

YOUNG ADULT HEAVY CORE COLLECTION

FIRST EDITION

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50 Cent (Musician), 1975-

Playground; with Aura Moser. Razorbill 2011
314p \$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Bullies -- Fiction

ISBN 978-1-59514-434-8; 1-59514-434-X

Thirteen-year-old Butterball doesn't have much going for him. He's teased about his weight. He hates the Long Island suburb his mom moved them to so she could go to nursing school and start her life over. He wishes he still lived with his dad in New York City where there's always something happening, even if his dad doesn't have much time for him. Still, that's not why he beat up Maurice on the playground.

"Readers who were ever confused about having a gay parent, or being overweight, or going through a parental breakup, or just wanting to fit in and be accepted by their peers, will relate to Butterball. 50 Cents's debut young adult novel is a quick read that will be great for discussions on a variety of important and timely topics." Voice Youth Advocates

Abbott, Ellen Jensen

Watersmeet. Marshall Cavendish 2009 341p il
\$16.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9 10

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction

ISBN 978-0-7614-5536-3; 0-7614-5536-1

LC 2008-315

Fourteen-year-old Absina escapes the escalating violence, prejudice, and religious fervor of her home town, Vranille, and sets out with a dwarf, Haret, to seek the father she has never met in a place called Watersmeet.

"The relationship between Abisina and Haret is warm and engaging, and the dialogue between them cleverly captures the slow development of their camaraderie. . . . Fans of Ursula Le Guin's character-driven fantasies will enjoy this story of Abisina's quest to unify both her divided country and her divided self." Bull Cent Child Books

Abbott, Tony

Lunch-box dream. Farrar Straus Giroux 2011
178p \$16.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9

Fic

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Segregation -- Fiction 3. Race relations -- Fiction 4. Missing children -- Fiction 5. African Americans -- Fiction 6. Voyages and travels -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-374-34673-7; 0-374-34673-9

LC 2010-33105

Told from multiple points of view, a white family on a 1959 road trip between Ohio and Florida, visiting Civil War battlefields along the way, crosses paths with a black family near Atlanta, where one of their children has gone missing.

"Throughout, Abbott . . . builds an increasingly disturbing undercurrent of racial conflict, sibling distrust, and marital discord. Although beautifully crafted and written, the book's emotional complexity and unsettling tone will likely prove challenging." Publ Wkly

★ **The postcard**. Little, Brown 2008 358p il
\$15.99; pa \$5.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Mystery fiction 2. Grandmothers -- Fiction 3. Books and reading -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-316-01172-3; 0-316-01172-X; 978-0-316-01173-0 pa; 0-316-01173-8 pa

LC 2007-31074

While in St. Petersburg, Florida, to help clean out his recently-deceased grandmother's house, thirteen-year-old Jason finds an old postcard which leads him on an adventure that blends figures from an old, unfinished detective story with his family's past.

"Mystery fans will appreciate the depth and intrigue of the dual level mysteries, and will also enjoy the wit and banter of the main characters." Libr Media Connect

Abdel-Fattah, Randa

★ **Does my head look big in this?** Orchard Books 2007 360p \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. School stories 2. Muslims -- Fiction 3. Australia -- Fiction 4. Clothing and dress -- Fiction

ISBN 0-439-91947-9; 978-0-439-91947-0

LC 2006-29117

Year Eleven at an exclusive prep school in the suburbs of Melbourne, Australia, would be tough enough, but it is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf, full-time as a badge of her faith—without losing her identity or sense of style. "Grades seven to ten." (Bull Cent Child Books)

"While the novel deals with a number of serious issues, it is extremely funny and entertaining." SLJ

★ **Ten things I hate about me**. Orchard Books 2009 297p \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

Fic

1. School stories 2. Muslims -- Fiction 3. Lebanese -- Fiction 4. Australia -- Fiction 5. Prejudices -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-5450-5055-5; 0-5450-5055-3

LC 2008-13667

This novel is set in Australia. Jamila, known in school as Jamie, tries to hide her Muslim heritage from her classmates, until her conflicted feelings become too difficult for her to bear. “Grades six to nine.” (Bull Cent Child Books)

A “message of the importance of self-disclosure to maintain loving relationships of all kinds plays itself out as Jamie learns to negotiate her roles as daughter, sister, and friend. Readers will also get an enlightening look at post-9/11 racial tensions outside the U.S. and the problems they pose for Muslim teens.” Bull Cent Child Books

★ **Where** the streets had a name; Randa Abdel-Fattah. Scholastic Press 2010 313p (reinforced binding) \$17.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Jerusalem -- Fiction 2. Voyages and travels -- Fiction 3. Jewish-Arab relations -- Fiction 4. Muslims -- Fiction 5. Family life -- Fiction 6. Palestinian Arabs -- Fiction 7. Israel-Arab conflicts -- Fiction
ISBN 0545172926; 9780545172929; 978-0-545-17292-9; 0-545-17292-6

LC 2009043122

This book tells the story of 13-year-old Hayaat, who “lives behind the Israeli-built Separation Wall in the West Bank City of Bethlehem. When her beloved grandmother falls ill . . . [she] decides to make her way to Jerusalem to fill an empty hummus jar with soil from the land of her grandmother’s ancestral home. She is certain that this will mend her heart. Unfortunately, although Jerusalem is merely minutes away, curfews, checkpoints, and an identity card that doesn’t allow her to cross the border mean that Hayaat and her soccer-loving, troublemaker friend Samy face a perilous journey.” (School Lib J)

“Hayaat chronicles this life-altering journey in the first-person, present tense, giving readers an intimate glimpse into the life of her warm, eccentric Muslim family, who survive despite the volatile political environment. A refreshing and hopeful teen perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian dilemma.” Kirkus

Abela, Deborah

The **ghosts** of Gribblesea Pier. Farrar Straus Giroux 2011 232p \$16.99

Grades: 4 5 6

Fic

1. Ghost stories 2. Circus -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction 4. Swindlers and swindling -- Fiction 5. Eccentrics and eccentricities -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-374-36239-3; 0-374-36239-4

LC 2010022517

Aurelie Bonhoffen, who has grown up in the circus, discovers a remarkable family secret on her twelfth birthday that may help in dealing with a sinister man who wants to take over her family’s pier.

