

TriState Young Adult Book Review Committee ----Books of Note 2007

- * hs **College Essays that Made a Difference** CFM,ALL
 Princeton Review 2006 385p 13.95 0-375-76568-9
 "A second-edition guide to writing college essays that includes one-hundred and three real essays demonstrating what to do and what not to do and insider tips and advice from admissions officers at thirteen top colleges."
- ms/hs **Peoples of Western Asia (11 vol)** MT,all
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 700+p 514/set 978-0-7614-7677-1set
 This eleven-volume encyclopedia gives an introduction to the history, climate and landscape of each country and then concentrates on the people and their lifestyles and includes information on religion, language, homes, clothing, education, food, and arts. Indexes, glossaries & lists of books and websites for research are included.
- * ms/hs **Shakespeare's Greatest Hits** MD,LM, AUDIO BOOK
 Full Cast Audio 2005 2 CDs 25.00 19-32076-35-2
 Four of Shakespeare's best plays are featured on this audio bringing tears, joy, and laughter at these special selections: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Twelfth Night, Romeo and Juliet, and MacBeth. There are some inconsistencies with the actual documents, but the audio book would make a good introduction for young readers.
- hs **World & It's People (Central Asia) 11vol.** JT,all
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 1584+p 714/set 0-7614-7571-0 World & It's People (MC)
 This is a very comprehensive authoritative, and well organized volume of a set of encyclopedias that studies various countries of the world. This volume describes the area of Central Asia, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
- ms/jr **Abrahams, Peter Behind the Curtain** MT,CW
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2006 3446p 15.99 0-06-073704-2
 8th grader Ingrid Levin-Hill, an avid Sherlock Holmes fan, investigates the mysterious happenings in her hometown of Echo Falls. She is kidnapped and escapes but there is little evidence to prove her story and some people don't believe her.
- ms/hs **Adams, Simon Kingfisher Atlas of the Ancient world** SO,LM
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 48p 15.95 0-7534-5914-0 Kingfisher Atlas (Kingfisher/HM)
 Looking at these maps is a little like reading a graphic novel--you have the maps with terrain and you have the little pictures labeled, telling a story. Two page spreads of maps of ancient worlds illustrate important aspects of various cultures.
- ms **Adams, Simon Kingfisher Atlas of the Medieval world** SO,LM
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2007 48p 15.95 0-7534-5946-9 Kingfisher Atlas (Kingfisher/HM)
 Beginning with the end of the Western Roman Empire and spanning the world, this attractive oversized book covers an enormous time period in two-page chapters. Each spread contains information about the medieval civilizations, kingdoms, societies, and cultures that had developed during this time.
- hs/adult **Allen, Judy Unexplained: An encyclopedia of Curious Phenomena, Strange** LM,SO
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 144p 19.95 978-0-7534-5950-8
 A guidebook of curious phenomena, strange superstitions, and ancient mysteries. It touches on such topics as: hauntings, power of the mind, superstitions and symbols, natural phenomena, strange creatures, ancient mysteries, lost lands and legends, etc.
- jr/sr. **Allman, Toney The Medical Examiner** MT,LM
 Gale/Kidhaven/Blackbirch/Gree 2006 104p 31.20 1-59018-912-4 Crime Scene Investigations
The Medical Examiner by Toney Allman is a detailed examination of the role of forensic pathologists in solving crimes, illustrated with color photographs, diagrams and charts. Sidebars give additional information. Notes, works consulted, an index, and an annotated list of books and web sites are included.
- * elm/ms **Amato, Mary Please Write in This Book** JT,MD
 Holiday House 2006 97p 16.95 0-8234-1932-0
 In an imaginary class, the students write in a blank book in the writing center.
- elm/ms **Avi Best Shorts** JT,RZ
 Houghton 2006 unpag 18.95 0-618-75502-0
 This collection of stories, both classic and new, is connected only by the theme of great writing.
- ms/hs **Baker, Soren The History of Rap and Hip-Hop** CFM,SO,MT
 Thomson Gale 2006 112p 24.96 1-59018-739-3 Music Library Gale/Lucent)
 "A chronological overview of the history and development of the rap and hip-hop music and culture. "
- all ages **Baum, L. Frank A Wonderful Welcome to OZ** PN,SG
 Modern Library see Random 2006 591p 15.95 0-8129-7494-8
Modern Library Classics has combined three of the many Oz books that followed The Wizard of Oz: The Marvelous Land of Oz, sequel to The Wizard of Oz, Ozma of Oz, and The Emerald City of Oz. Not just a reprint, this book is a guided tour by Gregory Maguire, author of Wicked, and Son of a Witch. A neatly packaged vehicle for reintroducing the land of Oz to new generations.

- * hs **Bedard, Michael William Blake** LMN,SO
 Tundra Books 2006 192p 19.95 0-88776763-X
 This biography of William Blake makes intriguing reading for high school students. The black/white illustrations as well as the colorful end papers illustrate Blake's engraving abilities. Some literary criticism and much British history expand this book beyond a typical biography.

* denotes books to be reviewed aloud

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- hs/adult **Berg, Elizabeth** *We Are All Welcome Here* MJ,LMN
 Random 2006 187p 22.95 1-4000-6161-X
 A coming of age story set in the South. Thirteen-year-old Diana's mother is a paraplegic, complicating the problems of a growing teen facing a changing South in the Civil Rights era.
- ms/jr **Birdseye, Tom** *Tough Nut to Crack* LMN,JT
 Holiday House 2006 113p 16.95 0-82341967-3
 An 8th grade city girl goes with her father and younger brother to her Grandpa's Kentucky farm when they hear he has been injured in a tractor accident. Cassie finally finds the cause and mends the rift between her father and Grandpa. Humor, stubbornness and ultimately family love shine in this gem of a book.
- elm/ms **Bledsoe, Karen and Glen** *Fighter Planes* JT,CFM
 Enslow 2006 48p 23.93 0-7660-2660-4 Mighty Military Machines (Enslow)
 Covering the development of the fighter plane, it also give career information on related fields.
- * ms **Bledsoe, Lucy** *How to survive in Antarctica* SO,LM
 Holiday House 2006 101p 16.95 0-8234-1890-1
 Lucy Jane Bledsoe has visited Antarctica three times and shares many of the important facts and survival tips that she learned in this part-memoir, part-travel guide. Her description of the awesome beauty of this frozen desert and its incredible inhabitants, the geography of the continent, the history of exploration, and how each day continued the thrilling adventure of living on the Ice serve to entice the reader into further investigations.
- ms/jr **Boyd, Bentley** *World War II Tales (plus Teacher's guide)* LM/TW
 Chester Comix 2005 24p 5.95 1932076352
 This comic book about World War II illustrates the events that led to the great war in Europe and allows children to see and visualize how these very important events changed the course of our history.
- hs **Boyden, Amanda** *Pretty Little Dirty* MT/LMN
 Vintage see Random 2006 419p 13.95 1-4000-9682-0
 Lisa and her best friend Celeste are smart attractive girls who are both newcomers to the private school they attend in Kansas City. As the girls come of age, they experiment with sex, alcohol, and drugs until their lives spiral out of control.
- * ms/hs **Bradman, Tony** *My Dad's a Punk* PN/RZ
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 271p 7.95 0-7534-5870-5
 A strong collection of 12 short stories about boys and their dads, this book explores the complex relationship between adolescent males and their fathers. All kinds of father-son relationships are explored here, devoted dads, gay dads, deceased dads. Includes stories by noted authors Tim Wynne-Jones, Ron Koertge, Simon Cheshire and Terence Blacker.
- elm/ms **Broida, Marian** *Projects About 19th Century Chinese Immigrants* RZ,MD
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 48p 27.00 0-7614-1978-0 Hands on History (MC/BB)
 Focuses on hands on projects that are combined with a study of the conditions faced by Chinese immigrants. Chapters are introduced by a one page description of the Chinese in America from the 1850's through the 1890's. Text provides a brief overview while the majority of the chapter focuses on crafts. Short introduction of craft which highlight the cultural activities and lives of the immigrants. This is a title to use to supplement a lesson plan on immigration. Includes a glossary, metric conversion chart, web sites and an index.
- * hs/adult **Brooks, Terry** *Armageddon's Children* MD,PN
 Ballantine see Random 2006 370p 26.95 0-345-48408-8
 Magic may be the last chance the people of Earth have to save humanity. The few "Knights of the Word" left must find the gypsy morph and the Elfstone even as they do battle with demons and Once-men to save the children who are the key to salvation.
- elm/ms **Brown, Calef** *Flamingos on the Roof* LM/LMN
 Houghton 2006 unpag 16.00 10-618-56298-2
 This is a collection of poetry that delights both the cerebral as well as the written literature.
- hs/adult **Bryson, Bill** *The life and times of the Thunderbolt Kid: a memoir* SO,TW,LM
 Broadway Books see Random 2006 270p 25.00 0-7679-1936-X
 Bill Bryson's reminiscences of his childhood during the Fifties in Iowa are a collection of vignettes filled with descriptions of what life was "really" like growing up in the middle of the baby boomers in the middle of the everything. This descriptive narrative is an affectionate look back at a bygone age. His engaging writing style will be appreciated by a wide range of readers recalling an era when all seemed rosy and upbeat.
- elm/ms **Buckley, Susan** *Kids make history* SO,LM
 Houghton 2006 48p 17.00 0-618-22329-0 New Look At American History
 The history of the United States is presented through the eyes of the children who lived it in this "new look at America's story." Arranged in chronological order, this fascinating book covers the span of time from Pocahontas to the fall of the World Trade Center Towers.
- ms/hs **Burnie, David** *Concise nature encyclopedia* SO,CFM
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 320p 14.95 0-7534-5949-3
 This book is a visually appealing guide to the world of nature. It is arranged thematically into three major sections. Planet Earth describes the formation of the Earth and the evolution of life upon it. The Living World discusses the kingdoms of life including microlife, fungi, plants, animals and ecology. Wildlife Habitats examines the different biomes and environments.
- * ms/hs **Caldwell** *Speed Show* SG,LMN
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 126p 16.95 0-7534-6011-4
 History, details, personalities, and technology of stock car racing and NASCAR.

