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An annotated list of selected books for schools from the Reading Circle Committee of the Missouri State Teachers Association

This recommended reading list has been prepared as a service for Missouri educators by the Reading Circle Committee of the Missouri State Teachers Association. It is the committee's intent that this publication assist educators in:

- Ordering books for school and classroom libraries.
- Encouraging summer reading programs.
- Helping parents who are looking for good reading suggestions.
- Planning literature programs.

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PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

All the Things I Love about You, by Leuyen Pham. HarperCollins, © 2010. A mother relates some of the many things that she loves about her young son. (Mother-son relations, love)

Art & Max, by David Wiener. Clarion Books, ©2010. Set in the desert, Art & Max is the story of two lizards; one, Arthur (Art), is an artist, the second, Max, admires Art and hopes to be an artist as well. (Art, painting, artist, lizards)

Big Red Lollipop, by Rukhsana Khan. Viking Penguin, ©2010. Having to take her younger sister along the first time she is invited to a birthday party spoils Rubina's fun, and later when that sister is asked to a party and baby sister wants to come, Rubina must decide whether to help. (Birthdays, sisters)

Brontorina, by James Howe. Candlewick Press, ©2010. Despite her size and not having the proper footwear, a determined dinosaur pursues her dream of becoming a ballerina. (Ballet dancing, dinosaurs, size)

Bunny Days, by Tao Nyeu. Viking Penguin, ©2010. As a pair of busy goats inadvertently cause trouble for six bunnies, their neighbor Bear comes to the rescue. (Animal babies, goats, bear, rabbits)

Can I Play too?, by Mo Willems. Hyperion, ©2010. Elephant and Piggie learn to play catch with their new friend Snake. (Elephant, pigs, snakes, play)

Cat the Cat, Who Is That?, by Mo Willems. HarperCollins, ©2010. An exuberant cat introduces readers to her friends. (Animals, cats, friendship)

Chicken Big, by Keith Graves. Chronicles Books, ©2010. A giant chicken hatches from an enormous egg, but the other chickens cannot accept that he is one of them. (Chicken, size)

City Dog, Country Frog, by Mo Willems. Hyperion, ©2010. City dog meets country frog, and they teach each other city dog and country frog games throughout the year. (Dogs, frogs, friendship)

Color Chaos, by Lynn Rowe Reed. Holiday House, ©2010. When substitute principal Mr. Greystone prohibits colors at Hughes Elementary School, it takes a visit from illustrator Maurice Coleur to set things right. Includes information about primary, secondary, tertiary colors and the color wheel. (Art, school)

Disappearing Desmond, by Anna Alter. Alfred Knopf, ©2010. Desmond is so skilled at disappearing that sometimes even his teacher cannot find him, but when he meets Gloria, a new student at school, his attitude slowly changes. (Friendship, school)

Dinosaur vs. the Potty, by Bob Shea. Hyperion, ©2010. Dinosaur keeps insisting that he doesn't need to use the potty as he makes lemonade, splashes in the sprinkler, and drinks a three-juice-box lunch, until his victory dance makes him change his mind. (Dinosaurs, potty training)

Don't Slam the Door, by Dori Chaconas. Candlewick Press, ©2010. A cumulative, rhyming tale of a slamming door which wakes a cat, setting into motion an absurd chain of events and resulting in chaos. (Animals, doors, stories in rhymes)

Don't Want to Go, by Shirley Hughes. Candlewick Press, ©2010. Lily's mother is sick and her father must go to work, but she does not want to stay with a babysitter, even if it means playing with cute baby Sam, sweet little dog Ringo, and fun big brother Jack. (Babysitters)

Farm, by Elisha Cooper. Scholastic, ©2010. Describes the activities on a busy family farm from the spring when preparations for planting begin to the autumn when the cats grow winter coats and the cold rains begin to fall. (Farm, farm life)

Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush, by Jane Cabrera. Holiday House, ©2010. A version of the well-known song featuring animals going to school, learning, going home, and getting ready for bed. (Songs)

I am Going, by Mo Willems. Hyperion, ©2010. Piggie ruins a perfectly good day by telling Gerald the elephant that she is going, sending him into a panic. (Elephants, friendship, pigs)

I Know Here, by Laurel Croza. Groundwood Press, ©2010. Story based on the author's own experiences of leaving behind a place one loves, learning to cope with change and having the courage to embrace the new experiences that life brings while cherishing the world that was familiar and precious. (Moving)

If You're a Monster and You Know It, by Rebecca Emberley. Scholastic, ©2010. Monsters sing their own version of this popular song that encourages everyone to express their happiness through voice and movement. (Song, monster)

Interrupting Chicken, by David Ezra Stein. Candlewick Press, ©2010. Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale. (Fairy tales, chicken, bedtime)

It's Christmas, David, by David Shannon. Scholastic, ©2010. Christmas has arrived with so many rules to follow that David fears his mistakes will cause Santa to pass him by. (Christmas, Santa Claus)

Let's Say Hi to Friends that Fly, by Mo Willems. HarperCollins, ©2010. An exuberant cat cheers on her friends as they demonstrate whether or not they can fly. (Animals, cats, flight)

Llama Llama Holiday Drama, by Anna Dewdney. Viking Penguin, ©2010. Llama Llama becomes overwhelmed as Christmas preparations progress, until his mother reminds him of the real gift the holiday brings. (Christmas, llamas, story in rhyme)

Little Owl Lost, by Chris Haughton. Candlewick Press, ©2010. While his mother is away finding food, a newborn owl falls out of his nest and anxiously tries to find her, receiving help from various forest animals. (Forest animals, owls, mother-child separation)

Lots of Dots, by Craig Frazier. Chronicle Books, ©2010. Circular shapes are spotted in familiar objects and everyday situations. (Circles, stories in rhyme)

Just One Bite, by Lola M, Schaefer. Chronicle Books, ©2010. Life-sized introduction to what animals eat, how they eat it, and how much they eat in a single bite, from the tiny sand-grain-sized bite of earth that the earthworm takes to the double-gatefold spread of a sperm whale sucking a whole giant squid down in just one bite. 591.5 (Animals)

Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion, by Mo Willems. HarperCollins, ©2010. While traveling with her family to Holland to visit her grandparents, Trixie once again loses her beloved Knuffle Bunny. (Grandparents, travel, toys)

Mad at Mommy, by Komako Sakai. Scholastic, ©2010. A little rabbit is very angry at his mother, and he tells her the reasons why. (Anger, rabbit, mother)

Miss Brooks Loves Books, by Barbara Bottner. Alfred K. Knopf, ©2010. A first-grade girl who does not like to read stubbornly resists her school librarians efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind. (Reading, books, Children's Book Week)

One Pup's Up, by Marsha Wilson Chall. Simon & Schuster, ©2010. Rhyming text counts off 10 puppies as they awaken one by one, chase and bounce around the house, eat kibble and get washed, then fall back to sleep. (Dogs, counting, stories in rhyme)

One Too Many: A Counting Book, by Gianna Marino. Chronicle Books, ©2010. Children count from one jumping flea to 12 frisky animals until, at last, they reach one too many. (Dounting, animals)

Perfect Soup, by Lisa Moser. Random House, ©2010. Murray the mouse goes into town for the carrot he needs to make Perfect Soup, and soon finds himself with a chain of favors that will work only if a friendly snowman can help him get things started. (Mouse, snowman, soup)

Quiet Book, by Deborah Underwood. Houghton Mifflin ©2009. From the quiet of being the first one awake in the morning to «sweet dreams quiet» when the last light is turned off, simple text explores the many kinds of quiet that can exist during the day. (Animals)

Read to Tiger, by S.J. Fore. Viking Penguin, ©2010. A little boy who wants to read his book keeps being distracted by a tiger who is busy chomping on gum, growling, and practicing karate kicks. (Books, reading, tigers)

Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy, by Denise Fleming. Henry Holt & Co, ©2010. Depicts a number of animal babies sleeping as a mother puts her own baby to bed. (Animals, bedtime)

10 Little Penguins, by Jean-Luc Fromental. Harry N. Abrams, ©2010. A counting book using penguins and pop-ups. (Pop-up, penguins)

There Are no Cats in this Book, by Viviane Schwarz. Candlewick Press, ©2010. Filled with the spirit of adventure, three cats pack their suitcases and try to escape from their book. (Cats, pop-up)

Time to Sleep Sheep the Sheep, by Mo Willems. HarperCollins, ©2010. Cat the Cat has a slumber party with her animal friends. (Animals, bedtime, sleepovers)

Tuck Me In, by Dean Hacohen. Candlewick Press, ©2010. The reader helps tuck in baby animals at bedtime using pages with flaps to serve as blankets. (Bedtime, animals, board book)

We are in a Book, by Mo Willems. Hyperion, ©2010. Piggie discovers that she and Gerald are in a book and she can make the reader say a funny word out loud, but then Gerald realizes that the book is going to end soon. (Books, reading, pigs)

What's Your Sound, Hound the Hound, by Mo Willems. HarperCollins, ©2010. Cat the Cat's animal friends make many different sounds. (Animal sounds)


We Planted a Tree, by Diane Muldrow. Random House, ©2010. Simple text reveals the benefits of planting a single tree, both to those who see it grow and to the world as a whole. (Trees, ecology)

PRIMARY, 1-4

Around One Log: Chipmunks, Spiders, and Creepy Insiders, by Anthony D. Fredericks, illustrated by Jennifer DiRubbio. Dawn Publications, ©2010. Text and illustrations describe the various creatures that make a felled oak their home. (Forest animals, dead trees ecology, biodegradation)

Art & Max, written and illustrated by David Wiesner. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Two lizards are painting in the desert and Arthur paints a traditional picture, but Max's creativity has unexpected results. (Artists, artists' materials, painting, lizards) (Best Books, Booklist starred, Kirkus starred, PW starred, SLJ starred)

The Back of the Bus, by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Floyd Cooper. Penguin, ©2010. A little boy sitting in the back of the bus describes the arrest of Rosa Parks. (Rosa Parks, segregation in transportation, civil rights movement, African-Americans) (Notable/Best Books, PW starred)

Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring, by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan, illustrated by Brian Floca. Macmillan, ©2010. Discusses how dancer Martha Graham, composer Aaron Copland, and sculptor Isamu Noguchi collaborated to create the ballet "Appalachian Spring." [780] (Aaron Copland, Appalachian Spring, Martha Graham, Isamu Noguchi) (Booklist starred, Horn Book starred, Kirkus starred, Library Media Connection starred, Notable/Best Books, PWstarred, SLJ starred)  *Missouri author.*

Benny and Penny in the Toy Breaker: a Toon Book, written and illustrated by Geoffrey Hayes. Toon Books, ©2010. Siblings hide their toys so Cousin Bo doesn't break them but he finds their treasure map and trouble ensues. (Mice, brothers and sisters, bullies, graphic novels)

Biblioburro: a True Story from Colombia, written and illustrated by Jeanette Winter. Simon & Schuster, ©2010. Luis has too many books in his house so he delivers them with his burros to places where books are unavailable. [020] (Luis Soriano, librarians Columbia, Biblioburro, traveling libraries, books and reading) (Booklist starred)

Black Elk's Vision: a Lakota Story, written and illustrated by S.D. Nelson. Abrams, ©2010. First-hand account of a medicine man's vision at age 9, being involved in the battles of Wounded Knee and Little Big Horn, and part of Wild Bill's Wild West show. [978.004, 921] (Black Elk, Olgala Indians) (Booklist starred, Notable/Best Books, SLJ starred)

Black Jack: The Ballad of Jack Johnson, by Charles R. Smith, Jr., illustrated by Shane W. Evans. Macmillan, ©2010. Biography of Jack Johnson, a heavy-weight boxer from the early 1900s, shows that he didn't let race define him. [796.83. 921] (Jack Johnson, African-Americans, boxers (sports), boxing) (Booklist starred, Horn Book starred, Library Media Connection starred, PW starred, SLJ starred)

