

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING 2009**

ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

***Black? White! Day? Night!: a Book of Opposites* - Laura Vaccaro Seeger** Through a series of ingenious die-cut pages, the reader discovers that things are not always what they seem. **ALA Notable Book (American Library Association), 2007**

***Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* - Bill Martin Jr.** Brown bear, brown bear, What do you see? I see a red bird looking at me.

***Can You Count 10 Toes?* - Lezlie Evans** Counting book you can learn to count in ten different languages: Spanish, French, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Russian, Hindi, Hebrew, and even Zulu!

***Centipede's 100 Shoes* - Tony Ross** But when are one hundred shoes too many shoes? And what do you do with too many shoes? Why, you give them away! Find out who gets them in this delightfully silly story about a centipede with sore feet.

***Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* - Doreen Cronin** Things really get out of hand when the cows began airing their grievances. **Caldecott Medal Book**

***Cucumber Soup* - Vickie Leigh Krudwig** All the insects in the garden, from ten little black ants down to one tiny flea, get involved in moving a fallen cucumber. Includes a recipe for cucumber soup and factual information about the insects in the story.

***Here Comes Mother Goose* - Iona Opie**; illustrated by Rosemary Wells An entire procession of best-loved nursery rhyme characters, including Mary Mary Quite Contrary, Simple Simon, Old Mother Hubbard, Little Tommy Tucker, the Queen of Hearts, and others.

***The House in the Night* - Susan Swanson** Richly detailed black-and-white scratchboard illustrations expand this timeless bedtime verse, offering reassurance to young children that there is always light in the darkness. Beth Krommes' elegant line, illuminated with touches of golden watercolor, evoke the warmth and comfort of home and family, as well as the joys of exploring the wider world. **Caldecott Medal Book**

***The Kissing Hand* - Audrey Penn** The story of little Chester the raccoon, his fear of going away to school, and how his mom gives him a kissing hand so he'll know her love is with him is a priceless story.

***Kitten's First Full Moon* - Kevin Henkes** What a night! The moon is full. Kitten is hungry and inquisitive and brave and fast and persistent and unlucky... then lucky! **Caldecott Medal Book**

***Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* - Joseph Slate** Any child made anxious by the first day of kindergarten should find great comfort in this book's two parallel stories: 26 young animals from an alligator named Adam to a zebra named Zach get ready for their first day of school, while a teacher named Miss Bindergarten is hard at work preparing herself and her classroom for their arrival.

Quilt Counting Lesa Cline-Ransome Come inside and join the quilting fun! Count from 1 to 10 as a child helps her mother and her grandmother gather materials for a special creative project-including 4 scissors, 6 tape measures, and 8 baskets of cloth.

ENTERING FIRST GRADE

***A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever* - Marla Frazee** When James and Eamon go to a week of Nature Camp and stay at Eamon's grandparents' house, it turns out that their free time spent staying inside, eating waffles, and playing video games is way more interesting than nature. **Caldecott Honor Book**

***Dig, Wait, Listen: A Desert Toad's Tale* - April Pulley Sayre** Under the sand, a spadefoot toad waits for the sound of rain. She remains in her burrow as creatures, including peccaries, a rattlesnake, and a kangaroo rat, pass above her but finally emerges to lay her eggs when the distinctive patter of rain begins.

***Dinosaur Babies* - Lucille Recht Penner** Was it dangerous to be a baby dinosaur? Yes! Big dinosaurs might step on you. Or eat you! Who took care of baby dinosaurs?

***Froggy Goes to Camp* - Jonathan London** Froggy packs a lot into one week: hikes and archery lessons, K.P. and food fights, scary stories and funny songs around the campfire. But only Froggy could also manage to lose his trunks during swim class and overturn his kayak with the camp director in it. Lovable, bumbling Froggy will keep his many fans laughing with his latest antics.

***Henry Hikes to Fitchburg* - D. B. Johnson** While his friend works hard to earn the train fare to Fitchburg, a bear, modeled on a young Henry Thoreau, walks the thirty miles through woods and fields, enjoying nature and the time to think great thoughts.

***Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* - Doreen Rappaport** This picture book biography of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. brings his life and the profound nature of his message to young children through his own words. Martin Luther King, Jr., was one of the most influential and gifted speakers of all time. **Caldecott Honor Book**

***Max Found Two Sticks* - Brian Pinkney** On a day when Max doesn't feel like talking to anyone, a strong breeze shakes two heavy twigs to the ground in front of his brownstone home. Picking them up, the young African-American boy begins to beat out a rhythm that imitates the sound of pigeons startled into flight.

***Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* - Mo Willems** On the title page the bus driver addresses the reader directly. He says that he has to be gone for a while and asks if the reader can watch things, but not to let the pigeon drive the bus. **Caldecott Honor Book**

***Ella Sarah Gets Dressed* - Margaret Chodos-Irvine** Ella Sarah may be little, but she has a BIG sense of style--and it isn't at all like that of her mother, father, and older sister.

***What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* - Robin Page and Steve Jenkins** Children will learn that lizards can completely break off their tail as a defense and that it will grow back. And, they'll find out that crickets' ears are on their knees. Most fish have two eyes, but some have four, the better to see above and below the water at the same time.

Caldecott Honor Book.

***Millions of Cats* - Wanda Gag** An old man and his wife decide to get a cat, so the old man goes out in search of the prettiest cat of all. **Caldecott Medal Book**

***My Friend Rabbit* - Eric Rohmann** When Mouse lets his best friend, Rabbit, play with his brand-new airplane, trouble isn't far behind. **Caldecott Medal Book**

***Oliver Button is a Sissy* - Tomie de Paola** A boy is teased by others because he takes dance classes. His classmates change their attitude about him when they see what a good dancer he is.

ENTERING SECOND GRADE

***Amanda Bean's Amazing Dream* - Cindy Neuschwander** The advantages of multiplication are introduced in a simple story about an African-American girl who loves to count things, both in and out of school, but is unsure how multiplication will speed up the process. After counting the tiles on the kitchen counter and the books on the library shelves, she falls asleep and begins to dream of a calm bike ride in the country.

***Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra* - Andrea Davis Pinkney** A brief recounting of the career of this jazz musician and composer who, along with his orchestra, created music that was beyond category. **Caldecott Medal Book**

***Grandfather's Journey* - Allen Say** Say explores familiar themes of cultural connection and disconnection. He focuses on his mother Masako, or May, as she prefers to be called, who, after graduating from high school in California, unwillingly moves with her parents to their native Japan. **Caldecott Medal Book**

***Henry And Mudge First Book* - Cynthia Rylant** Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge..

***Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride* - Marjorie Priceman** The first "manned" hot-air balloon is about to take off! But what are those noises coming from the basket? **Caldecott Medal Book**

***How I Learned Geography* - Uri Shulevitz** Having fled from war in their troubled homeland, a boy and his family are living in poverty in a strange country. Food is scarce, so when the boy's father brings home a map instead of bread for supper, at first the boy is furious. But when the map is hung on the wall, it floods their cheerless room with color. **Caldecott**

Honor Book

***Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity* - Mo Willems** Trixie can't wait to bring her one-of-a-kind Knuffle Bunny to school and show him off to everyone. But when she gets there, she sees something awful: Sonja has the same bunny. Suddenly, Knuffle Bunny doesn't seem so one-of-a-kind anymore. Chaos ensues until the bunnies are taken away by Ms. Greengrove.

Caldecott Medal Book

***The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* - Mordicai Gerstein** As this story opens, French funambulist Philippe Petit is dancing across a tightrope tied between two trees to the delight of the passersby in Lower Manhattan. Gerstein places him in the middle of a balancing act, framed by the two unfinished World Trade Center towers when the idea hits: "He looked not at the towers, but at the space between them and thought what a wonderful place to stretch a rope." **Caldecott Medal Book**

***Measuring Penny* - Loreen Leedy** Lisa has a homework assignment to measure something in as many ways as she can, using standard and nonstandard units. "Use your imagination!" is the last instruction the teacher gives the students. Lisa chooses her Boston terrier and the fun begins.

***Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom* - Carole Boston Weatherford** Led by her faith, Harriet Tubman escapes from slavery in the mid-19th century, then returns, first to free her family, and then 18 more times to help other slaves escape by way of the Underground Railroad to freedom. **Caldecott Honor Book**

GRADE THREE SUMMER READING

It is important for children to keep an interest in reading during the summer months. Reading helps the children with their sight vocabulary, increases their usable vocabulary, improves comprehension and strengthens their reading fluency.

Your child is required to read **at least two** books from the required reading list.

1. Please have your child read **one fiction** book and **complete** the summer reading book report.
2. Please have your child read **a second book** and be ready to discuss it with their classmates upon returning to school.

***Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective* - Donald J. Sobol** Ten-year-old Leroy (nicknamed “Encyclopedia”) Brown always manages to solve his father’s cases at the dinner table, so he decides to pen his own detective agency.

***Fables* - Arnold Lobel** Twenty original fables about an array of animal characters from crocodile to ostrich. **Caldecott Medal Book**

***The Faithful Friend* - Robert D. San Souci** A retelling of the traditional tale from the French West Indies in which two friends, Clement and Hippolyte, encounter love, zombies, and danger on the island of Martinique. **Caldecott Honor Book and a Coretta Scott King Honor Book**

***How to Be Cool in the Third Grade* - Betsy Duffey** When Robbie York is marked as a target by a bully at school, he decides that the only way to survive the third grade is by being cool.

***I and You and Don't Forget Who: What Is a Pronoun?* - Brian P. Cleary** This book tells a story in rhyme, using different types of pronouns, leading children to become more apt to remember what pronouns are.

***I Was a Third Grade Science Project* - Mary Jane Auch** Josh and his best friend, Brian, the class brain, team up for their science project. While Josh takes a passive interest in it, Brian comes up with the idea of hypnotizing his dog, Arful, into thinking he's a cat.

***Math For All Seasons* - Greg Tang** Fun math riddles that will help you stretch your mind. Rhyming verses, clues, and twists to help you quickly solve math problems. Learn clever tricks for counting throughout the year.

***Pink and Say* - Patricia Polacco** This heart-wrenching historical picture book, based on a true story, presents us with two men from the Union army who meet after a battle of the **Civil War**. Say, the white younger man, has been wounded. Pink, a black man, carries him home to where his mother is surviving in ruins of a deserted plantation.

***Ramona Quimby, Age 8* – Beverly Cleary** Ramona Quimby, one of the most loved characters in children's fiction, has now reached third grade. At school, she acquires a new teacher, Mrs. Whaley, who addresses the class as "you guys." **Newbery Honor Book**

***Snowflake Bentley* - Jacqueline Briggs Martin** A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations. **Caldecott Medal Book**

***Tea with Milk* - Allen Say** After growing up near San Francisco, a young Japanese woman returns with her parents to their native Japan, but she feels foreign and out of place.

***Whipping Boy* – Sid Fleischman** Jemmy is Prince Brat's whipping boy, taking any punishment due to the prince, until the prince decides to run away, taking Jemmy with him and leading them into a series of adventures with notorious outlaws. **Newbery Medal Book**

***Young Thomas Edison* - Michael Dooling** Includes bibliographical references. Presents a short illustrated biography of inventor Thomas Edison, and chronicles his childhood and early interest in science, as well as his many inventions.

ENTERING FOURTH GRADE

***Adventures of Vin Fiz* - Olive Cussler** Ten year old twins, Casey and Lacey fly an enchanted plane across the United States and have several adventures along the way.

***Arthur For the Very First Time* - Patricia MacLachlan** Arthur spends a summer with his unconventional aunt and uncle and begins to look at life, his family and himself differently.

***Balls* - Michael J. Rosen** All about basketball, soccer, football, tennis, handball, golf, volleyball, and ping pong balls.

***Catwings* - Ursula K Le Guin (series)** Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live.

***Class Clown* - Joanna Hurwitz** Lucas Ott, the most courageous boy in the class, finds it hard to turn over a new leaf when he decides to become a perfect student.