This is a “charmer of a ghostly adventure tale. . . . This fast-paced, engaging, and charming story has echoes of Jeanne Birdsall’s ‘Penderwicks’ . . . and some Dickensian elements, but in the end this is just a finely executed story of family and friendship and the ties that bind a community.” SLJ

Abrahams, Peter

Behind the curtain; an Echo Falls mystery. 1st ed.; Laura Geringer Books 2006 346p \$15.99; lib bdg \$16.89

Grades: 6 7 8

Fic

1. Mystery fiction
ISBN 9780060737047; 0-06-073704-2;
9780060737054 lib bdg; 0-06-073705-0 lib bdg

LC 2005-17774

An avid Sherlock Holmes fan, eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill is kidnapped while investigating mysterious happenings in her home town. “Grades six to nine.” (Bull Cent Child Books)

“This is a fast-paced mystery with well-defined characters and a plausible plotline and ending.” SLJ

★ **Bullet point.** HarperTeen 2010 294p \$16.99
Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Prisoners -- Fiction 2. Criminal investigation -- Fiction 3. Father-son relationship -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-122769-1; 0-06-122769-2

LC 2009-25440

The only thing seventeen-year-old Wyatt knew about his biological father was that he was serving a life sentence, but circumstances and a new girlfriend bring them together, and soon Wyatt is working to prove his father’s innocence.

“Edgier and sexier than most YA novels dare, Abrahams’ thriller wrenches guts with a Richard Price-like facility. Readers will be as irretrievably drawn in as Wyatt.” Booklist

Down the rabbit hole; an Echo Falls mystery. Laura Geringer Books 2005 375p \$15.99; lib bdg \$16.89; pa \$6.99

Grades: 6 7 8

Fic

1. Mystery fiction
ISBN 0-06-073701-8; 0-06-073702-6 lib bdg; 0-06-073703-4 pa

LC 2004-14778

“Ingrid Levin-Hill . . . has just been cast as the lead in Alice in Wonderland when she finds herself in a different role—murder detective. The corpse is that of ‘Cracked-Up Katie,’ whom Ingrid encountered when she attempted to get from her orthodontist to soccer practice.” Publ Wkly

Into the dark; an Echo Falls mystery. Laura Geringer Books 2008 300p \$15.99; lib bdg \$16.89

Grades: 6 7 8

Fic

1. Mystery fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-073708-5; 0-06-073708-5; 978-0-06-073709-2 lib bdg; 0-06-073709-3 lib bdg

LC 2006-103018

Thirteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes aficionado Ingrid Levin-Hill tries to clear her grandfather’s name when he is accused of murdering an environmental activist on his farm.

“This third installment of the enjoyable Echo Falls mysteries reaffirms the series’ quality.” Voice Youth Advocates

Reality check. HarperTeen 2009 330p \$16.99; lib bdg \$17.89; pa \$8.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

Fic

1. School stories 2. Gambling -- Fiction 3. Social

classes -- Fiction 4. Missing persons -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-122766-0; 0-06-122766-8; 978-0-06-122767-7 lib bdg; 0-06-122767-6 lib bdg; 978-0-06-122768-4 pa; 0-06-122768-4 pa

LC 2008-22593

After a knee injury destroys sixteen-year-old Cody's college hopes, he drops out of high school and gets a job in his small Montana town, but when his ex-girlfriend disappears from her Vermont boarding school, Cody travels cross-country to join the search.

"Abrahams writes a fine thriller that is pitched to attract everyone from reluctant readers to sports fans to romantic idealists." Voice Youth Advocates

Abrams, Amir

Hollywood High. Dafina KTeen Books 2012
310 p. (prebind) \$20.80; (paperback) \$9.95

Grades: 9 10 11 12 **Fic**

1. School stories 2. Teenage pregnancy -- Fiction
ISBN 0606263780; 0758263171; 9780606263788;
9780758263179

LC 2012418660

This book is told by four high school narrators, all spoiled daughters of entertainment industry elites, "including ex-New Yorker London, tabloid queen Rich and . . . Spencer. Heather . . . supports her alcoholic mother with her own acting career and struggles with an Adderall addiction. Drama escalates practically within milliseconds. . . . Much of the drama involves competition over boys." (Kirkus)

Acampora, Paul

Defining Dulcie. Dial Books 2006 168p hardcover o.p. pa \$6.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. Bereavement -- Fiction 2. Runaway teenagers -- Fiction
ISBN 0-8037-3046-2; 978-0-8037-3046-5; 0-14-241183-3 pa; 978-0-14-241183-4 pa

LC 2005-16186

When sixteen-year-old Dulcie's father dies, her mother makes a decision to move them to California, where Dulcie makes an equally radical decision to steal her dad's old truck and head back home.

"Strong and quirky characters who see life as an inextricable mix of sadness and humor, sorrow and hope, are the hallmark of this memorable first novel." SLJ

Rachel Spinelli punched me in the face. Roaring Brook Press 2011 168p \$15.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Moving -- Fiction 2. Trumpet -- Fiction 3. Musicians -- Fiction 4. Friendship -- Fiction 5. Family life -- Fiction 6. Single parent family -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-59643-548-3; 1-59643-548-8

LC 2010027436

When fourteen-year-old Zachary and his father move to Falls, Connecticut, he spends a summer falling in love, coming to terms with his mother's absence, and forming eclectic friendships.

"Realistic dialogue and poignantly amusing situations . . . all come together to gently flesh out a few months in the lives of people readers will savor getting to know. . . . An

outstanding, humane coming-of-age tale of loss, yearning and forgiveness." Kirkus

Ackley, Amy

Sign language; a novel. Viking 2011 392p \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. School stories 2. Death -- Fiction 3. Fathers -- Fiction 4. Bereavement -- Fiction 5. Family life -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-670-01318-0; 0-670-01318-8

LC 2011003001

Teenaged Abby must deal with her feelings about her father's cancer and its aftermath while simultaneously navigating the difficult problems of growing up.