Bones: Skeletons and How They Work, written and illustrated by Steve Jenkins. Scholastic, ©2010. Compares human and animal bones and shows the differences between several species. Contains foldout pages. [573.7] (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books starred, Library Media Connection starred, Notable/Best Books, SLJ starred)

The Boss Baby, written and illustrated by Marla Frazee. Beach Lane Books, ©2010. Clad in a suit-style onesie, the new baby in the house quickly becomes the boss and has many, many demands. (Babies, humorous stories) (SLJ starred, Kirkus starred, PW starred)

The Buffalo are Back, by Jean Craighead George, illustrated by Wendell Minor. Penguin, ©2010. Traces the buffalo from herds of millions, to almost extinction, and back to small herds in national parks today. [599.64] (American bison, endangered species, Great Plains, buffalo) (Outstanding Science Trade Books)

Busing Brewster, by Richard Michelson, illustrated by R.G. Roth. Random House, ©2010. A librarian is one of the high points for Brewster's first day in a white school. (Busing for school integration, race relations, African-Americans, Boston) (Notable Books)

Cat Diaries: secret writings of the MEOW Society, by Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers, illustrated by Erik Brooks. Henry Holt, ©2010. Once a year, cats gather to share stories "Memories Expressed In Our Writing" (MEOW). Here are 12 tales told by cats from a variety of backgrounds. (Cats, diaries)

Child of the Civil Rights Movement, by Paula Young Shelton, illustrated by Raul Colon. Random House, ©2010. The author shares her memories of the civil rights movement and participation in the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. [323.11, 921] (Paula Young Shelton, Selma to Montgomery Rights March, civil rights movement, African-Americans) (Booklist starred, Kirkus starred, SLJ starred)

The Chiru of High Tibet: a True Story, by Jacqueline Martin Briggs, illustrated by Linda Wingerter. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Travel with conservationists as they search the mountains of Tibet for the birthing grounds of the endangered chiru. [599.64] (Chiru, China) (Kirkus starred, Library Media Connection starred, Outstanding Science Trade Books)

Clementine: Friend of the Week, by Sara Pennypacker, illustrated by Marla Frazee. Disney/Hyperion, ©2010. Clementine is having a hard time focusing on being a friend of the week at school because her kitten is missing and she's had a fight with Margaret. (Friendship, schools, family life, lost and found, cats, Boston (Mass.), Humorous stories) (SLJ starred)

Climbing Lincoln's Steps: the African American Journey, by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Colin Bootman. Albert Whitman, ©2010. Recounts the struggles for civil rights starting with Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and highlights events that have taken place at the Lincoln Memorial. [305.8] (United States race relations, African-Americans civil rights, Lincoln Memorial, Abraham Lincoln)


Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night, by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Rick Allen. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Poems celebrate the creatures of the night. [811] (Night poetry, nocturnal animals, American poetry) (Booklist starred, Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books starred, Horn Book starred, Newbery Honor, Notable/Best Books, Outstanding Science Trade Books, PW starred, SLJ starred)

A Day on the Mountain, by Kevin Kurtz, illustrated by Erin E. Hunter. Sylvan Dell, ©2010. Illustrations and rhyming text describe the way of life and habitats of animals that live in the mountains. [577.5] (Mountains, mountain animals)

Discover Science Insects, by Barbara Taylor. Kingfisher, ©2010. Provides a colorful introduction to insect life. [595.7] (Insects)

Dust Devil, by Anne Isaacs, illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Random House, ©2010. Angelica Longrider (Swamp Angel) has moved from Tennessee to Montana where she tames a dust storm, outsmarts outlaws, and rearranges the landscape. (Frontier and pioneer life, Montana, Tall tales) (Booklist starred, Kirkus starred, Library Media Connection starred, PW starred, SLJ starred)

Emma's Poem: the Voice of the Statue of Liberty, by Linda Glaser, illustrated by Claire A. Nivola. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Emma Lazarus helped immigrants learn English and find jobs as well as being one the writers invited to write a poem to earn money for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal. [811, 921] (Emma Lazarus, Statue of Liberty, poets, reformers) (Horn Book starred)

The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy), by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham. Scholastic, ©2010. Excerpts (with misspellings) from the biography 13-year-old Susy Clemons wrote about her father are included in this account of his life. (Susy Clemons, Mark Twain, authors, historical fiction) (Best Books, Kirkus starred, PW starred, SLJ starred)  **Missouri subject.**

The Familiars, by Adam Jay Epstein and Andrew Jacobson, illustrated by Peter Chan and Kei Acedera. HarperCollins, ©2010. Aldwyn, a street-wise alley cat, is mistaken for a wizard's animal companion (a familiar) and purchased by a young magician, Jack. When the evil witch captures Jack and friends, Aldwyn, a know-it-all blue jay and an inept tree frog must rescue them. (Cats, magic, wizards, adventures and adventurers) (SLJ starred, Notable/Best Books)

The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester, by Barbara O'Connor. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, ©2010. Owen has an enormous bullfrog in his bedroom and an even bigger secret in the woods -- a small submarine that fell from the train. He and his friends struggle to get the sub to the pond and take it for a spin. (Submersibles, bullfrog, family life, adventure and adventures) (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books starred, Kirkus starred, Notable/Best Books, SLJ starred)

Farm, written and illustrated by Elisha Cooper. Orchard Books, ©2010. Offers a detailed look at life and events on a farm from March through November. (Farm life) (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books starred, Horn Book starred, Notable/Best Books, PW starred)

For Good Measure: the Ways We Say How Much, How Far, How Heavy, How Big, How Old, by Ken Robbins. Macmillan, ©2010. Photographs illustrate the meanings and origins of the words we use to describe measurements. [510] (Weights and measurements) (Library Media Connections starred)

A Garden for Pig, by Kathryn K. Thurman, illustrated by Lindsey Ward. Kane Miller, ©2010. Pig living on an apple farm is tired of eating apples and he is surprised when a squash plant grows in his pen after sneaking a squash from the garden. Includes information on organic gardening. (Pigs, gardening)

Going Home: the Mystery of Animal Migration, by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Jennifer DiRubbio. Dawn Publications, ©2010. Provides a poetic look at 10 animals' migration habits. Additional information on each animal is included. [591.56] (Animal migration) (Library Media Connection starred)

The Great Migration: Journey to the North, by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist. HarperCollins, ©2010. Poems paint a vivid picture of African-Americans that left their homes in the South between 1915 and 1930 and moved north. [811] (African Americans Migrations History, African Americans poetry) (Booklist starred, Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books starred, Horn Book starred, PW starred, SLJ starred)

Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys, by Bob Raczka, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Mud, tree climbing, and icicle fights are included in this collection of nature-based haiku. [811] (Haiku, poetry, seasons, boys poetry) (Notable/Best Books, SLJ starred)

The Hallelujah Flight, by Phil Bildner, illustrated by John Holyfield. Penguin, ©2010. Recounts the adventurous trip of James Banning and Thomas Allen, the first African-Americans to fly across the United States in 1932. (James Herman Banning, air pilots, transcontinental flights, African-Americans, historical fiction) (Library Media Connection starred, SLJ starred)


Henry Knox: Bookseller, Soldier, Patriot, by Anita Silvey, illustrated by Wendell Minor. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. An account of the exploits of a lesser-known hero of the American Revolution, Henry Knox, a bookseller put in charge of the artillery. [355] (Henry Knox, Generals, United States History Revolution, Boston siege) (Booklist starred, Kirkus starred, SLJ starred)

How to Clean a Hippopotamus: a Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships, by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page, illustrated by Steve Jenkins. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Text and illustrations depict symbiotic relationships between animals. [591.7] (Social behavior in animals, Animal communication) (Booklist starred, Notable/Best Books, SLJ starred)

I Barfed on Mrs. Kenly, by Jessica Harper, illustrated by Jon Berkeley. Penguin, ©2010. Mrs. Kenly encourages Jessica to show off her diving skills after Jessica was carsick on the way to the birthday swimming party. (Sick, embarrassment, diving, family life)

I Wanna New Room, by Karen Kaufman Orloff, illustrated by David Catrow. Penguin, ©2010. Alex doesn't want to share a room with his little brother and begins a campaign for a new room. (Letter writing, brothers, babies, sharing, family life, humorous stories) (Library Media Connection starred)

Immi's Gift, written and illustrated by Karin Littlewood. Peachtree, ©2010. An Inuit girl catches small objects while fishing, uses them to decorate her igloo, and attracts animals that share stories with her until the ice melts. She then drops a charm in the ocean to wash upon a distant shore. (Gifts, ice fishing, Inuit, Arctic regions) (PW starred)


In the Garden with Dr. Carver, by Susan Grigsby, illustrated by Nicole Tadgell. Albert Whitman, ©2010. Portrays a fictionalized visit to a school by Dr. Carver to teach about plants, gardening and food. (George Washington Carver, garden ecology, gardening, schools, African-Americans)  **Missouri subject.**

Jacks's Path of Courage, by Doreen Rappaport, illustrated by Matt Tavares. Disney/Hyperion, ©2010. Biography of John F. Kennedy shows how he grew from a sickly boy to the leader of the United States. Includes quotations. [973.922, 921] (John Fitzgerald Kennedy, presidents) (Horn Book starred)

The Junkyard Wonders, written and illustrated by Patricia Polacco. Penguin, ©2010. Trisha is disappointed when assigned to a class of special needs students, but with the help of an inspired teacher finds that being a junkyard wonder, is indeed a wondrous thing. (Teachers, schools, interventions, self-esteem, people with disabilities) (Library Media Connection starred, PW starred)

Just One Bite: 11 Animals and Their Bites at Life Size!, by Lola Schaefer, illustrated by Geoff Waring. Chronicle, ©2010. Shows animals large and small with their typical meal and how much they eat in one bite. Includes additional information about each animal. [591.5] (Animals, food) (Kirkus starred, Outstanding Science Trade Book)


Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot, by Sy Montgomery, photographs by Nic Bishop. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Documents the efforts of scientists to save a 9-pound parrot on a New Zealand island. [639.9] (Kakapo, conservation, parrots) (Booklist starred, Horn Book starred, Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books starred, Kirkus starred, Notable/Best Books starred, SLJ starred)

Kubla Khan: the Emperor of Everything, by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Robert Byrd. Penguin, ©2010. Looks at the life, children, rule and building of the empire of Kubla Khan, the fifth Great Khan of the Mongol Empire. [950, 921] (Kubla Khan, kings, queens, rulers, China, Mongols) (Best Books, Horn Book starred, Kirkus starred, SLJ starred)  **Missouri author.**


Lincoln Tells a Joke: How Laughter Saved the President (And the Country), by Kathleen Krull and Paul Brewer, illustrated by Stacy Innerst. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Describes how President Lincoln's sense of humor helped through his difficult life and presidency. [973.7, 921] (Abraham Lincoln, presidents, joking, laughter, humor in the workplace, United States Civil War) (Horn Book starred, PW starred, SLJ starred)

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!, written and illustrated by Grace Lin. Little, Brown, ©2010. Short stories prove that identical twins, Ling and Ting, have different identities. (Twins, sisters, individuality, Chinese Americans) (Booklist starred, Horn Book starred, Kirkus starred, SLJ starred)

Little Pink Pup, by Johanna Kerby. Penguin, ©2010. Based on a true story, a runt piglet is adopted by a dachshund and joins her litter of puppies. Illustrated with photographs, (Pigs, dachshunds, animals infancy, dogs)

Little Rabbit and the Meanest Mother on Earth, by Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Little Rabbit cannot go to the circus until he cleans his room. He sneaks out and joins the circus with his mother billed as “The Meanest Mother on Earth” until mom turns the tables. (Mother and child, circus, cleanliness, behavior, rabbits)  *Missouri author.*