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- elm/ms **Calvert, Patricia** *Kit Carson* JT,LM
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 96p 26.22 0-7614-2223-4 Great Explorations*#4 (MC)**#4
 Examines the life and frontier explorations of legendary Mountain Man, trapper, and Indian agent Christopher "Kit" Carson.
- ms/hs **Cardemas, Teresa** *Letters to My Mother* MT/MD
 Greenwood see Douglas 2006 103p 15.95 0-88899-720-5
Letters to My Mother is a translation by David Unger of Cardas al cielo published in Cuba. Although the book was controversial for its portrayals of discrimination based on skin color and African features, it won the 2000 National Prize. This small book consists of short letters or notes from a girl to her dead mother.
- ms/hs **Clark, Arda Darakjian** *Brain Tumors* LMN,LM
 Lucent Books see Gale 2006 112p 31.20 1-59018-671-0 Diseases & Disorders#4 (Lucent)
 For middle and high school students, Brain Tumors describes diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up including psychological counseling for the patient and family. Excellent color diagrams support the text. New treatments and diagnosis procedures are discussed.
- ms **Collier, James Lincoln** *Christopher Columbus: To the New World* CFM,SO
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 80p 26.22 0-7614-2221-8 Great Explorations*#4 (MC)**#4
 "Examines the life and voyages of Italian-born explorer Christopher Columbus."
- hs/adult **Colt, Jennifer** *Mangler of Malibu Canyon* SG,CFM
 Broadway Books see Random 2006 367p 11.95 0-7679-2012-0
 Twin sisters Kerry and Terry track down why and how a headless corpse appeared in their aunt's home and so prove their cousin innocent of a murder to which he --and his mother--confessed. Funny book where the action doesn't stop!
- hs **Cunningham, Kevin** *Joseph Stalin and the Soviet Union* LMN,LM
 Morgan Reynolds 2006 208p 26.95 1-931798-94-X World Leaders(Morgan)
 A biography of Joseph Stalin and his influence on the political structure of Russia. For high school students with a good vocabulary, especially words related to government and Russian history, it offers a thorough understanding of how Stalin, Lenin and Trotsky changed Russia.
- hs **Defoe, Gideon** *The Pirates* MD,SO
 Random 2006 167p 15.95 0-375-42397-4
 The intrepid Pirate Captain is back for still more unsavory and funny adventures with his very colorful and not-too-bright pirate crew. On this occasion, he teams up with Dr. Karl Marx, the author of The Communist Manifesto, and takes us on a hilarious adventure that will take them to the high seas, for a walk on a volcano, and to an encounter with the great composer Wagner.
- * all ages **Desnoettes, Caroline** *Look Closer: Art Masterpieces* MT,SO
 Walker & Co. 2006 unpag 18.95 0-8027-9614-1 A Lift & Learn Art Adventure
Look Closer: Art Masterpieces through the Ages is a survey of western painting from an illumination of the 14th or early 15th century to Marc Chagall's Song of Songs IV painted in 1958. Eighteen paintings are displayed with questions that make the viewer look closer. More information on each artist and work is found at the back of the book.
- ms/hs **Dilano, Poli** *When I was a Boy Neruda* MD,RZ
 Greenwood see Douglas 2006 83p 17.95 0888997264
 Policarpo was a boy who was fortunate enough to spend time with the great Chilean poet Pablo Neruda. To Policarpo, Pablo Neruda was Tio Pablo, and he learned about writing from this great poet. In this book, he shares stories from his childhood with the readers.
- ms/hs **Diorio, Mary Ann** *Student's Guide to Mark Twain* LMN,TW
 Enslow 2008 160p 27.95 0-7660-2438-5 Understanding Literature
 Both a biography and critical review of Mark Twain. Works examined in detail are Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, and the short story Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County. The connection to Twain's life is evident in the critical reviews. Excellent starting point to understanding the importance of Twain in American literature and his major themes. For grades 7-12.
- * ms/hs **Dominique Green,** *Chasing the Jaguar* MD,SG
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2006 227p 16.00 0-06076-353-1
 Martha is a modern girl raised in America but her parents have kept her from discovering the old Indian ways that mark her for greater things. Then a kidnapping awakens the sleeping powers that are rightfully hers and that must be used doing good.
- ms/hs **Donohue, Keith** *The Stolen Child* SG,SO
 Doubled see Random 2006 319p 23.95 0-385-51616-9
 Seven-year-old Henry Day is replaced by a changeling for over ten years and both find that they don't really belong where they are.
- * ms/hs **Dowsell, Paul** *Prison Ship* RZ,MD
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2006 314p 16.95 1-58234-676-3
 After being framed for cowardice in a sea battle, thirteen-year-old Sam and his friend Richard are sent to Australia where they must fight for their lives in the Outback.
- ms/jr **Durrant, Lynda** *My Last Skirt* JT/RZ
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2006 199p 16.00 0-618-57490-5
 Based on a life of a real woman, Jennie Rodgers first dresses as a boy in post-famine Ireland to obtain boys' work for better pay. She retains her disguise once she emigrates to the United States and joins the army during the Civil War.
- hs **Ehrenhaft, Danie** *Drawing a blank, or, How I tried to solve a mystery, end a feud, and* CFM,CW
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2006 326p 16.89 0-06-075253-X
 "Carlton Dunne IV, an outcast boarding school student with a secret identity as a graphic novelist, teams up with a beautiful Scottish girl who yearns to be an American police officer, to resolve an ancient feud and rescue Carlton's kidnapped father."

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- elm/ms **Elish, Dan** *Edmund Hillary: First to the Top* LM,SO
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 80p 32.25 978-0-7614-2224-2 Great Explorations*#4 (MC)**#4
 This is the story of a man (Edmund Hillary) and his Sherpa (Tenzing Norgay) who were the first mountaineers to reach the top of Mt Everest (world's tallest peak) in 1953.
- all ages **Ellabbad, Mohieddin** *The illustrator's notebook* SO,LM
 Greenwood see Douglas 2006 30p 16.95 0-88899-700-0
 This slim volume provides a wonderful introduction to Arabic art. Mohieddin Ellabbad, an Egyptian author and illustrator, has taken pages from his notebooks to share his views on art and culture with American readers. He describes the different ways in which he, as an Arabic artist, views the world and how he is able to incorporate this perspective into his works.
- * ms/jr **Ellis, Deborah** *I Am A Taxi* RZ,JT
 Greenwood see Douglas 2006 176p 16.95 978-0-88899-735-7
 A young boy places himself in danger when he inadvertently becomes involved in the production of illegal drugs.
- hs **Erlbaum, Janice** *Girlbomb* SG,CFM
 Villard Books 2006 252p 21.95 1-4000-6422-8
 Janice is looking for love in all the wrong places.
- ms/jr **Feinstein, Stephen** *1930's from the Great Depression to The Wizard of OZ, rev.ed.* LMN,RZ
 Enslow 2006 64p 27.93 0-7660-2633-7 Decades of the 20th Century in
 With colorful illustrations, this book provides an overview of the 1930s for middle school students. Historical events, sports, fashion, entertainment, fads, and science and technology advances are presented, but without depth. Just enough to arouse interest for more information
- ms/hs **Fisher, Catherine** *Day of the scarab (Oracle Prophecies)* SO,LM
 Greenwillow see Harper Collins 2006 400p 16.99 0-06-057163-2
 In this third and last volume of the *Oracle Prophecies*, Mirany and her friends struggle to make sense of the chaos that has overtaken the Two Lands. This is epic fantasy dealing with magic and redemption of both ancient lands and promises.
- ms **Fletcher, Marty** *The Florida panther* SO,LM
 Enslow 2006 128p 33.27 1-59845-034-4 Saving Endangered Species
 This book profiling the Florida panther is part of a new series of books on endangered and threatened animals that link to the web site MyReportLinks.com. The book discusses the background of the preservation effort, a description of the panther, its characteristics, life cycle and habitat, threats to its continued existence, methods of protection, and the status today.
- ms/hs **Foster, Alan Dean** *Trouble Magnet: A Pip & Flinx Adventure (Adventures of Flinx)* LM,SO
 Ballantine see Random 2006 272p 24.95 0-345-48504-1
 Once again Flinx is a magnet for trouble. He and his Alaspian dragon try to take a side trip as they hunt the sentient Tar-Aiym weapons systems. They visit Visaria (a dangerously depraved planet) in order to convince themselves that humans are worth saving.
- elm/ms **Fradin, Dennis Brindell** *Jamestown, Virginia* JT,LM
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 47p 23.94 0-7614-2122-X Turning Points In U.S. History
 How and why was Jamestown founded, the troubles faced by the early settlers, and the impact of Jamestown are all covered in this book.
- ms/hs **Fradin, Judith Bloom &** *Jane Addams - Champion of Democracy* LMN,RZ,SO
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2006 216p 21.00 0-618-50436-2
 Biography of Nobel Prize winner Jane Addams.
- ms **Freedman, Russell** *Freedom Walkers* MJ,SO
 Holiday House 2006 114p 18.95 0-8234-2031-0
 Explores the Montgomery Bus Boycott through the personal narratives of those who lived through it.
- all ages **Fromental, Jean-Luc** *365 Penguins* SO,LM
 Abrams, Harry 2006 unpag 17.95 0-8109-4460-X
 This oversized French import cheerfully integrates both environmental concerns and math concepts into a wonderful story of ever-increasing numbers of penguins. It is sure to entertain the youngest listeners and entice older ones into discovering more information about both the perennial favorite penguins and global warming and climate change.
- hs/adult **Furey, Leo** *The Long Run* CFM,SO
 Random 2006 376p 22.95 1-59030-411-X
 "As a way of coping with the harsh discipline of the Mount Kildare Orphanage in St. John's, Newfoundland, a group of boys found a club and decide to train for the town's marathon."
- * elm/ms **Gay, Marie-Louise and** *Travels with Family* MT,SO
 Greenwood see Douglas 2006 119p 15.95 0-88899-688-8
 Written from the perspective of the older child in the family, this book tells about the family's vacations by car to sites not on the beaten path. Short amusing chapters and Marie-Louise Gay's black and white illustrations show the family weathering Hurricane Bob in Maine and narrowly escaping a revolution in Mexico.
- ms/hs **Gelletly, LeeAnne** *Gift of Imagination: the Story of Roald Dahl* LM,SO
 Morgan Reynolds 2006 160p 27.95 1-59935-026-2
 The life story of Roald Dahl, one of the most beloved and controversial writers of children's books. This biography retells his story for today's young readers.