"This is an amazing debut novel for readers who appreciate contemporary teen fiction. It is both moving and realistic, a result of the well-crafted family relationships. The author succeeds in creating genuine connections that manage not to feel forced or rushed, despite the pace of the story, which spans three years." Voice Youth Advocates

Acosta, Marta

Dark companion; Marta Acosta. Tom Doherty Assoc. 2012 364 p. (hardcover) \$17.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12 **Fic**

1. School stories 2. Orphans -- Fiction 3. Supernatural -- Fiction 4. Private schools -- Fiction 5. Schools -- Fiction 6. Boarding schools -- Fiction

ISBN 0765329646; 9780765329646; 9781429988292

LC 2012011656

This book tells the story of Jane Williams. "Orphaned at the age of six, [she] has grown up in a series of foster homes, learning to survive in the shadows of life. . . . [S]he manages to win a scholarship to the exclusive Birch Grove Academy. There, for the first time, Jane finds herself accepted by a group of friends. She even starts tutoring the headmistress's gorgeous son, Lucien." But, the "more she learns about Birch Grove's recent past, the more Jane comes to suspect that there is something sinister going on. . . . As Jane begins to piece together the answers to the puzzle, she must find out why she was brought to Birch Grove—and what she would risk to stay there." (Publisher's note)

Ada, Alma Flor, 1938-

Yes! we are Latinos; by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy; illustrated by David Diaz. Charlesbridge 2013 96 p. ill. (reinforced) \$18.95

Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. Hispanic Americans -- Poetry 2. American poetry -- Latino authors 3. Short stories 4. Immigrants -- Fiction 5. Emigration and immigration -- Fiction 6. Latin Americans -- United States -- Fiction 7. Immigrants -- United States 8. Latin Americans -- United States 9. Latin Americans -- Cultural assimilation
ISBN 158089383X; 9781580893831

LC 2012027214

In this book, the authors "shape fictional portraits of 13 young people living in the U.S., who have diverse experiences and backgrounds but share a Latino heritage. The first-person narrative poems range from reflective to free-spirited, methodical to free-association. . . . Informative

nonfictional interludes . . . address relevant subjects, including immigration, the challenges migrant workers face, and Cuba-U.S. history.” (Publishers Weekly)

Includes bibliographical references and index

Adam, Paul

Max Cassidy: escape from Shadow Island. Walden Pond Press 2010 295p \$16.99; pa \$5.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9 **Fic**

1. Mystery fiction 2. Adventure fiction 3. Missing persons -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-186323-3; 0-06-186323-8; 978-0-06-186325-7 pa; 0-06-186325-4 pa

LC 2009-12031

First published 2009 in the United Kingdom with title: Escape from Shadow Island

British fourteen-year-old Max Cassidy calls on his skills and training as a professional escape artist when he attempts to clear his mother of murdering his father, who disappeared two years earlier in the Central American country of Santo Domingo.

“With a cliffhanger ending, look for much more of this series and be sure to hand it to your reluctant readers.” Voice Youth Advocates

Adams, Douglas

★ **The hitchhiker’s** guide to the galaxy; 25th anniversary illustrated collector’s ed.; Harmony Books 2004 271p il \$35

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12 Adult **Fic**

1. Science fiction
ISBN 1-4000-5293-9

LC 2004-558987

First published 1980

“Based on a BBC radio series, . . . this is the episodic story of Arthur Dent, a contemporary Englishman who discovers first that his unpretentious house is about to be demolished to make way for a bypass, and second that a good friend is actually an alien galactic hitchhiker who announces that Earth itself will soon be demolished to make way for an intergalactic speedway. A suitably bewildered Dent soon finds himself hitching . . . rides throughout space, aided by a . . . reference book, *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*, a compendium of ‘facts,’ philosophies, and wild advice.” Libr J

Life, the universe, and everything. Harmony Bks. 1982 227p hardcover o.p. pa \$12.95

Grades: 11 12 Adult **Fic**

1. Science fiction
ISBN 0-517-54874-7; 0-345-41890-6 pa
LC 82-15470

Third volume in *The hitchhiker’s* series

“Arthur Dent and his motley crew do tie up most of the loose ends and manage to prevent the destruction of the universe, but the first two novels . . . ‘must’ be read to understand the situation, and even then it’s confusing.” Libr J

Followed by *So long, and thanks for all the fish*

Mostly harmless. Harmony Bks. 1992 277p hardcover o.p. pa \$12.95

Grades: 11 12 Adult **Fic**

1. Science fiction
ISBN 0-517-57740-2; 0-345-37933-0 pa
LC 92-25457

“A Grebulon reconnaissance ship with faulty programming, a news reporter suffering from a bad case of missed opportunities, a fugitive from the new ‘improved’ offices of the *Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*, and a hitchhiker lost in a parallel universe come together in grand style in the fifth installment of Adams’s best-selling ‘trilogy.’” Libr J

The restaurant at the end of the universe. Harmony Bks. 1981 250p hardcover o.p. pa \$12.95

Grades: 11 12 Adult **Fic**

1. Satire 2. Wit and humor 3. Science fiction 4. Interplanetary voyages
ISBN 0-517-54535-7; 0-345-41892-1 pa

LC 81-6563

Second volume in *The hitchhiker’s* series

First published 1980 in the United Kingdom

“Poor uprooted Arthur Dent finds himself swept along in the wake of Zaphod Beeblebrox, former President of the Galaxy, as Zaphod searches for the man who rules the Universe. They and their companions tumble from one scrape into another, with the erratic aid of Zaphod’s dead great-grandfather and Marvin, their perpetually depressed robot. Adams’s lively sense of the ridiculous has concocted many hilarious episodes, though the inspired lunacy of the first book has become rather uneven here. Still, this is one of the best pieces of sf humor available.” Libr J

Followed by *Life, the universe, and everything*

So long, and thanks for all the fish. Harmony Bks. 1985 204p hardcover o.p. pa \$7.99

