

TriStateYA Review Committee
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The Tri State Book Review Committee has been in existence for more than 30+ years. It has evolved over the decades into an organization comprised of dedicated professionals interested in evaluating new resources and sharing these findings with other professionals in the field. The committee is a fluid group that represents both public schools, public libraries, and private schools in the Tri-State area of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. It meets several times throughout the year to share their evaluations with each other and compile their Books of Note list.

The committee is supported by a large number of publishers that send books and materials for review and evaluation. The opinions and reviews are then shared with the companies involved. The companies are able to utilize these reviews and comments to publicize their books. Each year the committee compiles a list of the best books from their collective readings and reviews.

Books of Note is the title of this list. For a book to be included in this list it must be read and recommended as a notable book by an individual reader. Then a second evaluator must also agree that the book qualifies for the booklist. The list itself is not a be all end all because there are many good books that do not come through our channel. It is not meant to be a book list of exclusion, merely a listing to be shared with professionals or interested educators, etc. that would like to have some guidelines in choosing materials for school students and curricula.

The format of the list is quite simple. The basic entry includes: (line 1)level (elementary, middle, high school),author, (line 2)title, (line 3) copyright, publisher, ISBN #, price, pages, and reviewer's code, (line 4) brief summary of book.

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Children's/Middle School Literature on the Internet @Chester County Intermediate Unit
101 Glendale Road
Exton, PA 19341-1543

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The following list is divided into two parts: Series and Individual titles

Series:

ms/hs African American Biographies*
MJ, MD, SO
Enslow 2003 128p 20.95

These biographies are scholarly, footnoted yet lively in their coverage of the lives of important African-Americans such as Julian Bond, Bessie Coleman, etc. Excellent use of archival photographs help the authors get to the heart of the person. There is a chronology, bibliography and index.

ms/jr American Disasters*
PN, LM, MT
Enslow 2003 48p 18.95

This series examines American disasters, their causes and consequences. Each volume illustrates the basic scientific principles behind the disaster and includes personal accounts of survivors. Books contain bibliography, index, Internet addresses, and chapter notes.

elm/ms An Inside Look
LM,MD,SO
Gareth Stevens/World Almanac 2002 48p 17.95

A series of oversize books that invite young readers to explore the many intriguing details found in scientific topics such as: universe, oceans, plants, insect life, and weather to name a few. The text is accompanied by dramatic artwork and cutaway illustrations with sidebars and diagrams that stimulate curiosity in young readers.

ms Animal Ways* SO,LM

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2003 104p 28.50

An excellent series of books that cover a wide variety of animals. The information is presented in a clear and fascinating manner with excellent color photographs of each animal. Each book is library bound, contains a glossary, a species checklist with statistical information, a bibliography of books, web sites, movies and videos for further research, a separate list of adult books,

and an index. Each individual book is a useful tool for both research and for browsing.

ms Around the World in...

CF, SO

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2003 96p 28.50

This series on comparative history includes books that cover the events of 300 B.C., 800, 1200, 1500, and 1800. They describe the events both individually and in relation to others occurring during the same time frame. The text is clearly written and explains each event and the effect that it had on the world. The chapters begin with a simple introduction and a box of the events covered with their dates. Colorful maps and reproductions of period art and portraits enhance each book.

ms Constitution, The

MD,SO,LM

Enslow 2002 28p 20.95

An excellent series of books that clearly and succinctly explains the Constitution and its articles and amendments. Many black-and-white illustrations and photographs enhance each book. Each ends with a complete copy of the Constitution, a list of the twenty-seven amendments, chapter notes, a large glossary, a bibliography of books and Internet sites, and an index.

ms Cultures of the Past

CF, JP, SO

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2003 80p 28.50

Simply written, this series is a good resource to different historical and cultural background of world cultures of the past. They contain well-organized information that is enhanced by excellent reproductions of contemporary masterpieces, appropriately captioned, and detailed, boxed sidebars on related topics. The books end with a timeline, glossary, bibliography (books and web sites), and index.

ms/hs Diseases & People

SVC,PN, MT

Enslow 2002-3 128p 20.95

Each volume discusses the nature and treatment of each disease and examines possible cures. The description of the heredity process is a valuable tool for understanding sex-linked genetic factors. Books contain case studies, as well as questions and answers. A timeline, bibliography, chapter notes, a glossary and an index.

elm/ms Elements*

JP, MD,

CF, LM, SO

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2002-3 32p 22.00

These books on the elements explain their history, where they are located in nature and in what form, their special characteristics and reactions with other elements, and their importance in both past and present. This is an excellent series to add to the collection.

ms/hs Enchantment of the World - 2nd series

JP,CF,MJ,

Children's Press 2002 144p 34.00

The series is an excellent coverage for middle school students of the basics about a country- its geography, history, government, culture, etc. Many of the authors have first hand experience in the country. Differently colored pages provide more in-depth information that is logically organized and easy for students to interpret. All texts include a timeline, fast facts about the country, bibliography and index. A great plus is the wonderful color photographs and illustrations used throughout.

ms Great Minds of Science
SO,MJ, MT

Enslow 2003 128p 20.95

This is a very good series that brings many of science's great minds to life. The writing is interesting, clear, and informative and is enhanced by captioned black-and-white photographs. Included a chronology of the scientist's life, chapter notes, a glossary, a bibliography of books, Internet addresses, and index.

ms/hs Headline Court Cases*
MT,LM,SO,MD

Enslow 2002 112p 20.95

From the Salem witch trials to the O. J. Simpson case, this series is well researched. Background information, arguments for the defense and the prosecution, as well as the aftermath, and the impact of the trial on society is covered. Questions for discussion, glossary, and index are included. Illustrated with archival black-and-white photos.

ms/hs Historical American Biographies*
SVC,PN, SO,MJ, CF

Enslow 2002-3 112p 20.95

This informative and approachable series covering notable Americans from many fields includes many black-and-white photos and occasional sidebars which expand upon secondary topics from the main text, and will be useful for research, reports, and for personal interest.

ms/hs In American History*
MJ, LM,SVC, SO, JP

Enslow 2002-3 100-117p 20.95

Excellent series analyzing the major events in US history, such as the Prohibition Era, the Home Front During World War II, the Pony Express, etc. Written to maintain the interest of students. Well illustrated with archival photographs and drawings, plus the authors make frequent use of primary source documents.