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- all ages **Gifford, Clive** *Kingfisher Soccer Encyclopedia* LMN,SG
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 144p 19.95 0-7534-5928-0
 Covers the rules and skills, fans and media, coaches, players and tactics as well as championship games. This is a great browse or report book for all ages. Color photographs and diagrams will draw in the reluctant reader. Small print and the short bursts of information may frustrate the researcher.
- ms/hs **Gifford, Clive** *Racing: The Ultimate Motorsports Encyclopedia* LMN,SG,SO
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 144p 19.95 0-7534-6040-8
 For the automotive and bike racing fan of all ages, this book features road course and oval racing with the focus on international racing. Gorgeous photos, plentiful statistics, biography sketches of famous racers, and the history of the famous races worldwide will draw in the fans who only know NASCAR.
- ms/hs **Grady, Denise** *Deadly Invaders* RZ,SO
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 128p 16.95 0-7534-5995-7
 Discusses the emerging threat posed by viral diseases.
- ms/hs **Grant, Kim** *Green Jasper* JT/MD
 Walker & Co. 2006 382p 17.95 1-58239-885-5
 King Richard the Lionheart is missing, King John is claiming him dead, Ellie is kidnapped, and an injured Gavin is afraid to act. With help from a Saracen, a village lad, and the big red horse, Ellie is rescued. Book two of the De Granville trilogy.
- hs **Green, Donna Hayden** *Dream Job Profiles* LMN,SG
 Graphia see Houghton Mifflin 2006 180p 7.99 0-618-56320-2
 Ten people under 30 years of age tell how they got the job of their dreams, freelancing in careers such as cartooning, Hollywood reporting, music talent manager, and outdoor educator. Excellent for students who are not willing to have a 9-5 corporate job. Personal characteristics and education for each career are listed.
- * ms/hs **Gross, Philip** *The Lastling* JT,PN
 Clarion see Houghton Mifflin 2006 248p 16.00 0-618-65998-6
 Accompanying her adventurer uncle on a trip, fourteen-year-old Paris discovers that he hunts rare and endangered animals. In the Himalayan wilderness she meets Tahr, a twelve-year-old monk. Together, they try to stop Uncle Franklin from capturing a creature thought to be only legend.
- * ms **Hale, Shannon** *River Secrets* RZ,SO
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2006 290p 17.95 1-58234-901-0
 As young Razo travels from Bayern to Tira at war's end as part of a diplomatic corps, mysterious events in the Tiran capital fuel simmering suspicions and anger. Razo must spy out who is responsible before it is too late and he becomes trapped in enemy land.
- ms/hs **Hale, Shannon** *The Goose Girl, read by Cynthia Bishop and the Full Cast family* SO/LM
 Full Cast Audio 2005 10 CDS 45.00 1-932076-72-7 AUDIO BOOK
 This full-cast audio book is not a just a retelling of a fairy tale but a sprightly spoken and exciting adventure. It offers both fantasy and suspenseful action with a well-paced plot and with engaging characters. The story is rich and interesting, the locations are beautifully rendered, and the characters are voiced in a very convincing manner.
- ms/hs **Hausman, Gerald** *A Mind With Wings* MD,LMN
 Shambhala dist. by Random 2006 148p 15.95 1-59030-228-1
 The author has provided a fictional biography that reads like poetry. Henry David Thoreau was a naturalist who was most comfortable when he was walking along the path of a forest. His thoughts became clear and he was able write when he was in tune with nature.
- jr/sr. **Heinlein, Robert** *The Rolling Stones read by David Baker & The Full Cast Family* LM,SO
 Full Cast Audio 2005 8 CDs 48.00 1-933322-31-4 AUDIO BOOK
 Castor and Pollux (two mischievous twins) live up a family trip to Mars. This audio book has taken a novel written in 1952 and turned it into a humorous family adventure for 21st Century readers to ponder. Today's readers might speculate what scientific advances Heinlein noted have since become fact. (8cds/ 8hours)
- ms **Helgerson, Joseph** *Horns and wrinkles* SO,LM
 Houghton 2006 357p 16.00 0-618-61679-9
 On the magical reaches of the upper Mississippi River, twelve-year-old Claire has to face down both river and rock trolls to save her bullying cousin Duke from an endless future as a rhinoceros. This new twist on fairy tales provides a wonderfully funny book. As in all good fairy tales, however, there are questions of morality and philosophy to discuss and evil to overcome. Helgerson holds the reader spellbound throughout this engaging and suspenseful fantasy.
- ms/hs **Hemphill, Helen** *Long Gone Daddy* MD,PN
 Front Street Books 2006 174p 16.95 1932425381
 Harlan Q is about to go on the greatest adventure of his young life. His biggest regret is that he will have to do it in funeral hearse with a dead body inside. What he learns along the way will change his life forever.
- ms/jr **Hermes, Patricia** *Salem Witch: My Side of the Story* MD,RZ
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 180p 7.95 0-7534-5991-4
 George and Elizabeth are caught in the maelstrom of a world gone mad with accusations of witchcraft overtaking the once peaceful community of Salem Village. This double-faced story first tells you Elizabeth's story of how she sees things and then you must turn the book around and read how George sees and feels about the witch hunt in Salem Village.
- hs **Herrick, Steven** *The Wolf* PN,SG
 Boyd's Mill 2006 214p 17.95 1-932425-75-6
 Both Lucy and Jake are searching for more than a mysterious wolf when they hike to Sheldon Mountain. Jake wants to prove something to his father; Lucy is seeking refuge from her father's abuse. What they find on the mountain surprises them both.

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- * ms/hs **Hightman, Jason** *Samurai* MD, JT
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2006 309p 19.99 0-06054014-1
 Simon St. George is on another adventure to slay yet another dragon. This time his quest with his father will take him to East Asia where he will encounter other warriors known as Samurais and it will be not just one dragon but three very powerful dragons that he must overcome.
- elm/ms **Hollyer, Belinda** *She's All That!: Poems about girls* JT/MD
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 128p 14.95 0-7534-5852-7
 A fresh collection of poems about girls written by classic and contemporary poets representing a wide range of cultures. It represents the energy of girls and celebrates their varied experiences.
- hs/adult **Hoose, Phillip** *Perfect, once removed* SO, LM
 Walker & Co. 2006 163p 19.95 0-8027-1537-0
 This story of a pivotal year in the life of a nine-year-old boy is likely to resonate with the baby boomers who remember the times well. Sportswriter Phil Hoose grew up in 1950s Indiana, next to the great Speedway. His own passion, however, was baseball and his discovery that Yankee pitcher Don Larsen was his cousin, once removed, added special zest to his game.
- ms/jr **Hunter, Erin** *Twilight (Warriors: New Prophecy)* LM, SO
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2006 320p 15.99 0-06-082764-5 Warriors: New Prophecy)
 A new territory brings a new home and new troubles for the cats of the Warrior clans. As they discover the secrets and dangers of their new home, the harmony between clans disappears until a common enemy unites them once again.
- hs/adult **Hyde, Catherine Ryan** *Love in the Present Tense* PN, CFM
 Doubled see Random 2006 262p 21.95 0-385-51800-5
 Forever Love. That's what Pearl gives her son Leonard. She was only 13 and living in fear when Leonard was born, after she had shot and killed his father, a policeman who seduced her. Leaving Leonard with her neighbor Mitch, Pearl flees and never returns. Over the space of 25 years, Leonard and Pearl's story is told in alternating chapters by, among others, Pearl, Leonard, Mitch, and Leonard's eventual adoptive parents. A poignant and moving story.
- ms **Hynes, Margaret** *Rocks & Fossils* SO, CFM
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 64p 12.95 0-7534-5974-4 Kingfisher Knowledge
 The history of the Earth can be deciphered through geology, the study of the rocks that comprise its body, and paleontology, the study of fossils that have been found within them.
- ms/hs **Jarrow, Gail** *Printer's Trial (uncorrected Proof)* LMN, RZ
 Boyd's Mill 2006 102p 18.95 1-59078-432-4
 With primary source reprints, Jarrow presents the background of Peter Zenger, the people involved in his life, his arrest, and the resulting trial. Perfect for journalism as well as history classes as they learn how belief in the freedom of the press shaped our nation.
- ms/hs **Jones, Diana Wynne** *The Pinhoe egg* LM, SO
 Greenwillow see Harper Collins 2006 514p 17.99 0-06-113124-5 Chrestomanci
 In this latest installment to the *Chrestomanci* series, Diana Wynne Jones continues the saga in a sprightly and engaging book. Marianne Pinhole and Cat Chant, the latest of the nine-lived enchanters at Chrestomanci Castle must band together to discover the secret of the Pinhoe Egg and free the magical denizens of the enchanted woods.
- * hs **Jones, Patrick** *Nailed* JT, CW
 Walker & Co. 2006 216p 16.95 0-8027-8077-6
 Sixteen year old Bret struggles against conformity both in his family and in school where he prefers drama and music in a school fixated on sports.
- hs/adult **Julius, Doug** *Latin Made Simple, rev. ed.* LMN, LM
 Broadway Books see Random 2006 394p 12.95 0-7679-1861-4 No nonsense knowledge
 Third edition, this book presents Latin grammar construction with the purpose of being able to read classical Latin text. Readers will learn the basics of Latin grammar and sentence structure, a sizable Latin vocabulary, how Latin is used as roots for the English language and phrases that survive in English. Chapter quizzes with answer keys will show the student how well they are progressing.
- ms/hs **Kahn, Russell** *How to Remember Everything* MD, JT
 Random 2006 234p 13.00 0-3757-6563-8
 We use mnemonics, memory aids of all kinds, to help us remember important information on daily basis. In this book you will get ideas and learn tricks that will help you use your memory more effectively.
- hs **Karson, Jill** *Civil Liberties* LMN, SG
 Gale/Kidhaven/Blackbirch/Gree 2006 154p 34.95 0-7377-2446-3 Contemporary Issues
 An anthology containing varying viewpoints on the limits of freedom of speech, religion, privacy issues and how the Patriot Act affects these freedoms. Articles about censorship, abortion, prayer in school, racial profiling, and academic free speech give high school students background information.
- elm/ms **Kent, Deborah** *Riding the Pony Express* JT, MT
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 150p 8.95 0-7534-6001-7 Saddles, Stars, & Stripes
 After the death of her father and to avoid being sent to an aunt in New York, fifteen-year-old Lexie McDonald disguises herself as a boy and travels the route of the Pony Express attempting to find her brother.
- ms/hs **Kibuishi, Kazu** *Flight volume 3* LM/LMN/PN
 Ballantine see Random 2006 352p 24.95 0-345-49039-8
 This is a collection of well designed, suspenseful, and thought-provoking fictionalized stories presented in graphic novel format.