Grades: 11 12 Adult **Fic**

1. Satire 2. Wit and humor 3. Science fiction 4. Interplanetary voyages
ISBN 0-517-55439-9; 0-345-39183-4 pa

LC 84-19350

Fourth volume in *The hitchhiker’s* series

Arthur Dent “returns to a supposedly destroyed Earth to build a hyperspace bypass. The night of his return, Arthur falls in love with a sedated girl (her brother says she’s ‘barking mad’), only to lose her, then accidentally find her twice more. She is Fenchurch, the girl who in . . . ‘Guide’ . . . discovered the secret of Earth’s potential happiness moments before it was demolished. Her ‘madness’ stems from the time when Earth should have been destroyed, and wasn’t, but when all the dolphins disappeared. . . . The humor is still off-the-wall, but less forced and more gentle than the other books. . . . The series seems to be winding down, but it is still an addictive commodity to its fans.” SLJ

Followed by *Mostly harmless*

Adams, Richard

Waterhip Down; Scribner classics ed.; Scribner 1996 429p \$30; pa \$15

Grades: 6 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. Allegories 2. Rabbits -- Fiction
ISBN 0-684-83605-X; 0-7432-7770-8 pa

First published 1972 in the United Kingdom; first United States edition 1974 by Macmillan

“Faced with the annihilation of its warren, a small group of male rabbits sets out across the English downs in search of a new home. Internal struggles for power surface in this intricately woven, realistically told adult adventure when the protagonists must coordinate tactics in order to defeat an enemy rabbit fortress. It is clear that the author has done research on rabbit behavior, for this tale is truly authentic.” Shapiro Fic for Youth. 3d edition

Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi

★ **Purple** hibiscus; a novel. Anchor Books 2004 307p pa \$14.95

Grades: 11 12 Adult **Fic**

1. Nigeria -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4000-7694-9; 1-4000-7694-3

LC 2004-51629

First published 2003 by Algonquin Bks.

“Quiet, chilling, and heart wrenching, this debut novel is both a superb portrait of an unfamiliar culture and an unflinching depiction of the universal turmoil of adolescence.” Voice Youth Advocates

Adler, David A.

Don't talk to me about the war. Viking 2008 216p \$15.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7 **Fic**

1. Friendship -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. World War, 1939-1945 -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-670-06307-9; 0-670-06307-X; 978-0-14-241372-2 pa; 0-14-241372-0 pa

LC 2007-17889

In 1940, thirteen-year-old Tommy's routine of school, playing stickball in his Bronx, New York, neighborhood, talking with his friend Beth, and listening to Dodgers games on the radio changes as his mother's illness and his increasing awareness of the war in Europe transform his world.

“An engaging and very accessible historical novel.” Booklist

Adler, Emily

Sweet 15; by Emily Adler and Alex Echevarria. Marshall Cavendish 2009 240p \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. School stories 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. Puerto Ricans -- Fiction 4. Quinceañera (Social custom) -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-7614-5584-4; 0-7614-5584-1

LC 2008-21391

Shortly before her fifteenth birthday, Destiny Lozada's traditional Puerto Rican mother and feminist older sister hijack her quinceañera, each pushing her own agenda and ignoring the possibility that Destiny, a skateboarding tomboy, might have her own ideas about the coming-of-age ritual she is about to participate in.

“Destiny's resolution, the engaging dialogue, boys, gossip, best friends, fashion, texting, the first kiss and the city of New York all play a part in this charming, fresh and funny coming-of-age novel that will entertain teen readers, especially girls.” Kirkus

Adlington, L. J.

Cherry Heaven. Greenwillow Books 2008 458p \$16.99; lib bdg \$17.89

Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. Science fiction 2. Orphans -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-143180-7; 0-06-143180-X; 978-0-06-143181-4 lib bdg; 0-06-143181-8 lib bdg

LC 2007-24679

Kat and Tanka J leave the wartorn city, move with their adoptive parents to the New Frontier, and are soon settled into a home called Cherry Heaven, but Luka, an escaped factory worker, confirms their suspicion that New Frontier is not the utopia it seems to be.

“In this complex, absorbing, and sometimes disquieting novel, Adlington creates a world that is distinctly different from our own, yet chillingly familiar.” Booklist

★ **The diary** of Pelly D. Greenwillow Books 2005 282p hardcover o.p. pa \$8.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. Science fiction
ISBN 0-06-076615-8; 0-06-076617-4 pa

LC 2004-52258

“On the planet Home From Home, Toni V is a brute laborer, a barely educated member of the Demolition Crew that is busy pulverizing the bombed-out remains of City Five's central plaza. Pelly D is a hip member of the swank elite who used to live in an exclusive apartment fronting the plaza. Their stories come together when Toni V uncovers Pelly D's diary in the debris. . . . Middle school, high school.” (Horn Book)

“Adlington has crafted an original and disturbing dystopian fantasy told in a smart and sympathetic teen voice.” Booklist

Agard, John

The young inferno; written by John Agard; illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura. Frances Lincoln Children's 2009 un il \$19.95

Grades: 8 9 10 11 12 **Fic**

1. Novels in verse 2. Hell -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-84507-769-3; 1-84507-769-5

“The narrative poems in this short book are accessible and have important things to say about the state of the human race. . . . The hoodie-wearing protagonist . . . awakens in a strange and frightening forest. A dark man appears and introduces himself as the tale-teller Aesop: he is to be the teen's escort through Hell. . . . As the pair travels through the Circles of Hell, they see the sins of mankind. . . . The scribbled, heavy-lined black ink and watercolor illustrations convey exactly the right mood for a book about a modern-day expedition into Hell. This will be a great book to pair with a discussion about Dante's Inferno and/or poetic structure.” SLJ

Agell, Charlotte

Shift. Henry Holt and Co. 2008 230p \$16.95

Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. Science fiction 2. Religion -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction 4. Resistance to government -- Fiction 5.

Environmental degradation -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-8050-7810-7; 0-8050-7810-X

LC 2007-46942

In fifteen-year-old Adrian Havoc's world, HomeState rules every aspect of society and religious education is enforced but Adrian, refusing to believe that the Apocalypse is at hand, goes north through the Deadlands and joins a group of insurgents.

