

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ACTIVITIES

1 2 3 I Can Collage!

written and illustrated by Irene Luxbacher
(Kids Can, \$14.95) 978-1-55453-313-8

Young children will be successful engaging in these activities with colorful step-by-step instructions. (5-8)



***Adventures in Cartooning**

written and illustrated by James Sturm and Andrew Arnold and Alexis Frederick-Frost
(First Second, P\$12.95) 978-1-59643-369-4

In the framework of a fairy tale, a magic cartooning elf teaches the basics of comics in a story with a twist. (8-12)

Not All Animals Are Blue:

A Big Book of Little Differences

written and illustrated by Béatrice Boutignon
(Kane/Miller, \$15.95) 978-1-933605-96-8

Readers will observe, laugh, talk, and learn as they match simple concepts to humorous pictures. (6-9)

The Real Spy's Guide to Becoming a Spy

by Peter Earnest and Suzanne Harper, photos by Bret Bertholf
(Abrams, \$16.95) 978-0-8109-8329-8

Follow this roadmap for becoming a spy with acronyms, different career paths, educational requirements, training, and intricacies of that career. (10-12)

Singing for Mrs. Pettigrew:

Stories and Essays from a Writing Life

by Michael Morpurgo, illustrated by Peter Bailey
(Candlewick, \$18.99) 978-0-7636-3624-1

In this collection of short stories interspersed with advice to would-be authors, the reader discovers the connection between real life and the story. (12-15)

KEY	
★	Outstanding merit
An icon of an open book with a person reading.	Read-aloud
•	SERIES TITLE
	(series books follow)
(4-6)	Age range
A small icon of a graphic novel cover.	Graphic novel
P	Paperback

Tyrannosaurus Math

by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Doug Cashman

(Tricycle, \$15.99) 978-1-582-46282-0

A number-loving dinosaur finds many different ways to solve math problems and has lots of fun doing it. Lively, colorful illustrations. (6-8)

What Can You Do with an Old Red Shoe?:

A Green Activity Book About Reuse

written and illustrated by Anna Alter

(Henry Holt, \$16.95) 978-0-8050-8290-6

A craft book describes activities to reuse and recycle everyday objects. Easy-to-follow instructions. Acrylic illustrations. (4-7)

ARTS

***Alphabeasties and Other Amazing Types**

written and illustrated by Sharon Werner, and Sarah Forss

(Blue Apple, \$19.99) 978-1-934706-78-7

Letters in varying typefaces and sizes form animals from A to Z. Imaginative, whimsical, and amusing flip-outs. (6-9)

An Eye for Color:

The Story of Josef Albers

by Natasha Wing, illustrated by Julia Breckenreid

(Henry Holt, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-8072-8

From Germany to the U.S., from student to teacher to artist, Albers studied color through his use of a simple square. (8-11)

Oooh! Picasso

by Mil Niepold and Jeanyves Verdu

(Tricycle, \$14.95) 978-1-58246-265-3

Spare text, close-up photographs, and vibrant backgrounds invite children to explore the sculpture of Pablo Picasso. (5-8)

Panorama:

A Foldout Book

by Fani Marceau and Joelle Jolivet

(Abrams, \$19.95) 978-0-8109-8332-8

Graphic and bold black-and-white linocuts depict a variety of landscapes and inspire creativity in art and language. (10-12)

There Was an Old Man Who Painted the Sky

by Teri Sloat, illustrated by Stefano Vitale

(Henry Holt, \$16.95) 978-0-8050-6751-4

Cumulative text and luminous mixed-media illustrations describe the Altamira cave paintings and express the wonder it inspired in its young discoverer. (4-8)

The Vermeer Interviews:

Conversations with Seven Works of Art

written and illustrated by Bob Raczka

(Millbrook, \$25.26) 978-0-8225-9402-4

“Interviews” with the models depicted in seven of Vermeer’s paintings lead readers to analyze details and make educated guesses. (12-16)

A Young Dancer:

The Life of an Ailey Student

by Valerie Gladstone, photographs by José Ivey
(Henry Holt, \$18.95) 978--8050-8233-3

Details of the exciting life led by a thirteen-year-old ballet student are accompanied by vivid photographs which portray her activities. (8-11)

BIOGRAPHY

Alfred Nobel:

The Man Behind the Peace Prize

by Kathy-Jo Wargin, illustrated by Zachary Pullen
(Sleeping Bear, \$17.95) 978-1-58536-281-3

Ashamed of the ways dynamite had been used, the inventor left his wealth to honor persons who have benefitted society. (8-11)

***Ashley Bryan: Words to My Life’s Song**

by Ashley Bryan, photos by Bill McGuinness
(Atheneum, \$18.99) 978-1-4169-0541-7

The famous children’s book illustrator describes his life on a small Maine island along with his personal history. Includes reproductions of his vivid artwork. (9-14)



Bad News for Outlaws:

The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal

by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
(Carolrhoda, \$17.95) 978-0-8225-6764-6

A mean shot and incorruptible, Bass Reeves comes to life in a dramatically illustrated picture book. (8-12)

Boy on the Lion Throne:

The Childhood of the 14th Dalai Lama

by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
(Roaring Brook, \$18.95) 978-1-59643-394-6

As a child, Lhamo Thondup, one of the world’s great spiritual leaders, fled his homeland and always strove for peace. (10-12)

Bylines:

A Photobiography of Nellie Bly

by Sue Macy, foreword by Linda Ellerbee
(National Geographic, \$19.95) 978-1-4263-0513-9

How did she circle the globe in seventy-two days? What was her real name? Why was she in an insane asylum? Archival material. (9-12)