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- elm/ms **King, David C.** *Ancient Egypt* MD,RZ
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 47p 30.00 0-7614-2258-7 Hands on History (MC/BB)
 Egyptian culture left a legacy for future generations. Hieroglyphs are one of the earliest form of writing and papyrus a form of paper that was first created by them. These are only a few of the things the Egyptians gave the world.
- elm/ms **King, David C.** *Projects about The Spanish West* MD,RZ
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 47p 30.00 0761419829 Hands on History (MC/BB)
 This arts and crafts book about the Spanish West is more than just a craft book, this book will teach you about the history behind the craft. The projects are basically simple in design and instruction but produce beautiful results. It also has a few recipes. Highly recommended!
- jr/sr. **Klein, Lisa** *Ophelia* MD,LMN
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2006 328p 16.95 1-58234-801-4
 What if Ophelia didn't drown that fateful day and lived to tell her side of the story instead? Here is the "real" story of the star-crossed lovers, Hamlet and Ophelia, candidly told with all the intrigues and mysteries to be found in the King of Denmark's court.
- * hs/adult **Koontz, Dean** *Brother Odd* MD,TW
 Bantam see Random 2006 364p 27.00 0553-804804
 Odd Thomas has taken a vacation in the most remote spot he could find but trouble finds him there anyway and puts his unusual senses onto overdrive. His strange abilities tell him that danger is lurking near and something bad is going to happen unless he can find the source of evil first.
- ms/hs **Krisher, Trudy** *Fallout* RZ,MD
 Holiday House 2006 315p 17.95 0-8234-2035-3
 The move of an unconventional Hollywood family to a coastal North Carolina town in the early 1950s results not only in an unlikely friendship between high school age Genevieve and newcomer Brenda but also in a challenge to traditional ways of thinking.
- ms/hs **Kuhlman, Evan** *Wolf Boy* PN/MD
 Random 2006 317p 23.00 0-307-33696-4
 The death of their oldest son, Francis, throws the Harrelson family into turmoil. Each family member reacts differently to the loss. His mother, Helen, spends time in a psychiatric ward; his father, Gene, has an affair; his sister, Crispy, thinks about running away from home and becomes obsessed with Marky Mark; Stephen tries to hold his family together, all while being haunted by Francis' ghost. His solution? He channels his grief and confusion into the creation of a graphic novel, illustrated by his girlfriend Nicole.
- all ages **Lach, William** *Can You Hear it?* LM,LMN,SO
 Abrams, Harry 2006 40p 18.95 0-8109-5721-3
 This beautifully illustrated book shows that classical music is full of unforgettable images that can be appreciated with artistic masterpieces.
- * ms **Latta, Sara** *The good, the bad, and the slimy: the secret life of microbes* SO,CFM
 Enslow 2006 128p 31.93 0-7660-1294-8
 Microbes, bacteria, archaea, protists, viruses, and fungi, greatly outnumber all other living things on Planet Earth and may yet be found elsewhere in the Universe. In this lively and informative addition to any library enhanced by awesome jewel-like images, Latta leads the reader through the science of microbiology and offers an incredible look into this hidden world.
- hs **Lawlor, Laurie** *The Two Loves of Will Shakespeare* RZ/SG
 Holiday House 2006 278p 16.95 0-8234-1901-0
 Imagines Shakespeare's early life and the events that led to his playwriting career in London.
- ms/hs **Leavitt, Martine** *Keturah & Lord Death* CW,MD
 Front Street Books (see Boyd's 2006 216p 16.95 1-932425-29-2
 Lost in the forest and near death, Keturah is given a second chance at life when she captivates Lord Death with her storytelling. Back in her village (with the help of an enchanted eyeball she keeps in her apron pocket), she seeks the one true love that will ensure her continued existence. In the process, we are introduced to a rich group of characters and learn that Keturah is as good as she is beautiful as she works to ensure the happiness of those around her. There is humor, action and wisdom in this fairy tale.
- hs **Leone, Daniel, ed.** *Responding to the AIDS Epidemic* LMN,MJ
 Greenhaven Press see Gale 2006 92p 28.70 0737727454 At Issue (Gale/Greenhaven)
 Provides high school students with various viewpoints about the scope of the AIDS epidemic worldwide, especially in Africa, as well as prevention programs and treatment found around the world. Great for debates, position papers, or general understanding of the AIDS problem.
- elm/ms **Lethcoe, Jason** *The Capture of the Crimson Cape* MD,JT
 Ballantine see Random 2006 131p 12.95 0345483561 Amazing Adventures from
 Summer is superhero but her powers are not what she would like them to be; her powers can only enhance those of another superhero. Now as if this isn't bad enough, her father tells her he is getting married. How will Summer deal with a younger stepbrother who has real powers?
- hs **Levithan, David** *Boy meets Boy* TW,MT
 Full Cast Audio 2003 CDs 45.00 1-933322-33-0 **AUDIO BOOK**
 Romantic comedy for teens set in a town where gay and straight blend and tolerance abounds. Narrated by a full cast, the upbeat actors, including Paul, the sophomore narrator, allow the listener to see that stories about gay teens do not necessarily have to be "downers".

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- * second **Lewis, Ann Margaret &** *Star Wars: The New Essential Guide to Alien Species* LM,SO
 Ballantine see Random 2006 227p 25.95 0-345-47760-X
 A beautifully illustrated and printed guidebook of the Star Wars universe. Readers are supplied with descriptions, home worlds, phonetic pronunciations, appearance, and descriptive narrations, and anything else the reader might want to know.
- ms **Lewis, J. Patrick &** *Castles: Old Stone Poems* JT,RZ
 Boyd's Mill 2006 48p 18.95 978-1-59078-380-1
 Castles in history and fantasy all around the world are celebrated in poems illustrated in two-page spreads. Historical facts are given at the back of the book.
- adult **Longone, John** *Theories for Everything* JT,SO
 National Geographic 2006 407p 40.00 0-7922-3912-1
 Tracing the historic development of scientific theories, this book gives an overview of all the fields of science.
- elm/ms **Lourie, Peter** *Hidden World of the Aztec* JT,MT
 Boyd's Mill 2006 48p 17.95 978-1-59075-069-5
 Discusses Aztec history and life in the context of a modern excavation in Mexico City. (Ancient Civilizations of the Americas)
- ms/hs **Luban, David** *Sleeping Freshman Never Lie* LMN/JT
 Full Cast Audio 2006 6 CDs 37.40 1-933322-51-9 AUDIO BOOK
 Using 38 voices that shine with personality, Full Cast Audio presents Luban's humorous, SAT vocabulary expanding tale of a high school boy's friends, love life, school bus antics, and journalistic attempts that collide with the fact that his mother is having a baby. Unabridged for middle/high schools
- * hs **Lyga, Barry** *Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy & Goth Girl* SG,LMN
 Houghton 2006 311p 16.95 0-618-72392-7
 Loner Fanboy, who lives out his fantasies writing a graphic novel and making a list of enemies, is befriended by Goth Girl Kyra, who helps him stand up for himself.
- * ms **Mallory, Kenneth** *Diving to a deep-sea volcano* SO,LM
 Houghton 2006 60p 17.00 0-618-33205-7 Scientists In the Field (HM)
 This is a fabulous book that presents the work of oceanographer Rich Lutz. In vivid language, the book takes you behind the scenes in both the sea and the laboratory and explains how specimens are collected, research is managed, and trips are recorded. Lutz has investigated the evolution of hydrothermal vents and black smokers and the life cycles of the animals found there, carefully recording the development of these unusual forms of life.
- * ms/hs **McArthur, Debra** *A Student's Guide to Edgar Allen Poe* TW,LMN
 Enslow 2006 160p 27.93 0-7660-2437-7 Understanding Literature
 This examination of Poe's life and his literature deftly weaves both to make this guide accessible and engaging for the student. Includes a chronology, chapter notes, a glossary of literary terms, a list of his major works, books for further reading, Internet addresses, and an index.
- hs/adult **McCafferty, Megan** *Charmed Thirds* TW,CFM
 Random 2006 261p 21.00 1-4000-8042-8
 Following Sloppy Firsts and Second Helpings, this novel finds Jessica at Columbia University and follows her to graduation. Jessica still has a biting wit, finds her hometown insufferable, is sexually active, and revels in the college experience. This is definitely a young adult book with mature themes.
- ms/hs **Melling, O.R.** *The Summer King (Chronicles of Faerie)* SO,LM
 Amulet 2006 366p 16.95 0-8109-5969-0
 This is the second volume of the trilogy *The Chronicles of Faerie*. Laurel returns to Ireland on the anniversary of her twin sister's mysterious death to look for the answers behind Honor's tragic fall and becomes involved with the King of Faerie in this lyrically written and exciting adventure.
- all ages **Milan, Roy** *Monster* ALL
 Random 2006 166p 30.00 0-34548-685-4
 The creation of monsters in motion pictures propelled little known actors into the spotlight and created a new genre of movies.
- jr/sr. **Miller, Calvin Craig** *Che Guevara: In Search of Revolution* MD,TW
 Morgan Reynolds 2006 192p 27.00 1-931798-93-1
 The man behind the myth was a revolutionary leader always in search of a revolution, one whose strong idealism led him to believe that the people of Latin America should rise up against capitalism and embrace communism.
- ms/hs **Miller, Kirsten** *Kiki Strike* PN,SG
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2006 387p 16.95 1-58234-960-6
 Ananka discovers a Shadow City beneath the streets of New York, complete with renegade Girl Scouts and the enigmatic Kiki Strike.
- * hs/adult **Mitchell, David** *Black Swan Green* PN,CW
 Random 2006 294p 23.95 1-4000-6379-5
 13-year-old Jason's life is anything but perfect in the sleepy small town of Black Swan Green. His father is overbearing, his mother is frustrated, his sister snobbishly brilliant, and he stammers. Jason goes to great lengths to avoid being discovered and yet, he lives every day in fear. His authentic voice takes us through his 13th year, month by month, as his dependable family unit disintegrates.
- ms/hs **Monroe, Eula** *Math dictionary* SO,LM
 Boyd's Mill 2006 206p 19.95 1-59078-413-8
 In clear and unambiguous language, the author presents definitions of more than five hundred different mathematical terms in this "easy, simple, fun guide." The dictionary begins with an explanation of how the entries are constructed. Most entries include definitions, diagrams, related words, see also links, photographs and diagrams, and tools of the trade.