ms/jr In World History

MJ, MD, LM,SVC, SO, JP

Enslow 2002 112p 20.95

This series offers in-depth coverage of specific events within the broader context of world history. Short chapters written in a lively fashion to keep student interest and numerous archival photographs and drawings introduce young adults to the people and events that made news and changed history. Primary sources are often cited and each book includes is a timeline, chapter notes, bibliography and index.

ms/hs Issues in Focus*
MJ,PN,SVC, MD, JP
Enslow 2002 128p 20.95
Covers major issues that are problems in the world today such as land mines and nuclear weapons. Each text is footnoted and brings out both sides of the issues for discussion. The authors make use of original source documents. Each volume contains a glossary, bibliography, and index.

ms/jr World Almanac Library of the States
SO,MD,AM
Gareth Stevens/World Almanac 2002 48p 19.95
Series presents an overview of individual states and provides current and easily accessible information on each one. Appealing visually, the books are the perfect introduction to the geographical and historical background of each state. Information is presented in a clear concise manner and includes primary source documents, maps (topographical, political, and economic), photographs, charts, websites, bibliography, film list, and an index.

ms/hs Lifeways* MT,
LM, SO
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2003 128p 32.79
Each volume gives detailed descriptions of all aspects of the history and the daily life of a major Native North American tribe. Origin, history, culture, beliefs, changing ways, and notable citizens are covered for each group. Bright, color photographs, artwork, and maps, capture the flavor of each tribe. The well-written texts aptly describe the traditions and customs. Bibliography, glossary, and index included.

ms/hs Modern Library Classics
CF,PN, LM
Random House/Knopf/Anchor/Three Rivers 2002 305p 12.95
Each book includes a new introduction by a contemporary author, giving a modern perspective to a classic work. Students will like the new look of these classics, since they have attractive new covers, clear typeface, and wide margins.

ms/hs Pages from History
SO,LM,JP
Oxford University Press 2002 176p 32.95
Pages from History stand out from the crowd, due to its novel approach. Rather than "boiling down" historical events, this series challenges students to interpret history for themselves. Offering a wide range of primary sources (letters, poems, political cartoons, song lyrics, maps, photos, and posters) these volumes invite students not to "just read about history, but to read history itself." Students are encouraged to discover history by asking questions about each source, and then drawing their own conclusions.

ms/hs Science Fair Success*
SO,LM,MD,
Enslow 2002 128p 20.95
Wonderful series of books on science fair experiments. The material is very clearly explained, with suggestions on how to get started, how to choose the proper type of project, find the necessary supplies and materials to present

your project. The authors present a clear discussion of scientific method and how to use it correctly to support the research. The authors consider safety aspects and are very clear about the necessity for careful work.

ms/jr Science Projects*

SVC, MD, SO, LM

Enslow 2002 128p 20.95

Robert Gardener provides in this series valuable resources for individual and team science projects. The ideas for projects introduce young people to the workings of the natural world. Gardner's books have project ideas about kitchen chemistry, space science, ideas in the house, about air, animal behavior, rain, the moon, the sun and about trees. Each book contains resources and references.

ms/hs Scientists Who Made History

CF, SVC, AM

RSVP (Harcourt)/Steadwell 2002 48p 27.12

Each volume spotlights breakthrough discoveries and offers a biography on the scientist behind the discovery. The biographies discuss the lifetimes and legacy of each scientist.

elm/ms Asimov, Isaac Solar System

MD, PN, TW

Gareth Stevens/World Almanac 2002 32p 16.95

A series of well organized books that cover every planet in the solar system. There are fact boxes, graphs and timelines.

Includes: Bibliography, CD-Roms, Web sites, Places to visit, Glossary and Index.

ms Sports New Wave*

SO,

JP, LM

Millbrook Press/21st Century/Copper Beech 2002 48p 22.95

The series highlights the greatest sports teams in history. Each volume includes histories of the teams and what is happening to the teams today. Information on star players and statistics are also given. Books contain charts, timelines, bibliography and index. These books will appeal to the most reluctant readers.

elm/ms Super Chef

SO, MD

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2003 72p 28.50

This title is part of a new series, which include the cooking of China, France, Italy, and Mexico. Each included recipe reflects a specific region of each country. It is an extremely well done series that is sure to encourage young people to begin cooking. This will be a delicious addition to the middle school library.

ms/jr Techies*

MD, SO, LM,

Millbrook Press/21st Century 2002 80p 22.90

This series of informative books is well written, beautifully illustrated, and nicely formatted. The selection of people highlighted is all involved with the technology sector. The illustrations are varied to capture the interest of young readers and the inclusion of a bibliography and an index make this a ready reference tool for young readers.

ms/hs Trailblazers of the Modern World

SO,SVC, LM,TW,MJ

Gareth Stevens/World Almanac 2002 48p 26.60

Trailblazers of the Modern World Series covers people of the twentieth century whose lives made major differences in the way that they viewed the world. Rich biographical and scientific content make these books useful additions to middle/high school libraries. Books offer informative presentations of each subject's life and discoveries. Black-and-white photographs and sidebar columns highlight text. Quotes from the subjects and their peers add greatly to the text. The book ends with a timeline, glossary, bibliography of books, and index.

ms/hs

Twenty First Century Science*

CF,SO,MD,SVC

Gareth Stevens/World Almanac 2002 64p 29.27

Each volume is illustrated with diagrams, charts, and color photographs. These books cover science concepts, the scientific method, critical thinking and analytical skills. Reluctant readers will pick up these books because of their slim size and abundant graphics, and then get involved with the fascinating information. A glossary of terms, bibliography, website list, and index complete the package.

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World Tours

CF, MD

Steadwell see RSVP 2002 48p 18.00

Each book of World Tours offers readers full-color photographs, historical facts, travel tips, and maps. Each volume is an excellent guide to better understanding of each country's past and future.

Individual Titles:

elem -teachers Transforming Storytimes into reading and
writing lessons MD,LM

Linworth 2001 119 36.95 1586830260

Reading motivation & Literature Information power as part of storytime to
promote reading and writing.

hs Adelman, Kim

The Girl's Guide to Elvis

CF, MS,MD

Broadway Books 2002 212 12.95 0-7679-1188-1

This nonfiction guide will help young readers learn and discover very interesting facts about Elvis Presley.

ms/jr Adler, C.S.

