

TriState Young Adult Book Review Committee ----Books of Note

- jr/sr **Earth & Physical Science Encyclopedia (13 vol.)** MD,CFM
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 13 vols. 439.95 0-7614-7584-2
 An excellent 13 volume encyclopedia that focuses on the earth and physical sciences. Large format with excellent photos and good references.
- ms/hs **Exploring the Middle Ages** SG,SO
 Marshall Cavendish 2005 11 v. 471.36 076147613X
 Articles on all aspects of life "in all parts of the world" in the 1000 year period known as the Middle Ages.
- ms/hs **Adlington, L.J. The Diary of Pelly D** PN,MD
 Greenwillow see Harper Collins 2005 282p 16.89 0-06-076616-6
 Toni V, a demolition crew worker, finds and keeps the diary of Pelly D, a wealthy girl, who becomes the victim of a Holocaust-like ethnic cleansing on a colonized planet.
- ms/hs **Allen, Judy Fantasy Encyclopedia: A Guide to Fabulous Beasts and Magical** LM,MJ
 Houghton 2005 144p 24.95 0-7534-5847-0
 A comprehensive guide to fabulous beasts and magical beings- from elves and dragons to vampires and wizards.
- hs **Allende, Isabel Forest of the Pygmies** MD,TW
 Harper Collins 2005 296p 20.89 0060761970
 Excellent translation of Isabel Allende's third book of the adventures of the teenagers Nadia and Alexander that began in the first book of the City of the Beast.
- jr/sr. **Anema, Durlynn Ynes Mexia: Botanist & Adventurer** MD,MJ
 Morgan Reynolds 2005 144p 26.95 1-931798-67-2 Women adventurers
 Ynes Mexia discovers a whole new world as a botanist and an adventurer at the age of fifty proving that it is never to late to enjoy life to the fullest.
- hs/adult **Arvin, Nick Articles of War** MJ,LMN
 Random 2005 178P 17.00 0-385-51277-5
 Eighteen year old "Heck" , believing himself to be a coward, is changed forever as he is caught up in the horror and momentous events of World War II in Europe.
- jr/sr **B., David Epileptic** TW,LMN
 Pantheon 2005 361p 25.00 0-375-42318-4
 This graphic memoir, originally published in France, examines how a family, especially a younger brother, deals with the impact of epilepsy and its consequences. Elaborate black and white drawings illustrate the text.
- elm/ms **Baldacci, David Freddy and the French Fries #1: : Fries Alive! (Freddy and the** LM,SO
 Little Brown (Time Warner) see 2005 176p 12.99 0-316-15998-0
 Theodore, Wally, Curly, Ziggy, Si, and Meese are French fries you'll love so much you won't want to eat them! David Baldacci's wild and wacky adventure has his characters disguised as shoestring, waffle, wedge, curly and crinkle-cut potatoes who come to life.
- ms **Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta The Eiffel Tower** SO,LM
 Kidhaven Press see Gale 2006 48p 23.70 0-7377-3150-8 Great structures of the world
 The Eiffel Tower may be one of the world's most famous and recognizable landmarks. It was built to showcase France's scientific successes at the Exposition of 1889 and was, at that time, the tallest structure in the world. In this book, the author focuses on its design and construction.
- ms/hs **Barter, James The Ancient Persians** MT,LMN
 Thomson/Gale 2006 112p \$28.70 1-59018-6214 Lost Civilizations (Thomson/Gale)
 Describes archeological discoveries and methods used to learn about the ancient Persian people. Information is included on their daily life, beliefs, and accomplishments. Primary and secondary source quotes as well as an annotated bibliography,maps and indexes are included.
- hs/adult **Baumann, LeslieSkin Type Solution: A Revolutionary Guide to Your Best Skin Ever** CFM,LM
 Bantam dist. Random 2006 515p 22.00 0-553-80422-7
 This title will provide readers with valuable information on skin typing. Through questionnaires, readers will understand more about their skin type and they will learn what types of skin care products they should use for their skin.
- ms **Bolden, Tonya Maritcha** MJ,MD
 Abrams, Harry 2005 47P 17.95 0-8109-5045-6
 A fascinating look at the child life of a free black child in the north of the 19th century.
- elm/ms **Booth, Martin Soul Stealer: The Alchemist's Son** LM,SO
 Little Brown (Time Warner) see 2005 242p 14.99 0-36-15591-8
 This is a fast paced sequel to Dr. Illuminatus. Pip and Tim once again come to the aid of Sebastian--a medieval alchemist's son who has awakened from a centuries-long slumber. The Alchemist's Son tale comes to a riveting and astounding conclusion.
- elm/ms **Brucken, Kelli Bristlecone pines** SO,CFM
 Kidhaven Press see Gale 2006 48p 23.70 0-7377-3061-7 Wonders of the World
 In this book, the author describes the physical characteristics of the bristlecone pines, their habitats, the discovery of their age through dendrochronology and how they were used to calibrate carbon dating of ancient artifacts, and the need for protection of the trees.

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- * ms/hs **Buckley, Michael** *The Sisters Grimm: Fairy-Tale Detectives* LM,SO
 Amulet (imprint of Abrams Books) 2005 284p 14.95 0-8109-5925-9
 Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are orphaned sisters who end up living with their grandmother in a town in New York State known for its unusual and mysterious happenings. The sisters (modern day Nancy Drew renditions) take the readers on a tumultuous and humorous romp from the world of reality to the unbelievably fantastic. Readers never know what will happen next.
- * ms/hs **Buckley, Michael** *The Sisters Grimm: The Unusual Suspects* LM,SO
 Amulet (imprint of Abrams Books) 2005 290p 14.95 0-8109-5926-7
 Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are orphaned sisters are living in a fairy-tale community. When the sisters start school in Ferryport Landing Elementary , Sabrina feels that something is not right. But Daphne is having a great time in third grade with a teacher resembling Snow White. Do the girls have a problem when Sabrina's teacher is found dangling from a giant spider web?
- elm/ms **Burleigh, Robert** *Toulouse-Lautrec: the Moulin Rouge and the City of Light* SO,LM
 Abrams 2005 32p 17.95 0-8109-5867-8
 This large and handsome book examines the life and work of the French artist Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, describing and giving examples of his art and discussing his work in relation to his life.
- hs **Caravantes, Peggy** *Best of Times: The Story of Charles Dickens* CFM,LM
 Morgan Reynolds 2005 160p 26.95 1-931798-68-0 World Writers (Morgan)#5
 "Presents a biography of nineteenth-century British author Charles Dickens, and chronicles his troubled and impoverished childhood, literary career, and personal and public life. "
- * hs **Carlson, Lori Marie** *Moccasin Thunder: Indian Stories for Today* MT,PN
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 156p 16.89 0-066239591
 A collection of short stories about contemporary Native American teens by ten different Native American authors from Canada and the United States. An author section follows the stories and tells each author's Native American heritage and some of their publications.
- ms/hs **Chalifour, Francis** *After* LMN,TW
 Tundra Books 2005 133p 7.95 0-8877-6705-2
 Francis, 15 years old, travels through the grief process after his father commits suicide. This short poignant autobiography deals with the emotional impact of suicide on a family. With the help of friends, family and work, Francis emerges from despair into a world where hope lives.
- ms/jr **Chandler, Pauline** *Warrior Girl* PN,RZ
 Harper 2005 354p 17.89 10-06-084103-6
 Mariane, rendered mute after her mother is murdered, is sent to live with her cousin, Jehanne, and her family. Jehanne eventually becomes Joan of Arc, and Mariane battles along side her, while trying to regain her father's holdings.
- hs **Cirrone, Dorian** *Dancing in Red Shoes Will Kill You* RZ,LMN
 Harper 2005 213p 16.89 0-06-055702-8
 Sixteen-year-old Kayla, a ballet dancer with very large breasts, and her sister Paterson, an artist, are both helped and hindered by classmates as they confront sexism, conformity and censorship at their high school while maintaining a sense of humor.
- * ms/hs **Clarke, Judith** *Kalpana's Dream* LMN,SO
 Front Street Books 2005 164p 16.95 1-932425-225
 An essay titled "Who Am I" leads Neema and her classmates to examine their inner feelings. Neema's great grandmother, Kalpana, arrives from India speaking only Hindi. Culture and ages clash. Kalpana hopes to fly someday and with the help of Neema's friend, the flying boy, Kalpana actually gets to fly in a most unusual manner. Strong, believable characters display the essence of hope and love.
- * hs/adult **Coffey, Wayne** *Boys of Winter* LMN,SO
 Random 2005 272p 23.95 1-4000-4-765-x
 Coffey traces the formation and training of the gold medal Olympic ice hockey team of 1980. The challenges and ultimate triumph of the U.S. over U.S.S.R. was a political as well as athletic victory. Exciting hockey action, close-up and personal looks at the team players and coaches, as well as a follow-up on the current lives of the team members will draw in younger readers as well as readers who remember the historic event.
- * elem **Creech, Sharon** *Replay* RZ,SO
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 180+p 16.89 0-06-054020-6
 While preparing for a role in the school play, twelve-year-old Leo finds an autobiography that his father wrote as a teenager and ponders the ways people change as they grow up.
- * ms/hs **Croggan, Alison** *The Naming* RZ,LM
 Candlewick Press 2005 492p 17.99 0-76362629-2
 A manuscript from a lost civilization chronicles the experiences of sixteen-year old Maerad, an orphan gifted in the magic power of the Bards, as she escapes slavery and begins to learn how to use her Gift to stave off the Darkness that threatens to consume her world.
- * jr/sr **Crutcher, Chris** *The Sledding Hill* RZ,TW
 Greenwillow see Harper Collins 2005 230p 16.89 0060502444
 Billy, recently deceased, keeps an eye on his best friend, fourteen year old Eddie, who has added to his home and school problems by becoming mute, and helps him stand up to a conservative minister and English teacher who is orchestrating a censorship challenge.