***Game 1 Porkopolis Barnstormers* - Phil Bildner** In the late 1800's a baseball with strange powers belonging to their late father works wonders for the three children and a traveling baseball team which must raise \$10,000.

***Henry and Ribsy* - Beverly Cleary** Henry Huggins father has promised to take Henry fishing under the condition that he keeps his dog out of trouble. However, that is easier said than done.

***Homework Machine* - Dan Gutman** Four fifth grade students each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

***Kingfisher Young People's Book of Oceans* - David Lambert** Presents information about the world oceans, how they were formed, tides, waves and coasts.

***Lemonade War* - Jacqueline Davies** Evan and his younger sister Jesse react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

***Many Rides Of Paul Revere* - James Cross Giblin** Paul Revere had a wide range of activities: Besides being a rider for the Revolution, he was a famed silversmith, engraved cartoons and paper money, and practiced dentistry. He was an early American manufacturer, and his silver business is still thriving today. **James Madison Book Award**

***Mr. Chickee's Funny Money* - Christopher Curtis** Steven Carter, his friend Russell and Zoopy the dog, members of the Flint Future Detective Club, investigate a suspicious quadrillion dollar bill given to him by Mr. Chickee while evading agent Fondoo.

***Read a Rhyme, Write a Rhyme: Poems* - Selected by Jack Prelusky** Presents a collection and incomplete illustrated poems that encourage children to write.

***The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* - Peter Sís** Imagine a life where you could only draw what the government said you could draw. A life where you couldn't listen to music or read books of your own choice, you couldn't grow your hair long, and you were asked to report your parents if they said anything negative about the government. **Caldecott Honor and The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award**

***World According to Humphrey* - Betty Birney** Humphrey, a pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.

ENTERING FIFTH GRADE

Incoming fifth graders are invited to read at least one required reading book (titles with ***) and two other books from this list:

The 39 Clues (The Maze of Bones, Book 1) - Rick Riordan The premise of the book: Grace Cahill, matriarch of the world's most powerful family, dies and leaves behind a challenge to her descendants. They can either inherit one million dollars, or forgo the money and receive the first of 39 clues that will lead them on an around-the-world adventure in search of, well, that's a secret. There are 10 books planned for the series (each by a different author). ***Built To Last - George Sullivan*** America's engineering feats from coast to coast, starting with the Erie Canal, to the Brooklyn Bridge, transcontinental Railroad, Empire State Building, Hoover Dam, Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Sears Tower, and present day Big Dig. Panoramic two page photographs of these engineering marvels. (Illustrated chapter book)

Everything on a Waffle - Polly Horvath Eleven-year-old Primrose is having a difficult time. Her parents have been lost at sea, but she knows --- somewhere, deep inside herself --- that they are still alive.

Lincoln: A Photobiography - Russell Freedman From beginning to end, Abraham Lincoln's life was full of grit, drama and glory. From his hardscrabble beginnings though perhaps the most heartrending trauma this country has ever known. **Newbery Medal Book**

******My Side of the Mountain - Jean Craighead George*** Young Sam Gribbley gets to the end of the block and keeps going--all the way to the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. There he sets up house in a huge hollowed-out tree, with a falcon and a weasel for companions and his wits as his tool for survival. **Newbery Honor Book**

******The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Two Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy - Jeanne Birdsall*** This summer the Penderwick sisters have a wonderful surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel. Soon they are busy discovering the summertime magic of Arundel's sprawling gardens, treasure-filled attic, tame rabbits, and the cook who makes the best gingerbread in Massachusetts. **National Book Award for Young People's Literature**

Quilt of States: Piecing Together America - Adrienne Yorinks Quilt maps of all 50 states, and the story of statehood for each one, starting with the first state, Delaware, through the thirteen colonies, to the 50th state, Hawaii. Plus, fun facts about each state.