The No Place Cat

LM,SO

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2002 153p 15.00 0-618-09644-2

Tess, a 12 year old, is tired of the life at her father and step mother's house. She walks across Tucson to her mother's apartment, stopping overnight in a state park where she is adopted by a cat.

hs Allende, Isabel

City of the Beasts

MD,PN

Harpercollins 2002 406 19.99 0-0605-0918-X

Alexander Cold is about to embark on the greatest adventure in his life whether he likes it or not. This is a coming of age book for teenagers.

ms/jr Ashabranner, Brent The Washington Monument
LM,SO

Millbrook Press/21st Century/Copper Beech 2002 64p 24.90 0-7613-1524-1

Great American Memorials*

The book presents an informative approach to a national monument. This 555 foot marble obelisk was started in 1848 and honors Washington who led America's fight for independence. Several aspects of the book (several lists, where to obtain more information, bibliography, and an index) make this a useful research tool.

ms Ashbranner, Brent On the Mall: A Visit to America's Front Yard
JP,LM

Millbrook Press/21st Century 2002 64p 23.90 0-7613-2351-1

Part history, part guide book, this title describes the history and impact of the monuments and museums on the mall in Washington D.C., "America's front yard." The well-written text is enriched by text boxes, color photos, current and historical maps, and drawings of future monuments.

ms Bailey, Jill The Secret World of Falcons
JP,ID

RSVP 2002 48p 0-7398-4985-9 Secret world of....

This book compiles all the interesting facts about falcons for young readers to better understand the life and characteristics of one of the world's fastest birds.

ms/jr. Beard, Darleen Bailey The Babbs Switch Story
LM,SO

Farrar Strauss 2002 1 64p 16.00 0-374-30475-0

In the small town of Babbs Switch (in 1924) Ruthie finds herself dealing with the problem of ridicule by town's folks because her sister has limited mental abilities.

ms/hs Benjamin, David The Life and Times of the Last Kid
PN

Random House 2002 271p 23.95 0-375-50728-0

The novel is a funny and moving memoir of growing up in 1950's Wisconsin. Benjamin was a smart skinny kid from a broken family, not especially great in sports, but the story he tells here rivals the best tall tales. Getting kicked out of the movie theater in 2nd grade for throwing raisinettes, being bitten by a snapping turtle, thousands of dead tadpoles in a tub on the porch, and, of course, being picked last for sports teams.

ms Bial, Raymond Tenement
SO,LM

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2002 48p 16.00 0-618-13849-8

The tenements of New York City's Lower East Side that were home to many of the poor European immigrants that arrived in the United States through Ellis Island in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century are described in this book. Contemporary black-and-white photographs from the Museum of the City of New York and color photographs from the Lower East Side Tenement Museum add immensely to the descriptions and supplement the clearly written text.

ms/jr Bishop, Nic Digging for bird-dinosaurs
 JS,LM
 Houghton Mifflin 2000 48 \$4.95 0 618-19682 -X
 Scientists in the Field
 This colorful, easy to read, book shows the work of a paleontologist who has gone with a team to Madagascar to search for fossil birds that will help unravel the relationship of birds to dinosaurs.

ms Bowden, Rob The Changing Face of South Africa
 JP,SVC
 RSVP 2002 48p 27.12 0-7398-4968-9
 Changing faces of
 Discusses the history and geography of South Africa, including information on the land, climate, natural resources, economy and people of this rapidly changing country. Fact boxes highlight quotes about various topics by citizens of the nation.

adult Brokaw, Tom A Long Way From Home
 PN,SO
 Random House/Knopf/Anchor/Three Rivers 2002 233p 24.95 0-375-50763-9
 A glimpse at the early life of Tom Brokaw, an All-American boy from South Dakota who grew up to be one of the most respected news anchors of the twentieth century.

ms/hs Brynie, Faith 101 Questions About Food & Digestion
 MD,MJ
 Millbrook Press/21st Century / Copper Beech 2002 176p 20.92
 0-7613-2309-0
 Questions and answers explain the human digestive system and how it uses food for nutrition. Notes include bibliographical references, tables, web sites, agencies, glossary and index.

ms/hs Cabot, Meg Princess in love
 JP,SO
 HarperCollins 2002 229 p. 15.89 0-06-029467-1
 Princess Diaries, vol 3
 Mia, otherwise known as Princess Amelia Mignonette Grimaldi Thermopolis Renaldo, describes her life as a reluctant princess, one who must survive high school, get good grades, and try to find a date for the Winter Dance, all while preparing for her new role as princess of Genovia.

elm/ms Campbell, Peter A. Old-Time Baseball: 1903 and the First
 Modern World Series. LM,SO
 Millbrook Press/21st Century/Copper Beech 2002 48p 24.90
 0-7613-2466-6
 This book capsulizes the history of early baseball and the story of the first "Modern" World Series. The teams, ballparks, and games are all relates in an easy to read style for the baseball fan.

ms/hs Cart, Michael & Marc Aronson & Marianne Carus 911: The Book
 of Help JP,MS
 Cricket/Carus Pub. 2002 192p 17.95 0-8126-2659-1
 Written in response to the 9-11 terrorist attacks, this collection of essays, poems, and short stories from 25 top YA authors is powerful tool to help

students come to grips with 9-11. Proceeds to be given to Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund.

ms/hs Chatterjee, Manini India
CF,MJ

Dorling Kindersley 2002 64 15.99 0-7894-8971-6
Eyewitness

Explores the history and diverse culture of India. Covers ancient cultures and historic development from prehistoric time to modern day.

hs Cheripko, Jan Rat
MJ,CF

Boyd's Mill 2002 205p 15.95 1-59078-034-5

"Rat" is 15-year-old Jeremy, who with a withered arm can only be a "gym rat" and manage the school's basketball team. What is he to do when he discovers his coach sexually abusing one of the cheerleaders?

jr/sr Child, Lincoln Utopia
LM,CFM

Doubleday see Random 2002 385p 37.95 0-385-50668-6

Murder, mystery, and technological wizardry are combined to provide readers with a fast paced thriller right to the very end. A state of the art amusement park is held hostage while a computer designer of robotics strives to unmask the ruthless mercenaries and save lives.

