always known “that I’m a girl teddy, not a boy teddy.” This sweet story of Thomas the Teddy’s decision to be true to who Teddy is can serve as an introduction to
gender identity and as a reminder about the importance of being true to oneself. (LL)

**It Ain’t So Awful, Falafel**. Firoozeh Duma. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 384pp. Trade ISBN 9780544612310, $16.99. (M, H) Zomorod Yousefzadeh, otherwise known as "Cindy," has moved for the fourth time. This time to Newport Beach, California. Cindy's family is Iranian. Her father is an engineer hired by the United States, and her mother, who does not speak English, stays at home. Unfortunately, Iran's government is in turmoil and tensions escalate with the United States. When American hostages are taken, the Yousefzadeh family is confronted with harassment and racism. This book seamlessly interweaves important history with contemporary issues of stereotypes and xenophobia. (RR)

**It Looks Like This**. Rafi Mittlefehldt. Candlewick Press. 336pp. Trade ISBN 9780763687199, $16.99. (HS) After meeting Sean, Mike struggles to accept himself and to be accepted by others, particularly in light of his parents' religious-based intolerance. An engrossing story about family, first love, and homophobia. (JR)

**Isaac and His Amazing Asperger Superpowers**. Melanie Walsh. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763681210, $16.99. (P) Meet Isaac whose wonderful memories, energy, sensitivity to sounds and difficulty with eye contact set him apart from his peers. This is a cheerful and informative story that describes both the positive and challenging aspects of Isaac's Asperger's superpowers. The colorful and fun illustrations make this a very kid-friendly introduction to Asperger's syndrome and autism spectrum disorders. Autism and Asperger's Syndrome Resources. (JSP)

**Jack's Worry**. Sam Zuppardi. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763678456, $16.99. (P, I) Jack is worried about playing the trumpet for his first concert. Although he loves playing the trumpet and is excited about playing his first concert, he can't seem to quiet his jitters. Young readers will connect to Jack's nervousness and support him as he overcomes his fears. (RR)

**Mayday**. Karen Harrington. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9780316298018, $16.99. (M) A sweet story of courage, friendship, and finding one's voice. Middle school student Wayne survives an airplane crash and loses his ability to speak. He realizes how much he doesn't say and the importance of what needs to be talked about as he navigates his grief, adolescence, and difficult relationship with his father and grandfather. (JSP)


**The Art of Being Normal**. Lisa Williamson. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux Trade. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9780374302375, $17.99. An important and timely novel chronicling the inner lives of transgender teens as they go through the gender transition process while enduring chronic bullying at school. Author's Note. (ML)

**The Class**. Boni Ashburn. Illustrated by Kimberly Gee. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781442422483, $17.99. (P, I) This brightly illustrated picture book gives young readers a look at the first day of school for kindergarteners. The author examines the daily accidents and mishaps, and explores several different backgrounds and personalities as the children get ready for school. (RR)

**The Firefly Code**. Megan Frazer Blakemore. Bloomsbury USA. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9781619636361, $16.99. (M) Readers of *The Giver* will enjoy this story of a group of young friends. The text is set in a corporate utopian community where every facet of life is controlled and parents select their children's genetic traits. The believable young characters allow the reader to explore the power of friendship, individuality, and imperfection. (JSP)
The Last Execution. Jesper Wung-Sung. Translated by Lyndy Falk van Rooyan. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 144pp. Trade ISBN 9781481429658, $17.99. (H) This fictionalized account of the execution of a 15-year-old boy in 1853, the last execution in Denmark, will leave readers pondering the moral implications of capital punishment in a world where context and identity affect justice. Author’s Note (JG)

The Light Fantastic. Sarah Combs. Candlewick Press. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9780763678517, $17.99. (HS) Seven interwoven tales make up this story of students planning the unimaginable in schools across the nation. This book clearly points out the need for change in a sometimes frightening world. (JR)


ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY/ECOLOGY

Charles Darwin’s around the World Adventure. Jennifer Thermes. ABRAMS. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781419721205, $18.95. (P, I) The story of Darwin’s adventures as the naturalist aboard the HMS Beagle takes readers to the coasts of South America, the waters of Tierra del Fuego, the Galápagos Islands, and to the Cape of Good Hope. Young readers will enjoy the beautiful illustrations and understand why Darwin made the natural world his life’s work. Author’s Note. Fun Facts. (LL)


ISBN 9781481420952, $17.99. (I) In the 1840s, visitors to the Mammoth Cave System in Kentucky were led through the longest cave system in the United States by cave guide Stephen Bishop, who was enslaved. The author helps readers understand the freedom that existed under the ground in comparison to slave rights in the light. (CC) icide