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- ms/jr **Deary, Terry** *The Fire Thief* MD,TW
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2005 253p 9.95 0-7534-5818-7
 Prometheus, half god and half Titan, felt pity for the humans and, against Zeus' order, he gave them the power and secret of fire. He was then condemned until he was able to find a hero in modern times.
- jr/sr **Delaney, Joseph** *The Last Apprentice: Revenge of the witch* MD,SO
 Greenwillow see Harper Collins 2005 343p 15.89 0-06-0766190
 Thomas is the seventh son of a seventh son and his mother is sure that he will be an excellent apprentice to the Spook but he is not so sure about that.
- hs **Deuker, Carl** *Runner* LMN,PN
 Houghton 2005 216p 16.00 13-978-0618-54298-7
 Chance Taylor lives with his alcoholic father on a rundown sailboat near Seattle. To make ends meet, Chance takes a job that involves being a runner who picks up a package and delivers it to the manager of the marina. Chance questions the contents of the packages and with the death of the wharf manager, Chance fears for his own life.
- ms **Dudley, David L.** *The Bicycle Man* MJ,MD
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2005 249p 16.00 0-618-54233-7
 Carissa who is growing up in a single parent poor black family in rural Georgia of the 1920's, learns important life lessons from Bailey, an old black man who stops by their home riding a bicycle and manages to stay awhile.
- hs **Dunbar, Katherine Read** *Antidepressants* LMN,SG
 Greenhaven Press see Gale 2006 91p 19.95 0-7377-3116-8 At Issue (Gale/Greenhaven)
 An anthology of articles for the high school student, most written after 2002, that discuss antidepressants: whether they are effective in treating depression, whether children should use them, and the side effects of using them. The risk of suicide as a side effect is covered. Articles represent both sides of the topics explored, written by professionals as well as knowledgeable lay people.
- ms/jr **DuPrau, Jeanne** *Car Trouble* MJ,CFM
 Greenwillow see Harper Collins 2005 274p 16.89 0-06-073674-7
 Duff Pringle must get across country without the financial help of his parents. He has a new job waiting for him in California. He buys an old beat up car but soon has "car trouble". How he manages and the friends he meets make for a compelling story
- * hs/adult **Durham, David Anthony** *Pride of Carthage* LMN,PN
 Anchor see Random 2005 568p 15.95 0-385-72249-4
 The political and military struggles of Carthage and Rome focus on the Barca brothers, most notably Hannibal. The impact of war on family, warriors, rulers, and most uniquely, the women who follow the army and wives left behind make this a memorable read. For mature readers.
- elm/ms **Farndon, John,& others** *Kingfisher first encyclopedia of animals* SO,LM,MD
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2005 144p 9.95 0-7534-5992-1
 This revised edition is a very visually appealing guide to 125 animals with beautiful drawings, illustrations, maps, and color photographs enhancing the simple written text. The text is well-organized and clearly written with attractive page layouts. Arranged thematically, the entries contain cross-reference boxes to lead the reader to similar animals or topics.
- ms/hs **Farrell, Jeanette** *Invisible allies: microbes that shape our lives* SO,MT
 Farrar Straus 2005 165p 17.00 0-374-33608-3
 In this wonderful and accessible account, Farrell presents information about the important role that microbes play in the lives of human beings. Offer this with Enslow's [Cell and microbe science fair projects](#) for an enticing pair.
- elem **Feinstein, Stephen** *Read About Harriet Tubman* RZ,ED
 Enslow 2005 24p 15.95 I Like Biographies (Enslow)
 Provides an overview of the life of Harriet Tubman, conductor on the Underground Railroad.
- ms **Feinstein, Stephen** *Ancient Mesopotamia* SO,MD
 Enslow 2005 48p 25.26 0-7660-5254-0 Civilization of Ancient
 This book profiling ancient Mesopotamia is part of a new series of books on the civilizations of the ancient world that link to the web site MyReportLinks.com
- elm/ms **Fletcher, Ralph** *A writing kind of day* LM,SO
 Boyd's Mill 2005 32p 17.95 1-59078-276-3
 In this slim volume aimed at budding poets in the middle school, Fletcher offers a look at how daily life experiences can translate into poetry.
- * hs **Flinn, Alex** *Fade to Black* LMN,PN
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 184p 17.89 0-06-056841-0
 An attack on an HIV student is told from three viewpoints - the HIV student, the attacker, and a Down syndrome student who is a witness to the attack. All are high school students and are changed by the violent assault. The reader views prejudice from many different viewpoints.
- * elem **Gardner, Robert** *Dazzling Science Projects with Light & Color* SO,LM
 Enslow 2006 48p 23.93 0-7660-2587-X Fantastic Physical Science
 In order to understand the nature of light and color, this book offers a series of experiments that explore the basics of the physics.