ms/hs Cisneros, Sandra Caramelo
PN,MD

Random House/Knopf/Anchor/Three Rivers 24.00 0-67943-5549

A series of interconnected short stories tell the story of the Reyes family, from its roots in Mexico City to the barrios of Chicago.

ms Clements, Bruce A chapel of thieves
SO,LM

Farrar Strauss 2002 210p 16.00 0-374-37701-4

In this sequel to I tell a lie every so often, Clements has drawn a wonderfully picaresque story of a young man out to save his brother from the folly of his ways. Clements spices up his story by adding actual events, like Victor Hugo starting a riot, to the novel. The characters are engaging and Henry is a charming young man who is fated to succeed in getting his good deeds done.

jr/sr Cobb, Katie Happenings
MD,PN

Harper Collins(Trophy) 2002 250p 15.89 0-06-028928-7

An honor student is faced with a decision to stick to her convictions and possibly lose her scholarship and fail the year or continue protesting the unfairness of the situation. The book has a satisfying resolution that the students can live with and yet the learning experience was such that they came away with a new understanding of human nature.

ms/hs Coetzee, Frans World War I: A History in Documents
JP, LM

Oxford University Press 2002 176p 32.95 0-19-513746-9
Pages from history

Like other books in the series, this book describes World War I through such primary sources as letters, newspaper articles, and photos. Students are encouraged to draw their own conclusions about the war, by studying these documents in their historical context.

elm/ms Cole, Michael Mars the Fourth Planet
SVC,LM

Enslow 2002 48p 18.95 0-7660-1949-7 Countdown to Space Describes the fourth planet from the sun, including its discovery, terrain, temperature and characteristics, examining the possibility of life on the Red Planet.

ms/jr Collier, Christopher & James Lincoln Collier United States in World War II 1941-1945 LM,SO

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2001 95p 0-7614-1316-2
Drama of American History*

Written as part of a larger series focusing on the themes of American history, this is a freestanding volume on the idea of United States in World War II as they developed within the framework of our country.

ms Creech, Sharon Ruby Holler
SO,LM

Harper Collins(Trophy) 2002 310p 16.99 0-06-027732-7

Dallas and Florida, the "trouble twins," are chosen to be companions to an eccentric older couple for their last great adventure. Beautifully written, Creech combines wit, gentle humor and a little mystery with the poignant tale of two unloved children. The plot unfolds gradually and believably and Ruby Holler is vividly evoked. The unique personalities and wonderful characters make this a very entertaining read. Ruby Holler is indeed a special place in which to find love.

jr/sr Crisp, Terri Emergency Animal Rescue Stories
LM,CFM

Random House/Prima 2002 365p 14.95 0-7615-6354-7

This is the story of how one woman has established EARS, an organization dedicated to providing shelter to animals during natural disasters such as fires, floods, hurricanes, etc.

ms/hs de Guzman, Michael Melonhead
CF,SO

Farrar Strauss 2002 213p 17.00 0-374-34944-4

Tired of living with his non-caring divorced parents, Sidney, a twelve-year-old boy with an unusually large head, takes a bus trip across the country which becomes a journey of self-discovery.

adult DeMeo, Albert For the Sins of My Father
PN,CFM

Random House/Knopf/Anchor/Three Rivers 2002 275p 24.95 0-7679-0679-9

Albert DeMeo's autobiographical memoir of growing up as the son of one of the most notorious Mafia hit men in the Gambino family.

elem Dewy, Jennifer Owings Paisano, The Roadrunner
SR,JP

Millbrook Press/21st Century 2002 48p 23.90 0-7613-1250-1
 The author was fortunate to have a family of roadrunners move into her backyard, and describes her experiences with and observations of them over a period of several years.
 elem Douglas, Julie The Internet
 LM,SO

Enslow 2002 48p 18.95 0-7660-1889-X
 Transportation & Communication
 This book relates how the Internet was created and how this tool has gradually gotten into our homes and changed our lives. The text also stresses how to stay safe while surfing the Internet.
 ms/hs Dowswell, Paul The Vietnam War
 LM,SO

Gareth Stevens/World Almanac 2002 64p 0-8368-5274-5
 Cold War, The
 Covering the time period of US involvement from 1960 to 1975, the book discusses the course of events and the consequences of war on both the US and Vietnam. There are several misdocumented facts in the book.
 ms/hs Ellis, Deborah Parvana's Journey
 TW,SO,MJ

Douglas McIntyre/Groundwood 2002 197p 15.95 0-88899-5148
 In this sequel to The Breadwinner, thirteen-year-old Parvana, disguised as a boy, leaves Kabul in search of her mother and siblings. This tale of children in the current Afghanistan is realistic and heart wrenching.
 ms/jr Ferreira, Anton Zulu Dog
 MJ,CFM

Farrar Strauss 2002 192p 16.00 0-374-39223-4 Set in post apartheid South Africa, this story contrasts the lives of the Zulu boy Visu with the wealthy whites with whom he becomes friends.
 hs Frank, Hillary Better Than Running At Night
 MT, PN

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2002 263p 0-88899-475-3
 Ellie Yelinsky finds herself confronting many issues when she enters New England College of Art and Design as a freshman. She must deal with her "hippie" parents, smooth talking boyfriend, and eccentric art professor. Most importantly Ellie must come to grips with herself as she strives to find her place in the art world. This is the author's first book.
 hs Freymann-Weyr, Garrett My Heartbeat
 SO,CF

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2002 154p 15.00 0-618-14181-2
 This thoughtful and realistic novel for young adults discusses the changes in the dynamics of family relationships that occur when homosexuality and bisexuality are introduced into the mix. Freymann-Weyr has written an excellent novel filled with strong, unforgettable characters. The plot unfolds gradually and believably, offering realistic descriptions of life both in school

and out. The author has a delicate touch in dealing with family feelings and relationships.

ms Fuerst, Jeffrey The Kids' baseball workout
SO,LM

Millbrook Press/21st Century/Copper Beech 2002 80p 24.90
0-7613-2307-4

The title says it all: how to get in shape and improve your game. The author provides a common sense method for improving the readers' baseball performance by offering sets of simple strengthening and stretching exercises that give practical and lifelong ways to stay in shape and which would improve the performance of players of all ages and all sports.