The Little Red Hen and the Passover Matzah, by Leslie Kimmelman, illustrated by Paul Meisel. Holiday House, ©2010. Just like in the original story, no one wants to help make the matzah for Passover, but they all want to eat it. Includes additional information. (Folklore, Jews, fractured fairy tale) (Horn Book starred, PW starred, SLJ starred)

Lives of the Pirates: Pwashbucklers, Scoundrels (Neighbors Beware!), by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Profiles 19 notorious pirates, including Blackbeard and Grace O’Malley. [910.4, 920] (Pirates biography)  *Missouri author.*


Lost Boy: the Story of the Man Who Created Peter Pan, by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Steve Adams. Penguin, ©2010. Presents an illustrated biography of J.M. Barrie from his childhood in Scotland to his giving the copyright for Peter Pan to a children’s hospital in London. Additional information is included. [828. 921] (James Mathew Barrie, Scottish authors, Peter Pan) (Library Media Connection starred, SLJ starred)

Lucky Beans, by Becky Birtha, illustrated by Nicole Tadgell. Albert Whitman, ©2010. During the Great Depression, Marshall uses estimation skills from arithmetic class to win a sewing machine for his mom and a lifetime supply of beans. (Contests, arithmetic, family life, African-Americans, Depression 1929) (Horn Book starred)

Mali Under the Night Sky: a Lao Story of Home, written and illustrated by Youme. Cinco Puntos Press, ©2010. Tells the story of a Laotain-American artist forced to leave her home in Laos as a child due to war and recounts her memories of home. [709.2, 921] (Malichansouk Kouanchao, Laotian Americans, Artists) (PW starred)

Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya, by Donna Jo Napoli, illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Simon & Schuster, ©2010. Wangari Maathai advises the women of Kenya to plant trees to solve many of their problems. [333.72, 921] (Wangari Maathai, tree planters, conservationists, Green Belt Movement Kenya) (Kirkus starred, Library Media Connection starred, PW starred)

Mom, There's a Dinosaur in Beeson's Lake, by Trudi Trueit, illustrated by Jim Paillot. Simon & Schuster, ©2010. Scab is back, dealing with his genius twin, swimming lessons, and a mysterious creature in the lake. (Fear, swimming, dogs, twins, brothers and sisters)

Muddy as a Duck Puddle and Other American Similes, by Laurie Lawlor, illustrated by Ethan Long. Holiday House, ©2010. An alphabetical list of illustrated similes collected from the United States with author notes about the origin of each. Many expressions originated in the Ozarks area. [425] (English language, parts of speech)  **Missouri subject.**

My Garden, written and illustrated by Kevin Henkes. HarperCollins, ©2010. While helping her mother in the garden, a little girl imagines the marvelous things that would grow in her garden. (Gardens, imagination) (Horn Book starred, Kirkus starred, PW starred, SLJ starred)

A Nest for Celeste: a Story About Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home, written and illustrated by Henry Cole. HarperCollins, ©2010. John Audubon's assistant Joseph Mason befriends a mouse looking for a safe home while they are working at a Louisiana plantation. (Mice, Joseph Mason, human-animal relationships, artists, home, John James Audubon, historical fiction) (Kirkus starred, Library Media Connection starred, PW starred)

Nic Bishop Lizards, by Nic Bishop. Scholastic, ©2010. Color photographs show different types of lizards with information about their habitats, diet and life. Includes additional information about the photography. [597.95] (Lizards) (Booklist starred, Horn Book starred, Kirkus starred, Notable/Best Books, Outstanding Science Trade Books, SLJ starred)

Odetta, the Queen of Folk, conceived and illustrated by Stephen Alcorn, poem by Samantha Thornhill. Scholastic, ©2010. Introduces the legendary folk singer, Odetta with verse and bright illustrations. [782.42, 921] (Odetta, folk singers) (Booklist starred, Library Media Connection starred, PW starred, SLJ starred)

Oh No!, or, How My Science Project Destroyed the World, by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Dan Santat. Disney/Hyperion, ©2010. The giant robot a little girl builds for the science fair goes out of control. (Robots, science fairs, science projects, humorous stories) (Kirkus starred, PW starred)

Once Upon a Time: Traditional Latin American Tales = Habia Una Vez: Cuentos Tradicionales Latinoamericanos, by Rueben Martinez, illustrated by Raul Colon, translated by David Unger. Rayo, ©2010. Seven tales from Latin American folklore told in English and Spanish. [398.2] (Folklore Latin American, Folklore Caribbean Area, Spanish language materials, Folklore Spain)

Out of Sight, by Francesco Pittau and Bernadette Gervais. Chronicle, ©2010. Lift-up flaps provide illustrations, facts and pop-up animals. [590] (Animals, toy and movable books) (SLJ starred, PW starred)

Over in Australia: Amazing Animals Down Under, by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Jill Dubin. Dawn Publication, ©2010. Introduces 10 Australian animals using the Over in the Meadow rhyme scheme. (Zoology Australia, animals infancy, counting)

Pandas' Earthquake Escape, by Phyllis J. Perry, illustrated by Susan Detwiler. Sylvan Dell, ©2010. A mother panda and her cub flee their reserve during an earthquake and fight to survive until their keepers find and return them to a safe place. Includes additional information. (Pandas, earthquakes, survival)

Pecan Pie Baby, by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Penguin, ©2010. Gia is upset about the imminent birth of the new baby and worries about how her relationship with her mother will change. (Pregnancy, mother and child, single-parent families, babies) (Horn Book starred, Kirkus starred, Notable/Best Books)

A Pig Parade Is a Terrible Idea, by Michael Ian Black, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. Simon & Schuster, ©2010. Presents several very good reasons that having a pig parade in your hometown is a very bad idea. (Pigs, parades, humorous stories) (Booklist starred, Kirkus starred, PW starred, SLJ starred)

Planet Earth, by Mike Goldsmith and Nicki Palin. Kingfisher, ©2010. Double-page spread plus flaps provide information on different topics about earth, including oceans, earthquakes and volcanoes. [525] (Earth, Toy and moveable books)

Poetrees, written and illustrated by Douglas Florian. Simon & Schuster, ©2010. Discover the world of trees by way of 18 humorous poems and drawings. [811] (Trees, American poetry) (Horn Book starred, Library Media Connection starred)

Pop!: the Invention of Bubble Gum, written and illustrated by Meghan McCarthy. Simon & Schuster, ©2010. Provides facts and anecdotes about the invention of bubble gum. [664] (Best Books, Horn Book starred, SLJ starred)

The Quiet Book, by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Renata Liwska. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Animals explore different types of quiet during a day. (Quietude, animals, day) (SLJ starred, Notable/Best Books)

Reading, Rhyming, and 'Rithmetic, by Dave Crawley, illustrated by Liz Callen. Boyds Mills Press, ©2010. Twenty school-themed poems featured in an illustrated collection. (Schools, humorous poetry) (Christian Library Journal starred, Library Media Connection starred)


Ready, Set . . . WAIT!: What Animals Do Before a Hurricane, by Patti R. Zelch, illustrated by Connie McLennan. Sylvan Dell, ©2010. As a hurricane approaches, humans and animals prepare to weather the storm. Additional information is appended. [591.512] (Animal behavior, instinct, survival, hurricanes, animals -- habits and behavior)

Rosa's Bus, by Jo S. Kittinger, illustrated by Steven Walker. Boyds Mills Press, ©2010. This version of the Rosa Parks story follows bus No. 2837 from the factory, during Rosa's ride and the boycott, until its final resting place in the Henry Ford Museum. [323.11] (Montgomery Bus Boycott, African-Americans civil rights, Rosa Parks) (Library Media Connection starred)

Rubia and the Three Osos, by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Disney/Hyperion, ©2010. Southwestern retelling of Goldilocks and the Three Bears includes Spanish words and a repentant heroine. [398.2] (Bears, folklore, fractured fairytale) (PW starred, Notable/Best Books)

Saltypie: a Choctaw Journey from Darkness into Light, by Tim Tingle, illustrated by Karen Clarkson. Cinco Puntos Press, ©2010. Author retells a childhood story about his blind grandmother, how she came to be that way, her wisdom, and the operation that restored her sight. [973.04, 921] (Tim Tingle, Wisdom, Choctaw Indians, blindness, grandmothers, Texas) (Notable/Best Books)

Scarum Fair, by Jessica Swaim, illustrated by Carol Ashley. Boyds Mills Press, ©2010. Twenty-nine poems describe a creepy carnival filled with ghosts and creepy creatures. [811] (Carnivals, ghouls and ogres, humorous poetry)

 **Missouri author.**

The Secret Cave : Discovering Lascaux, written and illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully. Farrar Straus Giroux, ©2010. Four boys searching for treasure in the south of France find ancient cave paintings in Lascaux in 1940. (Lascaux Cave (France), Prehistoric art, cave paintings) (Kirkus starred, SLJ starred)

Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace, by Jen Cullerton Johnson, illustrated by Sonia Lynn Sadler. Lee & Low, ©2010. Provides an illustrated biography of Kenyan environmentalist, activist, and Nobel Prize winner, Wangari Maathai. [333.72, 921] (Green Belt Movement (Kenya), Wangari Maathai, conservationists, politicians, women's rights, Nobel Prize winners, Kenya) (Kirkus starred, Library Media Connection starred)


Shadow, written and illustrated by Suzy Lee. Chronicle, ©2010. With a light bulb and an active imagination, a little girl goes on an adventure in crowded attic. (Shades and shadows, imagination, adventures) (Notable/Best Books, PW starred, SLJ starred)

Sharing the Seasons: a Book of Poems, selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by David Diaz. Simon & Schuster, ©2010. The changing seasons are celebrated in this collection of 48 poems and vivid illustrations. [811] (Seasons, American poetry) (Booklist starred, Kirkus starred)

Side by side: the story of Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez = Lado a Lado: la Historia de Dolores Huerta y Cesar Chavez, by Monica Brown, illustrated by Joe Cepeda, and translated by Carolina Valencia. Rayo, ©2010. Tells the stories of activists César Chávez and Dolores Huerta growing up and working together as partners to demand better working conditions for farm workers. Text is in both Spanish and English. [331.88, 920] (Dolores Huerta, Cesar Chavez, migrant agricultural workers, Mexican Americans, United Farm Workers)

Soar, Elinor!, by Tami Lewis Brown, illustrated by Francois Roca. Farrar Straus Giroux, ©2010. Elinor Smith was a pilot at 16, voted "Best Woman Pilot in America" (over Amelia Earhart), flew under four bridges in NY's East River, and at age 89, flew a space shuttle simulator. [629.13, 921] (Elinor Smith, air pilots) (Library Media Connection starred, PW starred)

Stable, written and illustrated by Ted Lewin. Macmillan, ©2010. Traces the past, present and future of Kensington Stables, one of the last stables in New York City. [636.1] (Kensington Stables, horses housing, Prospect Park (New York, NY), Stables) (Kirkus starred)

Stand Straight, Ella Kate: the True Story of a Real Giant, by Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise. Penguin, ©2010. Ella Kate Ewing was born on a Missouri farm in 1872 and grew to over 8 feet tall. She supported herself and helped her family by appearing in museums, circuses and exhibitions. (Ella Kate Ewing, giants, people with disabilities) (Booklist starred)  **Missouri author and subject.**

The Taxing Case of the Cows: a True Story About Suffrage, by Iris Van Rynbach and Pegi Deitz, illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Two Connecticut sisters refuse to pay the tax on their cows in 1869 because they are not allowed to vote. [324.6] (Women suffrage, taxation, Connecticut history)

There's a Princess in the Palace, by Zoe B. Alley, illustrations by R.W. Alley. Macmillan, ©2010. Five fairytale princesses make an appearance in this humorous retelling of their classic stories. [398.22] (Princesses, folklore, fairy tales, cartoons and comics, fractured fairy tales) (Kirkus starred, PW starred, SLJ starred)