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- * elem **Gardner, Robert** *Sensational Science Projects with Simple Machines* SO,LM
 Enslow 2006 48p 23.93 0-7660-2585-3 Fantastic Physical Science
 In order to understand the nature of simple machines, this book offers a series of experiments that explore the basics of the physics.
- * hs **Giblin, James Cross** *Good Brother Bad Brother: Story of Edwin Booth & John Wilkes Booth* SG,CFM
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2005 244p 22.00 0-618-09642-6
 "Tells the life stories of nineteenth-century actor Edwin Booth and his actor brother John Wilkes Booth, describing the differences between the two men, chronicling John's assassination of Abraham Lincoln, and examining the impact of John's crime on the Booth family for decades afterward. "
- ms/hs **Gordon, Sherri Mabry** *Downloading Copyrighted Stuff From the Internet* LM,SO
 Enslow 2005 104p 31.93 0-7660-2164-5 Issues in Focus Today(Enslow)
 The book addresses whether the issue of downloading from the Internet is to be considered stealing or fair use?
- * all ages **Graff, Nancy Price** *Taking Wing* LMN,SO
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2005 211p 15.00 0-618-53591-8
 Gus, whose father is in the Army Air Corps of WWII, and whose mother is recovering from tuberculosis lives with his grandparents on a Vermont farm. Gus is put in charge of incubating duck eggs when the mother duck dies. He learns hard work, patience, honesty, and caring for others including a Canadian family who is not accepted in the community. Suitable for all ages. Outstanding, compelling fiction.
- elm/ms **Graham, Amy** *Seven Wonders of the Natural World* MD,LM
 Enslow 2005 48p 25.26 0766052907 Seven Wonders of the World
 From the series "MyReportlinks.com" this new title explores the natural wonders of this earth.
- elem **Greenwood, Rosiel** *Wonder Why Columbus Crossed the Ocean and Other Questions* LM,LMN
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2005 32p 11.95 0-7534-5860-8 I wonder why (Kingfisher)
 With cartoon and realistic drawings, this book describes to elementary students the travels of various explorers and why the exploration was important to mankind. Students find quick facts that they will find fascinating as well as a beautifully illustrated book. Explorers of the Americas, the moon, Africa, and 28 other regions are featured.
- * ms/hs **Gruber, Michael** *The Witch's Boy* RZ,SO
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 377p 17.89 0-06-076165-2
 A grotesque foundling turns against the witch who sacrificed almost everything to raise him when he becomes consumed by the desire for money and revenge against those who have hurt him, but he eventually finds his true heart's desire.
- * ms **Hale, Shannon** *Princess Academy* SO,RZ
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2005 314p 16.95 1-58234-933-2
 In this engaging fantasy, Miri must attend the new and very strict "princess academy" in order to prepare for the possibility that she might be the bride of the Crown Prince.
- ms/hs **Hansen, Jim & John** *Creating Manga Superheroes & Comic Book Characters* LM,TW
 Gramercy see Random 2005 144p 0-517-22724-X
 A colorful and informative book for the young cartoonist. The book provides direction and illustrations on how to create cartoon style, screen heroes, and manga style characters for the stories. It also gives a good insight into what different styles mean and try to portray.
- jr/sr **Harnett, Sonya** *Stripes of the Sidestep* MD,TW
 Candlewick Press 2005 200p 16.99 076362449
 The reportedly extinct Tasmanian tiger is seen again and, with this sighting, brings hope to the people who are living in a town that is dying.
- ms/hs **Hartinger, Brent** *Grand & Humble* TW,SG
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2006 213p 16.89 0-06-056728-7
 Harlan, a popular senior is having panic attacks and Manny, a theater geek is having nightmares. They are both terrified and wonder what is happening to their lives. The secret is at an intersection and the conclusion will leave readers pondering reality.
- ms/hs **Herrera, Juan Felipe** *Cinnamon Girl* MD,TW
 Joanna Cotler see Harper Collins 2005 162p 16.89 0-060-57985-4
 On that fateful day of September 11, 2001, Uncle DJ went to deliver flowers to a nearby building when the Twin Towers were hit. DJ went to help and now his niece Yolanda sits by his side at the hospital praying that he will be one of the lucky ones.
- ms/hs **Hoffman, Mary** *Stravaganza: City of Flowers* LM,SO
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2005 489p 17.95 1-58234-887-1 Stravaganza series
 This is the latest in the series that unravels among even more dangerous times. Beware readers because everything in the beautiful world of the City of Flowers is not at all what you see.
- * ms/jr **Hunter, Erin** *Moonrise* LM,SO
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 287p 16.89 006-074453-7 Warriors, The New Prophecy
 This is the second book in the Warriors: The New Prophecy series. Readers of this series will gain insight into the world of the cats. The quests and camaraderie found in this series will make any reader sit up and wonder what is going on in their pet cat world. This is an action packed animal story.

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- ms/hs **Hunter, Erin** *Midnight* SO,LM
 Harper 2005 303p 16.89 0-06-074450-2 Warriors: the new prophecy
 Set several years after the last book in the series *Warriors*, *Midnight* begins with a new prophecy. StarClan has chosen four cats, one from each of the different clans, to decipher their visions of doom and destruction that await the future of the forest Clans.
- * all ages **Jackson, Donna M.** *ER Vets* SG,MJ
 Houghton 2005 88p 17.00 0-618-43663-4
 Day to day responsibilities and medical emergencies faced by veterinarians and vet technicians.
- ms/hs **Jinks, Catherine** *Pagan's scribe* SO,RZ
 Candlewick Press 2005 359p 16.99 0-7636-2022-X Pagan chronicles
 This is the last volume of Pagan Kidrouk's life story. He has moved from a smart-mouthed street kid to be the Archdeacon of Carcassonne and his adventures continue to abound.
- all ages **Jocelyn, Marthe** *A Home for Foundlings* MT,MD
 Tundra Books 2005 120p 15.95 0-88776-709-5 A Lord Museum Book
 In 1741, London's Foundling Hospital was established to take in unwanted babies that were baptized, clothed, numbered, and sent to a wet nurse. After five years, they returned to be trained as productive workers for Britain. Until the last children were sent to foster homes in 1953, many thousand children grew up there.
- ms **Jocelyn, Marthe** *Secrets* MT,SG
 Tundra Books 2005 175p 8.95 0-8877-6723-0
 A dozen stories written by women about a secret or a hidden truth that is revealed. Authors include Susan Adach, Anne Laurel Carter, Gillian Chan, Anne Gray, Nancy Hartry, Martha Jocelyn, Julie Jonston, Loris Lexynskis, Martha Slaughter, Teresa Toten & Elizabeth Winthrop
- all ages **Johnson, Crockett** *Magic Beach* ALL
 Front Street Books 2005 unp 18.95 1-932425-27-6
 This lovely tale (originally issued in 1965 with illustrations done by another artist) written by Ruth Krauss and with Crockett Johnson's original artwork has been published in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Johnson's birth.
- ms/hs **Jones, Diana Wynne** *Conrad's fate* SO,PN
 Greenwillow see Harper Collins 2005 375p 17.89 0-06-074744-7 Chrestomanci
 In this new addition to the *Chrestomanci Quartet*, twelve-year-old Conrad Tesdnic has to discover the source of his bad karma in Stallery Mansion where the future changes frequently.
- ms/hs **Jubert, Herve** *Dance of the Assassins* LM,SO
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 396p 17.89 0-06-077718-0
 The first book in a fantasy series, "Devil's Dances Trilogy". The main characters are a qualified witch and her assistant who try to solve crime in virtual cities (historic theme parks for tourists). These crimes represent famous killers such as Jack the Ripper.
- ms/hs **Jurmain, Suzanne** *The Forbidden Schoolhouse* MD,RZ
 Houghton 2005 150p 18.00 0-618-47302-5
 In 1833 Ms. Crandall accepted her first African American student to the distress of the community in Connecticut. The Forbidden school received its name when it was transformed into a school for African American girls.
- ms/hs **Ketchum, Liza** *Where the Great Hawk Flies* CFM,RZ
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2005 264p 16.00 0-618-40085-0
 "Years after a violent New England raid by the Redcoats and their Revolutionary War Indian allies, two families, one that suffered during that raid and one with an Indian mother and Patriot father, become neighbors and must deal with past trauma and prejudices before they can help each other in the present."
- * ms/hs **Kogler, Jennifer** *Ruby Tuesday* LMN,LM
 Harper 2005 307p 16.89 0-06-073957-6
 Ruby, teased for her name and mob connected father, finds herself relying on her itinerant mother when her father is accused of killing a bookie. A mad dash to Las Vegas to visit her blackjack loving grandmother shows Ruby the depths of family love amid laughter and sorrow.
- ms/hs **Koja, Kathe** *Talk* CFM,PN
 Frances Foster Books 2005 134p 16.00 0-374-373825
 "Hoping to escape from himself for a while, Kit auditions for a controversial school play and discovers his talent for acting, struggles with coming out, and both he and his costar face crisis in their view of themselves and in their close relationships. Told from two points of view."
- * ms/hs **Koopmans, Andy** *The History of Blues* MT,LMN
 Lucent Books see Gale 2006 112p \$28.70 0-59018-767-9 Music Library Gale/Lucent)
 Traces "The History of the Blues" from African instruments brought over with the slave trade to current rock bands which "borrow heavily from the blues". illustrated with black and white pictures of many blues musicians. Annotated booklist and index are included.
- elm/ms **Kops, Deborah** *Ancient Rome* MD,SO
 Enslow 2005 48p 25.26 0766052907 Civilization of Ancient
 An exploration of the civilization of Ancient Rome from the series MyReportlinks.com.