ms/hs Gemmell, David Stormrider
LM,PN

Random House/Doubleday/Ballantine 2002 469p 25.00 0-345-
44577-5

The Rigante clan and their lands have been claimed by the Varlish king and his barons. It is the eternal clash of good and evil with some magical powers thrown in for good measure.

ms/hs Giblyn, James Cross The Life an Death of Adolph Hitler
PN,SVC

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2002 246p 21.00 0-395-90371-8

Absorbing portrait of the enigmatic German leader, Adolf Hitler.

ms/hs Giles, Gail Shattering Glass
SR,ED

Millbrook Press/21st Century 2002 224p 22.90 0-7613-2601-4

Rob is the new guy in school but has already ascended to the highest social strata of popularity. His latest project is turning the school geek into a popular guy, but his motives are suspect.

jr/sr Gottfried, Ted The Stalinist Empire
MJ,SVC

Millbrook Press/21st Century/Copper Beech 2002 127p 28.90 0-7613-2558-1
Rise & Fall of the Soviet Union

Covers the life of the Russian dictator Joseph Stalin from his accession to power through his leadership during World War II.

elm/ms Gray, Luli Falcon and the Charles Street Witch
LM,SO

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2002 138p 15.00 0-618-16410-3

Falcon, a twelve year old, has to live in the realistic world while she deals with certain magical events in her own small world. In this story she has to find the courage to stand up for her beliefs and save her dragon, Egg.

hs Guzman, Sandra The Latinas Bible
MD,MJ

Three Rivers Press 2002 323p 17.00 0-609-80696-3

The book is a celebration of Latina Life. This guide is for Latina Girls concerning all aspects of life. The book has history, poems, biographies, advise, real life cases, mental health resources, bibliographies on a variety of topics and so much more that the Latina woman will have to sit and digest all the information very slowly before she can be complete.

jr/sr	Hatt, Christine			Scientists and Their Discoveries
		LM,SO,JP		
Franklin Watts	2001	64p	22.00	0-531-14614-6
	Documenting History			
This book investigates the lives and achievements of many scientists, including their ideas and how they affected society. Some of the scientists written about were: astronomers (Hubble and Gamow), Chemists (Dalton and Curie), Physicists (Faraday, Rutherford, and Einstein), Geologists (Lyell and Hess), and Biologists (Darwin, Mendel, Pasteur, Fleming).				
jr/sr	Hatt, Christine			World War I
		LM,SO,JP		
Franklin Watts	2001	44p	22.00	0-531-14614-6
	Documenting History			
This book brings the devastation of WW I to life through personal experiences and events that happened during the war. The text explores all political aspects of the war that affected the lives of millions. The book uses primary source materials to tell the story				
jr/sr	Hatt, Christine			World War II 1939-45
		LM,SO,JP		
Franklin Watts	2001	62p	22.00	0-531-14612-X Documenting History
This book brings the devastation of war to life through personal experiences and events that happened during the war. The text explores all aspects of the war that affects the lives of millions.				
ms/hs	Hobbs, Valerie			Sonny's War
		CF,LM		
Farrar Strauss	2002	215p	16.00	0-374-37136-9
In the late 1960s, fourteen-year-old Cory's life is greatly changed by the sudden death of her father and her brother's tour of duty in Vietnam.				
ms	Holmes, Thom			Armored, plated, and bone-headed dinosaurs
		SO,LM		
Enslow	2001	128p	20.95	0-7660-1453-3
	Dinosaur library			
The author describes the armor-plated dinosaurs, their origins and evolution, their geographic range, their anatomy and physiology, their reproduction, and their adaptations to the environment. It is a well-organized and clearly written look at these dinosaurs and a useful and attractive resource. The black-and-white illustrations, though small, add greatly to the information.				
ms	Holmes, Thom			Feathered dinosaurs SO,LM
Enslow	2001	112p	20.95	0-7660-1454-1 Dinosaur library
The author discusses the ancient feathered dinosaurs, their origins and evolution, their geographic range, their anatomy and physiology, their reproduction, and their adaptations to their environment and explores their connection with modern birds. It is a well-organized and clearly written look at these dinosaurs and a useful and attractive resource.				
ms	Holmes, Thom & Laurie Holmes			Prehistoric Flying Reptiles SO,LM

Enslow 2003 104p 20.95 0-7660-2072-X
 Dinosaur Library*
 In this book, the author defines the specific features of the pterosaur family and discusses of the flying reptiles, their origins and evolution, their geographic range, their anatomy and physiology, their reproduction, and their adaptations to their environment.

ms/hs Howe, Norma Blue Avenger and the Theory of Everything
 JP,PN
 Cricket Books 2002 225 17.95 0-8126-2654-0
 Blue Avenger series, no. 3
 While pondering the concept of free will and time, Blue tries to outwit a multimillionaire, to help his girlfriend, Omaha Nebraska Brown.

jr/sr Huntington, Geoffrey Sorcerers of the Nightwing: Book 1
 MD,PN
 Harper Collins (Trophy) /Avon /Greenwillow 2002 279p 17.95 0-06-001425-3
 Ravenscliff series
 This is the first book in the Ravenscliff series about the sorcerers of the Order of the Nightwing. It explains the discovery of the origins of Ted Marshes power.

ms/hs Hyde, Margaret O. Depression : What you need to know.
 SVC,SO
 Scholastic 2002 112 24.95 0531118924
 Explains the three major types of depression, what causes depression, how to figure out whether someone is depressed, and what treatments and other resources exist to conquer the illness.

elm/ms Jackson, Donna The Bug Scientists JS,TW
 Houghton Mifflin 2002 48p 16.00 0-61-810868-8 Scientists In the Field
 Colorful, large, and clear photographs illustrate this title on insects and the people who work with them. Entomologists discuss bugs and how they use them in their field of work. Glossary, suggestions on where to get more information, and an index are included.

ms/jr Jackson, Donna M. The wildlife detectives: How forensic scientists fight crimes against nature JS,LM
 Houghton Mifflin 2000 48 p. \$.95 0-618-19683-8
 Scientists in the Field
 Story relates how a beautiful, well-known elk in Yellowstone National Park was found killed and his antlers removed. The case was taken on by the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Oregon. The steps they took to solve the case are detailed in this book. In many ways, this reads like a murder mystery and it is well illustrated with clear, colorful photos of the animals and people involved in the story.