***Charles and Emma:**

The Darwins’ Leap of Faith

by Deborah Heiligman
(Henry Holt, \$18.95) 978-0-8050-8721-5

With his wife as counterbalance, Darwin struggled with the conflict between the religious and scientific beliefs of his time. (14+)



***Coretta Scott**

by Ntozake Shange, illustrated by Kadir Nelson
(HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-125364-5

Spare poetry and strong, oversize illustrations evoke powerful moments in the life of this civil rights leader. (4-8)

Darwin

by Alica B. McGinty, illustrated by Mary Azarian
(HMH, \$18.00) 978-0-618-99531-8

The great naturalist's life story is augmented by quotes from his own writing. Hand tinted woodcuts. (7-10)



The Day-Glo Brothers:

The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors

by Chris Barton, illustrated by Tony Persiani
(Charlesbridge, \$18.95) 978-1-57091-673-1

Clear text and humorous, bright illustrations which jump off the page tell how two brothers invented a new kind of color. (8-10)



The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau

written and illustrated by Dan Yaccarino
(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-85573-3

A sickly boy, enchanted by the sea, brought the ocean to the world's attention and fought to protect it. Fascinating facts and fanciful artwork. (4-7)

Ghosts of War:

The True Story of a 19-Year-Old GI

by Ryan Smithson
(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-166468-7

Ryan gains a whole platoon of brothers and discovers the worst thing about going to Iraq. (14+)

***The Great and Only Barnum:**

The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P. T. Barnum

by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Ray Fenwick
(S&W, \$18.99) 978-0-375-84197-2

The larger-than-life showman is described with exuberance and interesting detail. Extensive bibliography, notes, and archival photographs. (10-13)

Into the Deep:

The Life of Naturalist and Explorer William Beebe

written and illustrated by David Sheldon
(Charlesbridge, \$16.95) 978-1-58089-341-1

He traveled the globe exploring jungles and oceans, curated at the Bronx Zoo, and promoted conservation to save our vanishing wildlife and wilderness. (6-8)

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker:

The Unlikely Friendship of Elizabeth Keckley & Mary Todd Lincoln

by Lynda Jones
(National Geographic, \$18.95) 978-1-4263-0377-7

Through her own efforts and talent, Keckley goes from slavery to success and freedom as a dressmaker to Mary Todd Lincoln. (11-14)

***Nevermore:**

A Photobiography of Edgar Allan Poe

by Karen E. Lange

(National Geographic, \$19.95) 978-1-4263-0398-2

The tragic life and achievements of this American poet, who wrote celebrated detective stories and science fiction, is described and illustrated with photographs. Chronology, resources, and index. (12-16)

Noah Webster: Weaver of Words

by Pegi Deitz Shea, illustrated by Monica Vachula

(Calkins Creek, \$18.95) 978-1-59078-441-9

This lavishly illustrated biography brings to life the story of the prodigious scholar who produced America's first dictionary. (9-11)

***Paul Robeson**

by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by George Ford

(Lee & Low, P\$ \$9.95) 978-1-60060-262-7

This updated edition, with bold acrylic illustrations, presents the actor, singer, and activist for civil rights in a well-written and easily understandable story. (8-12)

A Picture Book of Dolley and James Madison

by David A. Adler, and Michael S. Adler, illustrated by Ronald Himler

(Holiday House, \$17.95) 978-0-8234-2009-4

An early U.S. President and his resourceful, influential wife led lives that left a great impact on our country. Pencil and watercolor illustrations. (6-9)

The Secret World of Walter Anderson

by Hester Bass, illustrated by E. B. Lewis

(Candlewick, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-3583-1

The life of an eccentric, but little-known artist unfolds through lyrical text and haunting, evocative watercolors. Includes samples of the artist's works and a bibliography. (11-14)

Shining Star:

The Anna May Wong Story

by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Lin Wang

(Lee & Low, \$17.95) 978-1-60060-259-7

She achieved her dream of becoming a movie star. Some say she stereotyped the Chinese, others say she fought against discrimination. What do you think? (8-11)

Three Cups of Tea:

One Man's Journey to Change the World...One Child at a Time

by Greg Mortenson, and David Oliver Relin, adapted by Sarah Thompson

(Penguin, P\$8.99) 978-0-14-241412-5

Former mountain climber Greg Mortenson learns of rural Pakistan's people and culture. Then he helps build schools there as a meaningful path to peace. (10-12)

Up Close: Babe Ruth

by Wilborn Hampton

(Viking, \$16.99) 978-0-670-06305-5

This excellent, revealing study details one of the greatest baseball players of all time. (9-12)

ECOLOGY

Ecosystems

by Debra J. Housel

(Compass Point, \$26.65) 978-0-7565-4068-5

Learn how plants and animals in the desert, rainforest, and grasslands exist to keep a balance in nature. Maps, timelines, and activities make it fun. (8-10)

Mission Planet Earth:

Our World and Its Climate - and How Humans are Changing Them

by Sally Ride and Tim O'Shaughnessy

(Roaring Brook, \$19.95) 978-1-59643-310-6

Are climate and weather the same? Where does wind come from? Explore the hows and whys of our changing world and what you can do to help save it. (11-13)

True Green Kids:

100 Things You Can Do to Save the Planet

by Kim McKay, Jenny Bonnin, foreword by David de Rothschild

(National Geographic, P\$15.95) 978-1-4263-0442-2

Filled with easy tips on how to recycle, make art from found objects, and helpful web sites and resources. Good handbook for environmentally conscious kids. (6-9)

***Under the Snow**

by Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Constance R. Bergum

(Peachtree, \$16.99) 978-1-56145-493-8

The hidden world of animals during winter is revealed in gentle watercolors and clever, simple text. (4-8)