*Saving Wonder*, Mary Knight. Scholastic, Inc. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9780545828932, $16.99. (I, M) Set in the Appalachian Mountains, a young boy struggles to choose between maintaining his family’s way of life and the innate desire he has to protect the environment that he loves. (ML) icide

*Solving the Puzzle under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor*. Robert Burleigh. Illustrated by Raúl Colón. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781481416009, $17.99. (I, M) Despite the barriers in the 1940s for women scientists, Marie Tharp persevered and became one of the twentieth century’s most important scientists. This historical fiction narrative will inspire boys and girls alike. Author’s Note, Vocabulary, Bibliography, Interesting Websites, Things to Wonder about and Do. (CC) icide


**FOLKTALES**


GEOGRAPHY/PEOPLES/PLACES


Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America. Gail Jarrow. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 200pp. Trade ISBN 9781620917381, $18.95. (M) A descriptive and compelling narrative of the spread of bubonic plague. Jarrow vividly describes how public health doctors worked tirelessly to uncover the source of the plague, how the disease spread, and how some political leaders tried to keep its spread to the United States secret. FAQs, Glossary, Timeline, Author’s Note, Source Notes, Bibliography, Index. (JSP) icide


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Lost and Found: Adèle & Simon in China. Barbara McClintock. Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780374399238, $17.99. (P) When Adèle and Simon arrive for a visit with their uncle in China, he buys Adèle a camera and Simon a number of small items, including a flute and fan. Set in the early 1900s, Adèle describes the sites they visit, including the Forbidden City and the Great Wall, on postcards to her mother and takes pictures along their journey, recording all of the places where Simon loses his gifts. Author’s Note. (LL)


The Hello Atlas. Ben Handicott. Illustrated by Kenard Pak. Quarto Children’s Publishing Group USA / Wide-Eyed Editions. 80pp. Trade ISBN 9781847808639, $18.99. (P, I) Olá! Namaste! Ni Hao! This informational text allows young readers to explore the great diversity of languages across the world. The illustrations will encourage students to turn the page to see where in the world the author is taking them next. Foreword. Free App Download. (LL)

This Land Is Our Land: A History of American Immigration. Linda Barrett Osborne. ABRAMS. 128pp. Trade ISBN 9781419716607, $24.95. (I, M) Explore the history of American immigration from the early colonists to the modern day with an emphasis on how different immigrant groups have faced discrimination and obstacles in their search for freedom. Author’s Note. Bibliography. Index. (ML)

Why Am I Here? Constance Ørbeck-Nilssen and Akin Duzakin. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 31 pp. Trade ISBN 9780802854773, $16.00. (P, I) Impactful and self-reflecting, a young girl wanders through life wondering what it would be like to live somewhere else. She ignites readers to consider the world around us through many lenses. (KH)

HISTORY/LIFE & CULTURE IN THE AMERICAS


America’s Tea Parties: Not One but Four! Boston, Charleston, New York, Philadelphia. Marissa Moss. ABRAMS. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781419718748, $23.95. (I, M) Using informational text features and primary sources, the author portrays four ports, four tea parties, one monopoly on tea, an oppressive tax, and a heap of colonists ready for change. The table of contents, bibliography, glossary and index help students navigate and understand this text. (CC)


Around America to Win the Vote: Two Suffragists, A Kitten, and 10,000 Miles. Mara Rockliff. Illustrated by Hadley Hooper. Candlewick Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780763678937, $16.99. (P, I) Nell and Alice travel across the country to advance their suffragist message. Told with all of the energy these two women must have had, it is an accessible entry point into a complex topic. Additional Information, Source Notes, Further Reading Suggestions. (JR)

Brave Like My Brother. Marc Tyler Nobleman. Scholastic, Inc. 112pp. Trade ISBN 9780545880350, $15.99. (I, M) After being drafted, Joe writes letters to his younger brother describing his missions and challenges as a World War II soldier. Charlie credits Joe as his role model and summons the strength to challenge a neighborhood bully. Author’s Note. (LEM)  


Doing Her Bit: A Story about the Women’s Land Army of America. Erin Hagar. Illustrated by Jen Hill. Charlesbridge. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781580896467, $16.95. (P) A fictional story based on true events, young readers will learn about the history of the Women’s Land Army during World War I and the work of the farmerettes as they learned to farm and do their bit for the war effort. Author’s Note. (LL)  


