



The New York State Library, in partnership with the New York Library Association's Youth Services Section and Section of School Librarians, presents selected reading lists that celebrate the history, culture, and diversity of New York State.

## Explore New York

### *New York State History, Culture, and Diversity*

Librarians who work with children and teens in both public libraries and school libraries across the State have collaborated to select age-appropriate titles for recreational reading. The four lists were created to spark an interest in the rich history of New York State.

Each of the four lists covers one reader age group and features the age-appropriate *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* Slogan, **"On Your Mark, Get Set...Read."**

These recreational reading lists were first created in 2009, prompted by the Quadricentennial of Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain's voyages along the river and lake that bear their names.



Books marked "Braille format" and "Downloadable Format" are noted for use by students who have a disability that affects their use of print materials. The books with these notations are available for loan to eligible students and schools. For information on the two libraries in New York State which lend books in these formats through the National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress program, see Attachment A.

Titles that are available in commercial audio formats are noted when available. A list of commercial audio vendors is provided in Attachment B.

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## Attachment A

### **Libraries in New York State which lend recorded and Braille books through the National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress program:**

#### **Upstate New York**

##### **New York State Library**

##### **New York State Talking Book and Braille Library (full service to 55 upstate counties)**

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#### **New York City**

##### **The New York Public Library**

##### **Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library**

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## Attachment B

### Audio Vendors Contact Information

Audible, Inc.: <http://www.audible.com/>

Audio Book Contractors: <http://www.audiobookcontractors.com/>

Audio GO Library -- <http://www.audiogo-library.com/library/client/>

Books on Tape - <http://www.booksontape.com/listening-library/>

Brilliance Audio: <http://www.brillianceaudio.com/>

Full Cast Audio - <http://www.fullcastaudio.com/>

Graphic Audio: <https://www.graphicaudio.net/>

Harper Children's Audio: <http://corporate.harpercollins.com/us/harpercollins-imprints/childrens>

Listening Library: <http://www.randomhouse.com/audio/listeninglibrary/>

Live Oak Media: <http://www.liveoakmedia.com/>

Overdrive: <http://www.overdrive.com/>

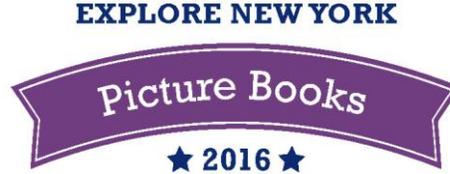
Recorded Books: <http://www.recordedbooks.com/>

Scholastic:

<http://shop.scholastic.com/shop/en/teacherstore/nav/shop/Scholastic%20Audio/4294607368>



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Picture Books**



Ackerman, Peter. The Lonely Phone Booth. David R. Godine Publisher, 2010.

This is the story of a phone booth located on the corner of West End Avenue and 100<sup>th</sup> Street. As cell phones became popular, people stopped using it until a storm short-circuited the cell phone signals. The phone booth still worked and was declared a hero by the mayor. It still stands today.

FICTION

Adler, David A. Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man. San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1997.

Traces the life of the Yankees' star ballplayer, focusing on his character and his struggle with the terminal disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB045534

Adler, David and Terry Widener. The Babe and I. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Trade & Reference Publishers, 2004.

It's 1932 and hard times are everywhere, but America still loves baseball, and Babe Ruth is the star. Two boys discover that with some creativity, hard work, and a little help from the Babe himself, they can do their part to help out their own team.

FICTION

Agee, Jon. The Other Side of Town. New York: Michael di Capua Books/Scholastic, 2012.

An unsuspecting New York City cab driver picks up an eccentric little man who takes him on an unexpected journey to the other, unusual, side of town.

FICTION

Allen, Nancy Kelly. Barreling Over Niagara Falls. Illus. Lisa Fields. Gretna, LA: Pelican Pub. Company, 2013.

Annie Edson Taylor hopes that being the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel will bring her fame and fortune.

NON-FICTION

Avi. Silent Movie. Illus. C.B. Mordan. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2003.

In the early years of the twentieth century, a Swedish family encounters separation and other hardships upon immigrating to New York City until the son is cast in a silent movie.

FICTION

Barasch, Lynne. Hiromi's Hands. New York: Lee & Low Books, Inc., 2007.

This picture-book biography of one of the first female sushi chefs in New York City celebrates Hiromi Suzuki's Japanese-American roots and her achievements in the U.S.

NON-FICTION

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Barracca, Debra and Sal Barracca. The Adventures of Taxi Dog. New York: Dial, 1990.

A New York City taxi driver adopts a stray dog and their drives and adventures take them all over New York. Maxi loves the fares, the emergencies, and the sights and sounds of the big city.

FICTION

Bildner, Phil. Twenty-One Elephants. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers, 2004.

Hannah watched the workers build the Brooklyn Bridge, connecting the small town of Brooklyn to the big city of Manhattan across the East River. When the bridge finally opened, her father believed it was unsafe and would not let her cross it. It was not until after the 21 elephants from P. T. Barnum's Greatest Show on Earth used the bridge, that Hannah's father let her cross it. This fictional story is built around the actual crossing of the Brooklyn Bridge by P. T. Barnum and his parade of elephants on May 17, 1884.

FICTION

Bluemle, Elizabeth. Tap Tap Boom Boom. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2014.

The tap tap boom boom of a thunderstorm in New York City finds people and dogs running for shelter in the subway. Strangers make friends while they congregate undercover, listening to the storm and laughing at the thunder. The storm ends and everyone races back upstairs to find a beautiful rainbow over the city.

FICTION

Bohrer, Maria La Placa. Sofia's Stoop Story: 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn. West Bay Shore, NY: Blue Marlin Publication, 2014.

Sofia is trying to listen to her Uncle Frankie tell a story, but her Nana keeps interrupting to send her to the store.

FICTION

Brown, Don. Aaron and Alexander: the most famous duel in American History. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2015.

Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton were united as patriots during the Revolutionary War, but their inability to deal effectively with their political differences afterward led to disastrous results for both men.

NON-FICTION

Brown, Don. Henry and the Cannons: An Extraordinary True Story of the American Revolution. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2013.

In 1775, when the British occupied Boston, a young bookseller named Henry Knox convinced General George Washington that he could bring him much-needed cannons. The tricky part was that he had to fetch them from Fort Ticonderoga, NY, more than 300 miles away, and in the dead of winter.

NON-FICTION

Brown, Marc Tolon. In New York. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2014.

Illustrator Marc Brown takes readers on a grand tour of New York City, from exploring all the sites and even a bit of the city's history.

NON-FICTION

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**Picture Books**

Brown, Monica. My Name is Celia: The Life of Celia Cruz. Illus. Rafael Lopez. Flagstaff, AR: Luna Rising, 2004.

A bilingual storybook biography of the life of Celia Cruz, the Cuban-Born Queen of Salsa (English/Spanish).

*2004 Americas Book Award*

*2006 Pura Belpré Honor*

NON-FICTION

Bruchac, James and Joseph Bruchac. Rabbit's Snow Dance. New York, NY: Dial Books For Young Readers, 2012.

According to an old Iroquois folktale, Rabbit once had a long, beautiful tail. But one winter, his tendency toward impatience and love of snow caused him to lose this tail. Today Rabbit has a short tail and he has learned to be more patient. Note: The original land of the Iroquois Native Americans is in upstate New York.

FOLKLORE

Bruchac, Joseph. Turtle's Race with Beaver: A Traditional Seneca Story. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2003.

When Beaver challenges Turtle to a swimming race for ownership of the pond, Turtle outsmarts Beaver, and Beaver learns to share.

FOLKLORE

Bryant, Jen. A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin. New York: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2014.

As a child growing up in Goshen, New York, in the late 1800s, Horace Pippin loved to draw: He loved the feel of the charcoal as it slid across the floor. He loved looking at something in the room and making it come alive again in front of him. He drew pictures for his sisters, his classmates, his co-workers. Even during W.W.I, Horace filled his notebooks with drawings from the trenches.

*2014 Schneider Family Book Award*

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078033

Burg, Ann E. Times Square: A New York State Number Book. Chelsea, Mich.: Sleeping Bear Press, 2005.

This book takes children across the state using landmarks, historical events and famous faces to count out numbers. From the Finger Lakes to stitches on a baseball, find the numbers they represent and their ties to New York.

NON-FICTION

Burg, Ann E and Maureen Brookfield. E is for Empire: A New York State Alphabet. Illus. Maureen K. Brookfield. Chelsea, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2003.

This alphabet book opens New York State's history, culture, and landscape to young readers in a unique two-tiered approach. A quick rhyme offers children a distinct truth about New York from A to Z.

Alongside each rhyme, older elementary students gain a rich understanding of the topic by reading the longer expository information.

NON-FICTION

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Burleigh, Robert. Stealing Home: Jackie Robinson Against the Odds. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2007.

Illustrated biography of baseball's Brooklyn Dodger, Jackie Robinson.  
NON-FICTION

Cantarano, Tamara. The Adventures of Mac the Dog: Mac 'N Camping. New York. Sillybugs Publishing, 2013.

Mac the dog, a dog living in New York State, explores the wonders of nature on a hiking trail and camping under the stars. Though it was delightful, he appreciates his comfortable doghouse upon return. The story continues with Mac 'N Circus and Mac 'N Park.  
FICTION

Castillo, Lauren. Nana in the City. New York: Clarion Books, 2014.

A young boy spends an overnight visit with his nana in New York City.  
*2015 Caldecott Honor*  
FICTION

Charles, Veronika. Maiden of the Mist: A Legend of Niagara Falls. Topeka: Tandem Library Books, 2001.

Retelling of a Seneca legend wherein a girl takes destiny into her own hands by going over Niagara Falls.  
FOLKLORE/LEGEND

Collier, Brian. Uptown. Jacksonville: Perma-Bound Books, 2000.

Discover the vibrant world of NYC's Harlem as seen through the eyes of one little boy.  
*2001 Ezra Jack Keats Award*  
FICTION  
Braille Format: BR 013088

Colon, Edie. Good-bye, Havana! Hola, New York! New York: Simon & Schuster, 2011.

What will it take for the Bronx to feel like home? For young Gabriella, newly arrived from Havana after fleeing Cuba's communist revolution, life just isn't the same in New York--not the weather, not her surroundings, and certainly not the food.  
FICTION

Audio available through Recorded Books (<http://www.oneclickaudio.com>)

Cooper, Elisha. Train. New York: Orchard Books, 2013.

Board a commuter train in New York and travel with it west to see the stations, the scenery and different types of trains and the people who work and travel on railroads.  
FICTION

Copeland, Misty. Firebird: Ballerina Misty Copeland Shows a Young Girl How to Dance Like the Firebird. Illus. by Christopher Myers. New York, NY: G. P. Putnam and Sons, 2014.

Set against a backdrop of the New York City skyline, ballet dancer Misty Copeland shows a young dancer how to dance like the Firebird. Ms. Copeland is the second African American soloist in the New York City based American Ballet Theatre. Known for her role in The Firebird Ballet, she tells how she too, had once been a young dancer full of dreams and hard work ahead.  
*2015 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award*  
NON-FICTION

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Picture Books**

Cotten, Cynthia. The Book Boat's In. Illus. Frane Lessac. New York: Holiday House, 2013.  
Jesse eagerly awaits the arrival of the R. Edwards Library and Bookstore boat to visit his town along the Erie Canal.

FICTION

Curtiss, A. B. The Little Chapel That Stood. OldCastle Publishing, 2003.  
St. Paul's Chapel has stood in New York City since 1766. Tall buildings, including The Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, grew up beside it, but the little chapel remains unchanged as a place of comfort and rest. Having survived the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, it opened its doors to all who worked so hard to rescue the victims of this tragedy.

FICTION

Dempsey, Kristy. A Dance Like Starlight. New York: Philomel Books, 2014.  
A young girl growing up in Harlem in the 1950s, whose mother cleans and stitches costumes for a ballet company, dreams of being a prima ballerina one day. She is thrilled to see a performance of Janet Collins, the first "colored" prima ballerina.

*2015 Children's Notable Book*

FICTION

Dorros, Arthur. Abuela. New York: Puffin Books, 1991.  
While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines flying over the sights of New York City.

FICTION

Downing, Johnette. Today Is Monday in New York. Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing, 2011.  
Only in New York do they eat apples on Monday, pastrami on Tuesday, and Buffalo wings on Wednesday. A delightful picture book about all the goodies that lucky New York children can enjoy every day of the week.

FICTION

Drummond, Allan. Liberty! New York: Frances Foster Books, 2002.  
Describes the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty and its importance as a symbol of freedom.

FICTION

Dugan, Joanne. 123 NYC : A Counting Book of New York City. NY: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2007.

Various New York City scenes are used to illustrate the numbers one to twenty.

NON-FICTION

Dugan, Joanne. ABC NYC : A Book About Seeing New York City. NY: Abrams Books for Young Readers., 2005.

A children's picture book illustrating the sights and scenes of New York City.

NON-FICTION

Egielski, Richard. The Gingerbread Boy. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1997.  
The chase is on! When the gingerbread boy rises from butter and molasses, everyone wants him for a snack. But the gingerbread boy has other ideas, sliding down the fire escape and running through the streets of New York City.

FICTION

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Fern, Tracey. Barnum's Bones: How Barnum Brown Discovered the Most Famous Dinosaur in the World. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012.

Barnum Brown was named after the circus icon P.T. Barnum. As a paleontologist for the American Museum of Natural History, he discovered the first documented skeleton of the Tyrannosaurus Rex.  
NON-FICTION

Gamble, Adam. Count to Sleep New York City. Dennis, MA: Our World of Books, 2011.

Counts from one to ten using distinct people, places, and things associated with New York City, ending with ten children sleeping peacefully.

NON-FICTION

Gerstein, Mordicai. The Man Who Walked Between the Towers. New York: Square Fish, 2007.

A lyrical evocation of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers.  
*2004 Caldecott Medal Winner*

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR 015045

Godin, Thelma Lynn. The Hula-Hoopin' Queen. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2014.

In Harlem, New York, Kameeka yearns to continue her hula hooping competition with her rival, Jamara, rather than help prepare for Miz Adeline's birthday party. But that desire almost ruins the party.

FICTION

Gonzalez, Lucia. Storyteller's Candle. Illus. Lulu Delacre. San Francisco: Children's Book Press, 2008.  
During the early days of the Great Depression, New York City's first Puerto Rican librarian, Pura Belpré, introduces the public library to immigrants living in El Barrio and hosts the neighborhood's first Three Kings' Day fiesta.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 019004

Audiobook by Audible, Inc. (2009) Language: Spanish

Granderson, Curtis. All You Can Be. Chicago: Triumph Books, 2011.

Yankee baseball player Curtis Granderson shares important lessons about life, friends, school, family, leadership, positive attitudes, and more.

NON-FICTION

Harness, Cheryl. The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal. New York: Aladdin Picture Books, 1995.

"Impossible!" At first folks didn't really believe the Erie Canal would ever be built--but when it was completed in 1825, people proclaimed it, "Amazing!" Illustrations and maps included.

NON-FICTION

Hartland, Jessie. How the Meteorite Got to the Museum. Maplewood, NJ: Blue Apple Books, 2013.

This book chronicles the journey of the "Peekskill meteorite" from outer space to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 079410

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Hill, Laban Carrick. When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop. Roaring Brook Press, 2013.

On a hot day at the end of summer in 1973, Cindy Campbell threw a back-to-school party at a park in the South Bronx. Her brother, Clive Campbell, spun the records. He had a new way of playing the music to make the breaks—the musical interludes between verses—longer for dancing. He called himself DJ Kool Herc and this is When the Beat Was Born.

*2014 Coretta Scott King – John Steptoe Award*

NON-FICTION

Himler, Ronald. The Girl on the Yellow Giraffe. New York: Star Bright Books, 2004.

While riding her toy giraffe from her apartment to a city park and back, a girl's fantasies transport her to a land of giants, dragons, and magicians.

FICTION

Holabird, Katharine. Angelina's Big City Ballet. New York, NY: VIKING An Imprint of Penguin Group, 2014.

In this most recent title of the series, Angelina the Ballerina mouse visits the most famous city in Mouseland, The Big Cheese, to perform in a dance show. With the look and feel of New York City, The Big Apple, The Big Cheese includes sights like Parmesan Park Avenue and The Empire Cheddar Building, and cultural experiences like the latest Broadway Mousical Show called River Mouse and the Big City Ballet.

FICTION

Hopkinson, Deborah. Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2006.

In 1931, a boy and his father watch as the world's tallest building, the Empire State Building is constructed, step-by-step, near their Manhattan home.