"The story is made particularly compelling by the economy and lyricism of the writing style. . . . Readers seeking contemplative and philosophical science fiction will find this a haunting exploration of government gone awry and one boy's steadfast pursuit of justice." Bull Cent Child Books

Aguiar, Nadia

Secrets of Tamarind. Feiwei and Friends 2011
373p map (The Book of Tamarind) \$16.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Adventure fiction 2. Magic -- Fiction 3. Islands -- Fiction 4. Siblings -- Fiction 5. Environmental degradation -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-312-38030-4; 0-312-38030-5

LC 2010050898

Four years after leaving the lost island of Tamarind, Maya, Simon, and Penny Nelson return to stop the Red Coral Project, a sinister group mining the magical mineral ophalla there and, in the process, ruining the magnificent island.

"Replete with ecological warnings applicable to real as well as fantasy worlds and glossed with lush descriptions of imaginary flora and fauna, the rapid-fire plot bristles with danger." Kirkus

The **lost** island of Tamarind; [by] Nadia Aguiar.
Feiwei and Friends 2008 437p il map (The Book of Tamarind) \$17.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. War stories 2. Adventure fiction 3. Magic -- Fiction 4. Giants -- Fiction 5. Islands -- Fiction 6. Pirates -- Fiction 7. Siblings -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-312-38029-8; 0-312-38029-1

LC 2008-5623

Thirteen-year-old Maya, who has spent her life at sea with her marine biologist parents, yearns for a normal life, but when a storm washes her parents overboard, life becomes anything but normal for Maya, her younger brother and baby sister, as they land at a mysterious, uncharted island filled with danger.

"Each detail of this fantasy is crafted with care; readers will be drawn into this dangerous, magical world where anything is possible and nothing can be fully explained." SLJ

Aguirre, Ann

Enclave. Feiwei & Friends 2011 262p \$16.99
Grades: 8 9 10

Fic

1. Horror fiction 2. Fantasy fiction 3. Dystopian fiction 4. Apocalyptic fiction 5. Zombies -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-312-65008-7; 0-312-65008-6

LC 2010031039

In a post-apocalyptic future, fifteen-year-old Deuce, a loyal Huntress, brings back meat while avoiding the Freaks outside her enclave, but when she is partnered with the mysterious outsider, Fade, she begins to see that the strict ways

of the elders may be wrong—and dangerous. "Grades six to eight." (Bull Cent Child Books)

"In this skilled though violent postapocalyptic thriller, Deuce has newly earned the rank of Huntress. . . . It's her duty to provide meat for her loveless, draconian enclave, deep beneath the streets of a ruined city, as well as to defend it against cannibalistic Freaks, who are gradually eliminating the scattered human survivors of a vaguely remembered plague. . . . Aguirre . . . has created a gritty and highly competent heroine, an equally deadly sidekick/love interest, and a fascinating if unpleasant civilization." Publ Wkly

Horde; by Ann Aguirre. Feiwei & Friends 2013
422 p. \$17.99

Grades: 8 9 10

Fic

1. Science fiction 2. Dystopian fiction 3. Monsters -- Fiction

ISBN 1250024633; 9781250024633

This book, by Ann Aguirre, is the conclusion to the Enclave trilogy. "Salvation is surrounded, monsters at the gates, and this time, they're not going away. When Deuce, Fade, Stalker and Tegan set out, the odds are against them. But the odds have been stacked against Deuce from the moment she was born. She might not be a Huntress anymore, but she doesn't run. With her knives in hand and her companions at her side, she will not falter, whether fighting for her life or Fade's love." (Publisher's note)

"Deuce's skills from her Huntress days come in handy when a horde of mutant "Freaks" descends upon the humans of her post-apocalyptic world, but trusting some of the enemy turns out to be a worthwhile risk. Relationships, including Deuce's romance with Fade, soften a bloody tale; as in previous compelling installments, readers should suspend disbelief for Deuce's background-belying vocabulary and emotional intelligence." (Horn Book)

Outpost; by Ann Aguirre. Feiwei & Friends
2012 320 p. \$17.99

Grades: 8 9 10

Fic

1. Monsters -- Fiction 2. Teenagers -- Fiction 3. Survival skills -- Fiction 4. Science fiction 5. Survival -- Fiction 6. Teenage girls -- Fiction

ISBN 0312650094; 9780312650094

LC 2011287957

In this book by Ann Aguirre "months have passed since Deuce and her band of survivors joined Salvation, a fortified settlement in the middle of Freak-infested land. While Tegan, Fade, and Stalker find helpful community roles, Deuce struggles to adjust to life where, as a female, she is forbidden from fighting. When the Freaks evolve into more cunning foes, however, Deuce's superior combat skills are instrumental in establishing an outpost to protect the town." (Booklist)

"When this follow-up to Enclave (2011) begins, trained Huntress Deuce and fellow travelers Fade, Stalker and Tegan have lived two months amid the town of Salvation's affluence, strict gender roles and relative freedom from the putrid, slaving, mindless Freaks who plague their world... Overall, an engaging world and forward-moving plot with a resolution that promises new settings and challenges in Book 3." (Kirkus)

Aiken, Joan

★ The **wolves** of Willoughby Chase; illustrated by Pat Marriott. Delacorte Press 2000 181p il hardcover o.p. pa \$6.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Great Britain -- Fiction
ISBN 0-385-32790-0; 0-440-49603-9 pa
First published 1962 in the United Kingdom; first United States edition 1963 by Doubleday
“Plot, characterization, and background blend perfectly into an amazing whole. . . . Highly recommended.” SLJ

Other titles in this series are:
Black hearts in Battersea (1964)
Cold Shoulder Road (1996)
The cuckoo tree (1971)
Dangerous games (1999)
Is underground (1993)
Midwinter nightingale (2003)
Nightbirds on Nantucket (1966)
The stolen lake (1981)
The witch of Clatteringshaws (2005)

Alban, Andrea

Anya’s war. Feiwel and Friends 2011 188p \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. Jews -- China -- Fiction 2. Jewish refugees -- Fiction
3. Abandoned children -- Fiction 4. Sino-Japanese Conflict, 1937-1945 -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-312-37093-0; 0-312-37093-8

LC 2010-37089

In 1937, the privileged and relatively carefree life of a fourteen-year-old Jewish girl, whose family emigrated from Odessa, Ukraine, to Shanghai, China, comes to an end when she finds an abandoned baby, her hero, Amelia Earhart, goes missing, and war breaks out with Japan. Based on the author’s family history.