HEALTH

100% Me:

Boys and Girls: Here's the How, Why, and When of Growing Up

written and edited by Elinor Greenwood, and Alexander Cox

(DK, \$16.99) 978-0-7566-3470-4

This is a comprehensive, straightforward, nonjudgmental explanation and discussion of body development and sexuality. Excellent drawings and diagrams. (9-15)

***It's Perfectly Normal:**

Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, and Sexual Health

by Robie H. Harris and Michael Emberley

(Candlewick, \$22.99) 978-0-7636-4483-3

Accurate, serious text for older children and caring adults combined with frank, realistic, humorous illustrations provides answers to a great many questions. An updated classic. (10-13)

Omnivore's Dilemma

by Michael Pollan

(Dial, \$17.99) 978-0-8037-3415-9

As omnivores, humans can eat almost anything--but choosing food that is good for us (and/or the planet) can be very complicated. (11-15)

**Quicksand:
HIV/AIDS in Our Lives**

by Anonymous

(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-1589-5

Personal experiences and honest questions are discussed with up-to-date information about HIV/AIDS in today's world. Extensive resources. (10-14)

HISTORY

1968

by Michael T. Kaufman

(Roaring Brook, \$22.95) 978-1-59643-428-8

A reporter who was there presents the events of 1968 in news articles, photographs, and personal experiences. (12-16)

**After Gandhi:
One Hundred Years of Nonviolent Resistance**

by Anne Sibley O'Brien and Perry Edmond O'Brien

(Charlesbridge, \$24.95) 978-1-58089-129-5

From Gandhi's protests to the planting of trees in Kenya, almost a century of nonviolent resistance is described briefly but vividly. Bibliography, map. (12-14)

***Almost Astronauts:**

13 Women Who Dared to Dream

by Tanya Lee Stone

(Candlewick, \$24.99) 978-0-7636-3611-1

Thirteen women struggled to be accepted in the NASA Mercury space program in the 1960s. Archival photographs. (12-16)

***Anne Frank:**

Her Life in Words and Pictures

by Menno Metselaar and Ruud van der Rol, photos

(Roaring Brook, \$19.99) 978-1-59643-546-9

With photos of Anne Frank's original diary and the interior of the annex where she hid, plus never-before published family photos, this is a must for admirers of Anne Frank. (11-14)

Before Columbus:

The Americas of 1491

by Charles C. Mann

(Atheneum, \$24.99) 978-1-4169-4900-8

This fascinating exploration of the New World demonstrates that it was both older and far more sophisticated than formerly thought. Maps, archival photographs. (10-14)

***The Black Death**

by Diane Zahler

(Twenty-First Century Books, \$38.60) 978-0-8225-9076-7

Great detail enlivens the description of the causes, experiences, and effects of the pandemic of 1347. Graphic historical paintings and documents. (12-16)

The Duel:

The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton & Aaron Burr

by Judith St. George

(Viking, \$16.99) 978-0-670-01124-7

Relationships and careers of two prominent, influential eighteenth-century Americans intersect in a famous disaster. (10-13)

***Ellis Island:**

Coming to the Land of Liberty

by Raymond Bial

(HMH, \$18.00) 978-0-618-99943-9

Learn about the “island of hope, the island of tears,” through which waves of immigrants passed to enter the United States. (9-12)

Everyday Life in Medieval Europe

by Kathryn Hinds

(Cavendish, \$15.56) 978-0-7614-3927-1

The social and economic structure of life in the middle ages is described at all levels. (10-12)

***Marching for Freedom:**

Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary

by Elizabeth Partridge, photos

(Viking, \$19.99) 978-0-670-01189-6

In 1965, with magnificent courage and determination, hundreds of people -- including many children -- marched from Selma to Montgomery to secure equal rights for African Americans. Marvelous photographs. Source notes and bibliography. (9-14)

Mission Control, This is Apollo:

The Story of the First Voyage to the Moon

by Andrew Chaikin with Victoria Kohl, illustrated by Alan Bean

(Viking, \$23.99) 978-0-670-01156-8

The space race was on, and this book gives a lively account of how the U.S. sent human beings into space and onto the moon. Vivid, colorful illustrations by Apollo 12 astronaut Alan Bean. (11-14)

Mr. Lincoln's High-Tech War:

How the North Used the Telegraph, Railroads, Surveillance Balloons, Iron-Clads, High-Powered Weapons, and More to Win the Civil War

by Thomas B. Allen and Roger Macbride Allen

(National Geographic, \$18.95) 978-1-4263-0379-1

During the Civil War, Lincoln ordered the use of much new technology, thereby changing the way wars were fought for all time. Archival pictures, notes, bibliography. (10-13)

A New Nation:

The United States 1783-1815

by Betsy Maestro, illustrated by Giulio Maestro

(HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-688-16015-9

The clear and absorbing narrative describes critical years in the post-revolutionary period. Supported by helpful maps, illustrations, and timeline. (12-14)

Our Country's Presidents:

All You Need to Know About the Presidents from George Washington to Barack Obama

by Ann Bausum

(National Geographic, \$24.95) 978-1-4263-0375-3

Interesting facts about the political process in the U. S. is accompanied by solid information about our Presidents. (9-14)

Pharaoh's Boat

written and illustrated by David Weitzman
(HMH, \$18.00) 978-0-547-05341-7

This fascinating description of the discovery and reconstruction of the boat built to take Cheops to the afterlife includes customs and beliefs. Accompanied by Egyptian-style illustrations. (10-12)

***Remember Little Rock:**

The Time, the People, The Stories

by Paul Robert Walker, foreword by Terrence J. Roberts
(National Geographic, \$17.95) 978-1-4263-0402-6