There's No Place Like School: Classroom Poems, selected by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Jane Manning. HarperCollins, ©2010. Eighteen poems, including one by David Harrison, reveal life at school [811] (Schools, classrooms, poetry)

Tiger and Turtle, written and illustrated by James Rumford. Macmillan, ©2010. Based on an Indian tale, tiger and turtle fight over who saw the flower first and then become friends. (Tigers, turtles, friendship) (Horn Book starred)

The Treasure of Dead Man's Lane: and Other Case Files, by Simon Cheshire, illustrated by R.W. Alley. Macmillan, ©2010. Readers are able to help Saxby Smart solve three neighborhood mysteries using clues and deductive reasoning. (Cartoons and comics, identity theft, mystery and detective stories) (SLJ starred)

Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors: Poetry, by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Beckie Prange. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Ninety-nine percent of all existing species are now extinct; 11 poems in chronological order celebrate some of the survivors. (Nature, biology, poetry) (Booklist starred, Horn Book starred, Kirkus starred, Notable/Best Books, PW starred, SLJ starred)

Up and Down, written and illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. Philomel, ©2010. Penguin wants to fly on his own and eventually ends up as the cannonball in the circus, luckily his friend is there to catch him. (Penguins, flight, friendship) (Kirkus starred, SLJ starred)

Whatever Happened to the Pony Express?, by Verla Kay, illustrated by Kimberley Bulcken Root and Barry Root. (Penguin, ©2010. Concise rhymes tell about a brother and sister exchanging letters before, during and after the Pony Express. (Pony express, postal service, Stories in rhyme) (Library Media Connection starred)  **Missouri subject.**

What's the Difference?: an Endangered Animal Subtraction Story, by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Joan Waites. Sylvan Dell, ©2010. Rhyming verse and subtraction problems teach how people can help threatened and endangered animals. Includes additional activities. (Endangered animals, subtraction)

A Wizard from the Start: the Incredible Boyhood & Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison, written and illustrated by Don Brown. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Presents Thomas Edison and some of his inventions. [621.3, 921] (Thomas Alva Edison, inventors, engineers) (Horn Book starred, SLJ starred)

Wonder Horse, written and illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully. Henry Holt, ©2010. Bill Key, a veterinarian and former slave, trained his horse, Jim Key, to recognize letters and numbers and encouraged people to treat animals more humanely. (Bill Key, horses, African-Americans, historical fiction) (Booklist starred, Horn Book starred, Library Media Connection starred, SLJ starred)

You Are the Best Medicine, by Julie Aigner Clark, illustrated by Jana Christy. HarperCollins. ©2010. A mother with cancer answers questions about the disease and compares it to different times in the child's life. (Cancer, mother and child, sick)

Young Zeus, written and illustrated by G. Brian Karas. Scholastic, ©2010. With the help of various monsters, gods, and his mother, Zeus becomes the king of the gods. (Zeus (Greek deity), mythology) (Horn Book starred, SLJ starred)

Zapato Power (series), by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Miguel Benitez. Albert Whitman, ©2010. Freddie Ramos uses his super-charged purple winged sneakers to help friends and solve mysteries in these early chapter books. Titles include: Freddie Ramos Takes Off and Freddie Ramos Springs into Action. (Sneakers, speed, heroes, inventions)

Zig and Wikki in Something Ate My Homework: a Toon Book, by Nadja Spiegelman, illustrated by Trade Loeffler. Toon Books, ©2010. Alien, Zig and his robot land on earth to find a classroom pet and learn a bit about science and animals while trying to do his homework. [741.5] (Extraterrestrial beings, pets, science, cartoon and comics, graphic novels)

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(Information courtesy of the Young Adult Library Services Association, ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/bestficya/bfya2011.cfm. The * denotes Top Ten title for young adults)

Adios, Nirvana, by Conrad Wesselhoeft. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, ©2010. Jonathan lost his twin to an accident and his will to move on. His friends and the man he is ghostwriting WWII memoirs for will not let him slide.

After Ever After, by Jordan Sonnenblick. Scholastic, ©2010. Jeffrey must figure out how to live as a cancer survivor, and graduate eighth grade.

***Amy & Roger's Epic Detour**, by Morgan Matson. ©2010. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2010. Amy and Roger must both learn to deal with loss while on a road trip across the country which doesn't go as expected.

As Easy as Falling Off the Face of the Earth, by Lynne Rae Perkins. HarperCollins/Greenwillow Books, ©2010. On the way to camp, Ry finds himself in the middle of nowhere when his train leaves him behind, leading to a remarkable journey full of surprises and adventure.

***Bamboo People**, by Mitali Perkins. Charlesbridge, ©2010. Chiko, a Burmese soldier and Tu Reh, a Kerenni refugee meet on opposite sides of war and each must learn what it means to be a man of his people.

Beat the Band, by Don Calame. Candlewick, ©2010. Coop must win the battle of the bands with his buddies to regain his mojo after getting paired with an infamous partner in Health class, only none of them play instruments.

Beatle Meets Destiny, by Gabrielle Williams. Marshall Cavendish, ©2010. Superstitious John "Beatle" Lennon meets Destiny McCartney on Friday the 13th. Their romance starts strong — except for Beatle's girlfriend, his angry twin sister, and a stalker. Can love survive?

Before I Fall, by Lauren Oliver. HarperCollins/Harper, ©2010. Sam's seemingly perfect life has ended in a terrible crash. But, it turns out she has to relive the last day of her life seven times to get it right.

Birthmarked, by Caragh M. O'Brien. Roaring Brook Press, ©2010. After her parents' arrest, Gaia falls heir to a dangerous parcel and assumes her mother's role as midwife, all the while beginning to question her allegiance to the Enclave.

Blessing's Bead, by Debby Dahl Edwardson. Farrar, Straus & Giroux/Melanie Kroupa Books, ©2009. This book is a beautifully written account of life in Alaska through the eyes of an Inupiaq family. One child is given a special bead which threads the generations together.

The Body Finder, by Kimberly Derting. HarperCollins/HarperTeen, ©2010. When her ESP leads to the body of a girl who met a violent death, Violet finds herself not only drawn to the murdered, but to the murderer as well.

The Boneshaker, by Kate Milford. Clarion, ©2010. In Arcane, Mo., in 1914, Natalie stands at the crossroads, looks the devil directly in the face, conquers him, and saves her family and her town.

Borderline, by Allan Stratton. HarperCollins/HarperTeen, ©2010. Sami sets out to prove his father's innocence after Homeland Security breaks into their house and hauls his father away as a person of interest in a possible terrorist attack.

Broken Memory: A Novel of Rwanda, by Elisabeth Combres, translated by Shelley Tanaka. Groundwood Books, ©2009. Emma witnesses the brutal murder of her mother during the 1994 genocide massacres in Rwanda and her fears continue to haunt her.

The Cardturner, by Louis Sachar. Random House Children's Books/Delacorte Books for Young Readers, ©2010. Alton's summer job is turning cards at bridge games for his blind great-uncle Trapp. He learns much more than how to play bridge as a result.

Compromised, by Heidi Ayarbe. HarperCollins/HarperTeen, ©2010. When Maya's father is jailed and she is put in a group home, she and new "friend" Nicole run away to search of Maya's aunt and face difficult situations.

Confessions of the Sullivan Sisters, by Natalie Standiford. Scholastic, ©2010. One of the Sullivans deeply offended Almighty, who will cut the entire family out of her will unless that person confesses. So begin the confessions of Norrie, Jane, and Sassy.

A Conspiracy of Kings, by Megan Whalen Turner. HarperCollins/Greenwillow Books, ©2010. When his uncle, the king, is murdered, Sophos must set aside his self-doubt, accept his role as Sounis and unite the kingdom against invaders.

Cosmic, by Frank Boyce. Walden Pond Press, ©2010. When 12-year-old Liam, who looks like he is 30, poses as the "adult" chaperone on a kids' mission to space, he must think fast to save the group.

Crazy, by Han.Nolan. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. Jason can't put his mother's death behind him, not with a mentally ill father and a chorus of distinct voices filling his head. Is he crazy too?

Crossing the Tracks, by Barbara Stuber. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing/Margaret McElderry, ©2010. Iris finds love and acceptance in unexpected places in the summer of 1926 after her father sends her away to work for a doctor and his mother in rural Missouri.

The Curse of the Wendigo, by Rick Yancey. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing, ©2010. Henry and monstrumologist, Dr. Warthrop are in the Canadian wilds, trying to disprove the existence of the Wendigo, a wraithlike creature that gorges on flesh, yet is perpetually hungry.

Dash & Lily's Book of Dares, by Rachel Cohn, and David Levithan. Random House Children's Books/Knopf Books for Young Readers, ©2010. In hopes of meeting a boy, Lily leaves a set of clues in a bookstore and begins a series messages, dares and a possible romance with Dash.

The Death-Defying Pepper Roux, by Geraldine McCaughrean. HarperCollins/Harper, ©2010. When Pepper Roux was born his aunt had a vision from Saint Constance that the boy would die on his 14th birthday, but Pepper Roux has other ideas.

The Demon King: A Seven Realms Novel, by Cinda Williams Chima. Disney-Hyperion Press, ©2009. The lives of Princess Raisa and former street lord, Han, intertwine when an amulet Han finds helps him discover his true heritage and Raisa uncovers treachery in the castle.

Every Little Thing in the World, by Nina DeGramont. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing/Atheneum, ©2010. Sydney's parents send her to a wilderness camp after her run-in with the police. The trip gives her a month to consider what to do about her secret pregnancy.

Fat Cat, by Robin Brande. Random House Children's Books/Knopf Books for Young Readers, ©2009. Aiming to take home top prize at the science fair and maybe lose some weight in the process, Cat plans to examine life as a cave girl. Her subject: herself.

Fever Crumb, by Philip Reeve. Scholastic/Scholastic Press, ©2010. Fever Crumb, raised by the Order of Engineers and the only female among its ranks, finds her engineer rationality continually tested as she begins to discover more about her past.

***Finnikin of the Rock**, by Melina Marchetta. Candlewick, ©2010. Finnikin and his fellow exiles from Lumatere wish to return to their cursed homeland. Finnikin must go on an epic journey with a mute novice named Evanjalin to return home.

Forge, by Laurie Halse Anderson. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing/Atheneum, ©2010. All that stands between Curzon and his freedom is George Washington's army and a winter at Valley Forge.

Gateway, by Sharon Shinn. Penguin Group (USA), ©2009. Daiyu finds herself in Shenglang, an alternate world, where she is enlisted to help send an evil traveler back to his own iteration before he can wreck chaos in Shenglang.

Girl, Stolen, by April Henry. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group/Henry Holt/Christy Ottaviano Books, ©2010. Sick with pneumonia, blind teenager Cheyenne is waiting in the back seat of her stepmother's car when someone steals it, effectively – and unintentionally – kidnapping her.

Glimpse, by Carol Lynch Williams. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing/ Paula Wiseman Books, ©2010. Hope keeps having dreams about crying. It's no wonder: her father is dead, her mother clearly has issues, and her sister Liz has been institutionalized after trying to kill herself.

The Grimm Legacy, by Polly Shulman. Penguin Group USA/Putnam Juvenile, ©2010. Elizabeth gets a job in a strange lending library that has everything, including the working original items from the Grimm's fairytales, but things are going missing.

Green Witch, by Alice Hoffman. Scholastic, ©2010. Green sets out on a journey to learn the histories of the local witches and to free her soul mate from prison.

Guardian of the Dead, by Karen Healey. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, ©2010. Ellie's drawn into a mysterious world of Maori myth and magic when she meets Mark at boarding school in New Zealand during a killing spree that leaves victims without eyes.

Half Brother, by Kenneth. Oppel. Scholastic, ©2010. Ben begins to see the chimpanzee his father is using to study language acquisition as more than a test subject which leads to problems when funding runs low.