*2007 ALA Notable Children's Book*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078118

Hyde, Heidi Smith. Feivel's Flying Horses. Minneapolis: Kar-Ben Publishing, 2010.

A Jewish immigrant who is saving money to bring his wife and children to join him in America creates ornate horses for a carousel on Coney Island, one for each member of his family.

FICTION

Jacobs, Paul DuBois. Count on the Subway. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2014.

A mother and child ride the subway around New York City and count their way from one to ten and back again.

FICTION

Jacobs, Paul DuBois. My Subway Ride. Salt Lake City: Gibbs Smith, 2004.

This book is filled with the sights and sounds of a subway ride through the boroughs of New York City.

FICTION

Jakobsen, Kathy. My New York. NY: Little Brown, 2003.

Becky, a young New Yorker, describes some of her favorite places in New York City in a letter to a friend. Includes fold-out illustrations.

NON-FICTION

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Johnson, Stephen. Alphabet City. Minneapolis: Sagebrush Education Resources, 1999.  
This wordless alphabet book is illustrated with stunningly imaginative, photo-realistic cityscapes.  
*1996 Caldecott Honor*  
NON-FICTION

Kalman, Maira. Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey. New York: Putnam Juvenile, 2002.

In 1931, the John J. Harvey fireboat is busy fighting fires up and down the Hudson River. When the fireboat eventually retires, a group of citizens save it from the scrap heap and lovingly have it restored. On September 11, 2001, the fireboat is called upon to fight its biggest blaze ever.

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR 015004

Audio book by Live Oak Media (2004)

Kalman, Maira. Next Stop Grand Central. New York: Penguin Young Readers Group, 2001.

Learn all about the excitement at Grand Central Station, the busiest, fastest, biggest place there is. This tribute to Grand Central Station reflects the vibrant nature of the busy hub using color and stories about the people that run and use the station daily.

*2013 National Book Festival – New York State Selection*

FICTION

Keenan, Sheila. As the Crow Flies. Illus. Kevin Duggan. New York: Feiwel & Friends, 2012.

A rhyming picture book that details the fun, but sometimes annoying behavior of crows in their winter roost of Troy, NY. Beautiful illustrations give readers a bird's eye view of the city.

FICTION

Kelly, Irene. A Small Dog's Big Life: Around the World with Owney. New York: Holiday House Inc., 2005.

Letters tell the story of Owney, a dog who became mascot of the Albany, New York, post office in 1888 and traveled around the world.

FICTION

Kerby, Mona. Owney, the Mail-Pouch Pooch. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2008.

In 1888, Owney, a stray terrier puppy, finds a home in the Albany, New York post office and becomes its official mascot as he rides the mail train through the Adirondacks and beyond, criss-crossing the United States, into Canada and Mexico, and eventually traveling around the world by mail boat in 132 days.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018034

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. The Top Job. New York: Dutton's Children's Books, 2007.

On Career Day, a young girl entertains the class with a description of her father's exciting job as light bulb changer at the top of the Empire State Building. Imagine how special it would be to have a dad responsible for changing the light bulbs at the tippy-top of the Empire State Building!

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 017044

Kimmel, Eric A. Rip Van Winkle's Return. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007.

A man, who sleeps for twenty years in the Catskill Mountains, wakes to a much-changed world.

Illustrated adaptation of Washington Irving's *Rip Van Winkle*.

FICTION

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Kimmel, Eric A. The Erie Canal Pirates. New York: Holiday House, 2002.

A boat captain and his men battle Bill McGrew and his pirate crew on the Erie Canal in a rhyming tale inspired by a folksong.

FICTION

Kredensor, Diane. Ollie and Moon: Fuhgeddaboutit! New York: Random House Children's Books, 2012.

Two feline best friends travel to New York City, where Moon bets Ollie that she can make him laugh.

FICTION

Lendroth, Susan. Old Manhattan Has Some Farms: E-I-E-I-GROW! Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2014.

This takeoff on the familiar "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" song features people growing vegetables and fruits on the tops of their city buildings, in empty lots, and patios. Several cities are featured including New York City, Atlanta, and Chicago.

FICTION

The song by Caspar Babypants that goes along with this book can be heard at

<http://www.babypantsmusic.com>.

Lewin, Ted. Stable. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2010.

This picture book briefly introduces readers to the history of horse transportation in urban areas and then describes the current activities of Kensington Stables in Brooklyn.

FICTION

Loewen, Nancy. Scarlett the Cat to the Rescue: Fire Hero. Illus. Kristin Sorra. North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2014.

Scarlett, a feral cat in Brooklyn, demonstrates the power of love as she saves her kittens, one by one, from a fire that breaks out in the abandoned garage that serves as their home.

NON-FICTION

Low, William. Old Penn Station. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2007.

An illustrated account of the construction, history, and demolition of one of the most famous railroad stations in America-- New York City's Penn Station.

NON-FICTION

Lyon, George Ella. Mothers to Tigers. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2003.

This book tells the story of Helen Martini, founder of the Bronx Zoo's animal nursery in 1944 and its first woman zookeeper.

NON-FICTION

Macy, Sue. Roller Derby Rivals. Holiday House, 2014.

During televised bouts at New York City's 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment Armory, two women create a memorable rivalry in the high-energy sport of roller derby.

NON-FICTION

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Malaspina, Ann. Heart on Fire: Susan B. Anthony Votes for President. Albert Whitman & Company: Chicago, 2012.

Malaspina focuses on Susan B. Anthony's defiant act of casting her ballot in Rochester, New York, for the 1872 presidential election. This election occurred prior to the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gave women the right to vote.

NON-FICTION

Manning, Maurie. Laundry Day. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2012.

When a piece of red silk magically falls from the sky, a shoeshine boy is eager to find its owner while running through the streets of New York City in the early 1900s.

FICTION

Manzano, Sonia. Miracle on 133<sup>rd</sup> Street. Illus. Marjorie Priceman. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015.

Homesick for Puerto Rico, Jose and his family are not having a merry Christmas Eve until holiday cheer is sparked in an unexpected way.

FICTION

Martins, Isabel Minhos. The World in a Second. New York: Enchanted Lion Books, 2015.

This book asks, "What are people doing right now on the other side of the world?" and readers learn about events happening across the globe -- from New York and Turkey to South Africa and Greece -- at the same second.

FICTION

Matteson, George and Adele Ursone. The Christmas Tugboat: How the Rockefeller Christmas Tree Came to New York City. Boston: Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012.

A New York Harbor tugboat captain and his family travel up the Hudson River to pick up and tow the enormous Christmas tree that will be displayed at Rockefeller Center.

FICTION

Montalvan, Luis Carlos and Bret Witter. Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond between a Soldier and His Service Dog. Photographs by New York: Roaring Book Press, 2014.

After Luis, a soldier, came back from the war in Iraq, everything was different and ordinary things scared him. Luckily, he had Tuesday, a golden retriever, who stuck by him, helping him every step of the way.

NON-FICTION

Moore, Eva. Lucky Ducklings. New York: Scholastic/Orchard, 2013.

Mama Duck comes to shore one day, followed by her five offspring. The village of Montauk, on Long Island, seems like a great place for a walk. Watchful villagers come to the rescue of the little ducklings when they fall through a storm drain.

FICTION

Nargi, Lela and Brooker, Kyrsten. The Honeybee Man. New York: Schwartz & Wade, 2011.

This book tells the story of an urban beekeeper in Brooklyn, NY, named Fred. Every morning, Fred goes up to his rooftop to greet his bees and watch them produce honey.

FICTION

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Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. The Book Itch: freedom, truth and Harlem's greatest bookstore. Illus. R. Gregory Christie. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2015.

Relates the story of the National Memorial African Bookstore, founded in Harlem by Louis Michaux in 1939, as seen from the perspective of Louis Michaux Jr., who met famous men like Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X while helping there.

*2016 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor*

NON-FICTION

Niemann, Christoph. Subway. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2010.

This colorful, vivacious, child-centered title began with a post on Niemann's blog, Abstract City, in which he describes a day of riding the subway with his two sons just for fun.

FICTION

Novesky, Amy and Vanessa Brantley Newton. Mister and Lady Day: Billie Holliday and the Dog Who Loved Her. Boston: Harcourt Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.

The great jazz singer Billie Holiday, known as Lady Day, loved dogs. When the spotlight on her life went dark, her most favorite dog of all, the boxer known as Mister, was there to give her courage. The audience at Carnegie Hall was expecting great things from Billie, and the devotion of beloved dog provided the support she needed to sing at the grandest venue of her career.

NON-FICTION

Ochiltree, Dianne. Molly by Golly: the Legend of Molly Williams, America's First Female Firefighter. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2012.

Molly Williams was the first known female firefighter. Molly, an African American cook for New York City's Fire Company 11, jumped into action to stop a house fire when many volunteers were sick from the 1818 influenza outbreak.

NON-FICTION

Paley, Jane. Hooper Finds a Family: A Hurricane Katrina Dog's Survival Tale. New York: Harper, 2011.

Jimmy, a yellow Labrador puppy, is separated from his Lake Charles, Louisiana, family and survives the horrors of Hurricane Katrina on his own before being rescued and taken to New York City, where he tries to fit in with a new family and the many neighborhood dogs, and accept his new name.

FICTION

Pinborough, Jan. Miss Moore Thought Otherwise: How Anne Carroll Moore Created Libraries For Children. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.

Examines the story of how librarian Ann Carroll Moore created the first children's room at the New York Public Library.

NON-FICTION

Prince, April Jones. Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing. Illus. Francois Roca. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2005.

After the Brooklyn Bridge is built in 1883, P.T. Barnum demonstrates that the bridge is safe by marching 21 of his elephants across it on their way to the Big Top and "The Greatest Show on Earth."

FICTION

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Rappaport, Doreen. Eleanor, Quiet No More. New York: Disney/Hyperion Books, 2009.  
Though born into a privileged New York family, Eleanor grew from a lonely child to a young woman with a lively mind and kind spirit. It was her kindness and her generous heart that later won over the American people, first as the wife of celebrated President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and later as a humanitarian in her own right.  
NON-FICTION

Rappaport, Doreen. To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt. New York: Disney/Hyperion Books, 2013.  
The 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States is highlighted here, from his earliest days as a sickly young boy, to his experience as a soldier with the “Rough Riders,” to his fearless trust-busting and championing of land conservation.  
NON-FICTION

Ringgold, Faith. Harlem Renaissance Party. New York: Amistad, 2015.  
Lonnie and Uncle Bates go back to Harlem in the 1920s. Along the way, they meet famous writers, musicians, artists, and athletes, from Langston Hughes and W.E.B. Du Bois to Josephine Baker and Zora Neale Hurston and many more, who created this incredible period.  
FICTION

Ringgold, Faith. Tar Beach. New York: Crown Publishers, 1991.  
Ringgold recounts the dream adventure of eight-year-old Cassie Louise Lightfoot, who flies above her apartment-building rooftop, the ‘tar-beach’ of the title, looking down on 1939 Harlem. Part autobiographical, part fictional, this allegorical tale sparkles with symbolic and historical references central to African-American culture.  
*1992 Caldecott Honor*  
*1992 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award*  
FICTION  
Braille Format: BR 008940

Rockliff, Mara. Me and Momma and Big John. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2012.  
Little John is proud of his mother's work as a stonecutter for a cathedral called "Big John," but struggles to understand the importance of spending so much time on one stone that no one will know Momma cut. Includes a history of New York City's Cathedral of St. John the Divine.  
FICTION

Rosenstock, Barb. The Streak: How Joe DiMaggio Became America's Hero. Calkins Creek, 2014.  
New York Yankees legend Joe DiMaggio made history during the 1940s with a hitting streak that inspired a nation under the shadow of WWII.  
NON-FICTION

Rubel, David. The Carpenter's Gift: A Christmas Tale About the Rockefeller Center Tree. New York: Random House Children's Books, 2011  
In Depression-era New York, eight-year-old Henry and his out-of-work father sell Christmas trees in Manhattan. They give one of their trees to construction workers building Rockefeller Center. That tree becomes the first Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree. Henry wishes on the tree for a nice, warm house to replace his family's drafty, one-room shack. Will his wish come true?  
FICTION

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Rubbino, Salvatore. *A Walk in New York*. Somerville MA: Candlewick, 2009.

A wide-eyed boy and his dad explore the Big Apple's busy streets and towering views in this child-friendly tribute to an incomparable city.

FICTION

Rusch, Elizabeth. *Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World*. Illus. Oliver Dominguez. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2013.

This biography details Tesla's boyhood fascination with electricity, the fulfillment of his teenage vow to harness the power of Niagara Falls to produce it, his rivalry with Thomas Edison and the changes his accomplishments brought to America.

NON-FICTION

Russo, Marisabina. *Little Bird Takes a Bath*. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2015.

The only thing Little Bird likes about rain is the puddles it leaves behind, but after flying through Manhattan to find the perfect puddle, his bath is interrupted again and again.

FICTION

Ryan, Phillip. *Subways*. New York: Rosen Publishing Group, 2011.

This book is about the underground world of subway trains. Amazing photography supports the text, which focuses on how these trains help commuters, tourists, students, and others get to where they need to be on time.

NON-FICTION

Sarcone-Roach, Julia. *Subway Story*. New York: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2011.

Never was there a New York City subway car who loved her job more than Jessie. But as time passed, sleek new silver cars began to take over the tracks, banishing Jessie to an abandoned lot. This book is based on the true story of 1960s-era subway cars that are now being used to create artificial reefs in the Atlantic.

FICTION

Sasek, Miroslav. *This is New York*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 2003.

First published in 1960 and reprinted in 2003, Sasek's vision of New York nearly forty years ago still remains fresh: the hustle and bustle of Times Square, the ethnic neighborhoods, the awe-inspiring architecture.

NON-FICTION

Sattler, Jennifer Gordon. *All Aboard, Owney! The Adirondack Mail Dog*. Utica: Nicholas K. Burns Publishing, 2003

In 1888, Owney, a stray puppy, finds a home in the Albany, New York, post office and becomes its official mascot as he rides the mail train through the Adirondacks discovering new vistas and friends along the way.

FICTION

Seven, John. *Frankie Liked to Sing*. Illus. Jana Christy. New York : Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2015.

The biography of Frank Sinatra, who became one of America's most iconic singers.

NON-FICTION

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Sis, Peter. Madlenka. New York: Square Fish, 2010.

Look into Madlenka's world as you see her city block in New York City, meet all her diverse neighbors, and see the memories that Madlenka's window holds.

FICTION

Spinelli, Eileen. Hero Cat. Tarrytown, NY: Marshall Cavendish Children, 2006.

A mother cat gives birth to five kittens in an abandoned building on a cold March day. After nursing the kittens, the mother cat goes out to find food. When she returns, the building is on fire and she must enter the smoking building five times to rescue her kittens. *Hero Cat* is based on a true story of a feral cat in Brooklyn, NY.

FICTION

Stanton, Brandon. Little Humans. New York: Farrar, Strauss, Giroux, 2014.

The creator of Humans of New York website combines an original narrative with some of his favorite children's photos from the blog, in addition to all-new exclusive portraits.

NON-FICTION

Stone, Tanya Lee. Elizabeth Leads the Way. Henry Holt & Company, 2008.

This picture book tells the story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and her fight for men and women to have equal rights.

NON-FICTION

Sullivan, Maureen. Ankle Soup. New York: Mojo Inkworks, 2008.

It's Thanksgiving Day and Carlos the bulldog is enjoying New York City. Well, he's enjoying at least what he can see of it.

FICTION

Swamp, Jake. Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message. Illus. Erwin Printup, Jr. Minneapolis: Tandem Library Books, 2007.

An illustrated message of peace and appreciation of Mother Earth, traditionally recited by Mohawk children every morning. The prayer appears in the Mohawk language on the last page.

NON-FICTION

Sweet, Melissa. Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade. New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2011

Meet Tony Sarg, puppeteer extraordinaire! Brilliant collage illustrations tell the story of the puppeteer Sarg, the man who invented the famous balloons for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

*2012 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award*

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 075815

Talbot, Hudson. River of Dreams: The Story of the Hudson River. New York: Putnam Juvenile, 2009.

With watercolors, colored pencil and ink, the author/illustrator creates lushly detailed paintings that tell a story both literally and symbolically.

NON-FICTION

Thomas, Peggy. Joshua the Giant Frog. Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing Co., 2005.

Although Joshua, a giant frog, causes earthquakes when he hops and topples trees when he croaks, he can also haul a string of barges down the Erie Canal.

FICTION

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Velasquez, Eric. Grandma's Gift. London: Walker Children's, 2010.

While visiting his grandmother in New York during the Christmas holidays, Eric goes to the Metropolitan Museum of Art for a school project. He finds a painting by Diego Velasquez and realizes he too can be an artist. Grandma then gives Eric the perfect Christmas gift.