This well-researched account with numerous photographs provides clear, accessible information about one of the most dramatic events of the Civil Rights era. (10-13)

A Savage Thunder:

Antietam and the Bloody Road to Freedom

by Jim Murphy
(McElderry, \$17.99) 978-0-689-87633-2

Accurate text and archival photographs present the horrors and results of the Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest day of war in American history. (10-14)

***Traveling the Freedom Road:**

From Slavery & the Civil War Through Reconstruction

by Linda Barrett Osborne
(Abrams, \$24.95) 978-0-8109-8338-0

This book depicts slavery in the U. S. by focusing on the lives of young African Americans. Historical documents, revealing prints, drawings, and photographs from national archives. (12-16)

***Truce**

by Jim Murphy
(Scholastic, \$19.99) 978-0-545-13049-3

As soldiers on both sides suffered the horrors of World War I, many defied their commanders on Christmas, 1914, to create a precious moment of peace. (12-16)

Upon Secrecy

by Selene Castrovilla, illustrated by Jeff Crosby and Shelley Ann Jackson
(Calkins Creek, \$17.95) 978-1-59078-573-7

Sources and a timeline support the thrilling story of the Culper Spy Ring which helped General Washington avoid a disastrous defeat. Realistic paintings. (7-10)

With One Sky Above Us:

The Story of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians

by Nancy Plain
(Mondo, P\$) 978-1-60201-985-0

Chief Joseph's words tell about the struggle to stay on ancient land. Archival photographs. (11-14)

***Years of Dust:**

The Story of the Dust Bowl

by Albert Marrin
(Dutton, \$22.99) 978-0-525-42077-4

What causes dust to bury everything it passes over? How do people survive with dirt between their teeth? Can we prevent dust bowls? Gripping photographs, glossary, bibliography, resources. (10-14)

HOLIDAY

Boo to You!

written and illustrated by Lois Ehlert
(S&S, \$17.99) 978-1-4169-8625-6

Fantastic collages and rhymes tell the story of a cat trying to crash the harvest party of the mice. (4-6)

The Christmas Magic

by Lauren Thompson, illustrated by Jon J. Muth
(Scholastic, \$16.99) 978-0-439-77497-0

After Santa's whiskers begin to tingle, he quietly and diligently prepares for the big night. (4-7)

The Gingerbread Pirates

by Kristin Kladstrup, illustrated by Matt Tavares
(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-3223-6

Captain Cookie musters his forces to prevent Santa from eating the pirate crew. Expressive watercolor and gouache illustrations. (5-8)

The Secret Shofar of Barcelona

by Jacqueline Dembar Greene, illustrated by Doug Chayka
(Kar-Ben, P\$7.95) 978-0-8225-9944-9

An orchestra conductor devises a plan to celebrate a Jewish holiday publicly during the Spanish Inquisition of the 1500s. (7-9)

Sukkot Treasure Hunt

by Allison Ofanansky, photos by Eliyahu Alpern
(Kar-Ben, \$15.95) 978-0-8225-8763-7

An Israeli family hunts for the four plants needed for the fall holiday, a celebration of the harvest. Helpful photographs and facts. (7-9)

MEMOIR

Christian the Lion:

Based on the Amazing and Heartwarming True Story

by Anthony Bourke, and John Rendall
(Delacorte, \$14.99) 978-0-385-73856-9

Two humans help Christian, a young lion who lived in an English zoo, a department store, and a furniture shop, find a home in Africa. (7-10)

For the Duration:

The War Years

written and illustrated by Tomie De Paola
(Putnam, \$15.99) 978-0-399-25209-9

The continuing childhood events, funny and sad during World War II are illustrated with black-and-white ink and wash drawings in the author's signature style. (7-9)

POETRY

***African Acrostics:**

A Word in Edgeways

poetry by Avis Harley, photos by Deborah Noyes
(Candlewick, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-3621-0

Different types of acrostic poems superbly describe behaviors of various African animals. Color photographs feature arresting close-ups. (8-12)

***All God's Critters**

Song by Bill Staines, pictures by Kadir Nelson
(S&S, \$16.99) 978-0-689-86959-4

A lively collection of animals takes the stage to sing this tribute to a diverse world. Dramatic pencil, oil, and watercolor illustrations. (5-8)

Amiri & Odette:

A Love Story

by Walter Dean Myers, paintings by Javaka Steptoe
(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-590-68041-7

Swan Lake is reset in a contemporary city housing project. Intense collage and acrylic artwork. (12-16)

Brothers & Sisters:

Family Poems

by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist
(HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-056284-7

Poems celebrate the bonds and rivalries between all kinds of siblings. Colorful, lively illustrations. (5-12)

***Bubble Trouble**

by Margaret Mahy, illustrated by Polly Dunbar
(Clarion, \$16.00) 978-0-547-07421-4

The plight of a baby brother floating off in a bubble unfolds through pulsating tongue twisters and clever rhymes. Humorous watercolor and cut paper illustrations. (5-7)

***Button Up!:**

Wrinkled Rhymes

by Alice Schertle, illustrated by Petra Mathers
(Harcourt, \$16.00) 978-0-15-205050-4

From shoelaces to hats, each of these upbeat poems about clothing has a distinctive voice. Humorous watercolors add to the fun. (6-9)



City I Love

poetry by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by Marcellus Hall
(Abrams, \$16.95) 978-0-8109-8327-4

Poems celebrating urban environments around the world capture the landmarks and points of interest. Bold, colorful illustrations. (6-12)