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- * all ages **Montgomery, Sy** *Quest for the Tree Kangaroo* MT,SO
 Houghton 2006 79p 18.00 978-0618-49641-9 Scientists In the Field (HM)
 Animal behaviorist Lisa Dabek and her team make a trip to Papua, New Guinea to capture Matschie's tree kangaroos and fit them with radio collars so that more can be learned about this little known and endangered animal's behavior in the wild. Illustrated with color photographs. A Tok Pisen dictionary and an index are included as well as Lisa's advice for kids on how they can become involved in wildlife conservation efforts.
- ms/hs **Montgomery, Sy** *The good good pig* SO,CFM
 Ballantine see Random 2006 225p 21.95 0-345-48137-2
 Sy Montgomery has written an utterly charming and moving memoir of her life with her pig Christopher Hogwood.
- ms/hs **Morgenstern, Susie** *Aspiring Writer's Journal* LMN/LM
 Abrams, Harry 2006 unpag 16.95 0-8109-7058-9
 A journal with writing prompts for each day of the year. For aspiring writers age 10-18. Great ideas, best suited for individual use as the blank space calls for a pen to fill it in. Correlated to PSSA standards of persuasive, personal response and narrative writing.
- ms/hs **Morris, Gerald** *The quest of the Fair Unknown (Squire's Tales)* SO,PN
 Houghton 2006 261p 16.00 0-618-63152-6
 In this delightful addition to the legends of King Arthur and his Court, the newly orphaned Beauflis sets out on a quest to find his unknown father. This is an excellent addition to Morris's *The Squire's Tales* and should increase interest in the legends of King Arthur.
- all ages **Morrison, Taylor** *Wildfire* MT/LM
 Houghton 2006 48p 17.00 0-618-50900-3
 This picture book is crammed with information and illustrations that will educate readers of all ages about the wildfires that occur in the western part of the United States. Explains how past U.S. Forest Service practices have caused some forests to be "unnaturally full of fuel" and prone to much larger dangerous fires.
- all ages **Moseley, Keith** *Dragons* LM,SO
 Abrams, Harry 2006 unpag 15.95 0-8109-4900-8
 In this fine example of pop-up books that appeal to readers of all ages, *Dragons* provides a wonderful example of the art of paper engineering. There are five adaptations of tales that tell of human and dragon interactions: Saint George, the four Dragons from Chinese mythology, Maud and the wyvern, Beowulf and the fire dragon, and the Japanese sea dragon princess.
- hs **Murdock, Catherine** *Dairy Queen* LMN/PN/RZ
 Houghton 2006 275p 16.00 0-618-68307-0
 D. J. lives with her parents on a dairy farm. She does backbreaking farm work, trains a rival community's high school quarterback, and realizes she would like to play football herself. She grows emotionally and learns people are not always as they seem. D.J. is the average teenage girl, and the underdog for whom every reader will root.
- all ages **Murphy, Claire Rudolf** *Children of Alcatraz* LM,SO,SG.CFM
 Walker & Co. 2006 64p 17.95 0-8027-9577-3
 Alcatraz Island has long intrigued the imagination of Americans. What they haven't realized is that Alcatraz was also home to many children of Native Americans, lighthouse keepers, military soldiers, and prison guards. This book profiles the generations of children through historical documents, photographs, interviews and anecdotes that will intrigue the reader.
- ms **Myers, Anna** *Confessions from the Principal's Chair* JT,MD
 Walker & Co 2006 199p 16.95 0-8027-9560-9
 On her first day of school in a new town, Robin Miller is mistaken for the new principal with the same name. With only two days in the office before the real principal arrives, Robin is determined to make a real difference in the lives of the middle schools students.
- all ages **Myers, Walter Dean** *Jazz* MT,RZ
 Holiday House 2006 unpag 18.95 0-8234-1545-7
 A beautifully illustrated celebration of jazz music which includes a history and poetry that will appeal to all ages.
- * hs **Myers, Walter Dean** *Street Love* TW,MD,SG
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2006 134p 15.99 10-0-06-02-8079-6
 Romance between two Harlem teenagers flourishes against all odds. Told through different voices to a hip hop poetic beat, this tale with a realistic ending, provides a gripping story about struggle, love, and class.
- all ages **National Geographic** *National Geographic Collegiate Atlas of the World* LM/SO
 National Geographic 2006 384p 39.95 0792236629
 This compact, easy-to-use atlas is the first one prepared with the new cutting edge cartography database developed by the National Geographic. Each map is identically-scaled for ease of comparing data by the reader or student.
- * ms/hs **Nichol, Barbara** *Tales of Don Quixote Book II* TW,LMN
 Tundra Books 2006 224p 18.95 0-88776-744-3
 The author continues the Don Quixote story, retelling part II of Cervantes tale. Nichol's retelling of the 400-year-old tale is funny and will make the story understandable to middle school and high school readers.
- jr/sr. **Otfinoski, Steven** *Henry Hudson* MD,TW
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 79p 35.25 0-7614-2225-0 Great Explorations*#4 (MC)**#4
 Henry Hudson was an English explorer who came to the Americas searching for the Northwest Passage, a more direct route that would take him to India but instead he ended up exploring new areas that were yet uncharted. Interesting fact: Rip Van Winkle was named after him.