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- * ms/jr **Kositsky, Lynne** *Claire by Moonlight* SVC,LM
Tundra Books 2005 271p 9.95 0-88776-659-5
Lynne Kositsky paints a vivid picture of the land, the Acadians, and a tragic chapter in history--the journey of one girl, facing insurmountable odds, who will forever remain haunted by the ghosts of those she loved.
- * all ages **Kraske, Robert***Marooned: The strange but True Adventures of Alexander Selkirk* MT,RZ
Houghton 2005 120p \$15.00 0-618-56843-3
Alexander Selkirk, a Scottish seaman, survives four years alone on an island in the early 1700's. After a dispute with the captain, Selkirk, the second in command, is put off on the island. His adventures later served as the basis for Daniel Defoe's novel Robinson Crusoe.
- hs/adult **Land, Brad** *Goat: A Memoir* MJ,CFM
Random 2005 210P 12.95 0-8129-6968-5
The violence of pledging a fraternity is vividly portrayed as Brad follows his younger brother to college and fraternity life.
- jr/sr **Landis, Jacquelyn** *The Cubans* MD,MJ
Thomson/Gale 2005 130p 34.95 0-7377-2763-2 Coming to America
A historical account of the Cuban Americans' immigration to America. Starting with the 1800's the Cubans have been searching for freedom for their island.
- hs **Lane, Dakota** *The Orpheus Obsession* SG,LMN
HarperCollins/Katherine Tegen 2005 273P 11.53 0-06-07174-0
Sixteen-year old Anoshka Star, who has a tumultuous relationship with her mother, becomes obsessed with a rock singer and follows him into his world.
- ms/hs **Lassieur, Allison** *Albert Einstein, Genius of the 20th Century* MT,LM
Scholastic/Grolier/Childrens 2005 127p 29.50 09531-12401-0 Great Life Stories(Watts)**#4
A chronological biography of the scientist best known for his theory of relativity and his famous equation E=mc². His school problems and difficulty finding jobs are discussed as well as his scientific findings and recognition. Examples show how his theories were applied. Photo captions and sidebars and interest.
- * hs **Lowry, Brigid** *Things You Either Hate or Love* PN,SO
Holiday House 2005 179p 16.95 0-8234-2004-3
This first-person narrative offers a glimpse into the life of Georgia, an overweight and lonely Australian teen, who spends her summer vacation making lists and trying to raise enough money to go to a big rock concert. It is sure to appeal to the fans of Louise Rennison.
- elm/ms **Lynette, Rachel** *Anorexia* LMN,SG
Kidhaven Press see Gale 2006 48p 23.70 0-7377-3176-1 Understanding Diseases &
For upper elementary and middle schools students, this easy-to-read and understand book discusses causes, treatment and how people cope with anorexia. Full color photographs, glossary, and list of organizations to help people with anorexia make this an outstanding book to research the disorder that is striking young people as early as 10 years of age.
- * ms/jr **Macdonald, Fiona** *Inside the Beagle with Charles Darwin* SO,LM
Enchanted Lion 2005 48p 19.95 1-59270-041-1 Inside (Enchanted Lion)
This is a brief introduction to Darwin's voyage around the world on the H.M.S. Beagle. On the five-year voyage, Darwin would collect immense numbers of specimens of familiar and unknown species, develop new theories to explain the unusual sights he saw, and change the course of science.
- ms/jr **Machado, Ana Maria** *From Another world* MD,TW
Groundwood see Douglas 2005 128p 15.95 0-88899-597-0
A horrific historical event of the last days of slavery that occurred on a Brazilian coffee ranch.
- hs/adult **MacNeil, Robert and** *Do you speak American* MD,TW
Random 2005 228p 23.95 0-385-51198-1
This title, by the authors of The Story of English, examines the English language as it is used in everyday speech across the United States. It is a companion to the PBS series of the same name.
- * all ages **Marcantonio, Santar** *Red Ridin' in the hood and other cuentos* MD,LM
Farrar Strauss 2005 185p 16.00 0374362416
Some of the best known fairy tales are retold with a delightful Hispanic perspective, peppered by Spanish language words to give it some salsa.
- elem **Markham, Beryl** *Good Lion* SVC,CFM
Houghton 2005 32p 16.00 0-618-50306-7
Here young Beryl and a "tame" lion called Paddy come together in an encounter that challenges our notions of wild and docile, trust and duplicity, punishment and forgiveness.
- ms/hs **Mavrikis, Peter ed.** *Habitats of the World* LM,SO
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 11 vols. 264.00 0-7614-7523-0
An 11 volume set that presents the varied habitats that make up our unique world. The environments range from the ocean floor to crowded cities, highlighting the unique life-forms that adapt and flourish in even the most unusual environment.

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- ms/hs **McCaffery, Anne &** *Changelings* LM,SO
 Ballantine see Random 2006 273p 19.95 0-345-47002-8
 This is the first book of a trilogy about the twins of Petaybee. This book follows the science fiction trilogy (Powers That Be, Power Lines, and Power Play) in which the humans (the twin's parents) fight to protect the planet from the destructive will of the all-powerful interstellar corporation. The twins, Rowan and Murel, are unique and resourceful. They must change as quickly as their planet, Petaybee, is changing if they are to help protect her.
- * ms/hs **McCaughrean, Geraldine** *Not the End of the World* RZ,MD
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 244p 17.98 0-06-076031-1
 Noah's daughter, daughters-in-law, sons, wife and the animals describe what it was like to be aboard the ark while they watched everyone around them drown.
- * ms/hs **McNaughton, Janet** *The Secret Under My Skin* PN,LM
 Harper 2005 263 16.89 0-06-008990-3
 The year is 2368. In the aftermath of a technocaust, Blay Raytee, a work camp orphan discovers that all is not as it seems when she is chosen for a special mission.
- ms/hs **Mead, Alice** *Swimming to America* PN,MD,MJ
 Farrar Strauss 2005 154p 16.00 0-374-38047-3
 Linda Berati's class assignment forces her to confront her parents about their secrecy about their family. Her discomfort with her parents is compounded by her alienation from her closest girlfriends and a moral dilemma surrounding her discovery that her friend Ramon's brother is heavily involved in drug dealing.
- ms/hs **Melling, O. R.** *The hunter's moon* SO,LM
 Amulet 2005 274p 16.95 0-8109-5857-0 Chronicles of Faerie
 This is the first volume of the trilogy *The Chronicles of Faerie*. American Gwen comes to visit her Irish cousin Findabhair for the summer. The two girls quickly find themselves involved with the King of the Faeries and his magical land.
- ms/hs **Miller, Calvin** *Roy Wilkins* LMN,CFM
 Morgan Reynolds 2005 176p 24.95 978-0-931798-49-5
 Roy Wilkins rose to prominence in the 1930's as a civil rights advocate who later became a leader in the NAACP. His family and professional life as well as historical events are detailed in this biography suited for middle and high school students.
- elm/ms **Miller, Raymond H.** *The Brothers Grimm* LM,SO
 Thomson/Gale 2006 48p 23.70 0-7377-3157-5 Inventors & Creators#4 (Gale)
 This is a clear concise biographical book of the Brothers Grimm. The text explains their life story and the details behind their enchantment with fairy tales.
- ms/hs **Mintzer, Rich** *Meth & Speed = Busted!* LMN,SO
 Enslow 2005 104p 31.93 0-7660-2551-9 Busted! (Enslow)
 Describes the drug meth amphetamine/speed, its effects, history, law, personal experiences of abusers and how to get help if addicted to meth amphetamine. The personal experience section is what makes this book a step above most books on drugs.
- * jr/sr **Moredun, P.R.** *World of Eldaterra : dragon conspiracy. (vol. 1)* SVC,LM
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 290 p. \$17.89 0060766638
 The fates of a police inspector in 1895 and a fourteen -year-old boy in 1910 are entwined as they both strive to stop an evil plot that has originated in a world of magic, and threatens that world and their own.
- elm/ms **Morley, Jacqueline &** *Inside the Tomb of Tutankhamun* LM,SO
 Enchanted Lion 2005 48p 19.95 1-59270-042-X Inside (Enchanted Lion)
 This book takes you on a tour of Ancient Egypt explaining the importance of the pharaoh, Valley of the Kings, burial chambers, mummies, amulets, and the persistence of the grave robbers.
- ms/hs **Morris, Gerald** *The lioness and the knight* SO,SVC
 Houghton 2005 343p 16.00 0-618-50772-8 Squire's tales
 In this delightful addition to the legends of King Arthur and his Court, Luneta and her companions face curses, mysterious knights, a stray lioness, and some star-crossed lovers in their attempt to reach Camelot.
- ms/jr **Morton-Shaw, Christine** *Riddles of Epsilon* LM,SO
 Katherine Tegen Books see 2005 384p 17.89 0-06-073820-5
 Jess (14 year old girl) moves with her parents to a remote English island. She unearths an ancient curse that she tries to dispel with the help of an invisible supernatural being named Epsilon.
- ms **Mwangi, Meja** *Mzungu Boy* MJ,RZ
 Groundwood see Douglas 2005 150P 15.95 0-888-99-653-5
 Set in Kenya during the MauMau revolution of the early 1950's, this novel effectively contrasts the life of the rich whites with that of the native boy, Kariuki.
- * ms/hs **Myers, Walter Dean** *Autobiography of My Dead Brother* TW,RZ
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 212p 16.89 0-06-058292-8
 "Jesse, a talented teenage artist, lives in Harlem with parents who vigilantly try to keep him safe. His anguished account of the street violence that intrudes into his life is illustrated with cartoon panels representative of his artistic endeavors".