Dinothesaurus

prehistoric poems and paintings by Douglas Florian

(Atheneum, \$17.99) 978-1-4169-7978-4

Humor and wordplay with quirky collage and mixed media art make this a fresh, if slightly irreverent, guide. (6-9)

Enchanted Lions

by David T. Greenberg, illustrated by Kristina Swarner

(Dutton, \$16.99) 978-0-525-47938-3

Somewhere between bedtime and dreams, a little girl is whisked away by an imaginary lion for a magical trip through outer space. Lyrical, vibrant illustrations. (6-9)

Every Second Something Happens:

Poems for the Mind and Senses

selected by Christine San José, Bill Johnson, illustrated by Melanie Hall

(Wordsong, \$17.95) 978-1-59078-622-2

A cleverly organized mix of poems using sounds, sights, and imagination by authors famous and very young. Sprightly mixed-media illustrations. (4-8)



***Julie Andrews' Collection of Poems, Songs, and Lullabies**

selected by Julie Andrews, and Emma Walton Hamilton, illustrated by James McMullan

(Little, \$24.99) 978-0-316-04049-5

Grouped thematically, from Gershwin to Sondheim, from A. A. Milne to Prelutsky, this extraordinary selection will delight readers throughout their lives. Interpretive, watercolor illustrations. (All Ages)

***Looking Like Me**

by Walter Dean Myers, illustrated by Christopher Myers

(Egmont, \$18.99) 978-1-60684-001-6

This father-son team uses vibrant collages to celebrate the people they are and to encourage readers to think about their own identities. (6-10)

Messing Around on the Monkey Bars: and Other School Poems for Two Voices

by Betsy Franco, illustrated by Jessie Hartland

(Candlewick, \$18.99) 978-0-7636-3174-1

A lively and accessible collection of multiple voice poems based on everyday experiences in a school setting. Playful artwork. (7-10)

More Pocket Poems

selected by Bobbi Katz, illustrated by Deborah Zemke

(Dutton, \$17.99) 978-0-525-42076-7

This joyous collection of short poems by noted authors contains many to copy and tuck in one's pocket. Frisky watercolor illustrations. (6-12)

***Mother Poems**

written and illustrated by Hope Anita Smith

(Henry Holt, \$16.95) 978-0-8050-8231-9

With exquisite paper collages and deeply felt story poems, the author explores a young girl's struggle to come to terms with her mother's death. (10-14)

***My People**

by Langston Hughes, photos by Charles R. Smith Jr.

(Atheneum, \$17.99) 978-1-4169-3540-7

Hughes's spare, powerful, eloquent language and Smith's expressive photographs convey deep love and pride in being African American. (6-9)

***Once Upon a Twice**

by Denise Doyen, illustrated by Barry Moser
(Random, \$16.99) 978-0-375-85612-9

An adventurous mouse learns a lesson after barely escaping danger. Moonlit illustrations accompany clever wordplay and rhyme. . (6-8)



***Red Sings from Treetops:**

A Year in Colors

by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski
(HMH, \$16.00) 978-0-547-01494-4

The changing colors of the seasons are personified in imaginative, unrhymed poems. Mixed-media, primitive style paintings. (6-8)

Sky Magic

compiled by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by Mariusz Stawarski
(Dutton, \$17.99) 978-0-525-47862-1

Poems tell the story of the sun, moon, and stars by day and night. Striking, stylized narrative paintings. (6-9)

Sweethearts of Rhythm:

The Story of the Greatest All-Girl Swing Band in the World

by Marilyn Nelson, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
(Dial, \$21.99) 978-0-8037-3187-5

Jazzy language, intense poetry, and arresting collage and watercolor illustrations tell the tale from the point of view of the musical instruments. (10-13)

We Troubled the Waters

by Ntozake Shange, illustrated by Rod Brown
(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-133735-2

Short, strong poems about the Civil Rights Movement of the twentieth century. Oil paintings of the ordinary and the famous. (8-14)

***What's the Weather Inside?**

poetry by Karma Wilson, drawings by Barry Blitt
(McElderry, \$17.99) 978-1-4169-0092-4

A clever collection captures the experiences, thoughts, and feelings of children. Humorous ink and watercolor illustrations. (5-10)

A Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk:

A Forest of Poems

by Deborah Ruddell, illustrated by Joan Rankin
(McElderry, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-4211-5

Whimsical poems about various animals catch their essence while giving each a unique character. Rich, watercolor illustrations. (4-10)

***The Year I Was Grounded**

by William New
(Tradewind Books, P\$12.95) 978-1-896580-35-7

Through poems, prose, and puzzles, Geordie contemplates sports, music, family life, and the world around him. Joyous celebration of words. (12-16)

REFERENCE

The Name Game:

A Look Behind the Labels

by Donna M. Jackson, illustrated by Ted Stearn

(Viking, \$16.99) 978-0-670-01197-1

The power and influence of names is examined in funky cartoons. (10-12)

Punctuation Celebration

by Elsa Knight Bruno, illustrated by Jenny Whitehead

(Henry Holt, \$17.95) 978-0-8050-7973-9

Join the fun and learn about commas, parentheses, and more. Humorous mixed-media illustrations. (8-10)

Say What?:

The Weird and Mysterious Journey of the English Language

by Gena K. Gorrell

(Tundra, P\$10.95) 978-0-88776-878-1

Sugar is from Arabic, sleigh from Dutch, shampoo from Hindi. Wind/wind are spelled alike but pronounced differently. Learn more about our diverse language! Sources and bibliography. (11-14)

The Word Snoop

by Ursula Dubosarsky, illustrated by Tohby Riddle

(Dial, \$16.99) 978-0-8037-3406-7

The peculiarities and elements of the English language are presented as mysteries and puzzles. Includes origins, punctuation, and sources. (11-15)