“Most moving are the scenes with the full cast of family characters, who are irritating, irritable, funny, surprising, mean, and prejudiced. Alban also explores the complexities of Anya’s Jewish community. . . . An important addition to literature about WWII refugees.” Booklist

Albin, Gennifer

Crewel; Gennifer Albin. by Gennifer Albin. Farrar Straus Giroux 2012 368 p. (hardcover) \$17.99

Grades: 8 9 10 11 **Fic**

1. Spiritual gifts 2. Secrecy -- Fiction 3. Psychics -- Fiction 4. Science fiction
ISBN 0374316414; 9780374316419; 9780374316440

LC 2011043930

In author Gennifer Albin’s book, “sixteen year-old Adelice Lewys has a secret: she wants to fail. Gifted with the ability to weave time with matter, she’s exactly what the Guild is looking for, and in the world of Arras, being chosen as a Spinster is everything a girl could want. . . . It also means the power to embroider the very fabric of life . . . [and] Adelice isn’t interested. Not that her feelings matter, because she slipped and wove a moment at testing, and they’re coming for her--tonight. Now she has one hour . . . to escape.” (genniferalbin.com)

Alcott, Louisa May

Little women; illustrated by Scott McKowen. Sterling Pub. 2004 525p il \$9.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**

1. Sisters -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4027-1458-0; 1-4027-1458-0

LC 2004-15669

First published 1868

Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in mid-nineteenth-century New England.

Other titles about members of the March family are:
Eight cousins (1875)
Jo’s boys (1886)
Little men (1871)
Rose in bloom (1876)

Alegria, Malin

Estrella’s quinceañera. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 2006 272p \$14.95

Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. Mexican Americans -- Fiction 2. Quinceañera (Social custom) -- Fiction
ISBN 0-689-87809-5

Estrella’s mother and aunt are planning a gaudy, traditional quinceañera for her, even though it is the last thing she wants.

“Alegria writes about Mexican American culture, first love, family, and of moving between worlds with poignant, sharp-sighted humor and authentic dialogue.” Booklist

Alender, Katie

Bad girls don’t die. Hyperion Books 2009 352p \$15.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. School stories 2. Sisters -- Fiction 3. Demoniac possession -- Fiction
ISBN 978-1-4231-0876-4; 1-4231-0876-0

LC 2008-46179

When fifteen-year-old Lexi’s younger sister Kasey begins behaving strangely and their old Victorian house seems to take on a life of its own, Lexi investigates and discovers some frightening facts about previous occupants of the house, leading her to believe that many lives are in danger.

This “novel is both a mystery and a trip into the paranormal. . . . With just enough violence, suspense, and romance to keep readers turning pages, this . . . will be a popular addition to any YA collection.” Booklist

Followed by: From bad to cursed (2011)

Alexander, Jill S.

Paradise. Feiwel and Friends 2011 246p \$16.99
Grades: 7 8 9 10 **Fic**

1. Love stories 2. Drums -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction 4. Bands (Music) -- Fiction 5. Country music -- Fiction
ISBN 0312605412; 9780312605414

LC 2010050900

Teenaged Paisley Tillery dreams a career as a professional drummer will take her out of her small Texas town, but when her country rock band gets a handsome new lead singer from Paradise, Texas, those dreams may change.

“Strong, rural Southern storytelling and mother-daughter conflict are integral parts of the plot. . . . Alexander’s simmering plot is . . . driven by a complex story and multiple, complex characters.” SLJ

The **sweetheart** of Prosper County. Feiwel and Friends 2009 212p \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

Fic

1. Texas -- Fiction 2. Bullies -- Fiction 3. Bereavement -- Fiction 4. Mother-daughter relationship -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-312-54856-8; 0-312-54856-7

LC 2008-34757

In a small East Texas town largely ruled by prejudices and bullies, fourteen-year-old Austin sets out to win a ride in the next parade and, in the process, grows in her understanding of friendship and helps her widowed mother through her mourning.

“This is a warm, humorous story. . . . A refreshing picture of teen angst, with realistic dialogue and memorable characters.” SLJ

Alexander, Kwame

★ The **crossover**; a basketball novel. by Kwame Alexander. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2014 240 p. \$16.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Rap music 2. Novels in verse 3. Twins -- Fiction 4. Brothers -- Fiction 5. Basketball -- Fiction 6. Fathers and sons -- Fiction 7. African Americans -- Fiction
ISBN 0544107713; 9780544107717

LC 2013013810

In this novel, by Kwame Alexander, “12-year old Josh Bell . . . and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he’s got mad beats, too, that tell his family’s story in verse. . . . Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story’s . . . climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.” (Publisher’s note)

“Twins Josh and Jordan are junior high basketball stars, thanks in large part to the coaching of their dad, a former professional baller who was forced to quit playing for health reasons, and the firm, but loving support of their assistant-principal mom. . . . Despite his immaturity, Josh is a likable, funny, and authentic character. Underscoring the sports and the fraternal tension is a portrait of a family that truly loves and supports one another. Alexander has crafted a story that vibrates with energy and heart and begs to be read aloud. A slam dunk.” (School Library Journal)

He said, she said; by Kwame Alexander. Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers 2013 336 p. (hardcover bdg.) \$17.99

Grades: 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. High school students -- Fiction 2. Man-woman relationship -- Fiction 3. Love -- Fiction 4. Schools -- Fiction 5. High schools -- Fiction 6. African Americans -- Fiction 7. Protest movements -- Fiction
ISBN 006211896X; 9780062118967; 9780062118974
LC 2012043496

In this book, by Kwame Alexander, “a star high school quarterback bets he can get the attention of a girl who claims

not to be interested by leading a protest for a cause she champions. Omar ‘T-Diddy’ Smalls has the swagger that comes with his exalted status. . . . he attracts the attention of every desirable girl at school, except for Claudia Clarke. . . . Omar never runs away from a challenge, and he bets his friends that Claudia will become his next conquest.” (Kirkus Reviews)