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- ms/hs **Myracle, Lauren** *Rhymes with Witches* CFM,MD
 Amulet 2005 209p 16.95 0-8109-5859-7
 "High school freshman Jane believes that she would do anything to be popular until she is selected to be in the school's most exclusive clique and learns that popularity has a price. "
- elm/ms **Nardo, Don** *Artistry in Stone: Great Structures of Ancient Egypt* LM,SO
 Lucent Books see Gale 2005 112p 28.70 1-59018-661-3 Lucent Library of Historical
 This book provides young readers with an insight into important an era in world history. The content covers the political, social, and cultural aspects of Egypt.
- * second **National Basketball** *The Perfect Team* TW,CFM
 Doubleday see Random 2006 332p 23.95 0-385-50146-3
 Basketball experts choose players, coach, and GM for a particular trait that they embody to make the best team ever. The ones chosen give their opinions on the best team also. Records and stats are provided.
- jr/sr. **Nazario, Sonia** *Enrique's Journey: The story of a boy's dangerous odyssey to* MD,TW
 Random 2006 292p 26.95 1-4000-6205-5
 Enrique's is determined to join his mother in the United States but, in order for him to do that, he must travel a perilous journey through Latin America and illegally cross over to the United States. Many who have taken this journey before him have died trying.
- * hs **Nelson, Marilyn** *A Wreath for Emmett Till* TW,LMN,SG
 Houghton 2005 np 17.00 0-618-39752-3
 Poem about Emmett Till's murder using a heroic crown of sonnets, a sequence of 15 inter linked sonnets in which the last one is made of the first lines of the preceding ones. A masterpiece on many levels that will stay with the reader for a very long time.
- * ms/jr **Nilsen, Anna** *Art Auction Mystery* MD,CFM
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2005 47p 16.95 0-7534-5842-X
 Can you spot the fake paintings? The great Art Auction is a game that will require sharp eyes and good math skills in order to solve the puzzle of discovering the real paintings.
- * hs/adult **Nissel, Angela** *Mixed: My life in Black and White* TW,MD
 Villard Books dist. Random 2006 228p 12.95 0-345-48114+3
 Memoir about growing up biracial in 1980's Philadelphia. Nissel, now a writer for the television show "Scrubs", tries to figure out where she fits. Humorous and poignant.
- * ms/hs **Nix, Garth** *Across The Wall* PN,SO
 EOS see Harper Collins 2005 305p 17.89 0-06-074714-5
 A collection of fantasy short stories and a novella by the author of "The Abhorsen Trilogy."
- hs **Oates, Joyce Carol** *Sexy* CFM,MJ
 Harper 2005 263p 17.89 0-060954150-4
 "Sixteen-year-old Darren Flynn, a popular, good-looking high school athlete who lacks self-confidence, learns that his jock friends are hatching a revenge act against their English teacher for failing a member of the swim team. "
- * ms/jr **Okorafar-Mbachu, Nnedi** *Zahrah, the Windseeker* MT,MD
 Houghton 2005 308p \$16.00 0-618-340-90-4
 Zarah, a shy, quiet fourteen year old goes on a dangerous journey, deep into the Forbidden Greeny Jungle, to find the antidote for her best friend who has been bitten by snake. Along the way she meets many interesting and fearsome creatures and finds knowledge, courage, and hidden powers.
- elm/ms **Oliver, Marilyn** *Attila the Hun* SVC,CFM
 Gale/Kidhaven/Blackbirch/Green 2006 112p 24.95 1-59018-6389 Heroes & Villians#4
 Heroes and Villains series include Alexander the Great, Joan of Arc, Chas. Mason, Louis Pasteur, Pol Pot, Joseph Stalin. Thorough bibliographies, indexes, sidebars, and photographs enhance every volume in the series.
- ms/jr **Osterweil, Adam** *The Lost Treasure of Talus Scree* MD,PN
 Front Street Books 2005 152p 16.95 1932425306
 Kiffin is twelve years old and has a pet called Shelfy. Together they go on adventures and explore their world Talus Scree. But now they have to try to save the world from Mischief who wants to turn the world dark forever.
- * ms **Park, Linda** *Project Mulberry* SO,RZ,LMN
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2005 225p 16.00 0-618-47786-1
 Julia Song and her best friend Patrick are working together on a project for their environmental club's entry for the state fair. they decide, most reluctantly on Julia's part, to raise silkworms. Julia would like to do something more American and less Korean but eventually goes along with the idea.
- ms **Parks, Peggy** *The constellations* SO,LM,CFM
 Kidhaven Press see Gale 2006 48p 23.70 0-7377-3054-4 Kidhaven Science Library#4
 This clearly written book discusses the constellations, describing how man incorporated mythology into combinations and arrangements of stars, how early astronomers mapped the heavens, the development of the heliocentric system, a discussion of the Zodiac and its place in astrology, the use of stars as navigational tools, and the possibility of star exploration in the future.