adult Johnson, Doug The Indispensable Teacher's Guide to Computer skills LM,SO
 Linworth 2002 195p 42.95 1-58683-109-7

This revised edition of "Doug Johnson has created an instant workshop, laid out with objectives, rationale, assessment forms and evaluation tools. Just create a few activities and you are ready to go. Bulleted lists make the book easy to use."

jr/sr Katz, Jon A Dog Year
TW,MD,LM
Random House 2002 200p 21.95 0-375-50297-1
This humorous and heartwarming title follows the year in the life of a writer with two sedate and contemplative Labrador retrievers who adopts a broken spirited and frenetic border collie and how this turns their lives upside down.
hs Keizer, Garret God of Beer SR,ED

Harper Collins(Trophy) 2002 242p 15.95 0-06-029456-6

A group of Vermont teenagers turn a high school social studies project into the Beer Rebellion, an attempt to prove at the same time how foolish teenage drinking and laws against it are.

ms/hs Kerrod, Robin and Sharon Ann Holgate The Way Science Works
JP,LM

DK 2002 160p 21.20

A photographic guide to science, providing explanations of over sixty scientific concepts related to: matter, atoms, elements, forces, energy, heat, sound, light, color, electricity, and magnetism. Includes instructions for related experiments.

jr/sr Knauss, Sibylle Eva's Cousin
SVC,CFM

Ballantine / Random 2002 329 p. \$24.95 0345449053

In the summer of 1944 Gertraud Weisher was twenty years old when her older cousin Eva Braun invited her to come and keep her company at Berchtesgaden, Adolf Hitler's mountain retreat. Flattered by her cousin's invitation, she went and stayed until Eva left to share Hitler's fate in his Berlin bunker.

ms/hs Lasne, Eric, ed. Leading Women

SVC,MD

Random House/Knopf/Anchor/Three Rivers 2002 628p 17.00 0-375-72666-7

The anthology gathers some of the strongest roles for women in contemporary American theater. The collection of plays--full lengths, one acts, and monologues-- with female casts represent the answer to any actress's prayer.

ms/hs Lindop, Edmund America in the 1950's JP,CFM

Millbrook Press/21st Century/Copper Beech 2002 127p 0-7613-2551-4

Describes life in the U.S. in the 1950's, including people and events that were important to the political, social, and cultural aspects of the country.

ms/hs Lundgren, Marybeth Love, Sara
JP,PN

Henry Holt 2001 199p 16.95 098050-6797-3

Through e-mails, journal entries, and creative writing assignments, Sara describes her struggle to deal with her abusive past and fit into yet another foster home, as she tries to help two friends in a downward spiral.

ms/hs Major, John S. & Betty J. Belanus Caravan to America: Living Arts of the Silk Road PN,LM

Cricket/Carus Pub. 2002 130p 15.95 0-8126-2677-X

Biographical profiles of eight Asian Americans who lived in the area once known as the "Silk Road."

ms Mason, Antony In the time of Picasso SO,LM

Copper Beech 2002 48p 23.90 0-7613-2713-4

Art around the world

This slim volume provides a wonderful introduction to the abstract art of the twentieth century. It begins with a description of Matisse and the Fauve School of painting and leads into new and different methods of painting and sculpting that were evolving. Many of the well-known artists, especially Picasso with his many different styles, are presented with samples of their works.

ms Mason, Antony In the time of Warhol SO,LM

Copper Beech 2002 48p 23.90 0-7613-2714-2

Art around the world

This slim volume provides a wonderful introduction to contemporary art of the twentieth century. It begins with a description of the abstract impressionist school of painting and leads into new and different methods of painting and sculpting that were evolving. Many of the well-known artists are presented with samples of their works.

ms/hs Matthews, Kezi Flying Lessons

SO,CF

Cricket/Carus Pub. 2002 168p 16.95 0-8126-2671-0

LaMarr Conroy must come to grips with the fact that her mother has died in an airplane accident and will not be returning. This is a moving story of a young woman who has to come to terms with death and loss.

ms/jr Matthews, Rupert Ancient Mesopotamians

LM,SO

Peter Bedrick Books/McGraw Hill 2001 42p 16.95 0-87226-593-5

Myths and Civilization

This book describes the myths and culture of Ancient Mesopotamia (the land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers). Some of the first large cities and cultures started here. The text tries to relate the mythical to the historical.

ms/jr McCaughrean, Geraldine The Kite Rider

MJ,PN

Harper Collins(Trophy)/Avon/Greenwillow 2001 272p 15.95 0-06-623874-9

Haoyou flies high on a kite as a wind tester for sailing ships and then as a circus performer but he soon finds that his skill brings unexpected success and trouble.

jr/sr McDonald, Janet Spellbound

MJ,PN

Farrar Strauss 2001 138p 16.00 0-374-37140-7
 High school senior Raven thinks she has to give up her hopes for a high school graduation and college when she becomes a teenage mother.
 adult McLemeel, Sharon Literature Frameworks From Apples to Zoos
 MD,LM

Linworth 2002 182p 36.39 1-5868-3060-0
 This is an excellent reference work for teachers and school librarians. There are 26 well thought out lessons from A to Z that can be used as is or you can modify it to suit your purposes. The topics range from Johnny Appleseed, book and publishing, Ellis Island, airplanes, geography, ice cream and recipes, New York, postal service, rain forest and a list of many different topics.
 elm/ms McKissack, Patricia & Frederick Zora Neale Hurston: Writer & storyteller.
 MD,MT

Enslow 2002 32 14.95 076601694 Great African Americans A gifted writer like Zora Neale Hurston find it difficult to be a dedicated writer and yet her works distinguish her for their style and simplicity using the peoples voice.
 hs McNally, Dennis A Long Strange Trip
 PN,MJ

Random House/Knopf/Anchor/Three Rivers 30.00 0-7679-1185-7
 This is an intimate history of the Grateful Dead, written by their publicist. This is not an objective biography of the band. It is an insider's affectionate memoir, entertaining and well written.
 adult Milbury, Peter and Michael B. Eisenberg The Best Of LM_NET Select 2001 CF,MD

Linworth 2002 187p 44.95 1-58683-114-3
 This book is a compilation of the best lively LM_NET discussions selected from 2001. The book also includes a CD-ROM of the complete 2001 LM_NET discussions.
 jr/sr Mosher, Richard ZaZoo
 MJ,MD