Half World, by Hiromi Goto, illustrated by Jillian Tamaki. Penguin Group (USA)/ Viking Juvenile, ©2010. Overweight and over-teased Melanie Tamaki must follow her mother into Half World, where the cycles are out of balance and fight the horrible Mr. Glueskin.

Harmonic Feedback, by Tara Kelly. Macmillan Children's Book Group/Henry Holt, ©2010. Drea, with "a touch of Asperger's," has never been considered "normal." A skilled sound designer, she starts a band with Naomi and Justin, who appreciate her for who she is.

The Heart is Not a Size, by Beth Kephart. HarperCollins/Harper Teen, ©2010. While on a service trip in Mexico, Georgia gains perspective on her life that enables her to challenge the things not discussed in her relationship with her best friend Riley.

***Hold Me Closer, Necromancer**, by Lish McBride. Macmillan Children's Book Group/Henry Holt, ©2010. When Sam discovers he is a necromancer he must learn to control his power in order to defeat a powerful and corrupt rival and save his friends.

Hothouse: A Novel, by Chris Lynch. HarperCollins, ©2010. Russell and DJ lose their firefighter fathers in a major fire and must cope with their private grief and the community's adulation of their fathers. And then there's backlash.

The Hunchback Assignments, by Arthur Slade. Random House Children's Books, ©2009. Modo is a gifted spy, fighter and scholar, but so disfigured that he always hides his face. When children in London go missing, Modo's skills just might save them.

Incarceron, by Catherine Fisher. Penguin Group (USA)/Dial, ©2010. Trapped in the massive prison world of Incarceron, Finn searches for his true identity; outside, Claudia searches for the truth about Incarceron and its warden, her father.

Jump, by Elisa Carbone. Penguin Group (USA)/Viking Juvenile, ©2010. P.K. refuses to go to boarding school; Critter busts out of the psych ward. A chance meeting at a rock-climbing wall brings them to Yosemite for an unforgettable adventure.

The Last Summer of the Death Warriors, by Francisco X Stork. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, ©2010. Seventeen-year-old Pancho grapples with the mysterious death of his sister while accompanying his new friend, D.Q, on his own quest to face down death.

A Little Wanting Song, by Cath Crowley. Random House Children's Books/Knopf Books for Young Readers, ©2010. Charlie and Rose have never been friends and couldn't be more different on the outside, but this summer, their longing and unhappiness causes them to turn to one another.

***Last Night I Sang to the Monster**, by Benjamin Saenz. Cinco Puntos Press, ©2009. Weeks in therapy go by and 18-year-old Zach is still unable to remember the monstrous events that left him alone and haunted by nightmares.

Lockdown, by Walter Dean Myers. HarperCollins/Amistad, ©2010. With a few months remaining on his sentence in a juvenile detention facility, Reese struggles to overcome racism, prejudice and his volatile personality to cope with life on the outside.

The Marbury Lens, by Andrew Smith. MacMillan Children's Book Group, ©2010. Jack is a regular 16-year-old boy until he drinks too much at a party and wakes up in a stranger's home.

Matched, by Ally Condie. Dutton Juvenile, ©2010. Cassia and Xander are Matched by the Society that plans all aspects of one's life, making everything perfect for her, until Ky's face flashes across her screen and everything changes.

The Maze Runner, by James Dashner. Random House Children's Books/Delacorte Books for Young Readers, ©2010. 978-0-385-73794-4. Thomas' memories don't serve him well when he wakes on an elevator, only to find himself in the Glade, trapped by monsters and a maze that changes daily.

Mindblind, by Jennifer Roy. Marshall Cavendish, ©2010. Nathaniel, 14, is a high functioning "Aspie" who struggles with social interactions, but can solve mathematical problems that elude graduate students. People say he's a genius, but he thinks differently.

Mockingbird, by Kathryn Erskine. Penguin Group (USA)/Philomel, ©2010. Ten-year-old Caitlin has to figure out how to make the world work now that her brother Devon has died.

The Mockingbirds, by Daisy Whitney. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, ©2010. After Alex is date-raped at her boarding school, she turns to a secret society of students, the Mockingbirds, to find the justice her school administration cannot provide.

No and Me, by Delphine De Vigan. Bloomsbury, ©2010. Brilliant, lonely and compassionate 13-year-old Lou befriends a homeless 18-year-old, No, and is determined to save her.

Not That Kind of Girl, by Siobhan Vivian. Scholastic./PUSH, ©2010. Life is about choices. Natalie makes choices that border between good and bad. The choices she makes could end in disaster or be the best choices she'll ever make.

Nothing, by Janne Teller, translated by Martin Aitken. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing/Atheneum, ©2010. When a classmate tells them "nothing matters," his peers reinforce the opposite, sacrificing what matters to them in progressively intense challenges, assembling a pile of meaning.

Numbers, by Rachel Ward. Scholastic/The Chicken House, ©2010. Jem, a British girl of 15, is on the run with her erstwhile boyfriend Spider, because of complications from her “talent” of seeing the date that people will die when she looks in their eyes.

Once, by Morris Gleitzman. Macmillan Children’s Book Group/Henry Holt, ©2010. Felix, a naive Jewish boy in a Catholic orphanage, runs away to find his parents in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Ostrich Boys, by Keith Gray. Random House Children’s Books, ©2010. When their best friend Ross dies an accident, Kenny, Sim and Blake run off to Ross, Scotland, to give him their idea of a proper funeral.

Plain Kate, by Erin Bow. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, ©2010. 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.

Please Ignore Vera Dietz, by A.S. King. Random House Children’s Books, ©2010. Vera Dietz spends her days going to school and working full time as a pizza delivery technician, all while being haunted by her dead best friend.

The Prince of Mist, by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, ©2010. Roland, Max, and Alicia battle the mysterious Prince of Mist – a diabolical character who has returned from the sea to collect on a debt from the past.

Princess of Glass, by Jessica Day George. Bloomsbury USA Children’s Books, ©2010. Poppy, one of the 12 dancing princesses, is witness to the events surrounding a mysterious princess at court who wears glass slippers to the balls.

The Private Thoughts of Amelia E. Rye, by Bonnie Shimko. Macmillan Children’s Book Group/Farrar, Straus & Giroux, ©2010. Growing up in the 1960s, Amelia finds her one true friend and discovers the courage to stand up to the town bullies, local bigots and her train-wreck family.

Raiders’ Ransom, by Emily Diamand. Scholastic/Chicken House, ©2009. When pirate raiders kidnap the Prime Minister’s daughter, 13-year-old Lilly sets out on a rescue mission, with a mysterious talking jewel for ransom.

Real Live Boyfriends: Yes, Boyfriends, Plural, If My Life Wasn’t Complicated I Wouldn’t Be Ruby Oliver, by E. Lockhart. Random House Children’s Books/Delacorte Press, ©2010. Finally in her senior year of high school, Ruby Oliver tries to figure out whether or not Noel is her real live boyfriend.

Reckless, by Cornelia Funke. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, ©2010. Jacob Reckless knows the fantasy world behind the mirror, but his brother doesn't and now he is turning to stone and Jacob must help.

The Red Umbrella, by Christina Diaz Gonzalez. Random House Children's Books/Knopf Books for Young Readers, ©2010. Lucia and her brother live an idyllic life in Cuba in 1961 until the revolution when they are sent to live with strangers in Nebraska until their parents can escape.

Replacement, by Brenna Yovanoff. Penguin Group (USA), ©2010. Mackie is 16 when the latest baby is stolen away, a monstrous replacement left in her crib. Now it's time for Mackie to face his true identity.

* **Revolution**, by Jennifer Donnelly. Random House Children's Publishing/Delacorte, ©2010. 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.

* **Revolver**, by Marcus Sedgwick. Roaring Brook Press, ©2010. Sig is alone with his father's body when the lawless man his father had managed to escape appears out of the icy wilderness.

Riding Invisible, by Sandra Alonzo, illustrated by Nathan Huang. Disney-Hyperion Books for Children, ©2010. Yancy's life is torn apart by his older brother's Conduct Disorder and he runs away when Will threatens his horse. He records his thoughts and feelings in his Adventure Journal.

Rot and Ruin, by Jonathan Maberry. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing, ©2010. Benny and Tom Imura are brothers who don't really get along in a zombified world until catastrophic events help Benny understand his brother better.

Scrawl, by Mark Shulman. Roaring Book Press, ©2010. In detention, eighth-grade bully, Tod, journals thoughts and experiences exposing the bleak private agonies of life behind his actions.

Shakespeare Makes the Playoffs, by Ron Koertge. Candlewick, ©2010. Fourteen-year-old Kevin Boland's biggest problem isn't the baseball playoffs: it's what to do when he's dating one girl, but emailing poems to another.

* **Ship Breaker**, by Paolo Bacigalupi. Little, Brown, & Co., ©2010. Nailer is a light crew scavenger tearing up old hulks of ships, living day to day, until a rich girl and her gleaming ship run ashore in a storm on the beach and his life gets more dangerous.

The Sky is Everywhere, by Jandy Nelson. Penguin Group (USA)/Dial Books, ©2010. When Lennie's beloved big sister suddenly dies, she gets help pushing past her grief from two very different boys.

A Small Free Kiss in the Dark, by Glenda Millard. Holiday House, ©2010. Runaway Skip struggles to survive during a sudden war, living in an abandoned amusement park with an older homeless man, a young orphan, a teenage ballerina, and a newborn.

Some Girls Are, by Courtney Summers. St. Martin's Press/Saint Martin's Griffin, ©2010. Regina used to be a member of the Fearless Five but is now being frozen out by her friends and must find acceptance among the peers she used to terrorize.

Somebody Everybody Listens To, by Suzanne Supplee. Penguin Group (USA), ©2010. Retta Lee's dreams of making it big as a country singer have a chance of coming true if she can survive the reality of life on her own in Nashville.

Sorta Like a Rock Star by Matthew Quick. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, ©2010. Despite the fact that she lives in a school bus, Amber Appleton is the biggest optimist you'll ever meet. But then one tragic event makes her question everything.

Sources of Light, by Margaret McMullan. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2010. It's 1962, and after her father's death in Vietnam, 14-year-old Sam and her mother move to Jackson, Miss., where they encounter the prejudice and violence of the segregationist South.

Split, by Swati Avasthi. Random House Children's Books/Knopf Books for Young Readers, ©2010. Jace, 16, fights back against his abusive father and is thrown out of the house. He finds his older brother which begins a journey toward healing for both brothers.

Star Crossed, by Elizabeth C. Bunce. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, ©2010. Escaping the city, Digger, a thief, ends up in a remote castle full of nobles and becomes involved in political intrigue in a country where magic has been forbidden.

Stolen, by Lucy Christopher. Scholastic/Chicken House, ©2010. Gemma, 16, writes to the young man who kidnapped her and held her captive in the Australian outback, revealing the complexity of her feelings for both Ty and the land.

The 10 PM Question, by Kate De Goldi. Candlewick, ©2010. When a new girl, a free-spirit who doesn't seem to worry about anything, arrives at school, Frankie begins to question the way he looks at his life.

***The Things a Brother Knows**, by Dana Reinhardt. Random House Children's Books/Wendy Lamb, ©2010. 978-0-375-84455-3. Boaz is back and hailed as the hometown hero, but he is not at all the same. Can his younger brother Levi help him truly make his way home?

Three Rivers Rising: A Novel of the Johnstown Flood, by Jame Richards. Random House Children's Books/Knopf Books for Young Readers, ©2010. Told in verse, this story revolves around a variety of people whose lives touch before and after the failure of the earthen dam above Johnstown, Pennsylvania in 1889.

Toads and Diamonds, by Heather Tomlinson. Macmillan Children's Book Group/Henry Holt, ©2010. In a Perrault fairy tale reset to fascinating pre-British India, impoverished stepsisters encounter a goddess whose gifts bless, or curse. Diribani returns speaking jewels and flowers; Tana, toads and snakes.