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- ms/hs **Parkinson, Curtis** *Domenic's War: A Story of the Battle of Monte Cassino* MD,TW
Tundra Books 2006 192p 9.95 978-0-88776-6-751-7
- Based on actual events that took place during the fighting around Monte Cassino in World War II. Thirteen-year-old Domenic and his older friend Antonio must make the harrowing decision whether helping the Allied soldiers will pose more or less danger to their lives. Their stories of survival in the face of the ultimate danger will draw in young readers.
- elm/ms **Parks, Peggy J.** *Hurricanes* MT,MD
Kidhaven Press see Gale 2006 48p 0-7377-3550-3 Kidhaven Science Library#4
- Hurricanes are explained and illustrated with clear examples. The devastation wreaked on New Orleans and the Gulf of Mississippi by Hurricane Katrina in August of 2005 is featured here. Color photographs, diagrams, a glossary, an annotated bibliography and an index are included.
- * hs/adult **Parrado, Nando** *Miracle in the Andes* LMN/MD
Crown 2006 291p 25.00 1-4000-9767-3
- Parrado recounts the 72 days he spent before being rescued after a plane crash in the Andes in 1972, focusing on his sense of hope and love of family that allowed him to think positively and seek solutions. For anyone who wants an insider's psychological viewpoint as well as a follow-up on the survivors.
- ms/hs **Patrick, James A. ed.** *Renaissance and Reformation vol2* PN,all
Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 6 vol 671/set 0-7614-7650-4 set
- Encyclopedic treatment of topics dealing with the Renaissance and the Protestant Reformation from a historical, sociological, economic, and artistic standpoint. Volume 2 lists topics from Descartes to Households.
- * hs **Pedersen, Laura** *Big Shuffle* LMN,MT
Ballantine see Random 2006 387p 13.95 0-345-47956-4
- Hallie is called home from college when her father dies and she finds her mother in a state of depression. Hallie takes care of her eight younger siblings with the help of two relatives, a pastor and a neighbor. Humor keeps this from being a real downer. Problems are overcome and Hallie is truly an inspiring character.
- ms/hs **Pinsker, Marlee** *In the Days of Sand and Stars* MD/JT
Tundra Books 2006 87p 22.95 0-88776-724-9
- These beautifully written stories of legendary women of the Bible is done with grace and sensitivity. In this book, you get a different view of what their thoughts, hopes, and dreams might have been. You feel their indomitable spirit when they face their destiny.
- * ms/hs **Pratchett, Terry** *Wintersmith* SO,LM
Greenwillow see Harper Collins 2006 336p 16.99 0-06-089031-2
- In this third volume in Pratchett's series, Tiffany Aching has traveled to watch the Black Morris, the dance that marks the end of autumn and the onset of winter. Drawn into the music by its intoxicating rhythm, Tiffany breaks the established pattern and attracts the attention of the Wintersmith and it will be up to Tiffany and her friends to deflect his attentions and return Nature to its proper timetable.
- * hs **Rannels, Melissa** *Sew Subversive* TW,SO,PN
Taunton Press 2007 186p 14.95 1-56158-809-1
- Subtitled "Down & Dirty DIY for the Fabulous Fashionista", this title is for the teen who wants to make her wardrobe a unique fashion statement without spending a lot of money. Includes basic info on sewing, equipment, how to's, and projects. This well-written and well-constructed aid to the fashion-conscious manages just that. An interesting spin on recycling.
- hs/adult **Razzell, Mary** *Snow Apples* LMN/SG
Groundwood see Douglas 2006 192p 15.95 0-88899-471-8
- Originally published in Canada, this first American edition provides insight into what life was like for females in the 1940s in a male dominated world. Sheila tries to pursue an education beyond high school without her embittered mother's support. A graphic abortion may limit to older high school students.
- ms/hs **Reeve, Philip** *Infernal Devices (Hungry City Chronicles)* LM,SO
Harper Collins/Tempest 2006 358p 16.99 0-06-082635-5
- This is the third book in the *Hungry City Chronicles*. In this book, Tom and Hester find themselves settled down in Anchorage but their daughter Wren, has other ideas. Life turns out to be full of turmoil and strife when a trio of Lost Boys turn up to steal a book and end up kidnapping Wren. What parent won't go to any end to get their daughter back?
- * ms/hs **Reeve, Philip** *Larklight* PN,RZ
Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2006 400p 16.95 1-59990-020-3
- Art and Myrtle manage to escape when giant spiders attack their home. Hurtling through the aether in their lifeboat, they encounter giant lizards, crabs, slimy spiky aliens, not to mention the spiders, and team up with pirates in this 19th century space adventure.
- hs/adult **Reinhard** *The Ice Maiden* SG,JT
National Geographic 2005 384p 14.95 0-7922-5912-2
- First person account of the author's 1995 journey and excavation of three sites in the Andes.
- ms/hs **Revkin, Andrew C.** *The North Pole was Here* RZ/JT
Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 128p 15.95 07534-5993-0
- An environmental reporter visits the North Pole to report on the relationship between global warming and the melting polar ice cap.
- hs **Reynolds, Sherri** *Firefly Cloak* MT,PN
Random 2006 285p 23.00 0-609-61008-2
- When Tessa Lee was eight years old, she woke up and found that her momma had abandoned her and her little brother at a campground. All Momma left them was the firefly cloak that covered them in the tent and a phone number written on Travis' back in black magic marker. Now Tessa Lee is 15 and looking for her mother.

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- ms/hs **Richards, Justin** *The Death Collector* LM/SO
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2006 320p 16.95 1-58234-721-2
 Three teens of Victorian London and a curator of unclassified artifacts in the British Museum join forces to stop the escapades of a madman who wants to bring back to life both dead humans and dinosaurs using unorthodox scientific methods.
- ms/hs **Richardson, V.A.** *Moneylenders Daughter* JT,CW
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2006 382p 17.95 1-58239-885-5
 While Adam Windjammer tries to rebuild his family name, Jade van Helsing wants to be respected by her father.
- ms/hs **Roberts, Judson** *Viking Warrior* MD,LMN
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2006 360p 17.00 0-06079996-X
 Fourteen-year-old Halfdan was a slave until a turn of events changed his life forever. Unacknowledged son of the master of the house, Halfdan gets an opportunity to become a cherished son but his mother must make the ultimate sacrifice.
- * hs/adult **Roberts, Tara, ed.** *What your Mama never told you* SG,CFM
 Houghton 2007 258p 7.99 0-618-64636-1
 Sixteen true, frank, coming-of-age stories about sex and love by black women writers.
- ms **Robinson, James** *Inventions* SO,LM
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 64p 12.95 0-7534-5973-6 Kingfisher Knowledge
 Beginning with a foreword by noted design engineer James Dyson, this book discusses how new innovations and inventions have changed the world. Divided thematically into four chapters on communications, technology in the home, transportation, and new technology.
- ms/hs **Rubin, Susan Goldman** *Andy Warhol: Pop Art Painter* SO,LMN,LM
 Abrams, Harry 2006 48p 18.95 0-8109-5477-X
 A biography of Andy Warhol focusing on his earlier years, presenting the motivation, artistic style and process for making his most famous paintings. Fascinating reading and appropriate examples of his art in an eye-catching format for middle and high school.
- * ms/hs **Rubin, Susan Goldman** *The Cat with The Yellow Star* PN,MT
 Holiday House 2006 40p 16.95 0-8234-1831-6
 Susan Rubin Goldman tells the moving story of Ela Weissberger (Stein), one of the children who was transported with her family to the Terezin concentration camp. This story of hope centers around the children's performances of Hans Kresa's opera, Brundibar. A powerful testimony to the power of the human spirit in the most hopeless of times.
- all ages **Sauter, Gerry** *The Founding of the U.S. Experience* MD,LM
 Ballantine see Random 2006 audio 50.00 0-8914-1899-7
 This audio/visual book covers the American Revolution, providing the reader a picture of primary sources as they might looked at that time. There is a CD to which you can listen as you follow along the progress of the war.
- ms/hs **Sayres, Meghan Nuttall** *Anahita's Woven Riddle* LMN/LM
 Abrams, Harry 2006 352p 16.95 0-8109-5481-8
 For grades 7 and up, Anahita lives in Iran around 1885, a daughter of nomadic weavers and destined to be married. Whoever can solve the riddle woven into her rug will get her hand in marriage. Fascinating blend of history and culture that brings nomadic lifestyle to life.
- * ms/hs **Schlip, Joanna** *Glamour Gurlz: the ultimate step-by-step guide to great makeup* CFM,LM
 Clarkson Potter 2006 191p 19.95 0-307-339935-1
 "Offers step-by-step instructions for applying makeup to achieve seventy different looks that are based on celebrity photographs."
- * ms/hs **Schmemann, Serge** *When the Wall Came Down* RZ/MD
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 127p 15.95 0-7534-5994-9
 Chronicles the events that led to the building and the destruction of the Berlin Wall.
- hs/adult **See, Lisa** *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan (reprint edition)* MJ,TW
 Random 2006 269p 13.95 0-8129-6906-9
 Snow Flower and Lily have been special friends since the age of seven and this novel explores the special bonds among women and their secret language in an earlier, more repressive Chinese society.
- * all ages **Sidman, Joyce** *Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow* CFM, SO
 Houghton 2006 unpag 16.00 0-618-56313-X
 "Poem and factual information about meadow flora and fauna are presented alternately."
- ms/hs **Silverstein, Alvin** *Disease Update* TW,MD,MJ
 Enslow 2006 128p 31.93 Disease Update
Disease Update Series focuses on six prevalent diseases: Asthma, Diabetes, Flu and Pneumonia, Sickle Cell Anemia, STDs and Tuberculosis. These fact-filled books present the history of the disease, research on treatments and cures, and profiles of people who have the disease. This series will be useful for reports for grades 6 through high school.
- hs/adult **Stewart, George R.** *Earth Abides* LMN/MD
 Ballantine see Random 2006(345p 13.95 0-3454-8713-3
 Reprint of the award winning 1949 title. In a post-apocalyptic world, Ish forms a community of eight adults. The book ponders philosophy, religion, and what is really important for mankind. Bears rereading since recent natural disasters and avian flu possibility. Compelling fiction.
- ms/hs **Stohler, David Jr.** *Doppelganger* MD,TW
 Harper Collins/Tempest 2006 258p 16.99 0060872322
 The Doppelganger is a monster that will kill a human and shape-shift into that victim's appearance, assuming their personality and life for a few weeks. But sometimes, the victims' families carry secrets that are more inhuman and horrifying than a supernatural monster can create.