FICTION

Vila, Laura. Building Manhattan. New York: Viking Juvenile; Penguin Group, 2008.

See the transformation of the island of Manhattan from its earliest beginnings to today and beyond. Colorful and imaginative illustrations depict the growth of this small island from its first animals, to native peoples, then explorers, and settlers.

NON-FICTION

Viva, Frank. Outstanding in the Rain. New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2015

Rhyming text tells of a boy's birthday at Coney Island, while each turn of the page reveals words or phrases that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings.

FICTION

Waldman, Neil. The Starry Night. Honesdale: Boyds Mills Press, 2003.

This book sparks wonder and imagination with its stunning Van Gogh-inspired paintings of Manhattan.

FICTION

Wall, Julia. Finding 3-D Shapes in New York City. New York: Capstone Press, 2010.

This book about math in everyday life focuses on three dimensional shapes, explains what they are, shows how to find them in the architecture of New York City, and includes problem-solving activities and graphic organizers.

NON-FICTION

Warnes, Tim. Chalk and Cheese. New York: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Children, 2008.

Dog Chalk takes his country mouse friend Cheese on a tour of the Big Apple. Sure, they're very different from each other, but both have a great time.

NON-FICTION

Watson, Renée. Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills. Random House: New York, 2012

Watson chronicles the life of African-American singer Florence Mills, the subject of Duke Ellington's song "Black Beauty." Mills was born in Washington, DC, in 1896, but upon moving to New York City, she and her sisters became the stars of the performance trio, the Mills Sisters. Florence's subsequent solo career included memorable roles in the following shows: *Shuffle Along*, *From Dover Street to Dixie*, *Dixie to Broadway*, and *Blackbirds*.

NON-FICTION

Weatherford, Carole Boston. Sugar Hill: Harlem's Historic Neighborhood. Chicago: Albert Whitman & Company, 2014.

Rhyming text celebrates the Harlem neighborhood that successful African Americans first called home during the 1920s. Includes brief biographies of jazz greats Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Sonny Rollins, and Miles Davis; artists Aaron Douglas and Faith Ringgold; entertainers Lena Horne and the Nicholas Brothers; writer Zora Neale Hurston; civil rights leader W. E. B. DuBois; and lawyer Thurgood Marshall.

FICTION

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Willems, Mo. Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2004.  
When a toddler leaves her stuffed toy at the Laundromat, she simply doesn't have the words to express her loss.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 016029

Winter, Jonah. Sonia Sotomayor: a Judge Grows in the Bronx – la Juez que Crecio en el Bronx. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2009.

Before Sonia Sotomayor took her seat in our nation's highest court, she was just a little girl in the South Bronx. Written both in English and in Spanish, this story captures the grit and determination of a young Sonia, who overcame many obstacles to become the first Latina Supreme Court Justice of the United States.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 072195

Winters, Jeanette. Mr. Cornell's Dream Boxes. Beach Lane Books, 2014.

New York artist Joseph Cornell created beautiful shadowboxes from objects he collected in his travels.

NON-FICTION

Wilbur, Helen. Little New York. Chelsea: Sleeping Bear Press; Boardbook edition, 2010.

State birds, flowers, trees, and animals presented in board book form for the youngest book lovers.

Toddlers will delight in these books filled with rhyming riddles, framed by brightly painted clues that introduce items that make New York State so special.

NON-FICTION

Yolen, Jane. Naming Liberty. New York: Philomel Books. 2008.

In parallel stories, a Ukrainian family prepares to immigrate to the United States and the Statue of Liberty is being designed and built by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi.

FICTION

Zarin, Cynthia. Albert, the Dog Who Liked to Ride in Taxis. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2004.

Albert the dachshund loves nothing better than riding in taxicabs, until the day a taxicab adventure takes him to the airport.

FICTION

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Ain, Beth. Starring Jules, As Herself. New York: Scholastic Press, 2013.

Jules is just an ordinary 7-year-old when she meets with a casting director and has a chance to try out for a television commercial in New York City.

FICTION

Airgood, Ellen. Prairie Evers. New York: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012.

Ten-year-old Prairie is happy being home-schooled and raising her flock of chickens, so transferring to regular school is a big change. Fortunately, she meets a wonderful friend when she moves from North Carolina to New Paltz, New York, and faces big adjustments. First in a series.

FICTION

Amstel, Marsha. Sybil Ludington's Midnight Ride. Illus. Ellen Beier. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2000.

On April 26, 1777, in Patterson, NY (Putnam County), Colonel Ludington received word that the British were attacking and burning Danbury, CT. Ludington's 16-year-old daughter, Sybil, eagerly volunteered to spread the word and gather his troops to prevent the British from marching into New York.

NON-FICTION

Aretha, David. Bossing the Bronx Bombers at Yankee Stadium. Berkeley Heights, N.J.: Speeding Star, 2015.

A part of The Baseball Geeks Adventures series. After the owner of the New York Yankees invites the Baseball Geeks to New York to watch a game in the owner's suite, the Geeks start finding ways to help the Yankees win. But when people start finding out what's going on, the Geeks find themselves running for their lives through the Bronx.

FICTION

Aretha, David. A Hall Lot of Trouble of Cooperstown. Berkeley Heights, N.J.: Speeding Star, 2015

A part of The Baseball Geeks Adventures series. The Baseball Geeks find themselves in a tough situation when Kevin's dad tells the boys that he stole something very important from the baseball Hall of Fame. The boys must get from Ohio to New York and save Kevin's dad from getting in serious trouble.

FICTION

Ashton, Jean. When Did the Statue of Liberty Turn Green? & 101 Other Questions about New York City. New York: Columbia Univ. Press, 2010.

Presents over 100 questions and answers collected under various themes such as "First & Origins," "History & Politics," and "Curiosities & Wonders," providing interesting insights into the history, people, sites, neighborhoods, and culture of New York City.

NON-FICTION

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Elementary Level**

Avi. Mayor of Central Park. New York: HarperCollins Publications, 2005.

Central Park is a city that is populated by a menagerie of animals. In 1900, Oscar is the Mayor of Central Park and the manager of its Green Sox baseball team. When jewel-thief rats plan to invade, all of the animals turn to Oscar. Can he save them and their precious park?

FICTION

Baron, Robert C., and Thomas Locker. Hudson: The Story of a River. Golden, Colorado: Fulcrum Publishing, 2004.

This book provides a lushly illustrated history of the Hudson River.

NON-FICTION

Bartone, Elisa. Peppe the Lamplighter. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1997.

Long ago, when the streetlights of Little Italy had to be lit by hand, Peppe lived in a tenement on Mulberry Street. His family was poor, so Peppe thought he needed a job in order to help.

*1994 Caldecott Honor*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 09924

Audio Cassette by Scholastic (1994)

Bauer, Marion Dane and Canga, C.B. Celebrating New York: 50 States to Celebrate. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.

Mr. Geo explores New York State, examining the geography, history, and pop culture as well as maps and various learning activities about the state.

NON-FICTION

Birle, Pete. New York Knicks. La Jolla, CA: MVP Books, 2014.

A look at the close relationship between a city, its favorite team and its favorite sport.

NON-FICTION

Blume, Judy. Tales of a Fourth-Grade Nothing. New York: Dutton, 1972.

Fourth grader, Peter Hatcher, believes his younger brother Fudge is nothing but trouble. Grown-ups might think that two-year-olds are adorable, but Peter knows better. And that's proven by the havoc Fudges causes, including swallowing Peter's beloved Turtle.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 011471, BR 007203

Downloadable Format: DB 039643

Audio CD by Listening Library (2005)

Bonk, John J. Madhattan Mystery. New York: Walker & Co., 2012.

On her first day in New York City, twelve-year-old Lexi and her younger brother Kevin overhear thieves discussing where to hide stolen jewels. The siblings, along with their aunt's neighbor, Kim Ling, skip day camp to investigate "the crime of the century."

FICTION

Brasch, Nicolas. Triumphs of Engineering. New York: Rosen Publishing Group, 2013.

Readers explore some of the most captivating engineering marvels in the world. They also get an in-depth view of ten of the tallest, longest, and most ornate structures—New York is home to many.

Aspiring engineers and builders can use their new knowledge to build their own amazing structures.

NON-FICTION

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Elementary Level**

Bruchac, Joseph. Arrow Over the Door. New York: Puffin, 2002.

This historical novel set during the Revolutionary War tells about the intersecting lives of a Quaker and a Native American boy.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 046648

Bruchac, Joseph. Children of the Longhouse. NY: Puffin, 1998.

Eleven-year-old Ohkwa'ri and his twin sister must make peace with a hostile gang of older boys in their Mohawk village during the late 1400s.

FICTION

Bruchac, Joseph. The Winter People. New York: Penguin Group USA, 2002.

As the French and Indian War rages, Saxso, a fourteen-year-old Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his village and taken his mother and sisters hostage.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 056646

Audio CD and Cassette by Recorded Books (2003)

Burack, Emile Christie. The Runaway's Gold. New York: Amulet Books, 2015.

The protagonist of this historical novel, set in the Shetland Islands and New York City around 1840, is Christian Robertson, a crofter and son of a crofter (small, struggling tenant farmer). When Christian's brother frames him for the theft of a bag of coins, Christian must leave home and embark on a journey to return the coins and clear his name.

FICTION

Burg, Ann E. Rebekkah's Journey: A World War II Refugee Story. Chelsea, Mich.: Sleeping Bear Press, 2006.

In 1944, a vacant army base in upstate New York became the temporary home of over 900 men, women and children who fled Europe toward the end of World War II. With little more than the clothing on their backs, Rebekkah and her mother are just two of the many refugees who come to live in the camp.

Adjusting to a strange new world and a new language, Rebekkah puts aside her own fears to try and re-create tiny bits of home for her mother.

FICTION

Burleigh, Robert. George Bellows: Painter with a Punch! New York: Harry N. Abrams, 2012.

George Bellows spent most of his adult life in New York City and left behind an extraordinary body of work that captures life in this dynamic city. Art reproductions and photographs from his youth, round out the book.

NON-FICTION

Carson, Mary Kay. Why Couldn't Susan B. Anthony Vote? New York: Sterling Children's Books, 2015.

From the first women's rights convention at Seneca Falls, N.Y., to the enactment of the 19th Amendment, this lively chronicle introduces Anthony and the American suffragist movement.

NON-FICTION

Castrovilla, Selene. By the Sword: A Young Man Meets War. Illus. William Farnsworth. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2007.

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**Elementary Level**

School teacher Benjamin Tallmadge's emotions are tested when he joins George Washington's army and participates in the Revolutionary War and the Battle of Long Island.

NON-FICTION

Crawford, Laura. Postcards from New York City: Postales Desde New York City. McHenry, IL: Raven Tree Press, 2008.

Anna sends postcards to her family and friends and describes the places she visits while on vacation in New York City. Presented in English and Spanish.

NON-FICTION

Curlee, Lynn. Brooklyn Bridge. New York: Atheneum Books, 2001.

The Brooklyn Bridge is celebrated as one of the greatest landmarks and grandest sights in New York City. Curlee describes the planning, construction, and history of the bridge and includes full-color illustrations.

*2002 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Honor*

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR 014028

Curlee, Lynn. Liberty. New York: Atheneum, 2003.

One of the nation's symbols of freedom and liberty--the Statue of Liberty--is celebrated in this "biography" that looks at the statue's creation by two Frenchmen in the 19th century. Illustrated.

NON-FICTION

Downey, Tika. New York: The Empire State. New York: Rosen Publishing Group, 2010.

Originally called the "Empire State" due to its vast wealth and resources, New York has more than lived up to its name. Readers will learn about New York's history and how it became a state. They will also take a closer look at the Empire State Building and many other symbols and key features of the state.

NON-FICTION

Dunham, Montrew. Abner Doubleday: Boy Baseball Pioneer. Indianapolis: Patria Press, 2005.

Childhood adventures of the famous Civil War general Abner Doubleday, best known for his contribution to the game of baseball.

NON-FICTION

Edmonds, Walter D. The Matchlock Gun. Illus. Paul Lantz. New York: Putnam Juvenile, 1998.

During the French and Indian War, a young boy living in New York must protect his mother and sister with his father's gun. This stirring tale of a small boy, his mother and younger sister, and an antique matchlock gun, is based on a true story.

*1942 Newbery Medal*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 015077, BR 006718

Downloadable Format: DB 057031, DB 010418

Elish, Dan. New York (It's My State!). Tarrytown: Benchmark Books, 2010.

Surveys the history, geography, government, and economy of the Empire State, as well as the diverse ways of life and its people. Illustrations and photographs.

NON-FICTION

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Elementary Level**

Englar, Mary. The Iroquois: The Six Nations Confederacy. Bloomington: Capstone Press, 2000.  
Includes information on the longhouse; food (with a recipe for a strawberry drink!); roles of men and women; and, effects of European contact. Also lists internet sites and places to visit, including two within New York State.  
NON-FICTION

Friedman, Laurie B. Mallory and Mary Ann Take New York. Minneapolis: Darby Creek, 2013.  
When Mallory wins a design contest, she and Mary Anne get to go to New York City! But only Mallory gets to appear on the fashion show, even though she promised Mary Anne that they'd both go on. Will this ruin the trip of a lifetime--and their friendship?  
FICTION

Fritz, Jean. Traitor: the Case of Benedict Arnold. Paradise, CA: Paw Prints, 2008.  
A study of the life and character of the brilliant Revolutionary War general Benedict Arnold who deserted to the British for money.  
NON-FICTION  
Downloadable Format: DB 018436

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Pictures of Hollis Woods. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2002.  
A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.  
FICTION  
Braille Format: BR 017398  
Downloadable Format: DB 056220  
Audio CD by Listening Library

Gitlin, Marty. Carmelo Anthony. New York: Bearport Publishing, 2015.  
Carmelo Anthony shines playing for the New York Knicks. And when he's not sinking shots, Carmelo is helping those in need through the Carmelo Anthony Foundation.  
NON-FICTION

Glaser, Linda. Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2010.  
The story of Emma Lazarus, who despite her life of privilege, became a tireless advocate for the immigrants who arrived in New York City in the 1880s and wrote a famous poem for the Statue of Liberty.  
NON-FICTION  
Braille Format: BR 019046

Greene, Jacqueline Dembar. Secrets at Camp Nokomis: A Rebecca Mystery (American Girl Mysteries). Middleton, WI: Pleasant Company Publications, 2010.  
When Rebecca attends summer camp in the country because of the spreading polio epidemic in New York City, she is troubled by a bully in her tent and another fellow camper who is strangely secretive.  
FICTION

Grimes, Nikki. Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2009.  
Spunky third-grader Dyamonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood in Brooklyn, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home in the bustling New York City neighborhood located on 147<sup>th</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue.  
FICTION

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Elementary Level**

Downloadable Format: DB 072700  
Audio CD by Full Cast Audio (2010)

Grimly, Gris, and Tod Smith. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007.

A graphic novel version of the original Washington Irving story about the headless horseman.  
FICTION

Gunderson, Jessica. The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire (Graphic History). North Mankato: Capstone Press, 2006.

In graphic novel format, tells the story of the Shirtwaist factory fire of 1911.  
GRAPHIC NON-FICTION

Gutman, Dan. Willie & Me. New York: HarperCollins, 2015.

Joe “Stosh” Stoshack uses his power to time travel using baseball cards to go back to 1951, when a young rookie, Willie Mays, was just about to make his name known.  
FICTION

Hatkoff, Juliana, et. al. Leo the Snow Leopard: The True Story of an Amazing Rescue. New York: Scholastic Press, 2010.

When Leo was less than seven weeks old, he became orphaned in the snowy Himalayan Mountains in Pakistan. He was rescued by a kind shepherd and his family. This eventually led to finding a permanent home for Leo at the Bronx Zoo in New York.

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR 19608

Hazen, Lynn E. The Amazing Trail of Seymour Snail. New York: Henry Holt and Co., 2009.

Seymour Snail hopes to become a famous artist, so he takes a job in a New York City art gallery. Soon, everyone is buzzing about the new mystery artist.

FICTION

Herman, Gail. Who Is Derek Jeter? New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2015.

Derek Jeter earned the attention of major league scouts in high school and was drafted to the New York Yankees in 1992. Named Rookie of the Year, he helped the Yankees win the World Series five times, and became team captain in 2003.

NON-FICTION

Hest, Amy. When Jessie Came Across the Sea. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2003.

A thirteen-year-old Jewish orphan reluctantly leaves her grandmother and immigrates to New York City, where she works for three years sewing lace and earning money to bring her grandmother to the United States, too.

FICTION

Hiscock, Bruce. Ookpik – The Travels of a Snowy Owl. Honesdale: Boyd Mills Press, 2008.