SCIENCE

Amazing Armadillos

by Jennifer Guess McKerley, illustrated by Paul Mirocha

(Random, P\$3.99) 978-0-375-84352-5

The life of the only armored mammal is described with colorful, detailed illustrations. (6-8)



***Bird, Butterfly, Eel**

written and illustrated by James Prosek

(S&S, \$16.99) 978-0-689-86829-0

The lives, including habitats and migration, of three diverse animals are traced. Detailed, realistic watercolor paintings. (7-10)

Bizarre Dinosaurs:

Some Very Strange Creatures and Why We Think They Got That Way

by Christopher Sloan

(National Geographic, \$16.95) 978-1-4263-0330-2

Unusual dinosaurs are described with the aid of photographs of fossils and computer graphics. Sidebars include valuable information. (8-12)

Butterflies and Moths

written and photographed by Nic Bishop

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-439-87757-2

Simple explanations and astonishing photographs will appeal to the younger set. (5-7)

Cars on Mars:

Roving the Red Planet

by Alexandra Siy

(Charlesbridge, \$18.95) 978-1-57091-462-1

Spirit and Opportunity, the robotic Rovers, have been exploring Mars and sending photographs and data to earth since 2004. (10-14)

Crocodile Safari

written and illustrated by Jim Arnosky

(Scholastic, \$22.99) 978-0-439-90356-1

An engaging text and vibrant acrylic art take readers to the Everglades to investigate the crocodiles and other wildlife found there. (7-9)

Down Down Down:

A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea

written and illustrated by Steve Jenkins

(HMH, \$17.00) 978-0-618-96636-3

Many fascinating creatures live far below the ocean surface. Detailed collage illustrations. (8-10)

***Earthly Treasure:**

A Pop-up Book about Minerals...Treasure from Under the Ground!

by Kate Petty, illustrated by Jennie Maizels, paper engineering by Ania Mochlinska

(Dutton, \$19.99) 978-0-525-42080-4

Minerals--how they are formed, where they are found--are artfully described in question and answer format. (8-11)

Earthquake!

by Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by John Wallace

(Aladdin, P\$3.99) 978-1-4169-2551-4

The real cause of and the various myths about this destructive natural disaster are explained in this early reader. (6-8)

***Even an Ostrich Needs a Nest:**

Where Birds Begin

written and illustrated by Irene Kelly

(Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-2102-2

From the American Dipper to the Yellow-Rumped Thornbill, birds build their nests in an astonishing variety of ingenious ways. Wonderfully detailed illustrations. (6-9)

Face to Face with Leopards

written and photographed by Beverly and Dereck Joubert

(National Geographic, \$16.95) 978-1-4263-0636-5

Stunning photographs taken on site in Botswana follow an eight-day-old leopard as she becomes independent. (8-10)

Face to Face with Sharks

by David Doubilet, and Jennifer Hayes

(National Geographic, \$16.95) 978-1-4263-0404-0

Some lay cork-screw shaped eggs. Some are as big as whales or small as cigars. Some can walk on the ocean floor. Maps, glossary, and resources. (8-10)

Flamingos

by Jean M. Malone

(Grosset & Dunlap, P\$ 3.99) 978-0-448-45206-7

A flamingo's life cycle, habitat, physical appearance, and distinctive traits are described along with color photographs. (5-8)

Forest Animals

by Deborah Hodge, illustrated by Pat Stephens

(Kids Can, \$14.95) 978-1-55453-070-0

Which animal hangs upside down, sleeps under leaves, or buries food for later? Find out in this well-illustrated guide. (5-7)

The Frog Scientist

by Pamela S. Turner, photos by Andy Comins

(HMH, \$18.00) 978-0-618-71716-3

Follow the frog scientist and his students as they investigate the effect of pesticides on frogs. Clear text and informative photographs. (9-12)

Frogs!

by Elizabeth Carney

(National Geographic, P\$3.99) 978-1-4263-0392-0

Outstanding photographs and simple text explain the amazing variety of these creatures. (5-7)

Genetics:

From DNA to Designer Dogs

by Kathleen Simpson

(National Geographic, \$17.95) 978-1-4263-0361-6

The most current research about DNA and its application in areas such as solving crimes, curing disease, and saving endangered species is carefully described. (11-14)

Honk, Honk, Goose!:

Canada Geese Start a Family

by April Pulley Sayre, illustrated by Huy Voun Lee

(Henry Holt, \$16.95) 978-0-8050-7103-0

Evocative cut-paper collages accompany this comforting, informative tale of two Canada geese and their new-born chicks. (6-9)

How Many Baby Pandas?

by Sandra Markle

(Walker, \$15.99) 978-0-8027-9783-4

Close-up photographs portray the development of baby pandas in captivity from birth to one year. A counting book. Notes, glossary. (6-8)



***How to Scratch a Wombat:**

Where to Find It...What to Feed It...Why It Sleeps All Day

by Jackie French, illustrated by Bruce Whatley

(Clarion, \$16.00) 978-0-618-86864-3

Where do they live? What do they eat? Find out the answers and more in this riotous romp with wombats. (8-10)

Hurricanes!

written and illustrated by Gail Gibbons

(Holiday House, \$17.95) 978-0-8234-2233-3

This informative book in the author's distinctive style explains the storms and the damage they can incur. (7-10)

***Insects:**

Biggest! Littlest!

by Sandra Markle, photos by Dr. Simon Pollard
(Boyd's Mills, \$16.95) 978-1-59078-512-6

Close-up photographs and simple text illustrate and explain how the special features of each creature help it to survive. (5-8)