Clarion 2001 248p 16.00 0-618-13534-0
 Zazoo, 14 and Vietnamese, is living in France since her parents were killed in the Vietnam War. What secrets surround her aging "grand-piere" and the town pharmacist dating back to World War II and the holocaust are revealed in an engaging novel.
 elem Myers, Walter Dean Patrol: An American Soldier in Vietnam LM,SO

Harper Collins(Trophy)/Avon/Greenwillow 2002 unp 16.95 0-06-028363-7
 Walter Dean Myers has written an emotional story-poem of a young soldier who comes face to face with the enemy in an alien country. It is accompanied by very striking illustrations created by an award winning artist, Ann Grifalconi.
 ms/hs Nuwer, Hank To the Young Writer.
 SVC,MD

Franklin Watts /Scholastic 2002 112 \$23.00 0531115917 To The Young
 This is a book imagining writing so students will learn to generate writing that has shape.
 jr/sr Nye, Naomi Shihab 19 Varieties of Gazelle
 PN,JP

Greenwillow 2002 142p 16.95 0-06-009765-5
The author has collected her own poems about the Middle East and what it means to be an Arab American living in the US during the time period after September 11, 2001.

jr/sr Oates, Joyce Carol Big Mouth and Ugly Girl
PN,SVC
Harper Collins(Trophy) 2002 266p 16.99 0-06-623756-4

Matt Donaghy finds out that horsing around in the cafeteria can lead to a world of trouble considering today's terrorist threats. Ursula Riggs, an individualistic teenager, befriends him by getting the principal to reevaluate the situation. The novel goes on to show the social pressures teenagers have to deal with in an affluent suburb of New York City.

ms/hs Otsuka, Julie When the Emperor Was Divine
MD,MJ

Random House / Knopf / Anchor / Three Rivers 2002 145p 18.00
0-375-414290-0

The life of a Japanese American family living in the United States during of World War II. The family is followed as they under go the transition from an ordinary American life to enemies of state.

jr/sr Park, Linda Sue When My Name was Keoko
PN,MD,SO

Clarion 2002 199p 16.00 0-618-13335-6

The novel, which takes place from 1940-1945 in Japanese-occupied Korea, is a compelling story of two siblings, 10-year-old Sun-hee and 13-year-old Tae-yul. It relates their battle to maintain their identity and dignity during Korea's turbulent times. Bibliography included for further reference.

ms/jr Paterson, Katherine The Same Stuff as Stars
LM,SO

Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2002 243p 15.00 0-618-24744-0

This is the story of an eleven-year-old Angel, who must shoulder the responsibilities of a flaky mother, younger brother, imprisoned father, and a fragile great-grandmother.

ms/hs Peck, Robert Newton Horse Thief
LM,SO

Harper Collins(Trophy)/Avon/Greenwillow 2002 231p 16.95 0-06-623791-2

In 1938 in rural Florida, Tulis Yoder struggles to survive as a bull rider in a broken down rodeo. When the rodeo goes bankrupt he finds himself trying to save the horses that have become his friends, from the slaughterhouse.

hs Pelan, John ed. The Children of CTHULHU
MD,LM

Random House / Doubleday / Ballantine 2002 469p 23.95 0-345-44926-6

Chilling horror tales that are inspired by the great horror writer H.P. Lovecraft. The tales are the kind that takes you to the top and then lets you fall all the way down a dark tunnel where you might encounter who knows what. The stories are well crafted and quite lyrical.

ms/hs Petersen, Christine Invertebrates
SO,CF
Franklin Watts 2002 128p 24.00 0-531-12021-X Life
and Environmental Science
This is a fascinating look at the family of invertebrates. It offers a well-balanced, lively, and very informative treatment of the continuing development of the invertebrates that make up 95 percent of the animal kingdom. It explores the relationships between these diverse groups, examining their adaptations to their environment and their lifestyles, and discussing their classification, development, and appearance, how they differ from previous types, and the type of ecosystem in which they live.

ms/hs Petersen, Christine Vertebrates
SO,CF
Franklin Watts 2002 128p 24.00 0-531-12020-1 Life
and Environmental Science
This is a fascinating look at the family of vertebrates. It describes the similarities and differences between the five main groups of vertebrates, the fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals, exploring the relationships between these diverse groups, examining their adaptations to their environment and their lifestyles, and discussing their classification, development, and appearance, and the type of ecosystem in which they live.

jr/sr Petroski, Henry Paperboy: Confessions of a Future
Engineer AM,MJ
Knopf 2002 364 25.00 0375413537 Memoir of Henry Petroski takes the reader on a journey to New York in the 1950's. This professor of civil engineering and history at Duke University reflects on his boyhood. Reveals the detailed, descriptive thought processes of an engineer.

ms/hs Pringle, Laurence Dog of Discovery: A Newfoundland's Adventures
with Lewis and Clark LM,SO Boyd's Mill 2002 148p 17.95
1-59078-028-0
The adventures of Lewis & Clark are told featuring Captain Lewis' faithful dog, Seaman. This dedicated companion proved his worth constantly as the expedition charted the unexplored wilderness.

ms/hs Rajendra, Vijeya and Sundran Australia CFM,SO
Benchmark Books 2002 143 35.64 0-7614-1473-8
Cultures of the World*
Presents the history, geography, government, economy, environment, religion, people, social life and customs of the island continent of Australia.

jr/sr Reef, Catherine This Our Dark Country
MJ,MD
Houghton Mifflin/Clarion 2002 136p 17.00 0-385-50342-3
Covers the history of the first African-American settlers to Liberia in 1820 and the conditions of their settlement.

ms/hs Rees, Celia Sorceress MD,CFM
Candlewick Press 2002 342p 15.99 0-7636-1847-0
This book is a sequel to "Witch Child". This book continues the story of Mary Newbury, a seventeenth century self proclaim witch.

ms Rosenberg, Matthew The Geography Bee MD,JP

Prima Publisher 2002 364p 15.95 0-7615-3571-3
A handbook to prepare middle school children to participate in the National
Geography Bee held in Wyoming. The book includes includes: index, maps,
illustrations, and fact boxes.

elm/ms Rupp, Rebecca The Waterstone LM,SO

Candlewick Press 2002 275p 16.99 0-7636-0726-6
The balance of the world is held in check by the existence of some powerful
crystals. When the "Waterstone" is imprisoned by the Nixies and the water dries
up, Tad (a 12 year old from the Fisher Tribe) embarks on a quest to solve the
mystery.