The book depicts the first year in the life of a snowy owl. It follows its trip from Baffin Island in Canada to the Adirondacks in New York State and its struggles to survive.

NON-FICTION

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Hochain, Serge. Building Liberty: A Statue is Born. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2004.  
The Statue of Liberty is one of the greatest landmarks in America. Through the eyes of four boys, readers observe the Statue of Liberty as it is designed, built, shipped to the United States, and reassembled on an island in New York Harbor.

FICTION

Holub, Joan. What Is the Statue of Liberty? New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2014.  
Describes the history of the Statue of Liberty, including its origins as a gift from France and its construction, and explores the landmark's enduring symbolism of freedom, democracy, and friendship.

NON-FICTION

Hopkinson, Deborah. Knit Your Bit: A World War I Story. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2013.  
When his father leaves to fight in World War I, Mikey joins the Central Park Knitting Bee to help knit clothing for soldiers overseas.

FICTION

Howell, Brian. New York Yankees. Minneapolis: SportsZone, 2015.  
Presents a history of the New York Yankees, profiling legends and star players of today, and details team facts and statistics.

NON-FICTION

Hyman, Zachary. The Bambino and Me. Plattsburgh, N.Y.: Tundra Books, 2014.  
For his birthday, George gets tickets to see his favorite team, the New York Yankees, play the Boston Red Sox, but George is horrified when his mother makes him wear the Boston Red Sox baseball jersey and cap his uncle gave him to the game.

FICTION

Irving, Washington. Rip Van Winkle. Originally published in 1819.  
A man who sleeps for twenty years in the Catskill Mountains wakes to a much-changed world.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 007918, As part of a collection of stories: BR 018287

Downloadable Format, as part of a collection of stories: DB 016731, DB 051748

Jenkins, Emily. Invisible Inkling. New York: Balzer + Bray, 2011.  
When Hank Holowitz from Brooklyn, runs into trouble with a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an ally in pumpkin-loving Inkling.

FICTION

Audio by Harper Audio

Jenkins, Emily. The Whoopie Pie War. New York: Balzer & Bray, 2013.  
Hank Wolowitz and Inkling, his invisible bandapat friend, try to save the family's Brooklyn, NY, ice-cream store's business from a whoopee pie food truck parked outside.

FICTION

Jerome, Kate Boehm. Rochester and the State of New York: Cool Stuff Every Kid Should Know. Mount Pleasant, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2012.

Collects information about the land, history, and people of Rochester and the state of New York.

NON-FICTION

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Elementary Level**

Kamma, Anne and Pamela Johnson. If You Lived When Women Won Their Rights. New York: Scholastic, 2008.

A collection of short biographies: Lucy Stone, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman Catt.

NON-FICTION

Katz, John. Meet the Dogs of Bedlam Farm. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 2011.

On Bedlam Farm, dogs Rose, Izzy, Frieda, and Lenore all have jobs to do. Find out how they came to be there and what their roles are on this working farm in West Hebron, N.Y.

NON-FICTION

Kerley, Barbara. What to Do About Alice? New York: Scholastic, 2008.

Theodore Roosevelt's daughter Alice proved a handful to her father. She was hungry to go places, meet people, do things, but her father called it running riot. Alice called it eating up the world.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018047

Kinsinger, Mary Ann. Life With Lily. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Revell, 2012.

In this first book in "The Adventures of Lily Lapp" series, we meet Lily, a young Amish girl in upstate New York. Follow her story as she finds blessings, laughter, learning and mischief.

FICTION

Kloepfer, John. Empire State of Slime. New York: HarperCollins, 2013.

When millions of zombies come to life during his class trip to New York City, Zack Clarke and his famous Zombie Chaser friends race against time to escape the city and find a new antidote. Part of the Zombie Chasers series.

FICTION

Knobel, Andy. New York Mets. Minneapolis: ABDO Publishing, 2011.

Presents a history of the New York Mets, profiling legends and star players of today, and details team facts and statistics.

NON-FICTION

Konigsburg, E.L. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. New York: Aladdin, 2007.

When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she knows she doesn't just want to run "from" somewhere, she wants to run "to" somewhere -- to a place that is comfortable, beautiful, and preferably, elegant. She chooses the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. *Newbery Medal*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 009549

Downloadable Format: DB 022914

Audio CD by Listening Library (2004)

Krensky, Stephen. The Great Moon Hoax. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2011.

Two newsboys in 1830s New York City sell copies of the *New York Sun* reporting that a powerful telescope has found exotic animals and structures on the moon. Based on a true story.

FICTION

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Elementary Level**

Kuhlman, Evan. Brother from a Box. New York: Antheum Books for Young Readers, 2012.  
Sixth-grade Matt Rambeau gets a new brother when his computer genius father creates a robot kid named Norman. Norman shares his feelings and ideas, plays, does chores, and has to fight for his life in and around New York City when he is chased by spies.

FICTION

Lackey, Jennifer. Jacques Cartier: Exploring the St. Lawrence River. New York: Crabtree Pub. Co., 2006.  
Series: In the Footsteps of Explorers.

This colorful book describes the explorer's life; provides a look at the political climate that made Cartier venture out into the unknown; and examines life on the high seas and in the encampment. Contains colorful maps and images showing the areas explored.

NON-FICTION

Lin, Grace. Year of the Dog. New York: Little, Brown and Co., 2006.

Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl, living in New Hartford, New York, applies the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog--those of making best friends and finding oneself--to her own life.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 016624

Downloadable Format: DBC 00713

Lin, Grace. The Year of the Rat. New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2008.

The Year of the Rat means change, and for Pacey the biggest change is her best friend moving from New York to California. She also must face her own flaws and decide if she really can become the writer and illustrator she hopes to be.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 017688

Lombard, Jenny. Drita, My Homegirl. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2006.

When ten-year-old Drita and her family, refugees from Kosovo, move to New York, Drita is teased about not speaking English well, but after a popular student named Maxine is forced to learn about Kosovo as a punishment for teasing Drita, the two girls soon bond.

FICTION

MacRae, Sloan. Carmelo Anthony. New York: Rosen Publishing Group, 2012.

New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony started out as a top high-school player before going on to help Syracuse University win the 2003 NCAA Championship. His talent and athleticism helped him get drafted by the Denver Nuggets. This book employs accessible text to explore Anthony's life from his childhood to his successful skyrocket to the NBA. Action-packed photographs take readers courtside to see Carmelo in action.

NON-FICTION

MacRae, Sloan. The New York Giants. New York: Rosen Publishing Group, 2011.

The New York Giants are one of the NFL's longest competing teams. They have an endearing, proud history that extends more than seventy-five years. Fans of Big Blue will love this book, which is full of great moments, such as the Giant's inspiring win in Super Bowl XLII. Exciting photographs and valuable information will let football fans walk with the Giants.

NON-FICTION

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Elementary Level**

Maestro, Betsy. The New Americans: Colonial Times, 1620-1689. Illus. Guilio Mastro. Paradise, CA: Paw Prints, 2008.

Within 60 years of the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth, America's first cities were thriving seaports, public education had begun, books were printed, coins were minted, and the postal service was launched. The New Americans tells the exciting story of the origins of our rich multicultural heritage. Full color.  
NON-FICTION

Maestro, Betsy. Struggle for a Continent: The French and Indian Wars, 1689-1763. Illus. Giulio Maestro. New York: HarperCollins, 2000. Series: The American Story Series

Discusses the relations between the European colonists and the Native Americans, the disputes between settlers from France, England, and Spain, and the role these conflicts played in the history of North America.

NON-FICTION

Malaspina, Ann. What's Great About New York? Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Co., 2015.

Details many of the attractions that the state has to offer, from Broadway and the Statue of Liberty to the Erie Canal and Niagara Falls.

NON-FICTION

Maltbie, Priscilla. Bambino and Mr. Twain. Massachusetts: Charlesbridge Publishing, 2012.

After the death of his wife, Mark Twain shuts himself up in his Fifth Avenue house and abandons his writing. Only his daughter's cantankerous cat, Bambino, seems to understand Twain and his moods.

FICTION

Mann, Elizabeth. The Brooklyn Bridge: The Story of the World's Most Famous Bridge and the Remarkable Family that Built It. New York: Mikaya Press, 2006.

This book documents and illustrates the design, step-by-step construction, multiple setbacks and ultimate completion of the Brooklyn Bridge, all presented in a readable manner and supported by diagrams and dramatic illustrations.

NON-FICTION

Margolis, Leslie. Girl's Best Friend (Maggie Brooklyn Mystery). New York: Bloomsbury, 2010.

In Brooklyn, New York, twelve-year-old dog-walker Maggie, aided by her twin brother Finn and best friend Lucy, investigates someone she believes is stealing pets.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 072802

Markel, Michelle. Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909. New York: Balzer & Bray, 2013.

An illustrated account of immigrant Clara Lemlich's role in the 1909 women laborer's strike describes how she worked grueling hours to acquire an education and support her family before organizing a massive walkout to protest the unfair working conditions in New York's garment district.

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020036

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read**  
**Elementary Level**

Marsh, Carole. The Mystery in New York City. Peachtree City, GA: Gallopade International; Teacher's Guide Edition, 2003.

Christina, Grant, Benjamin, and Katherine become gridlocked in a mystery that takes them on a hair-raising history tour of New York City's most famous landmarks to find a priceless missing part of history.  
FICTION

Martin, Ann M. Ten Rules for Living With My Sister. New York: Feiwel & Friends, 2011.

Nine-year-old Pearl and her popular, thirteen-year-old sister Lexie do not get along very well, but when their grandfather moves in to their Greenwich Village apartment, the girls have to share a room and find common ground.

FICTION

McDonough, Yona Zeldis. The Cats in the Doll Shop. New York: Viking, 2011.

With World War I raging in Europe, eleven-year-old Anna is thrilled to learn that her cousin Tania is coming from Russia to stay with Anna's family on the lower East Side of New York City, and although Tania is shy and withdrawn when she arrives, her love of cats helps her adjust to her new family.

FICTION

McDonough, Yona Zeldis. The Doll Shop Downstairs. New York: Viking, 2009.

When World War I breaks out, Anna thinks of a way to save her family's beloved New York City doll repair shop.

FICTION

McKinley, Rosemary. The Wampum Exchange. Self-published, 2012.

A twelve-year-old boy in 1650 Southold, New York, has a chance meeting with a Native American boy and their worlds connect in a most interesting way.

FICTION

Monroe, Tyler. The Statue of Liberty. North Mankato, Minnesota: Capstone Press, 2014.

The Statue of Liberty is a reminder of freedom and the friendship between two countries. Read the fascinating story about how this all came about.

NON-FICTION

Moore, Christopher. Champlain. Plattsburgh, NY: McClelland & Stewart Ltd., 2004.

A biographical portrait of the explorer and cartographer, Samuel de Champlain, known as the "father of New France" examines his many accomplishments in the colonial settlement of Canada as well as his many personal disappointments.

NON-FICTION

Morley, Jacqueline. You Wouldn't Want to Meet Typhoid Mary! A Deadly Cook You'd Rather Not Know. New York: Franklin Watts, 2013.

Here's the story of Mary Mallon, an Irish immigrant cook who became known as "Typhoid Mary" when she infected many New Yorkers with the deadly disease.

NON-FICTION

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Elementary Level**

Murphy, Jim. On Enemy Soil: Journal of James Edmond Pease, a Civil War Union Solider. New York: Scholastic, 2012.

16-year-old James enlists in the Union Army during the Civil War and is assigned to be the historian for G Company of the 122nd Regiment, New York Volunteers. Through his journal recordings, readers learn about the fear, death and disillusionment associated with the lives of Civil War soldiers.

FICTION

Murphy, Jim. The Giant and How He Humbugged America. New York: Scholastic Press, 2012.

When a 10-foot tall purported "petrified man" is unearthed from a backyard in upstate New York in 1869, the discovery immediately turns into a spectacle of epic proportions. News of the giant spreads like wildfire, and well over a thousand people come to view him in the first five days alone!

NON-FICTION

O'Neill, Alexis. The Kite That Bridged Two Nations: Homan Walsh and the First Niagara Suspension Bridge. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2013.

This soaring and poetic picture book is based on the true story of Homan J. Walsh, an ordinary boy born in Ireland and raised in Niagara Falls, NY. In 1848, Homan entered a kite-flying contest. The winner's kite string would span Niagara Falls and bridge the United States and Canada. Despite biting cold and strong winds and against tremendous odds, Homan Walsh won the contest, earning him a place in history. His successes also lead to the building of the first suspension bridge across the Falls, linking the two neighboring countries. The book includes author's note, timeline, bibliography and further resources.

FICTION

Park, Linda Sue. Keeping Score. New York: Clarion Books, 2008.

In Brooklyn in 1951, a special friendship is created when a die-hard Giants fan teaches nine-year-old Maggie, a "Bums" (Dodgers) fan, how to use a special technique to keep score of a baseball game.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 067449

Pascal, Janet. Where Is the Empire State Building? New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2015.

Introduces the Empire State Building, the third tallest structure in New York City, describing the construction process, the rise of skyscrapers in the United States, and the effect the building continues to have today.

NON-FICTION

Peck, Richard. Secrets at Sea. New York: Dial, 2011.

In 1887, the nouveau riche Cranstons leave New York on a cruise ship for Europe – and their mice stow along. The mice meet intriguing cosmopolitan mice onboard and help the human Cranston daughters find love.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2011)

Pringle, Laurence. Ice! The Amazing History of the Ice Business. Honesdale, PN: Calkins Creek, 2012.

Pringle describes the history of the ice business that flourished in New York State during the 1800s, focusing on Rockland Lake, the Knickerbocker Ice Company, and the role of icemen.

NON-FICTION

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Elementary Level**

Regan, Lisa. Broadway Star. New York: Windmill Books, 2013.

Many aspire to be great actors from childhood, and New York becomes home to the majority of them. Readers will get into character for the stage with tips found in this exciting and engaging volume. The basics of a New York Broadway performance are covered with informative text and colorful photographs.

NON-FICTION

Robertson, Robbie. Hiawatha and the Peacemaker. Illus. David Shannon. New York : Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2015.

Hiawatha, a Mohawk, is plotting revenge against the Onondaga chief for the murder of his family. He meets the Great Peacemaker who convinces Hiawatha to join him in helping to unite the five warring Iroquois tribes.

FICTION

Audio CD by Recorded Books (2015)

Rodkey, Geoff. The Tapper Twins Go to War (With Each Other). New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2015.

An oral history that reports, through transcribed recordings, text messages, photographs, illustrations, screenshots, and more, an epic prank war between twelve-year-old twins Reese and Claudia Tapper of New York City. First in a series.

FICTION.

Audio CD by Blackstone Audio (2015)

Roeder, Annette. 13 Buildings Children Should Know. Munich: Prestel, 2011.

This book looks at 13 classic structures that you're sure to recognize. Includes The Guggenheim Museum and The Chrysler Building in New York City.

NON-FICTION

Rossi, Ann. Cultures Collide: Native Americans and Europeans, 1492-1700. Washington, DC: National Geographic, 2004. Series: Crossroads America

Paintings, maps, and engrossing text create a vivid portrait of Native Americans' early encounters with the European settlers who colonized the "New World," describing their differences in farming, socialization, and values, which often created negative relations.

NON-FICTION

Roy, Ron. Runaway Racehorse. New York: Random House, 2002. Series: A to Z Mystery

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose investigate the disappearance of a valuable racehorse that Dink's uncle and his friend, Forest Evans, have just bought and entered in a race at Saratoga.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 014966

Scieszka, Jon. Seen Art? New York: Viking Juvenile, 2005.

While looking for his friend, Art, the narrator accidentally ends up in New York's Museum of Modern Art. As he searches inside MoMA, he finds well-known pieces of art.

FICTION

Shalant, Phyllis. When Pirates Came to Brooklyn. Bloomington: iUniverse. Paperback, 2010.

Lee Bloom, a ten-year-old Jewish girl living in 1960s Brooklyn, becomes aware of the prejudices the people around her have towards those of different religions and races.

FICTION

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read**  
**Elementary Level**

Somervill, Barbara. The Story Behind Glass. Chicago: Heinemann Library, 2012.

Find out how glass is made, when safety glass was invented, and other interesting facts and figures about a substance we all use daily. Suggested places to visit include The Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y., which features regular glassblowing exhibitions.

NON-FICTION

Spenser, Octavia. The Sweetest Heist in History. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2015.

On a trip to New York City to visit Randi's aunt, the ninja detective trio explores Randi's old neighborhood in Brooklyn, where they uncover an art heist involving Faberge eggs. Part of a series.