***Trash**, by Andy Mulligan. David Fickling Books, ©2010. Three garbage-picker boys find an item of great value to a corrupt politician on their rounds, setting off a tense hunt to see who will triumph.

Warriors in the Crossfire, by Nancy Bo Flood. Boyds Mills Press, ©2010. In 1944 the Japanese and Americans fight a bloody battle for the island of Saipan, where 12-year-old Joseph must decide who to trust so he can save his family.

The Water Seeker, by Kimberly Willis Holt. Macmillan Children's Book Group/Henry Holt/Christy Ottaviano Books, ©2010. Amos Kincaid comes from a family of men who can find water underground. This gift follows him and his family as they travel West.

When I Was Joe, by Keren David. Frances Lincoln Children's Books, ©2010. Ty is just 14 when he sees another teen murdered. He becomes a witness for the prosecution of the attackers but the truth is costly for Ty and his family.

White Cat, by Holly Black. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, ©2010. 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.

Will, by Maria Boyd. Random House Children's Books/Knopf Books for Young Readers, ©2010. Outraged Will is in his school's musical as punishment for his latest prank. Teachers hope to develop his "leadership potential" but he only wants to save his social status.

Will Grayson, Will Grayson, by John Green and David Levithan. Penguin Group (USA)/Dutton, ©2010. When two very different teenage guys named Will Grayson meet by chance in Chicago, their worlds collide.

Woods Runner, by Gary Paulsen. Random House Children's Books/Wendy Lamb, ©2010. In 1776, 13-year-old Samuel returns home from hunting in the woods to find the settlement burned and most of the settlers murdered.

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Annexed, by Sharon Dogar. Houghton Mifflin, ©2010. Everyone knows the story of Anne Frank, but have you ever wanted to know more about Peter van Pels? Told from Peter's perspective, the story is both familiar and new, from the years spent hiding to his months in Auschwitz. Fiction. (Anne Frank, concentration camp, Nazi) (PW Starred)


The Battle of Nashville: General George H. Thomas and the Most Decisive Battle of the Civil War, by Benson Bobrick. Alfred A. Knopf, ©2010. The battle may have only lasted two days, but it was vital to the balance of the Civil War. This book is full of original documents, photographs, and anecdotes that include the leaders and everyday soldiers who fought in the Battle of Nashville. 937.737 (Civil War, Grant, Lincoln, Sherman, Thomas)

Birth Marked, by Caragh M. O'Brien. Roaring Book Press, ©2010. Gia Stone is a scarred burn survivor and mid-wife. While searching for her parents, she finds the lines between friends and enemies blur. Fiction. (future, romance, adventure, genetics) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults)

Captain Mac: The Life of Donald Baxter MacMillan, Arctic Explorer, by Mary Morton Cowan. Calkins Creek, ©2010. Contemporary of Matthew Henson and Richard Byrd, Captain Donald Baxter MacMillan explored the Arctic longer than any other—almost 50 years. Original documents including letters, journals, books, and photographs bring this explorer to life. 910.92-dc22 (Donald Baxter MacMillan, Arctic exploration, Miriam MacMillan)

Charles Darwin and the Mystery of Mysteries, by Niles Eldredge and Susan Pearson. Neal Porter, ©2010. How does a boy barely interested in school become one of the greatest names in science? Original maps, photographs of animals Charles Darwin encountered on his voyages on *The Beagle*, and archival materials illustrate how this scientist evolved from a young nature lover. (naturalist, Charles Darwin, Galapagos Islands, biography)

The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod: Twelfth Grade Kills, by Heather Brewer. Dutton Children's Books, ©2010. In the final book of the series, Vladimir finally figures out how to deal with the Pravus prophecy that has loomed over him. The loose strings of his life seem to come together as the prophecy comes to pass. Fiction. (Vampires, high school, prophecy)  **Missouri author.**


The Clone Codes, by Patricia C. McKissack, Fredrick L. McKissack, and John McKissack. Scholastic Press, ©2010. Clones and cyborgs live among regular people, providing services but not being treated equally. Leanna's mother is part of the secret Liberty Bell Movement, making Leanna a fugitive with a life-changing secret. Fiction. (advanced technology, equal rights, future)  **Missouri author.**


Countdown, by Deborah Wiles. Scholastic Press, ©2010. For Franny Chapman, life is confusing enough without the Cuban Missile Crisis turning American into chaos. Historical images and Franny's story bring both stories into clear focus for the modern reader. Historical fiction. (Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962) (Publishers Weekly starred) (ALA Booklist Starred Review)

Crazy, by Han Nolan. Harcourt, ©2010. Jason deals with the loss of his mother, the disappearance of his father, and the voices in his head. At school, he must join a therapy group and over time, he learns to trust. (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults) (ALA Booklist Starred Review)

Crossing Over, by Anna Kendall. Viking, ©2010. For as long as he can remember, Roger crosses into the world of the dead when in extreme pain. His gift is used, by his uncle and later by the Queen, but it isn't until he meets Lady Cecilia that he has the chance to help himself or someone he cares for. Fiction. (fantasy, supernatural power)

Dust City, by Robert Paul Weston. Razorbil, ©2010. Dust City is a future world where humans and animals have blended into a new species and fairy tale characters team. The fairies have disappeared and Henry Whelp is on a mission to go against expectations and save them. Fiction. (fairy tales, adventure, mystery)

Everyday Wonder or The Quick Brown Fox Jumps Over the Lazy Dog, by James Henry Taylor. Sweetgum Press, ©2010. A collection of short stories with alliterative titles explores the natural world. Fiction. (short fiction, animals)  **Missouri author.**

Fear: Thirteen Stories of Suspense and Horror, edited by R. L. Stine. Dutton Children's Books, ©2010. The master of young adult horror has gathered a collection of stories as varied in style and subject as the 13 authors who penned them. Fiction. (vampires, cannibals, scary)  **Missouri author included.**

Frederick Douglass: A Noble Life, by David Adler. Holiday House, ©2010. Frederick Douglass lived through the brutality of a childhood of slavery, yet sought to understand the psychological effects it left on slave and master alike. His fight against slavery and injustice is highlighted through his own words and historical documents and imagery. 973.7114092-dc22 (Biography, injustice, slavery) (SLJ starred)

Girl, Stolen, by April Henry. Holt, ©2010. What begins as a trip to the pharmacy for much-needed antibiotics turns into a car theft while Cheyenne Wilder sleeps unseen in the backseat. Kidnapped and easy to underestimate, she uses all of her senses to find a solution—all four senses, that is. Fiction. (Blindness, kidnapping, adventure)

Grace, by Elizabeth Scott. Dutton Juvenile, ©2010. Grace has been raised for one purpose, but it is one she refuses. Her unwillingness to bring death to the People as a suicide bomber forces Grace to run from the only life she's ever known. Fiction. (Suicide bomb, terrorist, freedom)

Green Witch, by Alice Hoffman. Scholastic, ©2010. In the long-awaited companion to *Green Angel*, Green sets out on a journey, away from the home she has created, in search of answers to the mysteries of her new life. (dystopia, loss, powers) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults) (PW starred) (SLJ starred)

The Grimm Legacy, by Polly Shulman. Putnam, ©2010. Elizabeth, a modern teen just as unhappy with her stepfamily as any fairy tale heroine, is given access to the Grimm Collection. Magic items, related to the brothers' stories, are disappearing and Elizabeth is among those who set out to bring the collection home. (Grimm Brothers, fantasy) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults, SLJ starred)

Harmonic Feedback, by Tara Kelly. Holt, ©2010. Drea moves to a new school and makes friends with Justin and Naomi through their shared love of music. What starts as a friendship between the trio turns to disaster. Fiction. (Asperger's syndrome, friendship, romance, thriller) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults)

Hold Me Closer, Necromancer, by Lish McBride. Holt, ©2010. A job in fast food is all it's cracked up to be for Sam. Who knew that after dropping out of college, he'd learn he had an ability that would make him a threat to a Seattle necromancer, get him caged in a cellar, and in the company of some supernatural friends? Fiction. (Humor, supernatural) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults)

Illyria, by Elizabeth Hand. Viking Juvenile, ©2010. Maddy and Rogan are closer than cousins should be, but they also share a passion for the theater but vary in their talents. Developing those talents with the support of an aunt, the couple experiences first love and all the tensions that come with it. Fiction. (Family, theater, Twelfth Night)

The Interrogation of Gabriel James, by Charlie Price. Farrar Straus Giroux, ©2010. Gabriel has witnessed a double murder and has a sincere desire to help the police. A story of multiple crimes in his small Montana town is told through a series of flashbacks and police interrogation that leads to a result that nobody including Gabriel expected. Fiction. (Hate crimes, mystery, reservation)

Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing, by Ann Angel. Amulet Books, ©2010. Who would think that a singer with a three-year-long career would stay in our hearts forever, but Janis Joplin never was an easy woman to contain. Her insecurities could not hold back this talented woman, whose story is told through vivid images and text. 782-42166092-dc22 (Janis Joplin, biography, rock-and-roll, overdose, 1960s)

The Last Summer of the Death Warriors, by Francisco X. Stork. Scholastic/Levine, ©2010. After the death of his last remaining relative, Pancho meets D.Q. in an orphanage. Pancho vows revenge for his sister's death and D.Q. vows to teach Pancho how to truly live as a Death Warrior. Fiction. (Cancer death, Anglo/Mexican relations) (PW starred) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults)

Matched, by Ally Condie. Dutton Books, ©2010. Cassie is matched to Xander, her ideal mate according to the Officials. They are BFFs, but then she sees Ky and questions her feelings about matching. Fiction. (Future, romance, arranged marriage) (PW starred) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults)

The Mermaid's Mirror, by L. K. Madigan. Houghton Mifflin, ©2010. Lenna's dad keeps her away from the ocean, even though he's a former surfer. When her boyfriend, Kia, tries to teach Lenna to surf, she blacks out any time she's near the water. Fiction. (William C. Morris award winner) (Mermaids, surf, ocean) (ALA Booklist Starred)

Mockingjay, by Suzanne Collins. Scholastic Press, ©2010. In the final installment of Collins' dystopian trilogy, Katniss fully realizes her role as the face of the revolution. Those she loves remain in peril, leaving Katniss heart-breaking choices both on and off the battlefield. Fiction. (Revolution, dystopia, Hunger Games) (PW starred)

The Mourning Wars, by Karen Steinmetz. Roaring Book Press, ©2010. Eunice is born to the Puritan world, adopted into the Mohawk world, and torn between the two when found years later by her father. Historical Fiction. (Puritan, Mohawk)

Numbers, by Rachel Ward. Scholastic, ©2010. Jem has the gift of seeing the death date of anyone she looks at eye-to-eye. In order to deal with her curse, Jem avoids people as much as possible. That is, until she meets Spider. Fiction. (Gift/curse, friendship, romance) (SLJ starred) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults, PW starred)

Ostrich Boys, by Keith Gray. Random, ©2010. The teachers and students show great love for Ross at his funeral, angering his friends who know just how uncaring they were when he was alive. An unapproved and unsupervised trip to Scotland to properly say goodbye to Ross forces his friends to face some of the realities they have previously kept hidden in the sand. Fiction. (SLJ starred) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults)

The Outside of a Horse, by Ginny Rorby. Dial, ©2010. Hannah enjoys horses, especially after working with ones who have suffered abuse. When her father returns from Iraq, an amputee with post-traumatic stress disorder, Hannah's work with horses is healing for more than the animals. Fiction. (Animal abuse, horses, Iraq veterans)