Inventions

written and illustrated by Glenn Murphy
(S&S, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-3865-1

From the wheel to the computer, inventions are explained, illustrated, and traced through history. (10-14)

Just the Right Size:

Why Big Animals are Big and Little Animals are Little

by Nicola Davis, illustrated by Neal Layton
(Candlewick, \$14.99) 978-0-7636-3924-2

Humorous, factual text and cartoon-like illustrations reveal the fascinating effects of the relationship between length versus the weight and volume of living creatures. (8-12)

Life in a Coral Reef

by Wendy Pfeffer, illustrated by Steve Jenkins
(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-029553-0

Explore the complex and interdependent underwater neighborhoods that exist within coral reefs. (5-9)

***Living Sunlight:**

How Plants Bring the Earth to Life

by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm, illustrated by Molly Bang
(Blue Sky, \$16.99) 978-0-545-04422-6

Stylized, colorful illustrations and clear text explain to young readers how the sun creates life through photosynthesis. (7-9)

The Man Who Flies with Birds

by Carole Garbuny, and Yossi Leshem
(Kar-Ben, \$18.95) 978-0-8225-7643-3

An Israeli researcher tracks bird migration routes through Israel while protecting birds from many dangers and airplanes from bird strikes. Colorful photographs. (10-14)



***Moonshot:**

The Flight of Apollo 11

written and illustrated by Brian Floca
(Atheneum, \$17.99) 978-1-4169-5046-2

Experience the excitement and wonder of the first time people landed on the moon, and learn what it took to get them there -- and back. Expressive, detailed illustrations. (6-9)

Mountains

by Cathryn Sill, illustrated by John Sill
(Peachtree, \$16.95) 978-1-56145-469-3

Spare text and detailed colorful illustrations introduce young people to the plant and animal life of different mountain habitats. (6-8)

Mummies

by Elizabeth Carney
(National Geographic, P\$3.99) 978-1-4263-0528-3

The art of preserving the dead in different cultures is simply explained and illustrated with useful photographs. (7-9)

**One Beetle Too Many:
The Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin**

by Kathryn Lasky, illustrated by Matthew Trueman
(Candlewick, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-1436-2

From young collector of insects to famous naturalist, Darwin's life followed many paths leading to the "theory of evolution." Humorous multimedia illustrations. (9-12)

***One Giant Leap**

by Robert Burleigh, paintings by Mike Wimmer
(Philomel, \$16.99) 978-0-399-23883-3

Full-color oil paintings and a compelling text allow readers to experience the drama and beauty of the 1969 moon landing. (5-8)

Organs!:

How they Work, Fall Apart, and Can Be Replaced (Gasp!)

written and illustrated by Nancy Winslow Parker
(HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-688-15105-8

Simple, colorful drawings and easy-to-understand descriptions explain the anatomy and function of our vital organs. (7-10)

Out of Control:

The Science of Wildfires

by Lyn A. Sirota
(Compass Point, \$27.00) 978-0-7565-4064-7

Clear text and illuminating photographs explain how wildfires occur and how they can be combatted. (10-12)

Panda Kindergarten

by Joanne Ryder, photos by Dr. Katherine Feng
(HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-057850-3

Young pandas being raised at Wolong Nature Reserve in China star in adorable photographs and cheerful text. (4-8)

Penguins!

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

A Place for Birds

by Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Higgins Bond
(Peachtree, \$16.95) 978-1-56145-474-7

Some species of birds in North America are pictured in the ecosystems that support their survival. (8-10)

Plant Secrets

by Emily Goodman, illustrated by Phyllis Limbacher Tildes
(Charlesbridge, P\$7.95) 978-1-58089-205-6

Discover how the seed becomes a plant, flower, and then a fruit. Vivid, detailed illustrations. (5-8)

A Really Short History of Nearly Everything

by Bill Bryson, illustrated by Yuliya Somina
(Delacorte, \$19.99) '08 978-0-385-73810-1

The scientific discoveries of time, space, the earth, and much more are sketched briefly and often with humor. Ample photographs and illustrations. (12-16)

Rocks! Rocks! Rocks!

written and illustrated by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace
(Marshall Cavendish Children, \$17.99) 978-0-7614-5528-8

A young bear and his mother enjoy an informative rock walk. A great first book for budding geologists with engaging multi-media illustrations. (4-6)

Snakes!

by Melissa Stewart

(National Geographic, P\$3.99) 978-1-4263-0428-6

See: Frogs

Storms

by Miriam Busch Goin

(National Geographic, P\$3.99) 978-1-4263-0394-4

Comprehensive coverage for beginning readers describes all kinds of storms. Includes vocabulary and some riddles. (5-7)

Tarra & Bella:

The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends

written and photographed by Carol Buckley

(Putnam, \$16.99) 978-0-399-25443-7

Engaging color photographs illustrate the unlikely, yet touching, friendship between Tarra, a retired show business elephant, and stray dog Bella in the Tennessee Elephant Sanctuary. (5-8)

The Time Book:

A Brief History from Lunar Calendars to Atomic Clocks

by Martin Jenkins, illustrated by Richard Holland

(Candlewick, \$18.99) 978-0-7636-4112-2

Take a ride through time and space from the first calendars to the theory of relativity. Mixed-media illustrations. (8-12)

Undersea Animals:

A Dramatic Dimensional Visit to Strange Underwater Realms

by Jane H. Buxton, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

(National Geographic, \$14.95) 978-1-4263-0334-0

Colorful pop-ups and pull tabs create an interactive exploration of the form and movement of many sea animals. (6-9)

***What Bluebirds Do**

written and photographed by Pamela F. Kirby

(Boyd's Mills, \$18.95) 978-1-59078-614-7

Stunning photographs follow a bluebird family as the parents build a nest, feed their offspring, and lead them on their first flights. (6-9)