FICTION

Audio CD by Simon & Schuster

Spiegelman, Nadja. Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure. New York: TOON Books, 2015.

After getting separated from his teacher, his classmates, and his trip partner during an outing to the Empire State Building, Pablo, the new kid in school, learns to navigate the New York City subway system as well as his own feelings towards making new friends and living in a big city.

FICTION

Stewart, Mark. The New York Rangers. Chicago: Norwood House Press, 2014.

Chronicles the history and accomplishments of the New York ice hockey team.

NON-FICTION

Swain, Gwenth. Hope and Tears: Ellis Island Voices. Pennsylvania: Calkins Creek, 2012.

An original collection of voices, filled with hope and tears, chronicles the history of Ellis Island and the people it served. Native Americans, settlers, immigrants, inspectors, doctors, nurses, cooks, and social workers all played important roles in the history of the island.

NON-FICTION

Taylor, Gaylia. George Crum and the Saratoga Chip. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2011.

Describes chef George Crum's childhood as a part-Native-American, part-African-American boy in rural 1830s New York; his adventures cooking at Moon's Lake House restaurant in Saratoga Springs; and his accidental invention of one of America's most beloved snacks.

FICTION

Taylor, Sydney. All-of-a-Kind Family. New York, Dell Publishing, 1987, c1951.

This timeless story of a close knit family follows the adventures of five Jewish daughters living with their parents in New York's Lower East Side during the early 1900s.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 07868

Downloadable Format: DB 25019

Audio available from Listen & Live Audio, Inc. (2006)

Taylor, Sydney. All-of-a-Kind Family Uptown. New York: Taylor Productions, 2001.

The happy and anxious times of the five girls from All-of-a-Kind Family as they live through the troubled period of World War I.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 08727

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Elementary Level**

Uhlberg, Myron. Dad, Jackie, and Me. Atlanta: Peachtree Publishers, 2010.

In Brooklyn, New York, in 1947, a boy learns about discrimination and tolerance as he and his deaf father share their enthusiasm for baseball and the Dodgers' first baseman, Jackie Robinson.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 016354

Valentine, Sally. Theft at the George Eastman House: A New York State Adventure. Utica, NY: North Country Books, 2009.

Mrs. Levine's fifth grade students take a field trip to learn about photography and end up solving a great mystery.

FICTION

Ventura, Marne. Astrophysicist and Space Advocate: Neil DeGrasse Tyson. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Company, 2014.

Neil DeGrasse Tyson is known for his work as an astrophysicist and his ability to communicate scientific ideas. This book explores his life including his childhood in the Bronx, his academic career, and his status as a scientific expert.

NON-FICTION

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Farmer Boy. Illus. by Garth Williams. New York: Harper Collins 2004.

In the late 1800's, on a large farm in northern New York (Franklin County), 9-year-old Almanzo helps his family with the daily chores and longs for his own colt. Based on stories the author's husband told her about growing up on the family homestead in Malone, NY.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 009408, BR 004262

Downloadable Format: DB 021019

Audio CD by Harper's Children's Audio (2004)

Williams-Garcia, Rita. P.S. Be Eleven. Augusta, Kansas: Amistad Publishing, 2013

The Gaither sisters return to Brooklyn after their revolutionary experiences in One Crazy Summer (HarperCollins, 2010). Armed with poetry and Black Panther pride, the girls contend with Big Ma's rules, Uncle Darnell's homecoming from Vietnam, and Pa's lady friend. Authentic details bring late-1960s Brooklyn to vivid life, while laugh-out-loud drama delights.

*School Library Journal Best Books 2013 Fiction*

*2014 Coretta Scott King Book Award*

*2014 ALA Notable Children's Book*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB77013

Winter, Jonah. Here Comes The Garbage Barge! New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2010.

Based on incredible true events from 1987, Jonah Winter brings us the flavorful story that starts in a little town on Long Island that has a big problem: 3,168 tons of garbage and nowhere to put it! Enter the garbage barge, who hauls the junk down the coast of North America looking for a place to dump it.

FICTION

Wyner, Zach. Brooklyn Nets. La Jolla, Calif.: MVP Books, 2014.

Discusses the basketball team, from their beginnings in 1967 to their current standing in the NBA.

NON-FICTION

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Elementary Level**

Zappa, Marcia. New York Giants. Edina, Minn.: ABDO Publishing, 2015.

A concise history of the professional football team, including its founding in 1925, most memorable players, and Super Bowl championships, with a timeline of significant events in team history.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format – Included in a collection of 8 stories: DB080196

Zappa, Marcia. New York Jets. Minneapolis: ABDO Publishing, 2015.

Explores the teams background and history, most memorable wins, star players, and important coaches.

Readers will also learn when the NFL began and what conference and division the Jets play in.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format – Included in a collection of 8 stories: DB080707

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Adler, David A. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. New York: Holiday House, 2014.  
Rough Rider, monopoly-buster, conservationist, Nobel Peace Prize winner and President, Theodore Roosevelt left a large mark on both the country and his native New York.  
NON-FICTION

Airgood, Ellen. The Education of Ivy Blake. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2015.  
When eleven-year-old Ivy Blake leaves the family she had been living with in upstate New York and moves back in with her mother she is forced to face the fact that her alcoholic, dysfunctional parent will never be able to provide her with a stable home--and if she wants to achieve her dreams she is going to have to take charge of her own future. Sequel to Prairie Evers.  
FICTION

Anderson, Laurie Halse. Chains. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2010.  
Sisters Isabel and Ruth are young girls who are promised freedom after the death of their slave master. Instead, they become property of a New York City couple. Isabel soon catches Revolution fever after meeting a young boy named Curzon who encourages her to spy on her owners. Together Isabel and Curzon strive for their personal freedom and the freedom of New York and their country.  
*2009 ALA Notable Children's Book*  
FICTION  
Downloadable Format: DB 068396  
Audio CD by Brilliance (2008), Playaway (2008)

Appel, Marty. Pinstripe Pride: The Inside Story of the New York Yankees. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2015.  
Get the complete story of the Yankees, from Babe Ruth to Derek Jeter—with twenty-seven World Championships in between—in this home run of a middle grade adaptation of *Pinstripe Empire*.  
NON-FICTION  
Downloadable format: DB080923

Auch, Mary Jane. One-Handed Catch. New York: Square Fish, 2009.  
After sixth-grader Norman loses his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, he uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.  
FICTION  
Downloadable Format: DB 064853

Avi. Catch You Later Traitor. Chapel Hill, N.C.: Algonquin Young Readers, 2015.  
It's 1951, and Pete Collison is a just regular kid in Brooklyn, who loves detective books and radio crime dramas. But when an FBI agent shows up at Pete's doorstep, accusing Pete's father of being a Communist, Pete is caught in a real-life mystery.  
FICTION

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Audio CD by Recorded Books  
Playaway by Findaway World

Avi. City of Orphans. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011.

Maks is a newsboy in 1893 New York City, facing some big challenges. Not only is there someone out to take control of all newsies in the city, but now his sister has been wrongly accused of a crime. The reality of tenement life in New York City clearly comes through in this story about the life of immigrants.

Audio book by Prince Frederick, Recorded Books (2011)

FICTION

Avi. Don't You Know There's a War On? New York: HarperCollins, 2003.

In wartime Brooklyn in 1943, eleven-year-old Howie Crispers mounts a campaign to save his favorite teacher from being fired.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 054773

Avi. The Seer of Shadows. New York: HarperCollins, 2008.

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

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 067358

Audio CD by Recorded Books (2008)

Avi. Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution. New York: Beach Lane Books, 2012.

In 1776, Sophia Calderwood witnesses the execution of Nathan Hale in New York City, which was newly occupied by the British army. She resolves to do all she can to help the American cause, including becoming a spy.

FICTION

Audio CD by Recorded Books (2012)

Berman, Len. The Greatest Moments in Sports: Upsets and Underdogs. Napperville, IL: Jabberwocky Books, 2012.

Berman presents riveting accounts of upsets that have happened throughout sports history. Among the many stories are those that took place in New York or were accomplished by New Yorkers, including the race between Upset and Man O'War at Saratoga Race Track, the New York Jets's victory at the Orange Bowl, the Miracle on Ice in Lake Placid, Olympic Champion and Long Island native Sarah Hughes, Yankees Pitcher Jim Abbott, New York City-born tennis player Althea Gibson, and Greece-Athena high schooler Jason McElwain.

NON-FICTION

Brown, Dan. America Is Under Attack. New York: Roaring Book Press, 2011.

Brown presents a chronological look at the events on the morning of September 11, 2001, in watercolor illustrations.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074337

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Tween**

Binder, Phil. The Unforgettable Season: The Story of Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams and the Record-Setting Summer of '41. New York: J.P. Putnum's Sons, 2011.

In the summer of 1941, New York Yankee Joe DiMaggio and Boston Red Sox Ted Williams set records that still stand today.

NON-FICTION

Bruchac, Joseph. Hidden Roots. New York: Scholastic Press, 2004.

Harold, living in a small upstate town in the 1960s, learns the truth of his family's heritage: They were part of the Abenaki tribe which in the 1930s was forced to undergo sterilization. Some of them, though, like Harold's family, went into hiding.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 065485

Bruchac, Joseph. Walking Two Worlds. Summertown, Tenn.: 7<sup>th</sup> Generation, 2015.

Hasanoanda was his Indian name. But in mission school he became Ely Parker. He encountered racism and deceit but did not give up his quest to walk between two worlds. This story explores the early education of a famous Native American who gained greatness in the white man's world while staying true to his Seneca people.

FICTION

Bukiet, Melvin Jules. Undertown. New York: Amulet Books, 2013.

Crossing Manhattan en route to a sailing outing off Long Island, Timothy and Jessamyn are riding in Timothy's family's sailboat when it becomes detached from the family's truck. The sailboat ends up falling through a gaping construction site hole, beginning Timothy and Jessamyn's adventure beneath Manhattan.

FICTION

Burgan, Michael, and Timothy J. Shannon. Voices from Colonial America: New York, 1609-1776. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, 2006. Series: Voices from Colonial America.

Presents the history of New York by discussing the interaction between Native American tribes and Dutch settlers, as well as leaders including Peter Stuyvesant and Alexander Hamilton. Complete with period maps and first-person accounts.

NON-FICTION

Burleigh, Robert. Edward Hopper Paints His World. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 2014.

As a boy, Hooper knew exactly what he wanted to be when he grew up: on the cover of his pencil box, he wrote "Edward Hopper, Would-Be Artist." He traveled to New York and to Paris to hone his craft. And even though no one wanted to buy his paintings for a long time, he never stopped believing in his dream.

NON-FICTION

Burns, Catherine Lloyd. The Good, the Bad and the Beagle. Harrisonburg, VA: RR Donnelley & Sons Company, 2014.

Troubled eleven-year-old Manhattanite Veronica Morgan believes that Cadbury, the beagle in the pet store down the street, is the answer to her problems.

FICTION

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Tween**

Carman, Patrick. Floors. New York: Scholastic Press, 2011.

Leo Filmore, who lives in the basement of an old hotel in New York City, investigates the mysterious disappearance of the hotel's owner.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 019749

Carvell, Marlene. Sweetgrass Basket. New York: Dutton Juvenile Books, 2005.

In alternating passages, two Mohawk sisters describe their lives at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, established in 1879 to educate Native Americans, as they try to assimilate into white culture.

FICTION

Castelluci, Cecil. Rose Sees Red. New York: Scholastic Press, 2010.

Against the backdrop of the Cold War in 1982, Rose feels the stress of attending the New York City High School of Performing Arts. When she befriends her Russian neighbor, Yrena, Rose sets off on a fun and daring adventure through the city.

FICTION

Collins, Suzanne. The Underland Chronicles. New York: Scholastic, 2003-2007.

Gregor the Overlander and his family have struggled since his father disappeared, and Gregor, at eleven years old, has been left to pick up the slack. When he follows his 2-year-old sister Boots through a basement grate in their New York City apartment building, both siblings end up in a world of giant talking cockroaches, spiders, rats, bats, and subterranean humans.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074333

Connor, Leslie. Waiting for Normal. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2010.

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018148

Downloadable Format: DB 068286

Audiobook by Recorded Books (2008)

Cotrell Boyce, Frank. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and the Race Against Time. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2013.

Chitty rescues the Tooting family from a hungry T. Rex and takes the family on a tour of early New York among other places.

FICTION

Christensen, Bobbie. Fabulous: A Portrait of Andy Warhol. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 2011.

A biography of famous New York artist Andy Warhol, flashing back and forth from his fame in New York City in the 1960s and his upbringing in Pittsburgh.

NON-FICTION

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Tween**

Cutler, Jane. Susan Marcus Bends the Rules. New York: Holiday House, Inc. 2014.

Born and raised in New York City, 10-year-old Susan has a difficult time understanding the prejudices that surround her family when she moves to Missouri in 1943. In the suburbs of St. Louis, Jim Crow laws still exist, and anger toward New Yorkers, African-Americans, the Japanese, and the Jewish is common. As Susan, a Jew herself, confronts these prejudices, she learns valuable lessons about friendship and understanding.

FICTION

Dairman, Tara. All Four Stars. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2014.

Gladys loves food and cooking, so when she is asked to write a restaurant review for a New York City newspaper, she will do anything to make it happen, even risk the wrath of her fast-food loving parents.

FICTION

Danticat, Edwidge. Behind the Mountains. New York: Scholastic Paperbacks, 2004.

Writing in the notebook her teacher gave her, thirteen-year-old Celiane describes life with her mother and brother in Haiti as well as her experiences in Brooklyn after the family finally immigrates there to be reunited with her father.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 014941

DeFelice, Cynthia. Under the Same Sky. New York: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2005.

To earn money for a coveted motorbike, young Joe Pedersen joins the Mexican laborers who work on his father's farm in upstate New York and soon discovers racism and romance while learning to see the world in a whole different way.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 057189

DePrince, Michaela and Elaine DePrince. Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2014.

This memoir chronicles Michaela DePrince's remarkable journey from orphan in war-torn Sierra Leone to principal dancer with the Dance Theatre of Harlem.

NON-FICTION

Duane, Diane. So You Want to be A Wizard?. New York: Harcourt Trade Publishers, 1996.

Two lonely kids are inadvertently caught up in the never-ending battle between good and evil after finding a mysterious book called 'So You Want to Be a Wizard?'. Follow the two as they become wizards and friends, all the while they work together to defeat evil. First in a series.

Fiction

Downloadable Format: DB026846

Audio available on Audible

Elliott, Lang. Guide to Night Sounds, A: The Nighttime Sounds of 60 Mammals, Birds, Amphibians, and Insects (with Audio CD), Mechanicsburg: Stackpole Books, 2004.

Recorded in the author's studio in Ithaca, NY, Elliott narrates the nighttime field recordings of birds, otters, frog croaks and various mammal noises. Illustrations and photographs accompany the hour-long CD.

NON-FICTION

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Federle, Tim. Better Nate Than Ever. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2013. Thirteen-year-old Nate Foster travels to Manhattan from his small town in Pennsylvania to audition for a Broadway musical based on the movie E.T. The author is a Broadway performer and director.

*2014 Odyssey Award Honor Recording*

*2014 Stonewall Honor Book in Children's and Young Adult Literature*

*2014 Notable Children's Book*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 076408

Audio available through Simon & Schuster Audio (2013)

Federle, Tim. Five, Six, Seven, Nate! New York: Simon & Schuster, 2014.

Now on Broadway as second understudy for E.T., Nate keeps in close contact with his best friend, Libby, as he faces his nemesis, Jordan Rylance, and his own insecurities as the cast member with the least training and experience.

*2015 Odyssey Award Honor for the audiobook by Simon & Schuster*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078334

Audio CD by Simon & Schuster (2014)

Fiedler, Lisa. Mouseheart. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2014.

Hopper is just an ordinary pet shop mouse before he escapes. Soon he finds himself below the bustling streets of Brooklyn, deep within the untamed tangles of transit tunnels, and in Atlantia, a glorious utopian rat civilization. But all is not what it seems. First in the series.

FICTION

Fiscus, James W. Meet King Kong. New York: Rosen Publishing Group, 2005.

A special-effects New York movie classic, King Kong used stop-motion animation and glass mattes to create the effects that were amazing for their time. Readers will learn about the real-life adventures that influenced the filmmaker's vision as well as the successes, spin-offs, and remakes the film inspired.

NON-FICTION

Fitzgerald, Laura Marx. Under the Egg. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2014.

Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.

FICTION

Fritz, Jean. You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? New York: Puffin, 1999.

With her trademark humor and anecdotal style, the Newbery Honor Award-winner and preeminent biographer for young people turns her attention to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the lively, unconventional spokeswoman of the woman suffrage movement. Convinced from an early age that women should have the same rights as men, Lizzie embarked on a career that changed America.

