

j 811.54 LEW

The Brothers' War: Civil War Voices in Verse by J. Patrick Lewis

This isn't just another history book, this book brings the Civil War to life. Through words and pictures you'll hear the voices and feel the suffering of the soldiers on both sides, of slaves who fought for the North, of Union prisoners, and others.

j 796.357 WEL

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson, with a foreword by Hank Aaron

Play ball! - That's easy to say now, but there was a time when players in the Negro League had to fight discrimination, hatred and low salaries in order to play baseball. For them to excel at the game took exceptional emotional strength. Share the players' experiences and their love of the game through the outstanding oil paintings that accompany the stories in this book.

jB POWELL RAY

Down the Colorado: John Wesley Powell, the One-armed Explorer by Deborah Kogan Ray

John Wesley Powell was called Kapurats or "One Arm Off" by his friends, the Ute Indians. Read about the 99 days in 1869 when, after 500 rapids in 1000 miles, Powell and the surviving members of his crew completing the first recorded exploration of the Colorado River through to the end of the Grand Canyon. Find out why he didn't become a minister as his father intended, but instead became a foremost explorer and environmental scientist, and how he survived so much danger and accomplished so much with the use of just one arm.

jB HENRY NEL

Ain't Nothing But A Man: My Quest to Find the Real John Henry by Scott Reynolds Nelson with Marc Aronson

Legends, songs and campfire lore say John Henry was a steel drivin' man, but there may be more to John Henry's story than that. Join Scott Nelson on a historical detective journey as he looks into how prison, the white house, railroad tracks and steel driving all fit into the truth about John Henry's life and death.

jB HENSON BOS

I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer by Carole Boston Weatherford

The pastel illustrations really convey the icy cold of the far north where Kokoyah, the Devil of the North, may or may not guard the ice cap upon which Henson and Perry first planted their flag. Their journey required skillful planning, determination, strength and perseverance.



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Grades 6-8

FICTION

YA ALE

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

j AVI

The Seer of Shadows by Avi

In New York City in 1872, fourteen-year-old Horace, a photographer's apprentice, becomes entangled in a plot to create fraudulent spirit photographs. But when Horace accidentally frees the real ghost of a dead girl bent on revenge, his life takes a frightening turn.

j BAK

The Salamander Spell by E. D. Baker

Thirteen-year-old Grassina vies with her older sister, Chartreuse, to see who will inherit the family's talent for magic and become the Green Witch, while each ponders which prince will be at her side during her "happily ever after".

YA BRO

Sewer Rats by Sigmund Brouwer

Every Saturday the Sewer Rats reign supreme in paintball wars held in the city's storm drain system. The new kid, Carter, wants to join, but Lisa doesn't want him in the club. When Carter is hurt in his first paintball war, Jim and Mickey suspect that Lisa planned the accident. They try to confront her, but she runs into the tunnels just as a rainstorm begins. Jim and Mickey have to get Lisa out before the tunnels fill with water.

j DOY

Bewitching Season by Marissa Doyle

In 1837, as seventeen-year-old twins, Persephone and Penelope, are starting their

first London Season they find their beloved governess, who has taught them everything they know about magic, has disappeared.

j GRA

The Life and Crimes of Bernetta Wallflower by Lisa Graff

After her supposed best friend implicates her in a cheating and blackmail scam, twelve-year-old Bernetta loses her private school scholarship but, with the help of a new friend, spends the summer using her knowledge of magic and sleight-of-hand both to earn the \$9,000 in tuition money and to get revenge.

YA LIP

Yellow Flag by Robert Lipsyte

When seventeen-year-old Kyle reluctantly succumbs to family pressure and replaces his injured brother in the family racecar, he struggles to keep up with his trumpet playing while deciding how--or if--he can continue making music with a brass quintet and headlines as a Nascar racer.

YA MAC

Throwing Like a Girl by Weezie Kerr Mackey

After moving from Chicago to Dallas in the spring of her sophomore year, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that joining the softball team at her private school not only helps her make friends, it also provides unexpected opportunities to learn and grow.

j PAR

Keeping Score by Linda Sue Park

In Brooklyn in 1951, a special friendship develops between nine-year-old Maggie, who is a "Bums" (Dodgers) fan and a die-hard Giants fan who teaches her a special technique to keep score of a baseball game.

j SEL

The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures by Brian Selznick

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized. The 2008 Caldecott Medal winner.

YA SOR

First Shot by Walter Sorrells

As David enters his senior year of high school, a family secret emerges that could solve the mystery of why his mother was murdered two years ago.

j THO

The New Policeman by Kate Thompson

Irish teenager JJ Liddy discovers that time is leaking from his world into Tir na nOg, the land of the fairies, and when he attempts to stop the leak he finds out a lot about his family history, the music that he loves, and a crime his great-grandfather may or may not have committed.

YA WAL

The Overlord Protocol by Mark Walden

Still trapped at the Higher Institute of Villainous Education, or H.I.V.E., evil-genius-in-training Otto Malpense is nearly assassinated and must now not only try to escape, but also find out who murdered his best friend--and save himself.

NON-FICTION

YA 031.02 ASH

The Top 10 of Everything: The Ultimate Book of Lists 2009 by Russell Ash

Hundreds of lists of the top ten of everything, from music and movies to sports and celebrities. Something for everyone.

j 393.3 HAL

Mysteries of the Mummy Kids by Kelly Milner Halls

Learn about child mummies from Incan and other ancient civilizations around the world, plus a Civil-War-era mummy from the United States.

j 398.2 MAT

Fireside Stories: Tales for the Winter's Eve retold by Caitlin Matthews

A collection of eight traditional tales associated with a variety of winter celebrations from Scottish, Russian, Inuit, Austrian, Czech, and Jewish lore.

j 551.6 CHE

How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate: Scientists and Kids Explore Global Warming by Lynne Cherry and Gary Braasch

Here is the science behind the headlines, evidence gathered by scientists from all over the world often with the assistance from young "citizen scientists". Learn about climate change and actions that can make a difference.

j 591.69 SIN

Venom by Marilyn Singer

Offers young readers information on toxic creatures that can harm or even kill with a bite or sting.

j 599.668 CAR

Emi and the Rhino Scientist by Mary Kay Carson

Meet Terri Roth, an endangered species breeding specialist, and Emi, a rare Sumatran rhino, in an intriguing book filled with incredible photographs of the world's smallest rhino which is also one of the most endangered mammals on earth. The interesting text allows you to follow the story of the difficulties Terri and Emi have before Emi gives birth to the first Sumatran rhino calf born in captivity in more than a century.