Passing Strange: A Generation Dead Book, by Daniel Waters. Hyperion, ©2010. In the third book of the series, Karen's cheerleader looks have allowed her to be hired to work at the mall. Of course, they assume she's living and even a zombie-hating former classmate doesn't seem to notice she's not. Karen may be able to help bring justice for her friends, but at what cost? Fiction. (Zombies, civil rights, mystery)

Please Ignore Vera Dietz, by A. S. King. Knopf, ©2010. What starts as a friendship becomes something more and eventually leads to Charlie's death. Glimpses of the present are mixed with memories from the past and different perspectives to tell a story of betrayal. (Friendship, betrayal, secrets, lies) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults) (ALA Booklist Starred) (PW starred)

Restoring Harmony, by Joelle Anthony. G. P. Putnam's Sons, ©2010. Molly McClure lives in a solar-powered world where food shortages and chaos reign beyond her island home. While making a law-defying trip from her home in Canada to rescue family in America, she must use her musical talent and fast-thinking to survive. Fiction. (Dystopia, romance, oil shortage)

The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game, by John Feinstein. Alfred Knopf, ©2010. Stevie Thomas is a major sports writer, and he's just a teenager. As he covers the Army-Navy game, something much deeper than an old rivalry is brewing. Fiction. (College football, sports reporting, mystery)

Scrawl, by Mark Shulman. Roaring Book Press, ©2010. Tod Munn is a lunch money stealing bully who makes an unexpected friend while serving detention. His counselor's punishment is a journal where he's forced to write honestly and allow glimpses of the not-so-tough person he's been hiding from the world. Fiction. (bully, detention, journal writing, theater) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults)

Sea, by Heidi R. Kling. G. P. Putnam's Sons, ©2010. Sienna, known as Sea, is still recovering from the loss of her mother when she goes with her father to provide relief in the wake of the 2004 Indonesian tsunami. What was to have been a vacation becomes much more than Sea expects. Fiction. (Loss of parent, tsunami, romance)

Ship Breaker, by Paolo Bacigalupi. Little, Brown and Co., ©2010. Grounded oil tankers litter the shore and Nailer makes his living scavenging them for copper wire. When he and a friend discover a lucrative yacht, more than wire hides within. Fiction. (Dystopia, danger) (PW starred) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults) (ALA Booklist starred)

Starfish, by James Crowley. Hyperion, ©2010. Lionel and Beatrice live on a reservation but miss the old ways after the death of their parents. They run away, taking a chance to find their grandfather and a reconnection to the past. Fiction. (Blackfoot Indian, death of parent)

Stolen, by Lucy Christopher. Chicken House ©2010. While traveling with her parents, Gemma is kidnapped and taken to a remote house in the outback. How is it then that Gemma explores tender feelings for her kidnapper? Fiction. (Australian Outback, kidnapping) (PW starred) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults)

Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science, by Marc Aronson and Marina Budhos. Clarion Books, ©2010. Sugar may have been grown in the Caribbean and Hawaii, but its reach extended throughout the world. Historical documents and images illustrate the less-than-sweet impact the harvest and distribution of a simple plant has had on the world. 664.109-dc22 (Sugar trade, slavery, resistance) (SLJ starred)

The Thin Executioner, by Darren Shan. Little, Brown and Co, ©2010. Jebel wants to follow in his father's footsteps as the Executioner, but was a runt from the day his mother died giving birth to him. In an homage to Mark Twain's Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Jebel and the slave he intends to sacrifice in order to gain power travel through the many horrors man can visit on each other. Fiction. (Adventure, thriller, honor)

They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group,

by Susan Campbell Bartoletti. Houghton Mifflin, ©2010. At first glance, it may seem the KKK is an inappropriate topic for students to read about, but a story of American history is told beginning with the Civil War and spanning through the 20th century. Archival materials including slave narratives, quotes, and illustrations bring to life the nature of a home-grown terrorist group. 322.420973-dc22 (Civil rights, KKK, racism) (Booklist starred, SLJ starred, PW starred)

The Things a Brother Knows, Dana Reinhardt. Random/Wendy Lamb, ©2010.

Boaz is a Marine returning to America after being overseas. Though it seems he'd finally be closer to his family, he's actually growing distant. During a road trip with his brother, the truth of his story is told. Fiction. (Marines, war, coming home) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults, SLJ starred) (ALA Booklist starred)

The Three Rivers Rising: A Novel of the Johnstown Flood, by Jame Richards.

Knopf Books for Young Readers, ©2010. Romance blossoms, four families intersect, and a flood approaches. Their stories are told in verse, bringing to life a true moment in history through the fictional people it touched. Fiction. (1889 Johnston flood, historical fiction, verse) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults, SLJ starred)


This World We Live In, by Susan Beth Pfeffer. Harcourt, ©2010.

In the conclusion of the Last Survivors trilogy the moon has been knocked closer to the Earth, causing natural disasters plague the Earth. Miranda has lost loved ones but as her diary makes clear, she must learn to survive with her new family and friends. Fiction. (natural disaster, romance, journal) (PW starred)

Tyger Tyger: A Goblin Wars Book, by Kersten Hamilton. Clarion Books, ©2010.

Teagan lives in reality, but a fantasy world keeps altering her life. When her dad is taken away, she must face mythical creatures. Fiction. (Fantasy, adventure)

Up From Thunder, by Susan K. Salzer. Cave Hollow Press, ©2010.

Hattie Rood lives on a Western Missouri farm that barely keeps afloat as her brothers fight, and die, in the Civil War. She and the wounded soldier she nurses back to health are caught in the crossfire of guerilla warfare. Historical fiction. (Civil War, "Bloody Bill" Anderson, William Quantrill, Jesse James, Jayhawkers)  **Missouri author.**

Virals, by Kathy Reichs. Razorbill, ©2010.

Tory moves from New York City to tiny Morris Island, South Carolina. She is bored, until she realizes there's something mysterious, maybe even deadly, on nearby Loggerhead Island. Fiction. (Adventure, mystery, sci-fi)

The War to End All Wars: World War I, by Russell Freedman. Clarion Books, ©2010. In the style so perfected by Russell Freedman, first-hand accounts are woven together with battlefield photographs to illustrate The Great War. Detailed notes and indexing make this a must-have books for research projects and history classrooms. 940.3-dc22 (WWI) (PW starred, SLJ starred) (ALA Booklist starred)

Warriors in the Crossfire, by Nancy Bo Flood. Front Street, ©2010. World War II is coming to Joseph and Kento. Schools are shut down, life is disrupted by the Japanese, and the boys must find a way to survive. Historical Fiction. (WWII, Japanese occupation, island, cave, survival) (Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults)

We Shall Overcome: A Song That Changed the World, by Stuart Stotts, illustrated by Terrance Cummings. Clarion, ©2010. With an introduction by Pete Seeger, this book weaves music, images, and quotes. Not just the American civil rights movement is brought to life, but surprisingly, labor and antiwar movements, as well. A CD of We Shall Overcome is included. 782.4216213-dc22 (Civil rights, labor movement, antiwar movement, music)

Wolves, Boys, and Other Things that Might Kill Me, by Kristen Chandler. Viking Juvenile, ©2010. KJ Carson lives near Yellowstone National Park and is the daughter of a nature guide so she's accustomed to being in the wild. When Virgil moves to town and begins a new column for the school paper, the reintroduction of wolves to the park becomes wild. Fiction. (Conservation, wolves, Yellowstone National Park)

Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty, by b. Neri, illustrated by Randy DuBurke. Lee and Low Books, ©2010. Based on true events from Southside Chicago in 1994, Roger is an 11-year-old trying to make sense of the death of a classmate. Sometimes sweet, sometimes fierce, understanding Yummy's life is key to understanding his death. Fiction. (Chicago Southside, gang life, graphic novel) (ALA Booklist starred)

MISSOURI AWARD-NOMINATED BOOKS

Show-Me Award Nominees (Grades 1-3)

Desert Rose and Her Highfalutin Hog, by Alison Jackson, illustrated by Keith Graves. Walker & Company, ©2009. Desert Rose finds a gold nugget and uses it to buy herself a hog to take to the state fair in Laredo. On the way to the fair, Desert Rose finds her hog to be on the ornery side. When she asks animals along the way to help; they turn out to be just as ornery as the hog. Will she make it to the state fair on time?

Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library!, by Vicki Myron, illustrated by Bret Witter. Little, Brown, ©2009. The story of Dewey Readmore Books, an abandoned kitten left in the book drop of the Spencer Library, and the librarian who saved him.

Finding Lincoln, by Ann Malaspina, illustrated by Colin Bootman. Albert Whitman & Company, ©2009. Louis is assigned to write an essay on the young President Abraham Lincoln, but during the times of segregation African Americans were not allowed to use the public library. How was Louis going to find out how Lincoln "shook things up" as a child?

Itsy Bitsy & Teeny Weeny, by Robbyn Smith van Frankenhuyzen, illustrated by Gysbert van Frankenhuyzen. Sleeping Bear Press, ©2009. "A nature and animal rescue story that finds a lamb, rejected by its mother, and an orphaned fawn being cared for by a farm family as siblings on Hazel Ridge Farm. Eventually the animals separate, one back into the wild and the other a domestic animal."

Minnow and Rose, by Judy Young, illustrated by Bill Farnsworth. Sleeping Bear Press, ©2009. Rose is traveling the Oregon Trail with her family on a wagon train. Minnow lives with her family in a native village on the plains. When their two cultures come face to face, a friendship blossoms.

Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle, by Major Brian Dennis, Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery. Little Brown and Company, ©2009. Major Brian Dennis, stationed in Iraq in 2007, discovers a pack of wild dogs. One dog gets his attention. He calls him Nubs because his ears have been cut off to make him a dog of war. Through emails and engaging text the story is told about a man and a dog destined to be together.

Peace Week in Miss Fox's Class, by Eileen Spinelli, illustrated by Anne Kennedy. Albert Whitman and Company, ©2009. Students find ways to resolve their differences when Miss Fox announces "Peace Week," one whole week without squabbling.

Stars above Us, by Geoffrey Norman, illustrated by E. B. Lewis. G. P. Putnam's Sons, ©2009. Amanda is afraid of the dark, but her dad loves the night and shows her all the wonderful things that there are to see. The stars, especially, intrigue them both. When Amanda's dad has to go away for military duty, he tells her how looking at the same stars can help them feel close. So even though Amanda misses her dad terribly, she has a special way of keeping him in her heart.

Testing the Ice: A True Story about Jackie Robinson, by Sharon Robinson, illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Scholastic Press, ©2009. As a testament to his courage, Jackie Robinson's daughter shares memories of him, from his baseball career to the day he tests the ice for her, her brothers, and their friends.

Twist of Fate, The Miracle Colt and His Friends, by Chris Stuckenschneider, illustrated by Kevin Belford. Reedy Press, ©2009. A recounting of a tragic truck accident in 2006 on a Missouri interstate told by Twister, an unborn colt and the experiences of the surviving animals who came to live on Longmeadow Rescue Ranch.

Mark Twain Award Nominees (Grades 4-6)

Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z, by Kate Messner. Walker & Co, ©2009. Gianna has less than one week to complete her leaf project if she wants to compete in the upcoming cross-country sectionals, but issues like procrastination, disorganization, and her grandmother's declining health seem destined to keep her from finishing.

Captain Nobody, by Dean Pitchford. G.P. Putnam's Sons, ©2009. When 10-year-old Newton dresses up as an unusual superhero for Halloween, he decides to keep wearing the costume after the holiday to help save townspeople and, eventually, his injured brother.

11 Birthdays, by Wendy Mass. Scholastic, Inc., ©2009. Peculiar things begin to happen when Amanda and Leo plan to celebrate their 11th birthday separately after celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together.

Faith, Hope, and Ivy June, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Delacorte Press, © 2009. During a student exchange program, seventh-graders Ivy June and Catherine share their lives, homes, and communities, and find that although their lifestyles are total opposites they have a lot in common.