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- ms **Parks, Peggy J.** *Joseph Lister : The Father of Antiseptics* CFM,SO
 Blackbirch Press see Gale 2005 64p 19.96 1-4103-0322-5 Giants of Science#4
 "Presents a short biography of nineteenth-century British surgeon Joseph Lister, and chronicles his life and works which included his study of germs and development of antiseptic."
- hs/adult **Patterson, James** *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* LM,LMN
 Little Brown (Time Warner) see 2005 422p 16.99 0-316-15556-X
 This is the first book in a new series about the winged children, who ride the wind and faces insurmountable challenges everyday. There is a world where freedom is to be cherished because danger lurks just around the corner.
- elm/ms **Pavey, Karen** *Falcons* SVC,SO
 Gale/Kidhaven/Blackbirch/Green 2005 48p 18.95 0-7377-2347-5 Nature's Predators#4 (Gale)
 There are 63 species of birds in the family scientists call Falconidae, admired for their amazing feats of speed and agility as well as their grace and beauty.
- * ms/hs **Perkins, Lynne Rae** *Criss Cross* SG,CFM
 Greenwillow see Harper Collins 2005 337p 17.89 0-06-009273-4
 "Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love."
- jr/sr **Peters, Julie Anne** *Far From Xanadu* CFM,LMN
 Little Brown (Time Warner) see 2005 282p 16.99 0-316-15881-x
 Sixteen-year-old Mary-Elizabeth "Mike" Szabo, struggling to understand her father's suicide and her own homosexuality, reaches the breaking point when she falls in love with Xanadu, an exotic girl who has moved to small Coalton, Kansas, from the big city.
- elm/ms **Pirota, Saviour** *Aesop's Fables* SVC,LM
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2005 80p 12.95 0-7534-5919-1
 This is a collection of eight timeless fables retold for young readers with the support of beautiful illustrations.
- hs/adult **Quindlen, Anna** *Being Perfect* LMN,RZ
 Random 2005 48p 12.95 0-375-50549-0
 Quindlen writes an essay about what defines success, stressing that perfection is not necessarily the goal. The journey to self discovery is most important as is following your heart. Aimed at young adults, this book should be read by everyone.
- elm/ms **Reed, Jennifer** *The AIDS Epidemic* MT,MD
 Enslow 2005 48p \$23.93 0-7660-2382-6 Deadly disasters(Enslow)
 A brief overview of the AIDS epidemic and its consequences in Africa, Asia, and the U.S. Prevention efforts and research on vaccines and ways to control the disease are discussed. Illustrated with color photographs. Chapter notes, a glossary and an index are included as well as a list of books and Internet addresses for further research.
- * all ages **Reef, Catherine** *Alone in the World, Orphans and Orphanages* MT,CFM
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2005 135p 18.00 0-618-35670-3
 A history of orphans and orphanages in the United States. Efforts for the reform of conditions, orphan trains, the Newsboys Lodging House, orphanages for African-American children, & asylums for Civil War Orphans are discussed. Bibliographic references included.
- ms/hs **Rees, Elizabeth M.** *The Wedding: An Encounter with Jan van Eyck* PN,LM
 Watson-Guptill 2005 240p 15.95 0-8230-0407-4 Art Encounters (Watson-Guptill)
 Giovanna Cenami falls in love with a mysterious stranger employed by Flemish painter Jan van Eyck.
- * ms/hs **Resnick, Mike** *Lady with an Alien: An Encounter with Leonardo da Vinci* LM,SO
 Watson-Guptill 2005 156p 15.95 0-8230-0323-X Art Encounters (W-G)
 The reader will get a glimpse of the life and times of Leonardo through the eyes of a young man from the future. The reader will be enraptured with what the artist did with his skills and what he had to do to fund his artwork.
- * ms/jr **Robinson, Nigel** *Unofficial Narnia Quiz book* LM,SO,TW
 Gramercy see Random 2006 150p 0-517-22800-9
 1000 questions and answers about C.S. Lewis' enchanted world. The questions will take you on a tour of the lands, the heroes and villains, the saga of Narnia history and the seven Narnia legends. A challenge for the trivia enthusiast.
- ms/jr **Rose, Malcolm** *Lost Bullet* LM,SO
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2005 204p 5.95 0-7534-5830-6 Traces: Luke Harding Forensic
 Luke Harding is one of the youngest forensic investigators. His skills are unsurpassed. He is aided by his robotic companion, MALC (Mobile Aid for Law and Crime). The murder of Dr. Suleman shows that life in London at this point in the future is not without crime. And action filled story unfolds.
- all ages **Rosner, Marc Alan** *Science Fair Success Using the Internet, Revised and Updated* SG,SO
 Enslow 2006 112p 26.60 0-7660-2425-3 Science Fair Success* (Enslow)
 Advice on using the Internet to find worthwhile information preparing for projects in biology, earth science, environmental science, and more.

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- * ms/hs **Sapet, Kerrily** *Elizabeth of England* SVC,MT
 Morgan Reynolds 2005 176p 26.95 10-1931798-70-2
 The birth of Elizabeth Tudor, the future queen of England, was a bitter disappointment to her parents, Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII. Elizabeth became queen at age twenty-five and was a brilliant and riveting ruler who imprinted her personality on an age of development in art and culture and rapid political and economic change.
- ms/hs **Shan, Darren** *Killers of the Dawn* TW,MD
 Little Brown (Time Warner) see 2005 208p 15.99 0-316-156-264 Cirque Du Freak
 This is the next installment in the continuing saga of Darren Shan, the half-vampire boy who is trying to save the world from the evil vampaneze.
- ms **Shapiro, William** *Student encyclopedia of the United States (rev ed)* SO,CFM
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2005 776p 29.95 0-7534-5925-6
 This revised edition includes 1200 brief entries that cover the history of the United States and its neighbors. It is a visually appealing guide to the people, events, and ideas that have shaped the United States.
- * ms/hs **Sharp, Anne Wallace** *Dream Deferred: Jim Crow Era* LMN,MD
 Lucent Books see Gale 2005 112p 28.70 1-59018-700-8 Lucent Library of Historical
 Describes the mindset of America especially in Southern states in the era of Jim Crow laws of separate but equal. Segregation was a fact and violence towards Blacks was common. The life of Blacks is described with prominent people and events that led to the end of Jim Crow laws in the 1950's. For middle and high school students. The Tuskegee experiments are also covered.
- all ages **Shindler, Ramon &** *Found Alphabet* LM,SO
 Houghton 2005 unp 16.00 0-618-44232-4
 This picture book is creative eye candy for the reader. The authors have created an ABC picture book with found objects.
- * ms/jr **Sleator, William** *The Last Universe* RZ,PN
 Amulet 2005 211p 16.95 0-8109-5858-9
 When her desperately ill brother insists that she take him into their mysterious backyard garden designed by their quantum physicist great uncle, fourteen-year old Susan discovers that things are not always what they seem.
- hs/adult **Smith, Anna Deavere** *Letters to a Young Artist* SO,CFM
 Anchor see Random 2006 227p 13.00 1-4000-3238-5
 In a series of short letters to an aspiring yet imaginary disciple, Anna Deavere Smith shares her legacy of knowledge about life in the "arts."
- ms **Sonneborn, Liz** *The Ancient Aztecs* LM,SO
 Scholastic/Grolier/Childrens 2005 112p 30.50 0-531-12362-6 Peoples of the Ancient
 Part of Watt's series on *People of the Ancient World*, Sonneborn's book focuses on the civilization of the ancient Aztecs, discussing its growth from the 1300s to the mid-1500s.
- * hs **Speigler, Louise** *The Amethyst Road* SVC,SO
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2005 328p 16.00 0-618-48572-4
 In this fantasy, Serena must overcome racism and poverty in order to reclaim her niece from the authorities. This is a thoughtful novel in which the author convincingly tells a story about choices and about the difficulties of growing up. Based loosely on a description of the Rom and Gypsy cultures, the location and plot could have been lifted out of the daily newspaper and is sure to draw in the reader.
- * hs **Spillebeen, Geert** *Kipling's Choice* PN,MJ
 Houghton 2005 147p 16.00 0-618-43124-1
 Fiction based on the true story of Rudyard Kipling's son and his death on the battlefield of World War I.
- ms/hs **Stahler, David** *Gathering of Shades* LMN,PN
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 289p 16.89 0-06-052295-X Truesight Trilogy
 Sixteen-year-old Aidan, after his father's death, moves with his mother to his mother's childhood home. He finds grandma feeds ghosts with a brew made from drops of her own blood. Both Aidan and his mother grieve and must decide whether to live in the present or travel with the ghosts.
- ms **Stalcup, Ann** *Hungary* SO,LM
 Childrens Press see Scholastic 2005 144p 34.50 0-516-23683-0 Enchantment of the World*#4
 This is a very readable book that does a great job of describing this small European country.
- ms/hs **Stewart, Gail B** *Catastrophe in Southern Asia: The Tsunami of 2004* LMN,MJ
 Lucent Books see Gale 2005 112p 28.70 1-59018-831-4 Overview Series
 Stewart presents personal experiences endured by the peoples of Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand, the devastation, cleanup effort, and what the future holds for the region after the 2004 Tsunami. Black and white photographs lessen the impact - possibly for the best. For middle school and high school students, this book also describes the science behind the deadly tsunami.
- * all ages **Summers, Barbara, ed.** *Open the Unusual Door* SG,CFM
 Graphia see Houghton Mifflin 2005 216p 7.99 0-618-58531-1
 Subtitled "true life stories of challenge, adventure, and success by Black Americans."