“Claudia Clarke--sharp, opinionated, and Harvard-bound--is the only girl who isn’t impressed by quarterback Omar ‘T-Diddy’ Smalls. Omar takes a bet that he can win Claudia over, and when his usual seduction tactics fail, he applies his social clout to Claudia’s cause du jour. His burgeoning social awareness and transformation from carefree jock to true campus leader are satisfying and convincing.” (Horn Book)

Alexander, Lloyd

★ **Westmark**. Dutton 1981 184p hardcover o.p. pa \$5.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Adventure fiction
ISBN 0-14-131068-5

A boy fleeing from criminal charges falls in with a charlatan, his dwarf attendant, and an urchin girl, travels with them about the kingdom of Westmark, and ultimately arrives at the palace where the king is grieving over the loss of his daughter

The author “peoples his tale with a marvelous cast of individuals, and weaves an intricate story of high adventure that climaxes in a superbly conceived conclusion, which, though predictable, is reached through carefully built tension and subtly added comic relief.” Booklist

Other titles in this series are:

The Beggar Queen (1984)
The Kestrel (1982)

★ The **book** of three; rev ed.; Holt & Co. 1999 190p (Chronicles of Prydain) \$19.95; pa \$6.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction
ISBN 978-0-8050-6132-1; 0-8050-6132-0; 978-0-8050-8048-3 pa; 0-8050-8048-1 pa

LC 98-40901

First published 1964

“Related in a simple, direct style, this fast-paced tale of high adventure has a well-balanced blend of fantasy, realism, and humor.” SLJ

Other titles about the mythical land of Prydain are:

The black cauldron (1965)
The castle of Llyr (1966)
The founding and other tales of Prydain (1999)
The high king (1968)
Taran Wanderer (1967)

★ The **golden** dream of Carlo Chuchio. Henry Holt & Co. 2007 306p il \$16.95

Grades: 5 6 7 8 9

Fic

1. Fantasy fiction 2. Buried treasure -- Fiction 3. Voyages and travels -- Fiction 4. Young adult literature -- Works
ISBN 978-0-8050-8333-0; 0-8050-8333-2

LC 2006-49710

Naive and bumbling Carlo, his shady camel-puller Bak-sheesh, and Shira, a girl determined to return home, follow a treasure map through the deserts and cities of the infamous Golden Road, as mysterious strangers try in vain to point them toward real treasures

This "is an exuberant and compassionate tale of adventure." Publ Wkly

★ **The iron ring.** Dutton Children's Bks. 1997
283p hardcover o.p. pa \$5.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**
1. Adventure fiction
ISBN 0-14-130348-4 pa

LC 96-29730

"Young Tamar, ruler of a small Indian kingdom, wagers with a visiting king and loses his kingdom and his freedom. Traveling to the king's land to make good on his debt, he collects quite an entourage and eventually overcomes his enemies with his friends' help. This tale offers delightful characters, a philosophical interest in the meaning of life, a thoughtful look at the caste system, and a clever use of Indian animal folktales." Horn Book Guide

★ **The remarkable journey of Prince Jen.** Dutton Children's Bks. 1991 273p hardcover o.p. pa \$6.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8 **Fic**
1. Adventure fiction
ISBN 0-14-240225-7 pa

LC 91-13720

Bearing six unusual gifts, young Prince Jen in Tang Dynasty China embarks on a perilous quest and emerges triumphantly into manhood

"Alexander satisfies the taste for excitement, but his vivid characters and the food for thought he offers will nourish long after the last page is turned." SLJ

Alexie, Sherman, 1966-

★ **The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian;** art by Ellen Forney. Little, Brown 2007 229p il \$18.99

Grades: 8 9 10 **Fic**
1. School stories 2. Friendship -- Fiction 3. Family life -- Fiction 4. Native Americans -- Fiction
ISBN 0316013684; 9780316013680

LC 2007-22799

National Book Award for Young People's Literature (2007)

Boston Globe-Horn Book Award: Fiction and Poetry (2008)

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. "Grades seven to ten." (Bull Cent Child Books)

"The many characters, on and off the rez, with whom he has dealings are portrayed with compassion and verve. . . . Forney's simple pencil cartoons fit perfectly within the story and reflect the burgeoning artist within Junior." Booklist

Allen, Sarah Addison

The girl who chased the moon; a novel. Bantam Books 2010 269p \$25; pa \$15

Grades: 11 12 Adult **Fic**

1. Family life -- Fiction 2. Grandfathers -- Fiction 3. North Carolina -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-553-80721-9; 0-553-80721-8; 978-0-553-38559-5 pa; 0-553-38559-3 pa

LC 2009-42254

Emily Benedict came to Mullaby, North Carolina, hoping to solve at least some of the riddles surrounding her mother's life. But the moment Emily enters the house where her mother grew up and meets the grandfather she never knew—a reclusive, real-life gentle giant—she realizes that mysteries aren't solved in Mullaby, they're a way of life.

"That it is never too late to change the future and that high school sins can be forgiven—these are wonderful messages, but Allen's warm characters and quirky setting are what will completely open readers' hearts to this story. Nothing in it disappoints." Libr J

Allende, Isabel

Daughter of fortune; a novel. translated from the Spanish by Margaret Sayers Peden. HarperCollins Pubs. 1999 399p hardcover o.p. pa \$16.95

Grades: 11 12 Adult **Fic**
1. Love stories 2. Adventure fiction 3. California -- Gold discoveries -- Fiction
ISBN 0-06-019491-X; 0-06-156533-4 pa

LC 99-26021

Original Spanish edition, 1999

"This novel has pretensions, but they are overridden by Allende's riproaring girl's adventure story. . . . Throughout it all, Allende projects a woman's point of view with confidence, control and an expansive definition of romance as a fact of life." Time

The house of the spirits; translated from the Spanish by Magda Bogin. Knopf 1985 368p \$29.95; pa \$16

Grades: 11 12 Adult **Fic**
1. Chile -- Fiction 2. Family life -- Fiction 3. Supernatural -- Fiction
ISBN 0-394-53907-9; 0-553-38380-9 pa