This wonderfully illustrated book tells the story of Alice Paul and how she was spurred to become a suffragist. Her personality and beliefs come through and engage young readers in the issue of voting equality. Author's Note, Bibliography. (RR)

Orphan Trains: Taking the Rails to a New Life. Rebecca Langston-George. Capstone Press / Capstone Young Readers. 128pp. Trade ISBN 9781623706302, $6.95. (I) This informational book tells the story of orphans who were resettled with families in the Midwest, with varying degrees of success. Historical photos help bring the children to life. Timeline, Glossary, Additional Sources, Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (JR)


River Runs Deep. Jennifer Bradbury. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9781442468252, $7.99 (M, H) Elias is a 12-year-old boy suffering from consumption. He is sent to Kentucky's Mammoth Cave to experience the “cave vapors” that are supposed to cure the disease. During his stay, Elias befriends the slaves that work for Doc Croghan, and begins to question his beliefs about owning slaves. Further Reading. (RR)

Runs with Courage. Joan M. Wolf. Sleeping Bear Press. 224pp. Trade ISBN 9781585369850, $16.99. (M) In 1880, Four Winds, a strong-willed Lakota girl, is taken from her family and placed in a harsh culturally insensitive boarding school where she is taught English and expected to assimilate into the white culture. Author's Note. (LFS)

Scar: A Revolutionary War Tale. J. Albert Mann. Boyds Mills Press / Calkins Creek. 144pp. Trade ISBN 9781629794655, $16.95. (P) The year is 1779 and critically wounded 16-year-old Noah Daniels, through a series of flashbacks, describes the events prior to a violent battle between the local militia and a Mohawk raiding party. Bibliography. (LFS)


Things Too Huge to Fix by Saying Sorry. Susan Vaught. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9781481422796, $16.99. (I, M) As Dani grapples with her grandmother's Alzheimer's diagnosis, she begins to discover family secrets from the civil rights era. Dani embarks on a quest to find a secret key and envelop her grandmother has hidden. The deeper she and her friends dig, the more secrets they uncover. (ML)

Towers Falling. Jewell Parker Rhodes. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9780316262224, $16.99. (I) Homeless fifth grader Déjà enters a new school and begins a difficult journey of exploration about home, family and why her father is sick and so angry when she mentions the missing Twin Towers from the New York City skyline. As Déjà makes new friends, she learns how the events of 9/11 relate to herself, her school, and community. Author's Note. (JSP)


What is a Veteran, Anyway? Robert C. Snyder, Ph.D. Illustrated by Ron Himler. Blue Marlin Publications. 29pp. Trade ISBN 9780988529557, $17.95. (I) This Veteran’s Day text highlights the sacrifice and service of the men and women in the Armed Services. It celebrates the many facets of being a veteran and recognizes the dedication it takes as well as the cost. Veterans Day Activities List. (CC)


SOCIAL INTERACTIONS/RELATIONSHIPS

A Bike Like Sergio’s. Maribeth Boelts. Illustrated by Noah Z. Jones. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 97807636666491, $15.99. (P, I) When Ruben picks up someone’s lost money, he learns how hard it is to do the right thing, but realizes that with sacrifice comes peace of mind. (KH)

Cleo Edison Oliver, Playground Millionaire. Sundee T. Frazier. Scholastic, Inc. 224pp. Trade ISBN 9780545822350, $16.99. (I) Creative, entrepreneurial, and impulsive fifth-grader Cleo Oliver changes her middle name to Edison as she deals with friendships, family dynamics, and the complexities of being adopted. (LFS)

Everyone. Christopher Silas Neal. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763676834, $15.99. (P) Powerful in its simplicity, this book reminds young readers that we all share similar feelings, both good and bad, and that it’s okay to discuss our range of emotions. (JR)

Falling Over Sideways. Jordan Sonnenblick. Scholastic, Inc. / Scholastic Press. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9780545863247, $17.99. (M, H) Eighth-grade Claire’s life is difficult. Her best friends have surpassed her in dance class, the mean girls at school are…mean, and she’s in competition for first-chair saxophone status with Ryder, her nemesis. Then, her dad has a stroke. As life becomes unrecognizable to Claire, she finds support in the unlikeliest of places and the unlikeliest of friends. (RR)

Ghosts. Raina Telgemeier. Scholastic, Inc. / GRAPHIX. 256pp. Trade ISBN 9780545540629, $10.99. (I) Telgemeier captivates readers in a graphic novel that uncovers careful childhood reflection on illness and death and also as provides an authentic context of rich cultural traditions. It is exciting, heart-warming, and thought provoking. Author’s Note (JG)