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- ms/hs **Tackach, James** *The Abolitionist Movement* RZ,SO
 Thomson/Gale 2005 239p 27.96 0-7377-1945-1 American Social
 Presents fourteen essays on the abolitionist movement in America addressing such issues as Puritan and Quaker condemnation of slavery, emancipation and the Constitution, the Nat Turner slave rebellion, and Lincoln's role.
- * hs/adult **Teen writer's Guild** *What We Want To Tell You* MD,LMN
 2006 272p 14.95 142591425X
 Sixteen Teens gather in the Bat Cave of the School Library. They listen, read , review and critique each others' works creating voices for themselves in the book. The pieces selected in this book are the best of their writings. They speak from the heart and in the process they give the urban child a voice that reaches out to parents, teachers and peers.
- hs **Thompson, Bruce E.R.** *Capital Punishment* CFM,SG
 Greenhaven Press see Gale 2006 336p 76.20 0-7377-2174-X Greenhaven Encyclopedia of
 This one volume encyclopedia on capital punishment includes information on just about every topic within the subject a student researcher would need for a project.
- * ms/jr **Tiffany, Grace** *Ariel* SVC,RZ
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 232p 24.00 100060753283
 "Ariel" , is a magical reading of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" from the point of view of Ariel, the mischievous air spirit.
- * ms/hs **Turner, Megan Whalen** *The King of Attolia* SO,PN
 Greenwillow see Harper Collins 2006 387p 17.89 0-06-083578-8
 Eugenides, the former Thief of Eddis, has returned at last in this sequel to The Thief and The Queen of Attolia. In this book, he is now the King of Attolia, having stolen both the person and love of the Queen, Irene, and must prove himself to her subjects.
- * ms/hs **Vande Velde, Vivian** *The Book of Mordred* RZ,SVC
 Houghton 2005 342p 18.00 0-618-50754-X
 As the peaceful King Arthur reigns, the five-year old daughter of Lady Alayna, newly widowed of the village wizard, Toland, is abducted by knights, who leave their barn burning and their only servant dead.
- ms/hs **Wade, Mary Dodson** *Tsunami, Monster Waves* MT,LMN
 Enslow 2005 64p 23.93 0-7660-1786-9 American Disasters* (Enslow)
 Tsunami, Monster Waves by Mary Dodson Wade,has been updated with a cover photo depicting the 2004 tsunami striking Thailand and an additional chapter titled "Disaster in the Indian Ocean." The majority of the book recounts the deadly 1946 tsunami that killed people in both Alaska and Hawaii.
- elm/ms **Weatherford, Carole** *Negro League Scrapbook* MJ,LM
 Boyd's Mill 2005 48P 19.95 1-59078-091-4
 A history of the Negro baseball leagues told in scrapbook form.
- hs/adult **Whitcomb, Laura** *Certain Slant of Light* LMN,SG
 Graphia see Houghton Mifflin 2005 282p 8.99 0-618-58552-X
 Helen has been benignly haunting people for 130 years. She meets James, another ghost, who has taken up residence in Billy, a high school student. Together they come to understand why they were ghosts still searching for closure and forgiveness for acts they committed. A mature love story.
- elm/ms **White, Ruth** *The search for Belle Prater* SO,CFM
 Farrar Strauss 2005 170p 16.00 0-374-30853-5
 In this sequel to the Newbery Honor book Belle Prater's boy, Woodrow Prater is still looking for his missing mother. White has written another memorable novel about the pains of growing up without parents.
- ms/hs **Whitelaw, Nancy** *Dark Dreams: The Story of Stephen King* LMN,CFM
 Morgan Reynolds 2006 126p 26.95 1-931798-77-X World Writers (Morgan)#5
 The life of Stephen King from impoverished childhood to writing fiction that changed the face of horror writing. His charitable activities and his fight against censorship factor into this biographical criticism of King's work.
- ms/hs **Whitlock, Dean** *Sky Carver* SO,CFM
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2005 248p 16.00 0-618-44393-2
 Thomas Painter has been misnamed. In a world where one's name is one's life, Thomas has been born with the wrong name. He leaves his safe but unhappy home and goes out into the unknown world, renaming himself Carver, in honor of his true talents.
- * ms/hs **Yan, Ma** *The Diary of Yan Ma* TW,MD
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2005 165p 16.89 0-06-076497-X
 Heartfelt diary of an impoverished young Chinese girl who desires to continue her education despite the hardships involved.
- * ms/hs **Zenatti, Valerie** *When I Was a Soldier* PN,MJ
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2005 235p 16.95 1-58234-978-9
 Valerie Zenatti, a French-Jewish immigrant to Israel, tells of her experiences with Israeli compulsory military service. Her "outsider" point of view gives a refreshing look at the Israeli-Palestinian struggle.

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ms/hs **Zurlo, Tony** *Algeria* LMN,LM
 Lucent Books see Gale 2005 112p 28.70 1-59018-622-2 Modern Nations of the World

An overview for middle and high school students that includes the history, geography, contemporary problems and a quick glance at the culture of Algeria. Black and white illustrations, photographs, and maps accompany the text. This book puts more emphasis on history and geography than culture. When paired with the Cultures of the World series, a complete overview of the country is presented.

!Books of Note Series for 2005-6!

To be included as a series, we, as a group, must have recommended at least three books individually for Books of Note. At this time we discuss whether or not the group wants to include them as a series. Sometimes there may be a book that is an exception. It will be noted in the series comments.

ms **Various** *African American Biographies* #4(Enslow)* SO,MD,TW,CFM,MJ
 Enslow 2005 128p 31.93 African American

This series reviews the lives of African-Americans who have made important contributions to American culture. Printed in full color, the series is inviting to middle school readers. Boxes and sidebars provide additional information, The series is well researched with footnotes. The subjects include Oprah Winfrey, Colin Powell, Gwendolyn Brooks, Halle Berry, Jackie Robinson, Martin Luther King, Muhammad Ali and Rosa Parks.

ms/hs **Various** *Animal Ways*#4(MC)* MT,SVC,LMN,RZ,SO
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 112p 25.64 Animal Ways*#4(MC)

This series is clearly and crisply written and has wonderful color photographs of the animals in their natural habitat. Each of the captioned photographs reinforces the information presented in the text and adds greatly to the book. Scientific terms are used and explained in context. The book has 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.

elm/ms **Various** *Animals(MC)#5* SG,RZ,MT,SO,LMN,TW
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 48p 20.50 Animals(MC)#5

The simple text, accompanied by clear, colorful photographs, provides an in-depth look at the habits and habitats of animals by describing their physical characteristics, behavior, and social life. This series is an essential purchase for upper elementary and middle schools, both for research and pleasure reading.

ms/jr **Various** *Authors Teen's Love (Enslow)#5* SO,LM,
 Enslow 2005 104p 26.60 Authors Teen's Love (Enslow)#5

This series presents popular authors to young readers. The easy to read text helps students understand the author, his/her books, and the writing career of the author. There are 5 books in the series at this time. The ones we recommend this year are: C.S. Lewis, R.L. Stine, and E.B. White.

ms/hs **Various** *Biology! Best science fair projects* SO,LM,CFM
 Enslow 2005 128p 26.60 Biology! Best science fair

This is a wonderful new series of books on science fair experiments in biology. Basic knowledge of biology increases with each chapter. The books contain very clear diagrams of experiments, illustrations, charts, graphs, and tables that support these experiments, with lists of science competitions and organizations with Internet addresses.

ms/hs **Various** *Civil War Leaders (Morgan)* SVC,CFM,
 Morgan Reynolds 2005 176p 24.95 Civil War Leaders (Morgan)

This series of four biographies (Stonewall Jackson, Ulysses S. Grant, William Tecumseh Sherman, & Robert E. Lee) explores the lives and accomplishments of two Confederate and two Union generals. Each book provides readers with detailed accounts of their childhood, early years, and their involvement in the Civil War.

ms/hs **Various** *Cultures of the World(MC)*#5* MD,SO,MJ,MT,CFM
 Benchmark see Marshall 2005 144p 37.07 Cultures of the World(MC)*#5

Popular series for country research, this second edition series features eighteen new books published between 2005 and 2006. Each title in this series covers the history, geography, government, economy, environment, religion, people, social life and customs.

ms/hs **Various** *Debating Supreme Court* PN,TW,RZ,LLM,CFM,M
 Enslow 2006 128p 26.60 Debating Supreme Court

Debating Supreme Court Decisions is written for middle and high school students covering both sides of the issue. Each book quickly gives background to each case, the progress of the case from lower to higher courts, the factors involved in the decision and the impact on society or related court cases. A moot court simulation concludes each title. The cases are of particular interest to students in middle and high school and include the Bakke quota system in universities, the draft resistance case of Cassius Clay, Schenk freedom of

ms **Various** *Dias Festivos(Enslow)* MD,SO
 Enslow 2005 48p 23.93 Dias Festivos(Enslow)

These Spanish Language books have simple vocabulary that a native speaker can follow and a student of Spanish will not have to much trouble understanding. The books have beautiful photographs and illustrations that help tell the story it also provides information on old traditions and brings the reader to the present day festivities that are part of the warm celebrations that take place every year. Includes: Index. Web sites. Bibliography. vocabulary words. special art activity and a side bar with special information with student's opinion/

ms/hs **Various** *Disease update* CFM,PN,RZ
 Enslow 2005 128p 31.93 Disease update

Each title in this series features a specific disease and includes the most up-to-date research on treatments and cures. Would make an excellent addition to a middle or high school collection. Book would be a great tool for report writing and/or casual reading. Due to the great diagrams and color-photographs, this book would keep reluctant readers on task.