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR 010778

George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain. New York: Puffin, 2004.

Sam Gibley's great-grandfather owned land in the Catskill Mountains that had been uninhabited for years. Tired of living in the hustle and bustle of New York City, teenager Sam runs away to the Catskills in search of that land.

*1960 Newbery Honor*

FICTION

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Tween**

Braille Format: BR 015070, BR 007885

Downloadable Format: DB 050211

Getzinger, Donna. Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. North Carolina: Morgan Reynolds, Inc., 2008.

In 1911, a fire broke out in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, a clothing company located in the top floors of a New York high rise. The fire spread fast, and soon the factory's workers, mostly immigrant women, faced death by fire, as their only way out was to jump from the windows.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 068078

Giff, Patricia Reilly. All the Way Home. New York: Yearling, 2003.

In 1941, circumstances bring together Brick, a boy from New York's apple country, and Mariel, a young girl made shy by her bout with polio. The two make a journey from Brooklyn to upstate New York to help Brick's elderly neighbors save their apple crop and to help Mariel learn about her past.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 053791

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Eleven. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2008.

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his 11th birthday, it makes him question his entire existence. Can a new school friend help him discover the truth about himself?

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 068203

Audio CD by Listening Library

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Gingersnap. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2013.

When her brother Rob, a Navy cook, goes missing in action during World War II, Jayna, along with a turtle and a ghost, leaves her upstate New York home to find her grandmother in Brooklyn.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Lily's Crossing. Topeka: Tandem Library Books, 1999.

A vivid portrait of the home front in World War II, where a young American girl befriends a Hungarian refugee during the summer of 1944 in Rockaway Beach.

*1999 Newbery Honor*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 017375

Audio CD by Listening Library (2005)

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Storyteller. New York: Yearling, 2011.

Forced to spend months at an aunt's house, Elizabeth feels a connection to her ancestor Zee, whose picture hangs on the wall. Zee reveals her story of hardships during the Revolutionary War in upstate New York, as Elizabeth comes to terms with her own troubles.

FICTION

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Water Street. New York: Yearling, 2006.

In the shadow of the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge, eighth-graders and new neighbors Bird Mallon and Thomas Neary make some decisions about what they want to do with their lives.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 064195

Audio CD by Listening Library (2006)

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Tween**

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Wild Girl. New York: Yearling, 2011.

When twelve-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and brother on a horse ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her new life, as does a new horse that has come to the ranch.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 070322

Audio CD by Listening Library (2009)

Going, K.L. The Garden of Eve. New York: Sandpiper, 2009.

In Beaumont, New York, the town Evie and her widowed Dad have moved to haunted? Evie doesn't believe in curses or fairy tales—if they were real, her mom would still be alive. But odd things, like a mysterious dead boy and a special tree help her discover what is real.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library

Goldblatt, Mark. Finding the Worm. New York: Random House, 2015.

In 1970 Queens, N.Y., Julian Twerski struggles to write an essay as punishment for an act he did not commit; worries about Beverly, the girl he likes; prepares for his bar mitzvah; and tries to cope with the serious illness of one of his closest friends. Sequel to Twerp.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2015)

Goldblatt, Mark. Twerp. New York: Random House, 2013.

In Queens, NY, in 1969, 12-year-old Julian Twerski writes a journal for his English teacher in which he explores his friendships and how they are affected by girls, a new student, and an incident of bullying.

FICTION

Graff, Lisa. Absolutely Almost. New York: Philomel Books, 2014.

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself as he transitions from private to public school in New York City.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 079309

Audio available from Recorded Books

Graff, Lisa. A Tangle of Knots. New York: Philomel Books, 2013.

In a slightly magical world where everyone has a Talent, orphan Cady has a phenomenal Talent for cake baking. Now fate has led her to a mysterious address in Poughkeepsie, NY, that houses a lost luggage emporium, an old recipe, a family of children searching for their own Talents, and a Talent Thief who will alter her life forever.

FICTION

Gratz, Alan. The Brooklyn Nine: A Novel in Nine Innings. New York: Dial. 2009.

Nine generations of German immigrants experience American life and play baseball.

FICTION

Downloadable format: DB068902

## **Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read Tween**

Green, Tim. Lost Boy. New York: HarperCollins. 2015.

Ryder searches for his lost father with the help of a New York City Firefighter, a signed baseball, and a letter.

FICTION

Audio CD by Dreamscape Media

Greenberg, David. A Tugging String. New York: Dutton Children Books, 2008.

A fictionalized account of the author's years growing up in Great Neck, New York, during the turbulent Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Includes commentary from the author's father, Jack Greenberg, who was a lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

FICTION

Grimes, Nikki. Jazmin's Notebook. New York: Puffin, 2000.

Jazmin is growing up during hard times in 1960s Harlem. She expresses hope for her future as she observes life around her neighborhood.

*1999 Coretta Scott King Author Honor*

FICTION

Audiobook by Penguin Group USA and Audible (2008)

Grimes, Nikki. The Road to Paris. G. P. Putnam's Sons. 2006.

Paris Richmond, a biracial eight-year-old, goes to a loving foster home in New York while her ten-year-old brother Malcolm is sent to a boys' home. Paris must make a difficult decision when her birth mother wants to reunite the family.

*2007 Coretta Scott King Author Honor*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 066168

Audio CD by Recorded Books (2007)

Course, Leslie. Sophisticated Ladies: The Great Women of Jazz. New York: Dutton Juvenile, 2007.

This lively collective biography of 14 singers begins in the 1920s with Bessie Smith and Ethel Waters and moves on through current performers Cassandra Wilson and Diana Krall. A vibrant, full-page portrait opens each chapter, depicting the performer with bold vitality, in a style suggestive of a theater poster. Includes references to Jazz Clubs in Harlem during the 1920s.

NON-FICTION

Hepler, Heather. The Cupcake Queen. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2009.

While her dad stays behind in New York City, Penny and her mom move to the small town of Hog's Hollow, NY, to open a cupcake bakery. Small-town life is nothing like city life, she realizes. What will happen when she's given the choice of choosing between the two?

Huey, Lois Miner. Forgotten Bones: Uncovering a Slave Cemetery. Minneapolis: Millbrook Press, 2015.

Details archaeological findings about slavery in America as revealed by the discovery of 13 skeletons in upstate New York that were identified as 18th-century African-American slaves who once worked at the nearby Schuyler Farm.

NON-FICTION

Hesse, Karen. The Brooklyn Bridge. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2008

In 1903 Brooklyn, fourteen-year-old Joseph Michtom's life changes for the worse when his parents, Russian immigrants, invent the teddy bear and turn their apartment into a factory. Nearby, the glitter of Coney Island contrasts with the dismal lives of children dwelling under the Brooklyn Bridge.

FICTION

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Tween**

Braille Format: BR 018212

Irving, Washington. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Originally published in 1819.

Ichabod Crane, a schoolmaster from Connecticut, moves to the town of Sleepy Hollow to teach in a one-room schoolhouse. Ichabod soon becomes familiar with local lore involving a Headless Horseman. When Ichabod attempts to win young Katrina Van Tassel's heart, he finds himself falling prey to the legendary horseman.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 008876

Downloadable Format, as part of a collection of stories: DB 016731

Jeter, Derek. The Contract. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2014

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, eight-year-old Derek Jeter, who dreams of playing for the New York Yankees, learns what it takes to be a champion on and off the field.

FICTION

Audio CD by Simon & Schuster (2014)

Kelley, Jane. The Book of Dares for Lost Friends. New York: Feiwel & Friends, 2015

New York City middle-schooler Val teams up with a strange boy who lives in an even stranger bookshop to save her best friend who has lost her way.

FICTION

Kenney, Karen Latchana. David Karp: The Mastermind Behind Tumblr. Minneapolis: Lerner Publishing Company, 2013.

The story of the creator of Tumblr, David Karp who dropped out of school at age fifteen and lived in Tokyo by himself at age seventeen before returning to the United States to start his company.

NON-FICTION

Kent, Rose. Rocky Road. New York: Alfred Knopf, 2010.

Ma moves the family of Tess and her deaf brother from Texas to Schenectady, New York, where she uses their savings to open an ice cream shop in winter. (The book incorporates fun facts about ice cream.)

FICTION

Korman, Gordon. The Hypnotists. New York: Scholastic Press, 2013.

New York City native Jackson Opus is descended from two powerful hypnotist bloodlines, but he has just begun to realize that he can control other peoples' actions with sometimes frightening results.

FICTION

Lewis, J. Patrick. Harlem Hellfighters. Mankato, Minn.: Creative Editions, 2014.

A regiment of African-American soldiers from Harlem journeys across the Atlantic to fight alongside the French in World War I, inspiring a continent with their brand of jazz music.

*2015 Children's Notable Book*

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB080704

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Tween**

Lupica, Mike. Heat. New York: Scholastic, 2007.

A young Cuban immigrant, Michael Arroyo is a great pitcher in the Little League in the Bronx. When a rival player's team questions his age and ability, he is sidelined, and the young star athlete cannot help get his team to the Little League World Series.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 017941

Downloadable Format: DB 062264

Audio CD by Listening Library (2006)

Lupica, Mike. Hero. New York: Philomel Books, 2010.

Fourteen-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the President's globe-trotting troubleshooter until "the Bads" killed him, and now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 072779

Audio CD by Penguin Group USA (2010)

Macy, Sue. Roller Derby Rivals. New York: Holiday House, 2014

Tune in for the thrills and spills of Roller Derby live in New York City, 1948, as Midge "Toughie" Brasuhn and Gerry Murray show their high-speed, hard hitting rivalry on the track at the dawn of the television era.

FICTION

Mann, Elizabeth. Statue of Liberty: A Wonders of the World Book. New York: Mikaya Press, 2011.

The Statue was a gift from the French to pay tribute to all that is best about America. But it took years of planning, fundraising, and building to become a reality.

NON-FICTION

Marino, Nan. Neil Armstrong Is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2009.

It's the summer of 1969, and things are not only changing in Tamara's little Long Island town, but in the world. Perhaps Tamara could stand to take one small step toward a bit of compassion and understanding?

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018539

Marrin, Al. Flesh and Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and its Legacy. New York: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2011.

On March 25, 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City burst into flames. One-hundred-forty-six people—mostly women—perished; it was one of the most lethal workplace fires in American history. This is a story of immigration and hard work to make it in a new country, as Italians and Jews and others traveled to America to find a better life.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 073753

Marsh, Katherine. The Night Tourist. New York: Disney-Hyperion. 2007.

After being hit by a car, Jack is sent to a mysterious doctor in New York and meets Euri, who guides him to New York City's underworld below Grand Central Station. Fans of The Lightning Thief will love this book!

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 069048

Audio available through Scholastic Audio (2007)

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Tween**

Martin, Ann. Here Today. Topeka: Tandem Library Books, 2005.

In 1963, 11-year-old Eleanor Roosevelt Dingman's mother is crowned the Bosetti Beauty at Mr. Bosetti's supermarket, President John F. Kennedy is assassinated, and the Dingman family begins to fall apart. So begins this richly woven novel by the Newbery Honoree.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2004)

Martin, Ann M. Rain Reign. Harrisonburg, VA: RR Donnelley & Sons Company, 2014.

Rose Howard is a highly-functioning autistic fifth-grader who is obsessed with homonyms. When a storm creates a flash flood in her rural New York town, and her dog Rain is caught out in it, Rose must step outside of her comfort zone to look for her beloved pet.

*2014 SLJ Best Books: Middle Grade*

*2015 Schneider Family Book Award*

*2015 National Book Festival – New York State Selection*

FICTION

Audio CD by Brilliance Audio (2014)

Marx, Trish. Steel Drumming at the Apollo: The Road to Super Top Dog. New York: Lee & Low Books, Inc., 2007.

Photo-essay about a high school steel drum band from upstate New York that participated in a series of talent competitions for a chance to win Super Top Dog on Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater in Harlem. Includes a CD of the band performing.

NON-FICTION

Matti, Truus. Mister Orange. New York: Enchanted Lion Books, 2013.

In 1943 Manhattan, Linus Muller works at the family grocery store in the east 70s. When his oldest brother, Albie, leaves to fight in World War II, Linus takes over the grocery deliveries. One of his customers is an artist from somewhere in Europe who arranges to have a crate of oranges delivered every other week. Over the course of these deliveries, an intimacy develops between Linus and the man, whom he knows only by the name he gives him, Mister Orange.

*2014 Batchelder Award*

*2014 Notable Children's Book*

FICTION

Mazer, Norma Fox. Ten Ways to Make My Sister Disappear. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2007.

Ten-year-old Sprig no longer gets along with her 12-year-old sister Dakota but the two pull together in the fictional town of Alliance, N.Y., during their father's extended business trip to Afghanistan, sharing concerns about his safety, an elderly neighbor's health, fights with their best friends, and boys.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 065938

McKendry, Joe. One Times Square: A Century of Change at the Crossroads of the World. Jaffrey, N.H.: David R. Godine, 2012.

An illustrated look at the history of Times Square and the iconic building that gave it its name, from the space's origins as part of a farm next to a dirt path that would become Broadway, to the renowned intersection of today.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 076221

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Tween**

Mebus, Scott. Gods of Manhattan. New York: Puffin, 2009.

Twelve-year-old Rory discovers a spirit world that thrives alongside his contemporary New York City, filled with fantastical creatures and people from the city's colorful past who have become gods and goddesses and who have chosen Rory to perform a dangerous mission.

FICTION

Miller, Kristen. Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City. New York: Bloomsbury, 2006.

Ananka Fishbein finds herself sidekick to Kiki Strike, a girl detective, as they discover a 19th century labyrinth of tunnels 50 feet below Manhattan's Chinatown.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 064652

Murphy, Jim. Blizzard: The Storm That Changed America. New York: Scholastic Press, 2000.

Snow began falling over New York City on March 12, 1888. All around town, people struggled along slippery streets and sidewalks, assuming this would be the last little snowfall of one of the warmest winters on record. What no one realized was that in a very few hours, the wind and snow would bury the city in nearly 21 inches of snow and bring it to a standstill.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 052323

Audio CD by Audio Bookshelf (2003)

Murphy, Jim. The Giant and How He Humbugged America. New York: Scholastic Press, 2012.

In 1869, a farmer discovered the 10-foot-tall body of a man buried on his land in upstate New York. The Cardiff Giant, as it came to be called, became a national sensation and generated a buzz of epic proportions.

FICTION

Myers, Anna. Hoggee. New York: Walker & Co., 2004.

Always overshadowed by his competitive older brother, especially in their work as mule drivers on the Erie Canal, fourteen-year-old Howard finally finds the courage to pursue his dreams of becoming an educator after he learns about sign language and teaches it to his deaf friend in nineteenth-century New York State.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 061365

Myers, Walter Dean. Riot. New York: Egmont, USA, 2009

In July of 1863, the worst race riots the United States has ever seen erupt in New York City. Fifteen-year-old Claire, the beloved daughter of a black father and Irish mother, finds herself torn between the two warring sides.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018773

Unabridged Digital, Unabridged CD, Unabridged Playaway by Recorded Books (2010)

Nicholson, Simon. The Magician's Fire. Naperville, Ill.: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2014.

Young Harry Houdini's efforts to perfect his magic tricks are put on hold when his mentor, Herbie, disappears, prodding Harry and his two best friends, Arthur and Billie, to embark on a dangerous investigation that pushes their skill and their friendship to the limit. First in a series.

FICTION

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Tween**

Northrop, Michael. Book of the Dead. New York: Scholastic, 2015.

When Alex's mother, an Egyptologist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, uses the Lost Spells from the Egyptian Book of the Dead to bring her son from the brink of dying, she also brings back five Death Walkers, leaving Alex and his best friend to find his mother and save the world. First in a series.

FICTION

Audio CD by Scholastic (2015)

Otfinoski, Steven. The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: Core Events of an Industrial Disaster. North Mankato, Minnesota: Capstone Press, 2014.

Find out what happened when the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City caught fire in 1911 and why so many workers were unable to escape the blaze.

NON-FICTION

Palacio, R.J. Wonder. New York: Knopf, 2012.

Auggie Pullman was born with severe facial deformities and wasn't expected to survive. But now, at 10-years-old, he's entering school for the first time in Manhattan. He learns to deal with his fear of his classmates and their taunting while trying to be just any other kid.

*2014 3 Apples Children's Book Award*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020338

Downloadable Format: DB 74228

Audio CD by Brilliance Audio

Paratore, Coleen. Dreamsleeves. New York: Scholastic, 2012.