$16.99. (P, I) A little girl humorously expresses her love of learning, spontaneity, bravery, and winning but is constantly mistaken for a boy. After meeting a friend also facing gender stereotypes, they decide it’s important to be yourself. (LEM)


Raymie Nightingale. Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick Press. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9780763681173, $16.99. (I, M) Raymie Nightingale’s father has left her and her mother, and it’s up to Raymie to get him to come back home. If she wins the Little Miss Central Florida Tire Competition, he will see her in the paper and want to come home. During the process, she becomes friends with her two competitors Louisiana Elefante and Beverly Tapinski. This is a wonderfully engaging story about growing up and creating support systems. (RR)

Real Sisters Pretend. Megan Dowd Lambert. Illustrated by Nicole Tadgell. Tilbury House Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780884484417, $16.95. (P) This is a story of two sisters, who, as they play pretend princesses, talk about how adoption made them real sisters. The conversation, overhead by their two moms, is told in simple, yet moving, words. (LL)

Rookie of the Year (Rip and Red). Phil Bildner. Illustrated by Tim Probert. Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9780374301347, $15.99. (I) A follow up to last year’s Notable book A Whole New Ballgame, Mr. Acevado’s diverse class gets a new student (daughter of an Egyptian animal-rights activist) and takes a jump into civil disobedience as they strive to improve their cafeteria. (JR)

The Honest Truth. Dan Gemeinhart. Scholastic, Inc. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9780545665735, $16.99. (I/M) Mark copes with cancer by running away with his dog to pursue his dream of climbing a mountain. His best friend Jessie struggles with keeping her promise to him. What does it mean to be a friend? What does it mean to live? (LEM)

The Possibility of Now. Kim Culbertson. Scholastic Inc. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9780545731461, $17.99. (H, M) Mara is a perfectionist until someone posts a video of her anxiety-driven panic attack that goes viral. Now she is faced with trying to find balance in her suddenly changed world. (JR)


The Sound of All Things. Myron Uhlberg. Illustrated by Ted Papoulas. Peachtree Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781561458332, $17.95. (I) This moving picture book set in 1930s Coney Island conveys the author’s memories of learning to explain the sounds of all things around him to his deaf parents. Author’s Note. (CC)

Thunder Boy Jr. Sherman Alexie. Illustrated by Yuyi Morales. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780316013727, $17.99. (P, I) Little Thunder struggles with being named after his dad and seeks his own special name that honors his identity and life goals. By the end, his dad “reads his heart” and offers the perfect name. Illustrator’s Note. (LEM)


When We Collided. Emery Lord. Bloomsbury USA. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9781619638457, $17.99. (H) This modern-day novel told from two points of view highlights an honest look at two romantically involved teenagers, one grappling with his grief over the sudden loss of his father, and one struggling with her bipolar disorder. Author’s Note, Resources. (BLS)
WORLD HISTORY & CULTURE

Be the Change: A Grandfather Gandhi Story. Arun Gandhi and Bethany Hegedus. Illustrated by Evan Turk. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781481442657, $18.99. (P I) Gandhi was a great civil rights leader and leader of India's independence movement, but he was also a grandfather with wisdom to share. Written by his grandson Arun, this is a beautiful story of family lessons learned. Author’s Note. (AMW)


Girl in the Blue Coat. Monica Hesse. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9780316260602, $17.99. (H) Hanneke is a 16-year-old girl living in Amsterdam during World War II. As she mourns her boyfriend who was killed on the Dutch front lines, she takes on the enormously dangerous task of finding a missing Jewish teenager during the Nazi invasion. Note on Historical Accuracy. (BLS)


Mission Mumbai: A Novel of Sacred Cows, Snakes, and Stolen Toilets. Mahtab Narsimhan. Scholastic, Inc. / Scholastic Press. 277pp. Trade ISBN 9780545746519, $16.99. (M) Dylan is invited by his best friend Rohit Lal on the family’s trip to Mumbai, India. Dylan is excited to get away from his constantly fighting parents and work on his photography. Rohit is hoping that he can convince his own family that staying in the United States is good for him and that he will not have to remain in India. Both boys struggle with their individual problems and this test of their friendship. (RR)


Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor’s Story. Caren Stelson. Lerner Publishing Group. 144pp. Trade ISBN 9781467789035, $19.99. (M, H) Sachiko was just six years old when the atomic bomb dropped a half-mile from where she was playing. This informational text provides a remarkable new perspective on Sachiko and her family enduring the blast and persevering through the physical, emotional, and social trauma that followed. Author’s Note, Family Tree, Glossary, Source Notes, Bibliography, Index. (BLS)


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