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- elm/ms **Suncatcher, Sindri** *A Practical Guide to Dragons* LM/SO
 Mirror Stone 2006 80 p 12.92 0-7869-4164-2
 This is a colorfully illustrated field guide to Dragons. Readers will be able to learn about the anatomy and language of dragons as well as other entrancing information.
- * ms/hs **Sutherland, Tui T.** *Avatars: So This Is How It Ends* JT,SG
 EOS see Harper Collins 2006 353p 17.89 0-06-075028-6
 Five teenagers on different continents awake to find that they appear to be the only people in a deserted world. Inexorably drawn together, they try to discover what has happened and what is to come. Will they destroy each other in order to save what is left of the world?
- ms/hs **Tarallo, Pietro** *Mexico: Signs of History* JT,CFM
 Whitestar 2006 121p 9.95 08-544-0114-5
 Exquisite color photographs and brief text provide a glimpse of the history, landscape, culture, and cities of Mexico.
- all ages **Tchana, Katrin Hyman** *Changing Woman and Her Sisters* PN,MT
 Holiday House 2006 80p 18.95 0-8234-1999-1
 A delightful collection of creation myths from many cultures. Katrin Hyman Tchana collected and retells these stories in a simple and straightforward manner that still retains the wonders of the original myths. Tina Schart Hyman's imaginative paintings combine ink and acrylic with photographs, handmade paper, fabric and scraps of paintings for a multilayered effect.
- ms **Thimmesh, Caroline** *The Moon* SO,CFM
 Houghton 2006 80p 19.95 0-618-50757-4
 While only two men actually set foot on the moon during the Apollo 11 expedition, it took many thousands more to get them there. In Thimmesh's book, she details the many and varied jobs and personalities of members of TeamMoon who collaborated on so many different parts of the mission.
- hs/adult **Tobien, Karl** *Dancing Under the Red Star* PN ,SO,
 Waterbrook 2006 368p 14.99 1-4000-7078-3
 Margaret Werner emigrated with her parents to Russia as part of a Ford Motor Co. initiative to help the Russians during the 1930s. Later, she was sent to the Gulag Archipelago for a decade, surviving harsh Siberia to finally return to the U.S. over 30 years later.
- hs **Tory, James** *Genetic Engineering* LMN,LM
 Gale/Kidhaven/Blackbirch/Gree 2006 262p 34.95 0-7377-3285-? Current Controversies#4 (Gale)
 Perfect for high school debate and persuasive writing classes. The articles from 2002 to 2005 cover stem cell research, genetically modified foods, cloning and government control of genetic engineering with viewpoints presented on both sides of the issue.
- hs/adult **Toutonghi, Pauls** *Red Weather* LMN,CW
 Knopf see Random 2006 245p 23.00 0-307-33675-1
 Yuri, a first generation Latvian immigrant, clashes with his father over Yuri's socialist leanings. A midnight joy ride leads to a tragic conclusion. For sophisticated readers, a look at socialist thought and the history of 1989. Some alcoholic scenes and discussion of bisexuality. Quirky yet powerful.
- elem **VanAllsberg, Chris** *Probudutil* JT,MT
 Houghton 2006 un p 18.95 0-618-75502-0
 Calvin and Rodney see a show by Lomax, the magician and hypnotist. The two boys build a hypnotizing machine and try it out on Trudy, Calvin's little sister.
- * hs **Vaught, Susan** *Trigger* SG,JT
 Bloomsbury see St. Martins 2006 292p 16.95 1-58234-920-7
 The story of Jersey Hatch's recovery process after shooting himself in the head and spending over a year in a treatment center.
- ms/hs **Vecsey, George** *Baseball* MD,TW
 Modern Library see Random 2006 252p 21.95 0-679-64338-9
 Baseball is America's favorite pastime and passion. This is a book on the history of the game for the delight of all fans.
- ms/hs **Walker, Richard** *Epidemics & Plagues* MT,JT
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 64p 12.95 0-7534-6035-1 Kingfisher Knowledge
Epidemics and Plagues is filled with facts as well as excellent color diagrams, photographs and reproductions of paintings that illustrate diseases that have affected mankind since the beginning of history. Each chapter is followed by a summary, a "Go Further" information panel with lists of books and websites for further study, related career paths, and places to go. A glossary and an index are provided at the back of the book.
- ms **Walker, Richard** *Human Body* JT,MT
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 63p 12.95 0-7534-5972-8 Kingfisher Knowledge
 This explores the human body through illustrations and photographs.
- ms/hs **Weatherly, Myra** *Women of the Sea* RZ,LM
 Morgan Reynolds 2006 160p 26.95 1-931798-80-X Women of the Sea (Morgan)
 Includes biographies of ten female pirates throughout history. Each biography lists what is known factually and what is myth and legend. Paintings, maps and woodcuts illustrate the chapters and are used to good effect. Includes a bibliography, index and glossary.
- * ms/hs **Wiseman, Eva** *Kanada* MT,LMN
 Tundra Books 2006 247p 9.95 978-0-88776-7296
 Fourteen-year-old Jutka's life, as a Jewish school girl in Hungary in 1944, changes radically when her family is ordered into the ghetto and again when she is transported by cattle car to Auschwitz. Although she survives the horrors of the Nazi concentration camp, life will never be the same again.

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all ages **Wong, Alice** *Little Big Book of Dogs* MD/LM
 Welcome Books 2006 352p 24.95 1932183906

A book about dogs that will give advice on how to train and care for them. What makes this book a treasure is that it also gives you heart warming tales, stories, poetry, cartoons, jokes and illustrations that will bring tears of both joy and sadness.

ms/jr **Wooten, Sara McIntosh** *Robert Frost* LMN,LM
 Enslow 2006 128p 31.93 0-7660-2627-2 People To Know#4 (Enslow)

For middle school students who want to know how Robert Frost became a respected poet. Relates the personal and professional struggles of Frost, including insight into his family life. Not much literary criticism, but an outstanding biography with easier vocabulary than most.

The following series are arranged by author

elm/ms **Gardner, Robert** *Fantastic Physical Sci. Exp. (Enslow)* SO,LM
 Enslow 2006 48p 23.93 Fantastic Physical Sci, Exp.

This is a wonderful series of books on science experiments for younger children. These should be required reading for anyone interested in furthering their knowledge of physics or entering a science fair competition. Series include books on light and color, sound and music, melting, freezing, and boiling matter, simple machines, electricity and magnetism, and heat and energy.

elm/ms **Gardner, Robert** *Rockin' Earth Science Exper. (Enslow)* SO,JT, LM
 Enslow 2008 48p 23.93 Rockin' Earth Science Exper.

This is a highly recommended series of books on earth science experiments for younger children. These should be required reading for anyone interested in furthering their knowledge of earth science or entering a science fair competition. Series include books on the Earth, rocks and minerals, soil and water, the Sun and the Moon, the sky, and weather.

elm/ms **Hinds, Kathryn** *Life in Ancient Egypt (MC/BB)* TW,JT,CW,LM
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 79p 32.79 Life in Ancient Egypt (MC/BB)

Life in Ancient Egypt Series explores a level of society, such as The Pharaoh's Court, The City, The Countryside, The Artisans, and The Religion, during the New Kingdom (1550-1070 BCE). Full color images and primary source materials highlight each volume to offer a clear picture of a day in the life of a variety of Ancient Egyptians.

ms/hs **Rainis, Kenneth** *Forensic Science Projects (Enslow)* SO,MT,LM,SG
 Enslow 2006 128p 31.93 Forensic Science Projects

Forensic and criminal investigations shows are some of the hottest items on the television these days and these books may entice young readers into looking at science experimentation in new and different ways. Titles in this excellent *Forensic science projects* series include Blood and DNA evidence, Fingerprints, Forgery, and Hair, clothing, and tire track evidence.

ms/hs **Various** *African American Biographies(Enslow)* SG,MJ,JT,TW
 Enslow 2006 128p 31.93 African American

Reviews the lives of African Americans who have made important contributions. This year's titles include Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes (adding to the many already included on the 2006 BON). Details of their personal lives, enhanced with attractive color photos, will appeal to middle and high school students.

ms/hs **Various** *America's Wars Through Primary Sources (Enslow)* RZ,JT,SG,CW,M
 Enslow 2006 128p 33.27 America's Wars Through Primary

The titles in this series provide much secondary information and also provide an introduction to the use of primary sources as a way to understand and interpret important historical events. The integration of the primary sources with the text will give students a good understanding of the topic and the Myreportlinks.com provide additional information for research.

ms/jr **Various** *American Saga (Enslow)* PN,RZ,MD,LMN,
 Enslow 2006 128p 31.93 American Saga (Enslow)

The American Saga focuses on the positive effects of important events in American history. The titles cover almost 300 years, from the colonial period through the current upheaval in Iraq and other areas around the world. Text, photos, illustrations and fact boxes combine to present readable volumes that complement the US history curriculum. The Industrial Revolution is the weakest link in the series.

ms/hs **Various** *American Workers (MorganRey.)* MT,TW,RZ
 Morgan Reynolds 2006 144p 26.95 American Workers (MorganRey.)

The *American Worker s* series includes books on the Pullman Strike of 1894, the Ludlow Strike of 1913-14, the Homestead Steel Strike of 1892, and Mother Jones. A volume on Cesar Chavez is due to be released shortly. These books give background information on the time period and events preceding each strike and are illustrated with archival photographs. They are appropriate for middle school and high school students. Each volume includes a bibliography, an annotated list of web sites, a timeline, and an index.

* ms **Various** *Authors Teen's Love (Enslow)* JT,LM,PN
 Enslow 2006 104p 31.90 Authors Teen's Love

Highly recommended for middle school or high school. There are currently 11 titles in the series. Engaging reading for the fans of each author's books. Each book includes many good color and black and white photos, a section of quotes from their books, a chronology, extensive chapter notes, glossary, selected works and awards, further reading, and an index. Besides chronicling the events in the author's life, the series also gives some beginning literary criticism.

elm/ms **Various** *Bookworms* JT,TW,SG
 Marshall Cavendish/ Benchmark 2007 31p 15.95 Bookworms

This series comes in three levels: emergent - Just the Opposite (very simple text), early - Guess Who, and fluent - What's Inside (full sentences and ideas). Available in just Spanish or Spanish/English text. While designed for elementary school students, the fluent level can be a valuable tool for the use of vocational students in foreign language class. Recommended as needed in middle schools and high schools.