Twelve-year-old Aislinn should be enjoying her summer, but instead she is relegated to full-time baby-sitter and housekeeper for her family, barely allowed to have any fun at all. Set in Troy, NY, this semi-autobiographical book is at times heart wrenching, but ultimately heartwarming due to Aislinn's indomitable spirit and her hopeful plan to get her father to stop drinking.

FICTION

Paratore, Coleen. Mack McGinn's Big Win. New York: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Children, 2007.

Whether the prize is a soccer trophy or the esteem of Danville, N.Y.'s elite, the McGinn family believes in winning. While striving to prove he can be best at something, sixth-grader Mack inadvertently demonstrates to his parents and older brother what really matters most.

FICTION

Patterson, James and Chris Grabenstein. I, Funny. New York: Little, Brown, 2012.

Nothing -- not bullies nor tragedy can keep Jamie from entering a comedy contest on Long Island.

FICTION

Patterson, James, Chris Grabenstein, and Mark Shulman. Treasure Hunters. New York: Little Brown, 2013.

Following clues left by their missing father, twins Bickford and Rebecca Kidd sail from the Caribbean to New York with their siblings to finish the dangerous quest of their world-famous treasure-hunting parents.

FICTION

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Tween**

Perl, Lila. Isabel's War. Brooklyn, N.Y.: Lizzie Skurnick Books, 2014.

Twelve-year-old Isabel has no interest in the war in Europe until her family welcomes Helga, a German war refugee, into their home in the Bronx.

FICTION

Petrucha, Stefan. Ripper. New York: Speak, 2013.

Orphaned 14-year-old Carver has joined The New Pinkertons, a spy agency, with the intention of finding his father. He soon becomes involved in the mystery of Jack the Ripper, as panic sweeps through New York City.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 075490

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. Bird in a Box. New York: Little, Brown, 2011.

In 1936, three children meet at the Mercy Home for Negro Orphans in Elmira, New York. They're not all orphans, but all are dealing with grief and loss and following the boxing career of Joe Louis.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 019660

Audio CD by Listening Library (2011)

Rhuday-Perkovich, Olugbemisola. 8th Grade Superzero. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2010.

After half-heartedly joining his church youth group's project at a homeless shelter near his Brooklyn middle school, Reggie McKnight is inspired to run for school office on a platform for making a real difference in the community.

FICTION

Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2005.

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods on Long Island where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020213

Downloadable Format: DB 063443

Audio CD by Listening Library (2005)

Polisner, Gae. The Pull of Gravity. Canada: D&M Publishers, Inc., 2011.

When their friend Scooter dies of a rare disease, teenagers Nick Gardner and Jaycee Amato set out on a secret journey to find the father who abandoned "The Scoot" when he was an infant, with the mission to return his signed first edition of "Of Mice and Men." The book takes place in various upstate New York locations.

FICTION

Potter, Ellen. The Humming Room. Feiwel & Friends, 2012.

Orphaned Roo Fanshaw is sent to live with her uncle in the Thousand Islands and becomes determined to solve the mystery of the secret room she discovers in his strange home. A modern version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic coming-of-age tale *The Secret Garden*.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074785

Audio available on Audible

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Tween**

Romero, Kristina. Calling Extra. Kids Book Market, 2012

In 1899, 13-year-old Elsie Lutz is changed forever when her father is jailed for a crime he did not commit. Now alone, Elsie must fend for herself in turn-of-the-century New York. Tides change when she befriends Grin, a teenage newsboy with a kind heart and a mysterious past. Elsie soon finds herself wrapped up in the newsboy strike of 1899, a sweeping act of social activism led by children.

FICTION

Rubin, Susan Goldman. Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, 2011.

What do you do when you have a dream and your father is firmly against it? If you are Leonard Bernstein, you rise to the level of the premier composer and conductor of 20<sup>th</sup> century America.

*2012 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults*

NON-FICTION

Sandler, Martin W. Secret Subway: the Fascinating Tale of an Amazing Feat of Engineering. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society, 2009.

By the mid-1800's, New York City was already a bustling center of business and commerce, glamour and excitement. But with all of this hustle and bustle came an incredible crush of horse-drawn traffic and noise. City streets were so clogged that it would take hours just to travel a few blocks. Native New Yorker Alfred Ely Beach was an entrepreneur and inventor, and he developed a plan: build tunnels under the city and install a pneumatic railway to carry passengers to their destinations.

NON-FICTION

St. George, Judith. The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr. New York: Viking Juvenile, 2009.

Early on a July morning in 1804, on a patch of field overlooking the Hudson River, two prominent political figures fought a duel. The story tracks the lives of both men from their service under George Washington to their political careers as founders of a new nation.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 069828

Schwabach, Karen. The Hope Chest. New York: Yearling, 2010.

Eleven-year-old Violet has one goal in mind when she runs away from home: to find her sister, Chloe, in New York City. As Violet's journey grows longer, her single-minded pursuit of reuniting with her sister changes. Before long she is standing side-by-side with her new friends—suffragists, socialists, and others—the type of people whom her parents would not approve.

FICTION

Schmidt, Gary D. Okay for Now. New York: Clarion Books, 2011.

As a fourteen-year-old who just moved from Long Island to upstate New York, with no friends, an abusive father, and a louse for an older brother, Doug has everything stacked against him until he finds Lil, a friend and ally. Together, they find a safe haven in the local library, inspiration in learning about the plates of John James Audubon's birds, and an adventure on a Broadway stage.

*2012 Odyssey Award (audiobook for children and/or young adults)*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 019362

Downloadable Format: DB 073716

Audio CD by Listening Library (2011).

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Tween**

Schmidt, Gary D. The Wednesday Wars. New York: Clarion Books, 2007.

It is 1967 and 11-year-old Holling Hoodhood is growing up in Long Island. He is convinced his teacher hates him, and he is forced to spend each Wednesday afternoon with her reading Shakespeare as the rest of his classmates go to religious studies.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 017810

Downloadable Format: DB 065788

Audio book by Scholastic Audio Books (2007)

Scieszka, Jon Francesco. Spaceheadz. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2010.

On his first day at Brooklyn's P.S. 858, fifth-grader Michael K. is teamed with two very strange students. He gradually comes to believe they are aliens who need his help, but he has trouble convincing anyone else of the truth.

FICTION

Selznick, Brian. Wonderstruck. New York: Scholastic Press, 2011.

Having lost his mother and his hearing, 12-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City. At the Museum of Natural History, he meets Rose, who is also looking for something. (Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.)

*2012 Schneider Family Book Award*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074157

Sharenow, Rob. The Girl in the Torch. New York: Balzer + Bray, 2015.

After her father is killed in Europe, Sarah and her mother immigrate to America--but when her mother dies before they get through Ellis Island, and the authorities want to send her back, Sarah hides in the torch in the Statue of Liberty.

FICTION

Sheinkin, Steve. The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery. New York: Flash Point, 2010

Few know that Benedict Arnold was one of the greatest war heroes: reckless, heroic, and driven. Packed with first-person accounts, astonishing battle scenes, and surprising twists, this is a gripping and true tale.

*2011 Boston Globe - Horn Book Award for Nonfiction*

*2012 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults*

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR 019317

Downloadable Format: DB 074602

Smith, Betty. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn. New York: Harper Perennial Modern Classics, 2005m c1943.

This is the story of the Nolan family, including daughter Francie, and life in the Williamsburg slums of Brooklyn during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 001620

Downloadable Format: DB 044769

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Smith, Chari R. Extraordinary Women from U.S. History: Readers Theatre for Grades 4-8. Portsmouth, NH: Teacher Ideas Press, 2003.

Includes scripts about famous women in history--many of whom have links to New York State--including Eleanor Roosevelt, Amelia Earhart, Susan B. Anthony, Nellie Bly, and Harriet Tubman. Can be performed or read.

NON-FICTION/DRAMA

Starmer, Aaron. The Riverman. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2014.

Alistair is a good kid growing up in Thassaly, New York in 1989. When his neighbor Fiona asks him to write her biography, things start getting strange. According to Fiona, there is an alternate universe in her basement and a creature there is stealing the souls of children.

FICTION

Stead, Rebecca. Goodbye Stranger. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2015.

As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvaceous Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend--or more than friend--Sherm, she finds the answer she has been seeking since she barely survived an accident at age eight: "What is my purpose?"

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2015)

Braille Format: BR020997

Downloadable Format: DB082093

Stead, Rebecca. Liar & Spy. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2012.

Seventh-grader Georges must adjust to moving from a house to an apartment in Brooklyn while his father attempts to start a new business and his mother takes on extra shifts as a nurse. On top of all this, he is picked on at school and confronted by a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 075502

Audio CD by Listening Library (2012)

Stead, Rebecca. When You Reach Me. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2009.

Set in New York City circa 1979, sixth grader Miranda begins to receive mysterious notes about the future; notes that are eerily reminiscent of her favorite novel *A Wrinkle in Time*.

*2010 Newbury Medal winner*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018568

Downloadable Format: DB 069837

Audio CD by Listening Library (2009)

Weitzman, David. Skywalkers: Mohawk Ironworkers Build the City. New York: Roaring Book Press, 2010.

Read about the "Cowboys of the Sky," the Mohawk ironworkers who risked death to construct some of the most famous bridges and buildings in the world, including the Empire State Building.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 072692

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Tween**

Wells, Marcia. Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery On Museum Mile. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014.

Sixth grader Edmund Xavier Lonnot, codename "Eddie Red," has a photographic memory and talent for drawing anything he sees. When the NYPD is stumped by a mastermind art thief, Eddie becomes their secret weapon to solve the case.

FICTION

Woodson, Jacqueline. Brown Girl Dreaming. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014.

This memoir-in-verse recounts the childhood of Brooklyn author Jacqueline Woodson and what it was like to grow up as an African-American girl during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s and 70s.

*2014 National Book Award, Young People's Literature Winner*

*2015 Coretta Scott King Author Winner*

*2015 Newbery Honor*

*2015 Robert F. Sibert Honor*

NON-FICTION

Audio available from Listening Library

Woodson, Jacqueline. If You Come Softly. New York: G.P. Putnam, 2010.

Two 15 year olds, Jeremiah (Miah) who is black, and Elisha (Ellie) who is white, meet during their first year at an exclusive New York prep school and fall in love. The teenagers must deal with the subtle and not-so-subtle bigotry that they are subjected to as a mixed-race couple.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 063810

Zullo, Allan. Heroes of 9/11. New York: Scholastic, 2015.

Ten stories of the first-responders who risked their lives on September 11, 2001.

NON-FICTION

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Teen and Up**



Alderson, Sarah. Out of Control. New York: Simon Pulse, 2015.

When Liva came to New York City, all she wanted was to escape the painful memories of her past and find a fresh start. But her hopes for a new future were dashed the moment she became the sole witness to a brutal murder.

FICTION

Anderson, Laurie Halse. The Impossible Knife of Memory. Viking Juvenile, 2014.

After five years on the road, Hayley and her father, an ex-soldier suffering from PTSD, try to make a new life in an upstate New York town. But will the past get in the way of their future?

*2014 SLJ Best Books: Young Adults*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020689

Audio available from Brilliance Audio.

Asbury, Herbert. The Gangs of New York: An Informal History of the Underworld. New York: Vintage Books, 2008.

True to the title, the book is a history of crime that permeated the underbelly of New York City and its boroughs in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Some of these gangs were so vicious they would post signs warning police to stay out of their neighborhoods -- or else!

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 055088

Aptowicz, Cristin O'Keefe. Words in Your Face: A Guided Tour through Twenty Years of the New York City Poetry Slam. NY: Soft Skull Press, 2008.

A history of the New York City Poetry Slam, a performance poetry competition where participants recite their own original work before a panel of five judges selected randomly from the audience.

NON-FICTION

Avi, and Brian Floca. City of Light, City of Dark: A Comic Book Novel. New York: Orchard Books, 1995.

Asterel races against time to locate a token which will prevent the Kurbs from freezing New York City.

GRAPHIC FICTION

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Teen and Up**

Barrett, Andrea. The Air We Breathe. New York: W.W. Norton, 2007.

In the fall of 1916, as U.S. involvement in WWI looms, the Adirondack town of Tamarack Lake houses a public sanitarium and private cure cottages for Tuberculosis patients. Gossip about roommate changes, nurse visits, cliques and romantic connections dominate relations among the sick—mostly poor European immigrants. The timely theme focuses on how the tragedy, betrayal and heartbreak of war extend far beyond the battlefield.

FICTION

Audio CD by AudioGO (2010)

Bartoletti, Susan. Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015.

In a riveting biography that reads like a crime novel, Sibert Medalist and Newbery-Honor winner Susan Campbell Bartoletti uncovers the true story of Mary Mallon, a.k.a. Typhoid Mary, one of the most notorious and misunderstood women in American history.

NON-FICTION

Audio available from Dreamscape Media

Bat-Ami, Miriam. Two Suns in the Sky. New York: Puffin Books, 2001.

In 1944, an Upstate New York teenager (setting is Oswego and the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter) named Christine meets and falls in love with Adam, a Yugoslavian Jew living in a refugee camp, despite their parents' conviction that they do not belong together.

*2000 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction*

*2000 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 050366

Bauer, Joan. Backwater. New York: Puffin, 2005.

When young Ivy begins to study her family's history, her discoveries rattle the other members of her New York State clan.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 012539

Bauer, Joan. Peeled. New York: Putnam, 2008.

In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 067296

Audiobook by Listening Library (2008)

Bausum, Ann. Stonewall: Breaking Out in the Fight for Gay Rights. New York: Viking Books for Young Readers, 2015.

In 1969, a police raid on a gay bar in a New York City neighborhood becomes a riot that ushers in a national gay rights movement in America.

NON-FICTION

Audio available from Listening Library

Braille Format: BR020927

Downloadable Format: DB081767

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Teen and Up**

Benway, Robin. Going Rogue. New York: Walker Books, 2014.

When Maggie Silver's parents are falsely accused of stealing priceless gold coins, she must use her safecracking skills to try to clear their names, with help from the "team" she has formed as an undercover operative in a New York City high school.

FICTION

Audio CD by Brilliance Audio (2014)

Bitton-Jackson, Livia. Hello, America: A Refugee's Journey from Auschwitz to the New World. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2005.

In the final book of the acclaimed trilogy that includes *I Have Lived a Thousand Years* and *My Bridges of Hope*, Elli and her mother leave war-ravaged Europe behind. Arriving in New York in 1951, they seek to preserve their Jewish heritage while embracing the freedom of the new city.

NON-FICTION

Blundell, Judy. Strings Attached. New York: Scholastic Press, 2011.

When she drops out of school and struggles to start a career on Broadway in the fall of 1950, seventeen-year-old Kit Corrigan accepts help from an old family friend, a lawyer said to have ties with the mob, who then asks her to do some favors for him.

*2015 YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074701

Audio CD by Scholastic Audio Books (2011)

Bock, Caroline. LIE. New York: St. Martin's Griffin, 2011.

Told in several voices, a group of Long Island high school seniors conspire to protect eighteen-year-old Jimmy after he brutally assaults two Salvadoran immigrants, until they begin to see the moral implications of Jimmy's actions and the consequences of being loyal to a violent bully.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB074436

Bogaert, Harmen Meyndertsz van den et al. Journey into Mohawk Country. New York: First Second, 2006.

This book is an illustrated version of the journal of a young Dutch trader, Harmen Meyndertsz van den Bogaert, who journeyed into the land of the Iroquois Indians in 1634, seeking to bolster the Dutch trade in what is now New York State.

GRAPHIC NON-FICTION

Brashares, Ann. The Here and Now. New York: Delacort Press, 2014.

Prenna arrives in New York from 80 years in the future, where a mosquito-borne illness has left the world in ruins. She and her fellow time travelers must follow strict rules to survive in the present day.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078901

Audio CD by Listening Library (2014)

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Teen and Up**

Bray, Libba. The Diviners. New York: Little Brown, 2012.

Evie O'Neill is sent from her small town in Ohio to live with her uncle in New York City. But there, the 17-year-old and her uncle get thrust into the investigation of numerous murders.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 075439

Audio book by Random House, Inc. (2012)

Brezenoff, Steve. Brooklyn, Burning. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2011.

Sixteen-year-old Kid, who lives on the streets of Brooklyn, loves Felix, a guitarist and junkie who disappears, leaving Kid the prime suspect in an arson investigation, but a year later Scout arrives, giving Kid a second chance to be in a band and find true love.

FICTION

Bronski, Peter. At the Mercy of the Mountains: True Stories of Survival and Tragedy in New York's Adirondacks. Guilford, CT: Lyons Press, 2008.

Recounts true stories of danger, survival, and tragedy in New York's Adirondacks Mountains.

NON-FICTION

Brown, Teri. Born of Illusion. New York : Balzer & Bray, 2013.