ms Sakurai, Gail Japanese American Internment Camps MD,CF

Children's press/Scholastic 2002 48p 24.00 0-516-22276-7
Cornerstones of Freedom
When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, they didn't just destroy the US Navy
ships, they also destroyed the little trust that existed between the Japanese
Americans and United States. This book presents the mass relocation of Japanese
American during World War II and the injustices they suffered.

ms Sheldon, Dyan My Perfect Life JP,LM,SO

Candlewick Press 2002 201p 16.99 0-7636-1839-X
Just how perfect is Ella's life? On the surface--100% But all that glitters is
not gold, as Dellwood High finds out when Ella runs for class president against
Carla Santini. BTW (Born To Win) Carla wants victory at any cost, even if it
means wrecking Ella's perfect life.

secondary Sibley, David Allen Sibley 's Birding Basics.

SVC,LM

Alfred A. Knopf, 2002 154 p. \$35.00 0375709665
Using many illustrations, Dabid Sibley reviews all the basic concepts of bird
identification and then describes the variations of shape, size, and color that
can change the appearance of a bird over time or in different settings. A wealth
of information is displayed effectively in the guide's features.

ms Spinelli, Jerry Loser

LM,SO

Jean Karl Books 2002 218p 15.99 0-06-000193-3
Donald Zinkoff approaches life with a great deal of exuberance that somewhat
alienates his classmates.

"Loser is a touching book about the human spirit, the importance of
failure, and how any name can someday be replaced with hero."

ms/hs Stwertka, Albert A Guide to the Elements, 2nd ed.

SO,CFM

Oxford University Press 2002 248p 18.95 0-19-515027-9

This guide to the elements offers a description of each of the 114 elements with
its chemical makeup and its place on the periodic table. It is well organized,
clearly written, and filled with easy-to-read material for either serious

researcher or middle school student. The information is presented in an easy-to-understand format that is both comprehensive and interesting. The photographs and illustrations that accompany each chapter further enhance the book.

ms/jr Thimmesh, Catherine Girls Think Of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women LM,SO

Houghton Mifflin 2002 73p 6.95 0-618-07698-0

This book presents the various inventions women and girls have come up with when confronted with problems in the everyday life.

ms/jr Thimmesh, Catherine The Sky's the Limit: Stories of Discovery by Women and Girls LM,SO

Houghton Mifflin 2002 73p 16.00 0-618-07698-0

This book presents the various discoveries women and girls have made in such fields as astronomy, biology, anthropology, and medicine.

ms/hs Thomas, Annie With Their Eyes PN,SO

Harper Collins/Wm Morrow 2002 228p 17.89 0-06-051806-5

A play composed of poem-monologues based on interviews from students, faculty, and staff of Stuyvesant High School, four blocks from the world Trade Center, on September 11, 2001.

ms Tope, Lily Philippines, 2nd ed. SO,CFM,LM

Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2002 144p 35.60 0-7614-1475-4
Cultures of the world

Part of Marshall Cavendish's series on Cultures of the World, Philippines presents very current information on the country.

ms/hs Vecchione, Patrice Whisper and Shout: Poems to Memorize PN,LM

Cricket 2002 144p 16.95 0-8126-2656-7

The book presents over 50 poems for students to memorize. The poems cover a variety of styles and moods. Some are complete while others are excerpts from longer work. The book's design in itself is appealing to young readers.

ms/hs Walker, Richard Encyclopedia of the Human Body CF,SO,LM

DK 304p 29.99 0-7894-8672-5 An exploration of the human body, both inside and out, describing the major systems of the human body and how they work.

hs Weill, Sabrina Salin We're Not Monsters MD,MJ

Harper Collins(Trophy) 2002 234p 15.89 0-06-029543-0

This book presents the opinions of teenagers as they comment about teens in trouble. It tries to present why today's teenagers feel so full of pain, anger, and rejection. The experts who work with these issues also draw their own opinions.

ms Whelan, Gloria The Impossible Journey SO,JP

Harper Collins(Trophy)/Avon/Greenwillow 2003 248p 15.99 0-06-623811-0

Sequel to Angel on the Square is a wonderful book that stands on its own. Marya and her younger brother Georgi travel many miles to find their parents who have been arrested as political prisoners and sent to prison camps in Siberia in 1934. The plot is straightforward, allowing the beauty of the characters to shine through. In this first-person narrative, the determination that Marya exhibits in her quest to reunite her family leads the reader into a region not often traveled. Novel will hold the reader's attention.

jr/sr Winkler, Kathleen Tattooing and Body Piercing
MJ,SR

Enslow 2002 64p 17.95 0-7660-1668-4

Teen Issues

Covers what are tattoos, why teens are getting them, health risks and how to safely get a tattoo or body piercing.

ms/hs Wolinsky, Art Safe Surfing on the Internet

LM,SO

Enslow 2003 64p 17.95 0-7660-2030-4

Internet Library

This book presents safety issues for the Internet. It covers such aspects as acceptable use policies, email use and abuse, privacy, relevant laws (CIPA and COPPA), as well as inappropriate use of bandwidth.

ms/hs Yee, Paul Dead Man's Gold and Other Stories. MD,PN,MT

Groundwood see Douglas McIntyre 2002 104p 14.95 0-88899-475-3

An excellent collection of Asian stories connecting China with the western part of North America and the gold rush in the late 1850s.

ms/hs Ylvisaker, Anne Dear Papa

MT,MD

Candlewick Press 2002 184p 15.99 0-7636-1618-4

The author's first novel is set in St. Paul, Minnesota during World War II. The nine-year-old heroine, Isabelle begins writing letters to her dead father to complete a school writing assignment. In time she expands these letters to other members of her family. The novel is full of everyday details that exemplify the historical period and the conflict of growing up.

ms/hs Young, Marilyn B. and J. Fitzgerald, A. T. Grunfelld The Vietnam War: A History in Documents LM,SO

Oxford University Press 2002 176p 32.95 0-19-512278-X

Pages From History

The book is a one-volume resource of the war retold through primary source materials, memoirs, interviews, and speeches of important figures.

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ms/hs African American Biographies*

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MD,SO,LM

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