Rules - Cynthia Lord Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic. **Newbery Honor Book**

The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs - Betty G. Birney When Eben McAllister reads about the Seven Wonders of the World, he longs to escape the small farming community of Sassafras Springs and do some exploring of his own. **Bank Street Best Books of the Year**

******The Westing Game - Ellen Raskin*** An assortment of people are brought to an apartment house, then told they are heirs to the Westing Estate, but must solve the mystery of his murder first, by working in pairs and putting together an odd assortment of clues. **Newbery Medal Book**

Whittington - Alan Armstrong Bernie keeps a barn full of animals the rest of the world has no use for--two retired trotters, a rooster, some banty hens, and a Muscovy duck with clipped wings who calls herself The Lady. When the cat called Whittington shows up one day, it is to the Lady that he makes an appeal to secure a place in the barn. **Newbery Honor Book**

ENTERING SIXTH GRADE

Required Readings – Please read 2 of the required readings below:

Bat 6 - Virginia Euwer Wolff Two sixth-grade girls are on a collision course as their softball teams get ready for the fiftieth anniversary game in 1949 between two neighboring Oregon towns.

Belle Prater's Boy - Ruth White There's a mystery at the heart of this lyrical novel for young adults: what really happened to Belle Prater, the aunt of 12-year-old Gypsy Arbutus Leemaster? When Gypsy's cousin, Belle's son Woodrow, comes to live in tiny Coal Station, Virginia, he sets off a chain of events that precipitates a solution to this enigma, as well as the mystery of Gypsy's own father's death seven years earlier. **Newbery Honor Book**

Elijah of Buxton - Christopher Paul Curtis Eleven-year-old Elijah lives in Buxton, Canada, a settlement of runaway slaves near the American border. He's the first child in town to be born free, and he ought to be famous just for that. Unfortunately, all that most people see is a "fragile" boy who's scared of snakes and talks too much. **Newbery Honor Book**

The Sign of the Beaver - Elizabeth George Speare Twelve-year old Matt is trying his best to survive on his own until his father returns to their cabin in the Maine wilderness with the rest of the family. Matt develops a deep friendship with a Native American boy. Matt must decide if he should continue waiting for his family or begin a new life with his friend. **Newbery Honor Book**

Please read one of the following books:***Chicken Boy - Frances O'Roark Dowell*** Since the death of his mother, Tobin's family life and school life have been in disarray, but after he starts raising chickens with his seventh-grade classmate, Henry, everything starts to fall into place

The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm - Nancy Farmer In Zimbabwe in the year 2194, the military ruler's 13-year-old son and his younger brother and sister leave their technologically over controlled home and find themselves on a series of perilous adventures. **Newbery Honor Book**

Indian Chiefs - Russell Freeman The story of six Native American chiefs who led their people in a historic moment of crisis as the pioneers migrated west.

Listen! - Stephanie S. Tolan Charley's mother died just a short time ago, and, still raw with grief, the 12-year-old is faced with a miserable summer recuperating from a car accident that has left her with a slowly healing leg. Her best friend is spending the summer at tennis camp, and her father has buried himself in work because of his own pain. **Christopher Award Book**

Math Smart Junior: Grade School Math Made Easy - Marcia Lerner Written by the author of the award-winning adult version of Math Smart, this fun and useful guide includes quizzes, drills, and a glossary of terms and concepts

Native American Doctor - Jeri Ferris The biography of the beautiful young Omaha woman who became the first Native American woman to graduate from medical school and open her practice to Indian and non-Indian alike.

Undying Glory - Clinton Cox The story of the courageous men of the 54th Regiment of Massachusetts, who fought as Union soldiers to free their brothers and sisters from slavery. Black and white archival photographs bring the "glory" regiment to life.

ENTERING SEVENTH GRADE

Three books are required for summer reading.

Two are starred(**) along with one other book of the student's choice.

An American Plague: The True And Terrifying Story Of The Yellow Fever Epidemic Of 1793 - **Jim Murphy**
Recreates the devastation rendered to the city of Philadelphia in 1793 by an incurable disease known as yellow fever, detailing the major social and political events as well as the time's medical beliefs and practices. **Newbery Honor Book**

Ender's Game - **Orson Scott Card** A veteran of years of simulated war games, Ender believes he is engaged in one more computer war game when in truth he is commanding the last fleet of Earth against an alien race seeking the complete destruction of Earth.