Heart of a Shepherd, by Rosanne Parry. Random House, © 2009. Ignatius “Brother” Alderman, nearly 12, promises to help his grandparents keep the family’s Oregon ranch the same while his brothers are away and his father is deployed to Iraq, but as he comes to accept the inevitability of change, he also sees the man he is meant to be.

Love, Aubrey, by Suzanne LaFleur. Wendy Lamb Books, © 2009. While living with her Gram in Vermont, 11-year-old Aubrey writes letters as a way of dealing with losing her father and sister in a car accident, and then being abandoned by her grief-stricken mother.

Million-Dollar Throw, by Mike Lupica. Philomel Books, © 2009. Eighth-grade star quarterback Nate Brodie’s family is feeling the stress of the troubled economy, and Nate is frantic because his best friend Abby is going blind, so when he gets a chance to win a million dollars if he can complete a pass during the halftime of a New England Patriot’s game, he is nearly overwhelmed by the pressure to succeed.

Mudville, by Kurtis Scaletta. Alfred A. Knopf, © 2009. For 22 years, since a fateful baseball game against their rival town, it has rained in Moundville, so when the rain finally stops, 12-year-old Roy, his friends, and foster brother Sturgis dare to face the curse and form a team.

The Potato Chip Puzzles, by Eric Berlin. G.P. Putnam’s Sons, ©2009. Winston and his friends enter an all-day puzzle contest to win \$50,000 for their school, but they must also figure out who is trying to keep them from winning. Puzzles for the reader to solve are included throughout the text.

Runaway Twin, by Peg Kehret. Dutton Children’s Books, ©2009. Thirteen-year-old Sunny, accompanied by a stray dog, takes advantage of a windfall to travel from her Nebraska foster home to Enumclaw, Wash., to find the twin sister from whom she was separated at age 3.

Secret of Zoom, by Lynne Jonell. Henry Holt & Company, © 2009. Ten-year-old Christina lives a sheltered life until she discovers a secret tunnel, an evil plot to enslave orphans, and a mysterious source of energy known as zoom.

Storm Chaser, by Chris Platt. Peachtree, © 2009. When a fire forces her family to turn their home into a guest ranch, aspiring horse trainer Jessica finds herself working once again with her favorite horse, Storm Chaser.

Truman Award nominees (Grades 6-8)

Bull Rider, by Suzanne Morgan Williams. Margaret K. McElderry, ©2009. When his older brother, a bull-riding champion, returns from the Iraq War partially paralyzed, 14-year-old Cam takes a break from skateboarding to enter a bull-riding contest, in hopes of winning the \$15,000 prize and motivating his depressed brother to continue with his rehabilitation.

The Cupcake Queen, by Heather Hepler. Dutton Juvenile, © 2009. While longing for her old big-city life, 13-year-old Penny helps her mother and grandmother run a cupcake bakery in Hog's Hollow and tries to avoid the beastly popular girls, be a good friend to quirky Tally, and catch the eye of enigmatic Marcus.

Double Eagle, by Sneed B. Collard III. Peachtree Publishers, © 2009. In 1973, Michael and Kyle's discovery of a rare Confederate coin near an old Civil War fort turns into a race against time as the boys try to find more coins before a hurricane hits Alabama's Gulf coast.

The Farwalker's Quest, by Joni Sensel. Bloomsbury USA Children's Books, ©2009. When 12-year-old Ariel and her friend Zeke find a mysterious artifact the like of which has not been seen in a long time, it proves to be the beginning of a long and arduous journey that will ultimately reveal to them their true identities.

If the Witness Lied, Caroline Cooney. Delacorte Books for Young Readers, © 2009. Torn apart by tragedies and the publicity they brought, siblings Smithy, Jack and Madison, ages 14 to 16, tap into their parent's courage to pull together and protect their brother Tris, nearly 3, from further media exploitation and a much more sinister threat.

Jane in Bloom, by Deborah Lytton. Dutton Juvenile, © 2009. Devastated when her beautiful, older sister dies from anorexia, 12-year-old Jane recovers slowly from the tragedy, with help from unexpected sources.

Invisible Lines, by Mary Amato, EgmontUSA, © 2009. Coming from a poor, single-parent family, seventh-grader Trevor must rely on his intelligence, artistic ability, quick wit, and soccer prowess to win friends at his new Washington, D.C., school, but popular and rich Xander seems determined to cause him trouble.

The Last Thing I Remember, by Andrew Klavan. Thomas Nelson, © 2009. High-school student Charlie West awakens bloody and bruised in a concrete bunker, only to discover that he has lost a year of his life and remembers nothing about escaping from prison after being convicted of murdering his former best friend.

The Maze Runner, by James Dashner. Delacorte Books for Young Readers, © 2009. Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

Pop, by Gordan Korman, Balzer + Bray, © 2009. Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, 16-year-old high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

The Shifter, by Janice Hardy. Balzer + Bray, ©2009. Nya, a 15-year-old war orphan, becomes a pawn in a bigger political game when her uncanny, and dangerous, ability to draw out people's pain and then give it to someone else turns out to be the only weapon she has to save her sister.

Slathbog's Gold, by M.L. Forman. Shadow Mountain, © 2009. When 15-year-old orphan Alex Taylor sees an odd sign in a shop window and goes inside to investigate, he is sent on a quest to defeat an evil dragon, and in the process he confronts his fears and learns about his future and his past.

Gateway Award nominees (Grades 9-12)

After, by Amy Efav. Viking Juvenile, ©2009. In complete denial that she is pregnant, straight-A student and star athlete Devon Davenport leaves her baby in the trash to die, and after the baby is discovered, Devon is accused of attempted murder.

The Chosen One, by Carol Lynch Williams. St. Martin's Griffin, ©2009. In a polygamous cult in the desert, Kyra, not yet 14, sees being chosen to be the seventh wife of her uncle as just punishment for having read books and kissed a boy, in violation of Prophet Childs' teachings, and is torn between facing her fate and running away from all that she knows and loves.

Fat Cat, by Robin Brande. Knopf Books for Young Readers, ©2009. Overweight teenage Catherine embarks on a high school science project in which she must emulate the ways of hominids, the earliest ancestors of human beings, by eating an all-natural diet and foregoing technology.

Flash Burnout, by L. K. Madigan. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. © 2009. When he snapped a picture of a street person for his photography homework, Blake never dreamed that the woman in the photo was his friend Marissa's long-lost meth-addicted mom.

Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can't Have, by Allen Zadoff. EgmontUSA, © 2009. Fifteen-year-old Andrew Zansky, the second fattest student at his high school, joins the varsity football team to get the attention of a new girl on whom he has a crush.

Hate List. Little, by Jennifer Brown. Brown Books for Young Readers, ©2009. Sixteen-year-old Valerie, whose boyfriend Nick committed a school shooting at the end of their junior year, struggles to cope with integrating herself back into high school life, unsure herself whether she was a hero or a villain.

Hold Still, by Nina LaCour. Dutton Juvenile, ©2009. Caitlin wrestles with her feelings of devastation and helplessness after her friend commits suicide and turns to her family and friends for help while using Ingrid's journal to heal.

If I Grow Up, by Todd Strasser. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, ©2009. Growing up in the inner-city projects, DeShawn is reluctantly forced into the gang world by circumstances beyond his control.

If I Stay, by Gayle Forman. Speak, ©2009. While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, 17-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

King of the Screwups, by K.L. Going. Graphia, © 2009. After getting in trouble yet again, popular high school senior Liam, who never seems to live up to his wealthy father's expectations, is sent to live in a trailer park with his gay "glam-rocker" uncle.

The Morgue and Me, by John C. Ford. Viking Juvenile, ©2009. Eighteen-year-old Christopher, who plans to be a spy, learns of a murder cover-up through his summer job as a morgue assistant and teams up with Tina, a gorgeous newspaper reporter, to investigate, despite great danger.

Muchacho, by Louanne Johnson. Knopf Books for Young Readers, ©2009. Living in a neighborhood of drug dealers and gangs in New Mexico, high school junior Eddie Corazon, a juvenile delinquent-in-training, falls in love with a girl who inspires him to rethink his life and his choices.

Purple Heart, by Patricia McCormick. Balzer + Bray, ©2009. While recuperating in a Baghdad hospital from a traumatic brain injury sustained during the Iraq War, 18-year-old soldier Matt Duffy struggles to recall what happened to him and how it relates to his 10-year-old friend, Ali.

Shiver, by Maggie Stiefvater. Scholastic, ©2009. In all the years she has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house, Grace has been particularly drawn to an unusual yellow-eyed wolf who, in his turn, has been watching her with increasing intensity.

We Were Here, by Matt de la Pena. Delacorte Books for Young Readers, ©2009. Haunted by the event that sentences him to time in a group home, Miguel breaks out with two unlikely companions and together they begin their journey down the California coast hoping to get to Mexico and a new life.

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The Terrible Plop, by Ursula Dubosarsky, illustrated by Andrew Joyner. Farrar, Straus, Giroux. ©2009. When a mysterious sound sends the whole forest running away in fear, only the littlest rabbit is courageous enough to discover what really happened.

If You're a Monster and You Know It, by Rebecca Emberley and Ed Emberley. Scholastic. ©2010. Monsters sing their own version of this popular song that encourages everyone to express their happiness through voice and movement.

Birds, by Kevin Henkes, illustrated by Laura Dronzek. Harper Collins. ©2009. Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds and movements of the many different birds she sees through her window, a little girl is happy to discover that she and they have something in common.

Ready for Anything, by Keiko Kasza. G.P. Putnam. ©2009. Raccoon is nervous about all of the things that could spoil a picnic, from bees to dragons, until Duck convinces him that surprises can be fun.

The Great Monster Hunt, by Norbert Landa, illustrated by Tim Warnes. Good Books. ©2010. When Duck hears a noise under her bed and runs to fetch help, each animal that hears about it imagines a more dangerous beast in Duck's room.

For Just One Day, by Laura Leuck, illustrated by Marc Boutavant. Chronicle Books. ©2009. After guessing the identity of each animal before turning the page, the reader pretends to be a porcupine, bear, crocodile and bumblebee.

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes, by Eric Litwin, illustrated by James Dean. HarperCollins. ©2008. Pete the Cat gets into colorful adventures while out walking in his new white shoes.

Silly Tilly, by Eileen Spinelli, illustrated by David Slonim. Marshall Cavendish. ©2009. Tilly drives the other barnyard animals crazy with her silliness, but after gruffly telling her to stop, they discover that they miss her old ways.

Interrupting Chicken, by David Ezra Stein. Candlewick Press. ©2010. Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

The Cow Loves Cookies, by Karma Wilson, illustrated by Marcellus Hall. Simon and Schuster. ©2010. While all the other animals on the farm enjoy eating their regular food, the cow chooses to eat the one thing that she loves best.

NATIONAL AWARD BOOKS 2010

Caldecott Award

A Sick Day for Amos McGee, illustrated by Erin E. Stead, written by Philip C. Stead, Roaring Brook Press, 2010. Every day, Amos spends time with each of his friends at the zoo, running races with the tortoise, keeping the shy penguin company, and reading bedtime stories to the owl, but when Amos is too sick to make it to the zoo, his friends return the favor.

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award

Bink and Golly, by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee, illustrated by Tony Fucile. Candlewick Press, 2010. Two roller-skating best friends – one tiny, one tall – share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

Coretta Scott King Book Awards

One Crazy Summer, by Rita Williams-Garcia. Amistad, 2010. In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, 11-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave, illustrated by Bryan Collier, written by Laban Carrick Hill. Little, Brown and Company, 2010. True story of a slave with extraordinary talent for pottery and poetry.

John Newbery Medal

Moon Over Manifest, by Clare Vanderpool. Delacorte Press, 2010. Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kan., where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.

Michael L. Printz Award

Ship Breaker, by Paolo Bacigalupi. Little, Brown and Company, 2010. In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailor scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.



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