***Written in Bone:**

Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland

by Sally M. Walker

(Carolrhoda, \$22.95) 978-0-8225-7135-3

A fascinating and meticulous examination of the methods used by forensic scientists in interpreting the life stories of unidentified human remains buried hundreds of years ago. (11-15)

Young Charles Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle

by Ruth Ashby

(Peachtree, \$12.95) 978-1-56145-478-5

Join Darwin in collecting specimens and observing plants and animals on his five-year journey of exploration around the world. (14-16)

SPORTS

B is for Baseball:

Running the Bases from A to Z

by Lisa McGuinness

(Chronicle, \$15.99) 978-0-8118-6096-3

Photographs and bright illustrations help describe America's national pastime. (6-8)

Mermaid Queen

by Shana Corey, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-439-69835-1

Annette Kellerman, Australian swimmer, isn't afraid to make some waves so that other women can enjoy the water.

Vivid, digital illustrations, author's note. (8-10)

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!

by Jonah Winter, illustrated by André Carrilho

(Schwartz & Wade Books, \$17.99) 978-0-375-83738-8

The great Dodger pitcher's road to the Major Leagues, record-breaking career, and sudden retirement is described by a fictional "teammate." Stylized illustrations.

WORLD



***14 Cows for America**

by Carmen Agra Deedy, in collaboration with Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah, illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez

(Peachtree, \$17.95) 978-1-56145-490-7

A Masai student returns to his people and tells of the horrific events of 9/11 in the United States. Sweeping, stunning double-page paintings of Kenya. (8-14)

Balarama:

A Royal Elephant

written and illustrated by Ted and Betsy Lewin

(Lee & Low, \$19.95) 978-1-60060-265-8

Two entrancing styles of watercolors bring to life the authors' real-life experiences meeting the trained elephants of India. Includes background information and glossary. (7-10)

Cycle of Rice, Cycle of Life:

A Story of Sustainable Farming

written and photographed by Jan Reynolds

(Lee & Low, \$19.95) 978-1-60060-254-2

The ancient system of rice farming is still used in Bali today even though it conflicts with more modern techniques. Descriptive photographs. (8-11)

Every Human Has Rights:

A Photographic Declaration for Kids Based on the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

poetry by ePals Community

(National Geographic, \$17.95) 978-1-4263-0510-8

Exquisite poetry by young people, evocative photographs, and an unadorned text make the Declaration of Human Rights accessible to readers of all ages. (10-14)

***Faith**

by Maya Ajmera, and Magda Nakassis, and Cynthia Pon
(Charlesbridge, P\$7.95) 978-1-58089-178-3

A collection of striking color photographs depicting religious rituals around the world note universal feelings in brief statements. Map, background notes. (6-10)

Guatemala

by Anita Croy
(National Geographic, \$27.90) 978-1-4263-0471-2

Cloud forests, ruins, and volcanoes! The history, culture, and natural resources of this small Central American country are vividly described. (8-10)

Hands of the Rain Forest:

The Emberá People of Panama

by Rachel Crandell
(Henry Holt, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-7990-6

The clear, engaging photos and short explanatory texts describe the arts and daily life of the Emberá people, indigenous to Panama. (6-9)

If America Were a Village:

A Book about the People of the United States

by David J. Smith, illustrated by Shelagh Armstrong
(Kids Can, \$18.95) 978-1-55453-344-2

Most Americans have German ancestry; Luxembourg has more cell phones than people; Costa Rica has better health care than the United States; for every dollar a man earns, a woman makes 77 cents-and more about our country. (6-8)

Is it Still Cheating if I Don't Get Caught?

by Bruce Weinstein, illustrated by Harriet Russell
(Roaring Brook, P\$12.95) 978-1-59643-306-9

Straightforward questions and answers on a range of topics including downloading music, handling criticism, and breaking up with a boy or girl friend. (10-14)

Mauritania

by Ettagale Blauer, and Jason Lauré
(Cavendish, \$42.79) 978-0-7614-3116-9

Does slavery still exist? Are camels the ideal way to cross the desert? Learn about one of Africa's most unfamiliar countries. Map, timeline, glossary, and resources. (11-13)

Mule Train Mail

written and illustrated by Craig Brown
(Charlesbridge, \$16.95) 978-1-58089-187-5

Anthony and his mules deliver mail to a very remote town at the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Pastel illustrations. (5-7)

My School in the Rain Forest:

How Children Attend School Around the World

by Margriet Ruurs
(Boyd's Mills, \$17.95) 978-1-59078-601-7

Twelve children from around the world provide a look at different school environments and indicate the importance of education. (8-11)

One World, One Day

by Barbara Kerley

(National Geographic, \$17.95) 978-1-4263-0460-6

Children from many countries follow similar daily patterns but approach these rituals differently. Simple text and excellent photography. (6-10)

Portugal

by Zilah Deckker

(National Geographic, \$27.90) 978-1-4263-0390-6

Islands, cities, and famous explorers inspire interest in traveling to Portugal. (9-11)

Sacred Mountain:

Everest

by Christine Taylor-Butler

(Lee & Low, \$19.95) 978-1-60060-255-9

Did Everest climb the mountain? Who are the Sherpas? Can you ski or snowboard down? Captivating photographs, glossary and resources. (9-11)

Teens in Pakistan

by J.M. Bedell

(Compass Point, \$33.32) 978-0-7565-4043-2

Boys and girls enjoy western influences but also endure child labor, family obligations, poverty, terrorism, and an unstable political climate. Glossary, maps, and resources. (11-13)