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ms/hs **Various** *Busted! (Enslow)* CFM,LMN,CW,P
 Enslow 2006 104p 23.95 Busted! (Enslow)

Each glossy title in this series describes the drug in great detail, its history, various aspects of the drug, how the drug affects a person's life, and the types of drug treatments available. The titles would be most suitable for a middle school collection, but could also work in a high school environment. The information will be great for student's reports and self-help.

ms **Various** *Celebrate Holidays (Enslow)* MD,MJ,PN,CFM,
 Enslow 2006 112p 31.93 Celebrate Holidays (Enslow)

The series includes and explores the historical background of the holidays, their customs, symbols and cultural significance and how they have been adopted into our society. The books have plenty of pictures with interesting and simple text. Titles in this series: Celebrate: Chinese New Year, Cinco de Mayo, Columbus Day, Halloween, Martin Luther King Jr., St. Patrick's Day.

ms **Various** *Celebrate the States* SO,MT,JT,MD,S
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 144p 39.93 Celebrate the States*

This series presents a thoroughly engaging overview of individual states and provides current and easily accessible information on each one. Very appealing visually, the books are the perfect introduction for the geographical and historical background of each state and include all the information that is necessary for middle school research reports.

ms/hs **Various** *Cultures of the World(MC)* SO,MT,MJ,TW,C
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 144p 37.07 Cultures of the World(MC)#6

These are part of Marshall Cavendish's second edition series on different cultures of the world and provide solid resources for students. Well-organized, informative, and entertaining, they contain short chapters about the geography, history, government, economy, the people and lifestyle, religion, language, the arts and leisure, festivals, and food. They will be an excellent addition for both research and browsing.

ms/hs **Various** *Debating Supreme Court Decisions (Enslow)* SG,CW,CFM,TW
 Enslow 2006 128p 26.60 Debating Supreme Court

Up to date information on both sides of the issues and what the Supreme Court decided and why. Titles include the Earls Case and Student Drug Testing, Miranda and the Rights of the Accused, Gault Case and Young People's Rights, and Tinker and Students' Right to Free Speech. Great for middle and high school collections.

ms/hs **Various** *Drugs: the facts about* PN,CW,SG,MD,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 96p 39.93 Drugs: the facts about

This second installment in the Drugs series includes five books covering the subjects of amphetamines, cocaine, depressants, heroine, LSD and other hallucinogens. All titles are attractive, with photos and text boxes that enhance the informative text. Each volume includes the history, abuse and treatment and legal issues, but the most appealing part may be the teens' narratives. A glossary, bibliography, index and a list of where to get help supplement each volume.

ms/hs **Various** *Elements(MC/BB)* SO,CW,JT,TW
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 32p 28.50 Elements(MC/BB)#5

These books on the elements explain their history, where they are found in nature and in what form, their special characteristics and reactions with other elements, and their importance both past and present. An excellent series to add to the collection. They offer a great deal of information in slim volumes.

ms **Various** *Great Minds of Science* (Enslow)* JT,SO
 Enslow 2006 112p 31.93 Great Minds of Science* (Enslow)

Highly recommended for middle school. The newest six scientists included in the series (31 titles in total) all made major contributions in their field of study. Included in each volume are activities that students may try, a chronology, glossary, sources for further reading, and index. The text is readable while being scholarly enough for research. There are some illustrations to enhance the text. It is well organized and a good length for middle school students.

* hs/adult **Various** *Groundwork Guides* TW,SG,LMN
 Groundwood 2006 144p 15.95 Groundwork Guides

Groundwork Guide series' titles provide an overview of key contemporary political and social issues such as Climate Change, Being a Muslim, Genocide, and the United States as an Empire. Clear and concise, these books provide a compelling introduction to the subject with a strong point of view.

ms/hs **Various** *Health Alert (Benchmark)* All
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 64p 31.361 Health Alert (Benchmark)

Strongly recommended for all libraries where up-to-date information is needed on the most common diseases and conditions. The clear, easy to read format will appeal to grades 5 and up. The photographs and charts will appeal to the visual learner. Treatments and advances in the field of research related to each illness or disorder give hope for people suffering from the ailment.

second **Various** *Issues in Focus Today(Enslow)* SO,SG,MJ,TW,P
 Enslow 2006 104p 31.93 Issues in Focus Today(Enslow)

This series contains titles on Addictions and risky behaviors, The attack of the superbugs, Dating, relationships and sexuality, Am I fat, Bullying, Peanut butter, milk, and other deadly treats, and High-tech babies. Each offers an evenhanded discussion of the issues being considered and are well-researched and insightful books. Highly recommended for all middle and high school libraries.

ms/jr **Various** *It's My State(MC/BB)***#5* RZ,MJ,SO,MT,M
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 80p 27.07 It's My State(MC/BB)***#5

These lively, fact-filled volumes will interest upper elementary and middle school students. Easy to read, with many sharp, color photographs and diagrams, the series provides both a quick fact overview and a more in-depth discussion of the state. Topics discussed are history and geography, culture and government. The books are the perfect introduction for the geographical and historical background of each state.

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- elm/ms **Various** *Kingfisher Voyages* SO,JT
 Kingfisher see Houghton Mifflin 2006 53p 15.95 Kingfisher Voyages
 Titles include *Oceans*, *Space*, and *Wild Weather*, *Ancient Egypt*, and *Rain Forest*. Much of the information in this wonderful series is conveyed through outstanding color photographs, vibrant illustrations, and boxed sections with extended captions that provide much of the data. Creative in its format, it is printed on thick, sturdy pages with a wired spine, plastic overlays that are printed on both sides, cutaway diagrams, double-folded pages, and different typefaces that set off the facts.
- ms/jr **Various** *Middle East Nations in the News (Enslow)* SG,SO,TW,MJ,C
 Enslow 2006 128p 33.27 Middle East Nations in the News
 Inviting, unbiased, and up to date information on countries in a key region. Chapters include history, land, culture, and the current state of affairs. Maps, photos, and preselected websites give a great introduction to middle and high school student on Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, and other countries in the Middle East.
- ms/hs **Various** *Open for Debate (MC/BB)* LMN,RZ,TW,SG,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 144p 37.07 Open for Debate (MC/BB)
 Strongly recommended for middle and high school libraries for report writing or debate teams. Each book gives both sides of the issue with the exception of the not recommended Israeli/Arab title. Opinions not popular in the common news arena are given voice as are more commonly held opinions. Students will find resources listed to further their research and organizations supporting each viewpoint.
- * ms/hs **Various** *People to Know Today (Enslow)* CFM,SG,LMN,T
 Enslow 2006 128p 23.95 People to Know Today (Enslow)
 Each title in this series describes the lives and achievements of influential contemporary Americans. Teen readers will find these books visually appealing through the use of great covers and attractive page layouts. Each title in this series would be appropriate for middle and high school collections and could be used for reports and/or casual reading.
- ms/hs **Various** *Profiles in Science (MR)* CFM,CW,LMN
 Morgan Reynolds 2006 128p 27.95 Profiles in Science (MR)
 Each title in this series provides readers with a comprehensive view of a scientist. Scientists include Robert Boyle, Edmond Halley, Marie Curie, and others. Each title includes period photographs, fascinating accounts, primary documents, a timeline of events, recommended websites, and an index. The titles are well researched and will be very useful for reports in a middle or high school setting.
- ms **Various** *Road to War: Causes of conflict (OTTN)* RZ,SO,JT,PN,M
 OTTN 2006 70p 22.95 Road to War: Causes of conflict
 Rather than the customary overview of battles and casualties, The Roar to War series concentrates on the reasons and events leading up to five prominent United States wars. Excellent information young researchers would find difficult to locate at this reading level is presented clearly and attractively on glossy stock with colorful photos, insets, and typefaces. The five titles in the series are Causes of the American Revolution, Causes of the Civil War, Causes of World War 1, Causes of World War II and Causes of the 1991 and 2003 Gulf Wars. Each title begins with brief biographies and thumbnail photos of prominent people of the period. followed by six short chapters filled with succinct, interesting information.
- ms/hs **Various** *Rulers of the Ancient World (Enslow)* PN,MD,JT
 Enslow 2006 160p 27.93 Rulers of the Ancient World
 The *Rulers of the Ancient World* series consists of six books at this time. Each title provides an overview of the life of one the great leaders of the ancient world. Illustrations and text boxes enhance the readability of the text and make these accessible biographies for younger readers. Subject include Alexander the Great, Cleopatra, Hannibal, Caesar, Pericles, and Ramesses.
- ms **Various** *Sports Stars with Heart* RZ,TW,SG,JT,C
 Enslow 2006 128p 31.93 Sports stars with heart
 This high interest series explores the life and career of popular athletes such as Shaquille O'Neal, Peyton Manning, Derek Jeter, LaDainian Tomlinson, LeBron James, and Tim Duncan. The series stands out because it additionally focuses on their charitable endeavors outside of the sports world.
- ms/hs **Various** *Supreme Court Milestones(MC/BB)* RZ,LMN,CW,PN,
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2007 144p 31.94 Supreme Court
 This series does an outstanding job describing the steps leading up to well-known Supreme Court decisions. Middle and high school students can follow the legal arguments of both sides from the beginning, while at the same time learning about the legal system and the appeals process. Sidebars provide additional information, and the series is clearly written. This series is excellent for historical research and for National History Day themes.
- ms/jr **Various** *Wild History of the American West (Enslow)* PN,SG,MD,SO,
 Enslow 2006 128p 33.27 Wild History of the American
 This series compiles information on the people, facts, and events that shaped the American West. Making good use of photos, illustrations and text boxes, they provide a balanced but basic overview of the West. Titles include information about the Erie Canal, Louisiana Purchase, Trail of Tears, Bleeding Kansas, Custer's Last Stand, California Gold Rush, Oregon Trail, Pony Express and the Alamo. One volume, The Gold Rush, does not meet the mark of the other titles in the series.
- ms/hs **Various** *World Writers (Morgan)* LMN,MJ,CFM
 Morgan Reynolds 2006 176p 26.95 World Writers (Morgan)#5
 Strongly recommended for high school libraries since the books are visually appealing and contain a wealth of text for the student researcher. Provides an understanding of the author's personality, the events that shaped his writing, and the impact of the author on the field of literature. Although primarily biographical, some criticism is also presented in an easy to read format.
- ms/hs **Various** *Writers & Their Work (MC/BB)* LMN,TW,SG,PN
 Marshall Cavendish/Benchmark 2006 159p 37.07 Writers & Their Work (MC/BB)
Writers and Their Works contains five titles (Miller, Fitzgerald, Morrison, Twain, and Bronte) aimed at middle and high school students. Each title presents biography, the impact of the culture of the times on the writer, critical reviews of the author's works and the author's impact on the field of literature. Colorful illustrations and photographs will entice the reader into reading the books.