***Fever, 1793* - **Laurie Halse Anderson** In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

The Fighting Ground - **Avi** Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

George Washington, Spymaster: How America Out Spied The British And Won The Revolutionary War - **Thomas B. Allen** A biography of Revolutionary War general and first President of the United States, George Washington, focusing on his use of spies to gather intelligence that helped the colonies win the war.

Homecoming - **Cynthia Voigt** Abandoned by their mother, four children begin to search for a home and an identity.

Joey Pigza Loses Control **Jack Gantos** This sequel to JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWED THE KEY continues the story of Joey, a boy with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder: he's totally wired unless he takes his medicine.

Newbery Honor Book

Math Doesn't Suck: How To Survive Middle School Math Without Losing Your Mind Or Breaking A Nail - **Danica McKellar** Demystifies middle-school math concepts that are most challenging, sharing step-by-step instructions for developing real-world math skills, providing time-saving tips and tricks, and offering practice problems with detailed answers and explanations.

Travel Team - **Mike Lupica** After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

The Trial - **Jennifer Bryant** Living in Flemington, New Jersey, in 1935, a 12-year-old court observer describes, in a series of poems, the trial of Bruno Hauptmann for the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh's baby.

***True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* - **Avi** The date *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* - **Russell**

Freedman Turner, the rigid minister's son, doesn't fit in when his family moves from Boston to the small town of Phippsburg on the coast of Maine in 1912. It's not only that Maine baseball is different from the game he knows; he's just plain miserable. **Newbery Honor Book**

The Wednesday Wars - **Gary D. Schmidt** In *The Wednesday Wars*, seventh-grader, Holling Hoodhood, is convinced his teacher hates him. Through their Wednesday afternoon Shakespeare sessions she helps him cope with events both wildly funny and deadly serious. **Newbery Honor Book**

ENTERING EIGHTH GRADE

***The Book Thief* - Markus Zusak** Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose *book*-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

***The Case Against My Brother* - Libby Sternberg** Brother taking care of brother, but in this case the roles reverse as the plot unfolds when Carl, the fifteen-year old, takes on the chore of looking after his seventeen-year old brother, Adam

***Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want To Know About Fast Food* - Eric Schlosser** A behind-the-scenes look at the fast food industry.

***Code Talker* - Joseph Bruchac** After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue. ALA Notable Children's Books

***Confessions of a closet Catholic* - Sarah Littman** To be more like her best friend, eleven-year-old Justine decides to give up Judaism to become Catholic, but after her beloved, religious grandmother dies, she realizes that she needs to seek her own way of being Jewish.

***Down The Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery* - Jordan Sonnenblick** Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her intellect to solve a murder case in her home town of Echo Falls.

***Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie* - Jordan Sonnenblick** When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.

***Hitler Youth: Growing Up In Hitler's Shadow* - Susan Campbell Bartoletti** Explores the various factors which led many of Germany's young people to pledge their loyalty and support to the dictator and join the Hitler Youth during his rise to power.

***Kids At Work: Lewis Hine And The Crusade Against Child Labor* - Russell Freedman** Briefly traces the life of Lewis Hine, school teacher and photographer, and explains how he became involved in documenting child labor conditions.

***Kiss My Math: Showing Pre-Algebra Who's Boss* - Danica McKellar** Presents a pre-algebra primer for seventh- to ninth-graders, in a reference that shares time-saving tricks, real-world examples, and detailed practice problems.

***Niner* - Theresa Martin Golding** When twelve-year-old Macey discovers a locket on her front steps, she begins a journey to find out about who she really is and why her adoptive mother has been gone for almost a year.

***Race: A History Beyond Black And White* - Marc Aronson** Race. You know it at a glance: he's black; she's white. They're Asian; we're Latino. Racism. I'm better; she's worse. Those people do those kinds of things. We all know it's wrong to make these judgments, but they come faster than thought. Why? Where did those feelings come from? Why are they so powerful?

***The Lighthouse Land* - Adrian McKinty** Thirteen-year-old Jamie is overjoyed when a bequest sends him and his mother to live on an Irish island, where he and his newfound friend Ramsay travel back in time to help a young girl save her people from certain death.