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ms/hs **Various** *Earth Science! Best science projects* SO,RZ,TW
 Enslow 2005 128p 26.60 Earth Science! Best science

This is a wonderful new series of books on science fair experiments in earth science. Basic knowledge of earth science increases as each experiment is completed. The books contain very clear diagrams of experiments, illustrations, charts, graphs, and tables that support these experiments, with lists of science competitions and organizations with Internet addresses. These should be required reading for anyone interested in doing scientific experimentation.

elm/ms **Various** *Endangered & Threatened Animals:reportlink#4* RZ,LM,SVC,SO
 Enslow 2005 48p 19.95 Endangered & Threatened

Endangered and Threatened Animals Series contains 19 titles suitable for upper elementary and middle school students. Each book in this series examines the characteristics and habitat of a species at risk of extinction. The author also explains what is being done to save these animals. The Report Links take the reader to the best Web sites, source documents, and photos related to the study and survival of each species.

ms/hs **Various** *Great Inventions#4 (MC/BB)* RZ,SO,CFM,LM,MJ
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 112p 29.66 Great Inventions#4 (MC/BB)

This updated series includes The Airplane, Electricity and the Light Bulb, The Automobile, The Steam Engine and The Telephone. Well researched, with much detail and factual information for reports as well as pleasure reading. Recommended for middle schools.

ms **Various** *Great Minds of Science* (Enslow)* SO,CFM,RZ,FM,
 Enslow 2005 128p 26.20 Great Minds of Science* (Enslow)

Each title in this series examines the lives and accomplishments of scientists who have had a significant impact on the world. The series includes a total of 31 books and each one provides readers with a hands-on activity for better understanding.

ms/jr **Various** *Health Alert (Benchmark)* LMN,LM,MD,RZ,PN
 Benchmark see Marshall 2005 64p 28.50 Health Alert (Benchmark)

Health Alert set 1, published in 2005, consists of 6 titles ranging from Alzheimer's disease to lung cancer. Each volume begins with a profile of a person living with a specific disease, followed by a description of the disease, its history, and its symptoms and treatments. Mostly color photos, photomicrographs and relevant text boxes complement the text. A glossary and lists of organizations, hotlines and websites provide helpful information. Health Alert set 2, also consisting of 6 titles at this point, has a copyright of 2006. Good

elem **Dawson, Ian** *History of medicine (Enchanted Lion)* SVC,SO,MJ,LM
 Enchanted Lion 2005 64p 19.95 History of medicine (Enchanted)

The History of Medicine series contains six titles for middle and high school students that focus on significant people and events from prehistoric to modern times. An attractive format full of color photographs, paintings, or illustrations with sidebars of important people, events, and primary source materials.

ms/hs **Various** *Holocaust Heroes & Nazi Criminals(Enslow)* MJ,MT,SO,RZ,TW,CFM
 Enslow 2005 160p 27.93 Holocaust Heroes & Nazi

This very readable series of biographies covers victims and survivors of the Holocaust and the Nazi perpetrators. The text is illustrated with archival black and white photographs. A chronology, chapter notes, an index and a list of books and websites for further research are included. Individuals featured in the series are Adolf Eichmann, Anne Frank, Heinrich Himmler, Adolf Hitler, Oskar Schindler, Elie Wiesel, and Raoul Wallenberg.

ms/hs **Various** *Issues in Focus Today(Enslow)* RZ,LMN,TW,MD
 Enslow 2005 112p 31.93 Issues in Focus Today(Enslow)

This series provides information on current problems facing teens such as bullying, resolving conflicts, plagiarism, and drug-resistant diseases. The format is well-organized, to the point, and well-researched. Every book contains chapter notes, glossary, resources for further information and an index.

ms/jr **Various** *Kingfisher Knowledge (HM)* MD,SO,SG
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2005 63p 12.95 Kingfisher Knowledge (HM)

This series is for middle grades. Nonfiction topics are covered in colorful graphics and photography. The topics are carefully researched and each chapter leads children to areas of further exploration. The chapters are short (two pages) but fact filled. Topics covered in the series include Forensics, Pirates and Smugglers, Stars and Planets, Ancient Rome, Genes and DNA, Microscopic Life, Animal Giants, Spies, Endangered Planet, Dangerous Creatures, Archaeology, Mummies and Castles and Forts. At \$12.95 this series

elm/ms **Various** *Kingfisher young knowledge* SG,MJ,TW,SO
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2005 48p 9.95 Kingfisher young knowledge

The series contains titles on animals, habitats, maps, robots, rocks, senses, and the solar system. The books are clearly written and brightly illustrated with many of the scientific terms used being explained on the bottom of the page. Following the body of the book are three easy-to-follow projects that illuminate the topics.

ms/hs **Various** *Latino Biography Library (Enslow)* TW,MD,CFM,
 Enslow 2005 128p 31.93 Latino Biography Library (Enslow)

This wonderful biography series is excellent. It provides the reader with insightful in-depth information on the life of famous Latinos and Latin Americans. There seems to be a greater wealth to the biography that brings the person to life. Includes: pictures, bibliography, videos, Internet addresses and index. The series covers Cesar Chavez, Roberto Clemente, Isabel Allende, Gloria Estefan, and Diego Rivera.

elem **Wingard-Nelson, Rebecca** *Making Math Easy(Enslow)* RZ,MD,
 Enslow 2005 48p 23.93 Making Math Easy(Enslow)

Students who need to visualize mathematical concepts will find just what they are looking for in this series. Brief explanations of the "how-to" process accompany graphics that visually illustrate the concepts. Recommended for elementary schools and math support instructors.

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ms/hs **Various** **Opposing Viewpoints#4 (Gale)** MD,LM,LMN,
Thomson/Gale 2006 112p 26.20 Opposing Viewpoints#4 (Gale)

Opposing viewpoints series examines controversial issues by examining diverse viewpoints. This series contains many current topics in the news. This year we recommend: Aids, Abortion, Alcohol, Ape-Men: Fact or Fiction.

elm/ms **Schomp, Virginia** **Prehistoric World (MC/BB)** MD,MJ,RZ
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 31p 25.64 Prehistoric World (MC/BB)

This series of "I like dinosaurs" will be a hit with children who love to learn about dinosaurs. This series has been written in simple language on the very popular topic of dinosaurs. It is a series for all ages, especially good for high interest/low level readers. The illustrations are captivating and colorful. Includes new evidence that is being uncovered everyday in the field of dinosaurs. Includes: index. glossary. bibliography. vocabulary. dinosaur facts. Web sites and index.

ms/jr **Various** **Rulers & their times#4 (MC)** MD,MJ,SG,SO
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 80p 29.93 Rulers & their times#4 (MC)

In less than 100 pages, these present biographical information plus description of the time period that gives useful background to each ruler. Facets of everyday life and writings from people of the era are also included. Representative titles include Eleanor of Aquitaine, Napoleon Bonaparte, Han Wu Di and Ancient China.

jr/sr **Various** **Understanding Literature (Enslow)** LM,MT,CFM,SVC
Enslow 2005 152p 27.93 Understanding Literature

In each volume of Enslow's Understanding Literature series, the career of an author is examined and some of the author's work is placed in historical and biographical context with special emphasis placed on curriculum-related material. Each volume includes a chronology, list of the author's major works, glossary, and an index. The series consists of eleven volumes and includes Miller, Hemingway, Frost, Orwell, Hawthorne, Dickinson, Melville, Fitzgerald, Steinbeck, Morrison, and Shakespeare.