LC 84-48516

Original Spanish edition, 1982

"The style is superbly controlled (and/or the translation is marvelously sensitive), balancing detail rich in associations with a deadpan humor that completely demystifies things that would be otherwise inexplicable. In other words, sentimentality never intrudes on the emotions you develop for these hopelessly well-meaning people and their equally errant children." Best Sellers

Island beneath the sea; a novel. translated from the Spanish by Margaret Sayers Peden. Harper 2010 457p \$26.99; pa \$14.99

Grades: 11 12 Adult **Fic**
1. Haiti -- Fiction 2. Slavery -- Fiction 3. Plantation life -- Fiction 4. Caribbean region -- Fiction 5. Racially mixed people -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-06-198824-0; 0-06-198824-3; 978-0-06-198825-7 pa; 0-06-198825-1 pa

LC 2009-46251

Original Spanish edition, 2009

"In a many-faceted plot, Allende animates irresistible characters authentic in their emotional turmoil and pragmatic adaptability. She also captures the racial, sexual, and entrepreneurial dynamics of each society in sensuous detail while masterfully dramatizing the psychic wounds of slavery. Sexually explicit, Allende is grace incarnate in her evocations of the spiritual energy that still sustains the beleaguered people of Haiti and New Orleans." Booklist

Zorro; a novel. translated from the Spanish by Margaret Sayers Peden. HarperCollins Publishers 2005 390p maps \$25.95; pa \$14.95

Grades: 11 12 Adult

Fic

1. Adventure fiction 2. California -- Fiction
ISBN 0-06-077897-0; 0-06-077900-4 pa

LC 2005-46389

"Allende's lively retelling of the Zorro legend reads as effortlessly as the hero himself might slice his trademark 'Z' on the wall with a flash of his sword." Publ Wkly

Allison, Jennifer

★ **Gilda** Joyce, psychic investigator. Sleuth/Dutton 2005 321p \$13.99; pa \$6.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Mystery fiction 2. Cousins -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-525-47375-6; 0-525-47375-0; 978-0-14-240698-4 pa; 0-14-240698-8 pa

LC 2004-10834

During the summer before ninth grade, intrepid Gilda Joyce invites herself to the San Francisco mansion of distant cousin Lester Splinter and his thirteen-year-old daughter, where she uses her purported psychic abilities and detective skills to solve the mystery of the mansion's boarded-up tower.

"Allison pulls off something special here. She not only offers a credible mystery . . . but also . . . provides particularly strong characterizations." Booklist

Other titles about Gilda Joyce are:

Gilda Joyce: the Ladies of the Lake (2006)

Gilda Joyce: the ghost sonata (2007)

Gilda Joyce: the dead drop (2009)

Gilda Joyce: the bones of the holy (2011)

Almond, David, 1951-

★ **Clay**. Delacorte Press 2006 247p hardcover o.p. pa \$8.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10

Fic

1. Horror fiction 2. Supernatural -- Fiction
ISBN 0-385-73171-X; 0-440-42013-X pa

LC 2005-22681

The developing relationship between teenager Davie and a mysterious new boy in town morphs into something darker and more sinister when Davie learns firsthand of the boy's supernatural powers.

"Rooted in the ordinariness of a community and in one boy's chance to play God, this story will grab readers with its gripping action and its important ideas." Booklist

★ **Kit's** wilderness; 10th-anniversary edition; Delacorte Press 2009 229p \$16.99

Grades: 6 7 8 9 10

Fic

1. Ghost stories 2. Great Britain -- Fiction 3. Coal

mines and mining -- Fiction

ISBN 978-0-385-32665-0; 0-385-32665-3

First published 1999

Michael L. Printz Award, 2001

Thirteen-year-old Kit goes to live with his grandfather in the decaying coal mining town of Stonegate, England, and finds both the old man and the town haunted by ghosts of the past

The author "explores the power of friendship and family, the importance of memory, and the role of magic in our lives. This is a highly satisfying literary experience." SLJ

Mouse bird snake wolf; David Almond, illustrated by David McKean. Candlewick Press 2013 80 p. (reinforced) \$17.99

Grades: 4 5 6 7

Fic

1. Animals 2. Fantasy fiction
ISBN 0763659126; 9780763659127

LC 2012950556

In this book, "Harry, Sue, and Little Ben live in a world whose lazy gods have made creatures like whales and camels but have given up their work, leaving blank spaces The children discover that they can create animals themselves, using sticks, leaves, and clay; Little Ben makes a mouse; Sue, a bird; and Harry, a snake. But Harry and Sue aren't satisfied. They create a terrifying wolf that turns on them and eats them, and Little Ben must summon the courage to save them." (Publishers Weekly)

★ **My name is Mina**. Delacorte Press 2011 300p \$15.99; lib bdg \$18.99

Grades: 5 6 7 8

Fic

1. Authorship -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-385-74073-9; 0-385-74073-5; 978-0-375-98964-3 lib bdg; 0-375-98964-1 lib bdg; 978-0-375-98965-0 e-book

LC 2010040143

"This intimate prequel to Skellig is built around Mina McKee, the curious and brilliant home-schooled child who eventually befriends that book's protagonist, Michael. Mina, a budding writer, reveals her love of words in her journal; most of the book unfolds in a handwritten-looking font, with Mina's more emphatic entries exploding onto the pages in massive display type. Her lyrical, nonlinear prose records her reflections on her past, existential musings . . . and self-directed writing exercises. . . . Almond gives readers a vivid picture of the joyfully freeform workings of Mina's mind and her mixed emotions about being an isolated child. Her gradual emergence from the protective shell of home is beautifully portrayed. . . . This novel will inspire children to let their imaginations soar." Publ Wkly

★ **Raven** summer. Delacorte Press 2009 198p \$19.99

Grades: 7 8 9 10 11 12

Fic

1. Orphans -- Fiction 2. Great Britain -- Fiction 3. Fate and fatalism -- Fiction
ISBN 978-0-385-73806-4; 0-385-73806-4

LC 2009-1661

Led to an abandoned baby by a raven, fourteen-year-old Liam seems fated to meet two foster children who have experienced the world's violence in very different ways as he