Set in 1920s New York City, this is the story of budding magician Anna Van Housen, who may or may not be the daughter of Harry Houdini. She has spent her whole life playing sidekick to her faux-medium mother and trying to hide the fact that she actually possesses the very abilities her mother lacks.

*2015 YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults*

FICTION

Bruchac, Joseph. Bowman's Store: A Journey to Myself. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2001.

Bruchac, now a well-known children's author and storyteller, relates his childhood and high school years spent living with his grandparents near Saratoga, NY, and his discovery of his Abenaki heritage, which he learns to honor.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 047175

Bryant, Howard. Legends: The Best Players, Games, and Teams in Baseball. New York: Philomel Books, 2015.

Bryant brings to life the best that baseball has to offer--the heroes, the bitter rivalries, the moments that every sports-loving kid should know.

NON-FICTION

Budhos, Marina Tamar. Ask Me No Questions. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006.

Fourteen-year-old Nadira, her sister, and their parents leave Bangladesh for New York City, but the expiration of their visas and the events of September 11, 2001, bring frustration, sorrow, and terror for the whole family.

*2007 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 062372

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Teen and Up**

Buckhanon, Kalisha. Upstate. New York: St. Martin's Griffin, 2006.

Antonio, initially a teen arrested for murder, and his sweetheart, Natasha, exchange a decade of correspondence. Both from tiny, dark apartments in Harlem, they are passionately in love, but destined to walk very different roads.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 016691

Carey, Anna. Deadfall. New York: HarperTeen, 2015.

The story of a girl, told in a second-person voice, desperate to escape her mysterious assailants and with no memory of her past, is forced to put her life in the hands of others in New York City. Sequel to Blackbird by Anna Carey.

FICTION

Audio available from Blackstone Audio

Carmon, Irin and Shana Knizhnik. Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. New York: Dey Street Books, 2015.

A creative and fascinating profile of the Supreme Court Justice who grew up in Brooklyn, went to Cornell and taught at Columbia.

NON-FICTION

Carter, Graydon and David Friend (Eds). Bohemians, Bootleggers, Flappers and Swells: The Best of Early Vanity Fair. Penguin Press: 2014.

*Vanity Fair* editor Graydon Carter introduces these fabulous pieces written between 1913 and 1936, when the magazine published a murderers' row of the world's leading literary lights. *Bohemians, Bootleggers, Flappers, and Swells* features great writers on great topics, including F. Scott Fitzgerald on what a magazine should be, Clarence Darrow on equality, D. H. Lawrence on women, e.e. cummings on Calvin Coolidge, John Maynard Keynes on the collapse in money value, Thomas Mann on how films move the human heart, Alexander Woollcott on Harpo Marx, Carl Sandburg on Charlie Chaplin, Djuna Barnes on James Joyce, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., on Joan Crawford, and Dorothy Parker on a host of topics ranging from why she hates actresses to why she hasn't married.

NON-FICTION

Cataneo, D. M. Eggplant Alley. Piermont, NH: Bunker Hill Publishing, 2013.

Living in the Bronx in 1970, thirteen-year-old Nicky must cope with personal and societal upheavals.

FICTION

Carvell, Marlene. Who Will Tell My Brother? New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2004.

During his lonely crusade to remove offensive mascots from his high school, a Native American teenager learns more about his heritage, his ancestors, and his place in the world.

FICTION

Capo, Fran. It Happened in New York City: Remarkable Events that Shaped History. Guilford, CT: Globe Pequot Press, 2010.

This book contains accounts of notable people and events in the history of New York City, including Jenny Lind's first concerts in 1850, the 1906 trial of Harry Thaw for the murder of architect Stanford White, and the demolition of Pennsylvania Station in 1963.

NON-FICTION

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Castle, Jennifer. [You Look Different in Real Life](#). New York: HarperTeen, 2013.  
Five kids in upstate New York have been the subject of documentaries recording their lives every five years. Now as teens, they spend a weekend together to try and figure out their lives.  
FICTION

Chartrand, Rene. [Ticonderoga 1758: Montcalms' Victory Against All Odds](#). Osprey Publishing, Ltd., 2000.  
In July 1758, the British launched an expedition against the French Fort of Carillon (Ticonderoga). Lord Howe, a popular British leader, was killed before the main battle began; the Black Watch regiments were decimated; the British retreated in near panic and the fort remained in the hands of the French.  
NON-FICTION

Clare, Cassandra. [The Bane Chronicles](#). New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2014.  
A collection of 11 short stories that illuminate the life of the enigmatic, flashy, and flamboyant High Warlock of Brooklyn, Magnus Bane, a character in The Mortal Instruments series.  
FICTION  
Audio available from Simon & Schuster Childrens

Cofer, Judith Ortiz. [Call Me María](#). New York: Orchard Books, 2004.  
Fifteen-year-old Maria leaves her mother and Puerto Rico to live in New York City with her father. There, though, she feels torn between two cultures. Can she learn to embrace life in the barrio?  
FICTION

Cohen-Solal, Annei, Paul Goldberger, and Robert Gottlieb. [New York Mid-Century, 1945-1965: Art, Architecture, Design, Dance, Theater, Nightlife](#). New York: Vendome Press, 2014.  
A sparkling account of Gotham at the moment it became the cultural center of the world.  
NON-FICTION

Cohn, Rachel and David Levithan. [Dash & Lily's Book of Dares](#). New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010.  
Lily has left a red notebook full of challenges on a New York City bookstore shelf. Dash finds it and the two begin a correspondence through the book, sharing dares and dreams. Will they ever connect in person? This is a Christmas love story about two teenagers, Dash and Lily, who connect in an unusual way and get to know each other before they ever meet face to face.  
FICTION

Colasanti, Susane. [City Love](#). New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2015.  
Told from alternating points of view, this is the story of three very different girls living together in New York City as they struggle to find the balance between their dreams, their pasts, and their complicated hearts.  
FICTION  
Audio available from Blackstone Audio  
Downloadable Format: DB082491

Cook, Kevin. [Kitty Genovese: the murder, the bystanders, the crime that changed America](#). New York : W.W. Norton & Company, 2014.  
Kevin Cook examines the truths and myths surrounding the life and death of Kitty Genovese, a native Brooklynite who was murdered in Kew Gardens in 1964.  
NON-FICTION  
Downloadable Format: DB 078440  
Downloadable Audio by Audible Inc. (2014)

**Explore New York: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read  
Teen and Up**

Cooney, Caroline B. Code Orange. New York: Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2005.

While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs. Has he infected himself and all of New York City?

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 017938

Downloadable Format: DB 066309

Cooper, James Fenimore. The Last of the Mohicans. New York: Signet Classics, 2005.

This exciting adventure story is set during the Seven Year's War fought between France and England in North America. Hawkeye and his American Indian companions become involved in the bloody war.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 004092

Downloadable Format: DB 019920

Audio CD by Brilliance (2005)

Cooper, James Fenimore. The Spy. CreateSpace, 2009.

Written in 1821, this historical novel is Cooper's paeon to the Revolutionary War Protagonist Harry Birch finds himself wrongly accused of selling vital information to the British.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 016416

Audio by Audible, Inc.

Crane, Stephen. Maggie, a Girl of the Streets, and Other Tales of New York. New York: Penguin Books, 2000.

This is a compilation of 13 stories set in New York in the late 1800s, including the story of Maggie, a girl of the tenements, whose life turns downward when she becomes involved with a boy named Pete.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 011578

Downloadable Format: DB 009418

Audio by Audible, Inc.

Cremer, Andrea R. The Inventor's Secret. New York: Philomel Books, 2014.

In an alternate nineteenth-century America that is still a colony of Britain's industrial empire, Charlotte and her fellow refugees' struggle to survive is interrupted by a newcomer with no memory, bearing secrets about a terrible future.

FICTION

Cremer, Andrea. Invisibility. New York: Philomel Books, 2013.

To break his curse of invisibility, a New York City boy is helped by a girl, newly arrived from the Midwest, who is the only one who can see him.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 076806

Cross, Julie. Halfway Perfect. Naperville, Ill.: Sourcebooks Fire, 2015.

Eve's time as a fashion model nearly destroyed her and now she is determined to build a career behind the camera after landing a photography internship in New York City, bringing her face to face with her dark past, her ex, and an up-and-coming male model named Alex who is falling for her.

FICTION

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Teen and Up**

Crowder, Melanie. Audacity. New York: Philomel Books, 2015.

A historical fiction novel in verse detailing the life of Clara Lemlich and her struggle for women's labor rights in the early 20th century in New York.

FICTION

Dabel, Jane I. A Respectable Woman: The Public Roles of African American Women in 19th-Century New York. New York University Press, 2008

In the nineteenth century, New York's free blacks were extremely politically active, lobbying for equal rights at home and an end to southern slavery. As their activism increased, so did discrimination against them. However, the struggle for civil rights did not extend to equal gender roles, and black male leaders encouraged women to remain in the domestic sphere, serving as caretakers, moral educators, and nurses to their families and community.

NON-FICTION

Davies, Jacqueline. Lost. New York: Marshall Cavendish, 2009.

In 1911 New York City, sixteen-year-old Essie Rosenfeld must stop taking care of her irrepressible six-year-old sister when she goes to work at the Triangle Shirt Waist Company, where she befriends a missing heiress who is in hiding from her family and who seems to understand the feelings of heartache and grief that Essie is trying desperately to escape.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018535

Downloadable Format: DB 069678

Dearstyne, Bruce W. The Spirit of New York: Defining Events in the Empire State's History. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2014.

Presents a history of New York in sixteen momentous events, from the launch of the state's government in April 1777 to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

NON-FICTION

Demas, Corinne. Everything I Was. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2011.

When Irene's father is "downsized," her family must move from New York City's Upper West Side to New York's upstate. But what Irene is sure will be the most disastrous summer in her life becomes the start of a wonderful new life.

FICTION

Donnelly, Jennifer. A Northern Light. New York: Graphia, 2004.

In 1906, 16-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiancé, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. This novel is based on a true story.

*2004 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 014850

Audio CD by Listening Library (2010)

Donnelly, Jennifer. These Shallow Graves. New York: Delacorte Press, 2015.

A young woman in nineteenth-century New York City must struggle against gender and class boundaries when her father is found dead of a supposed suicide. To uncover the truth she will have to decide how much she is willing to risk and lose.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB082687

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Teen and Up**

Duble, Kathleen Benner. Quest. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2008.

Relates the events of explorer Henry Hudson's final voyage from four points of view: that of his seventeen-year-old son aboard the ship, a younger son left in London, a crewmember, and a young English woman acting as a spy in Holland.

FICTION

Engel, Helen Butterfield and Marilyn J. Smiley. Remarkable Women in New York State History. Charleston, SC: History Press, 2013.

Members of the American Association of University Women in New York State have meticulously researched the lives and actions of some of New York's finest women.

NON-FICTION

Farnsworth, Cheri. Haunted Hudson Valley : Ghosts and Strange Phenomena of New York's Sleepy Hollow Country. Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 2010.

Contains accounts of paranormal activity in and around New York's Hudson River Valley, including hauntings, ghosts, and UFOs.

NON-FICTION

Finney, Jack. Time and Again. New York: Scribner Paperback, 1995.

This novel is about an experiment that causes 20th century illustrator Si Morley to step out of a Dakota apartment building into the streets of 1882 New York.

Downloadable Format: DB 023888

Fredericks, Mariah. The Girl in the Park. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2012.

When the body of Wendy Gellar is found in Central Park one Sunday morning, everyone is quick to blame Wendy's notorious partying habits. Everyone, that is, except her old friend, Rain, who takes it upon herself to find out what really led to the death of her friend.

FICTION

Friedman, Aimee. The Year My Sister Got Lucky. New York: Point, 2008

When Katie and Michaela Wilder move from New York City to upstate rural New York, Katie has a hard time fitting in – and getting accustomed to local culture, like friendly neighbors and cows that need to be milked. Michaela, though, becomes the town's social belle, loving her new life and her new country friends. Can they ever be as close as they once were?

FICTION

Gansworth, Eric. If I Ever Get Out of Here. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2013.

Set in 1975, this coming of age story explores the cross-cultural friendship of Lewis Blake, a Native American teen living on the Tuscarora Reservation in Western New York, and George Haddonfield, a military kid from a nearby Air Force base.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020296

Downloadable Format: DB 077429

Audio available from Listening Library.

Garcia, Kami. Dangerous Creatures. New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2014.

Siren Ridley and her rocker boyfriend Link move to New York City to make it big with their supernatural band mates in Sirensong, but Caster trouble follows them.

FICTION

Audio available from Little Brown & Co.

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George, Jessica Day. [Silver in the Blood](#). New York: Bloomsbury, 2015.

In 1897, 17-year-olds Dacia and Lou, New York socialites and cousins, visit their maternal homeland of Romania and learn the family secret--that they are shapeshifters, expected to take their rightful places and marry proper husbands.

FICTION

Gillies, Isabel. [Starry Night](#). New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2014.

Fifteen-year-old Wren and her three lifelong best friends are celebrating the opening of a major exhibit curated by her father at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, when Wren finds first love with her brother's new friend, Nolan. The relationship transforms her and her life.

FICTION

Godbersen, Anna. [The Luxe](#). New York: HarperCollins, 2008.

In Manhattan in 1899, five teens of different social classes lead dangerously scandalous lives, despite the strict rules of society and the best-laid plans of parents and others.

FICTION

Godbersen, Anna. [Bright Young Things](#). New York: Harper, 2010.

Letty, Astrid, and Cordelia must navigate the glamour, despairs, and scandals of life in New York City during the Roaring Twenties.

FICTION

Audio book by Harper Audio (2010)

Greene, Meg. [Elena Kagan](#). Santa Barbara, Calif.: Greenwood, 2014.

This biography of Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan covers her growing up in New York City to her roles at the White House and more.

NON-FICTION

Griffin, Adele. [The Unfinished Life of Addison Stone](#). New York: Soho Teen, 2014.

Eighteen year old Addison is already a huge superstar in New York City's competitive art world. And then she dies falling from a bridge. Was it an accident? Was it murder? Was it suicide? Everyone has an opinion – her family and friends, art dealers and gallery owners, psychiatrists and boyfriends. This illustrated novel is a compelling character portrait of mental illness and artistic talent told in the style of a mock biography.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB079877

Grimes, Nikki. [Bronx Masquerade](#). New York: Dial Books, 2002.

While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.

*2003 Coretta Scott King Author Award*

*2003 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 014623

Downloadable Format: DB 055776

Gruber, Ruth. [Haven: The Dramatic Story of 1,000 World War II Refugees and How They Came to America](#). New York: Three Rivers Press, 2000.

Gruber, a journalist during WWII, accompanied 1,000 refugees from Nazi-controlled Europe who came to Oswego, NY, as guests of the United States government.

NON-FICTION

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Hallenbeck, Bruce. Monsters of New York: Mysterious Creatures in the Empire State. Pennsylvania: Stackpole Books, 2013.

From the Adirondacks and the Catskills to the depths of Lake Champlain and the shores of Montauk, Monsters of New York takes the reader on a journey covering bizarre beasts of the Empire State.  
NON-FICTION

Haring Fabend, Firth. New Netherland in a Nutshell. United States: New Netherland Institute, 2012.  
The story of New Netherland is told in a highly readable fashion; from the exploration of Henry Hudson in 1609 to the final transfer of the Dutch colony to the English in 1674. The work introduces the multicultural makeup of the population and the influence of distinctive Dutch traits such as tolerance, free trade, and social mobility, all of which persisted long after New Netherland became New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and parts of Connecticut and Pennsylvania.  
NON-FICTION

Hauser, Brook. The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens. New York: Free Press, 2012

Freelance writer Hauser tracks the staff and students at the International High School at Prospect Heights in Brooklyn, N.Y., providing their personal histories as well as their day-to-day experiences.  
*2012 Alex Award*

FICTION  
Audio CD by Dreamscape Media (2011)

Hermes, Will. Love Goes to Buildings On Fire: Five Years in New York that Changed Music Forever. London: Faber and Faber, 2011.

Discusses the music scene in the 1970s and how it changed music for today.  
FICTION

Helprin, Mark. Winter's Tale. New York: Harvest Books, 2008.

This is a sweeping epic of New York City and the Hudson Valley covering the entire 20<sup>th</sup> century, and told through the story of Peter Lake, an orphan, burglar, mechanic and romantic hero. An unforgettable blend of history, realism and fantasy.

FICTION  
Downloadable Format: DB 020204  
Audio by BBC Audiobooks (2008) on Audible.

Hopkinson, Deborah. Shutting out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York, 1880-1915. New York: Orchard Books, 2003.

Photographs and text document the experiences of 5 individuals from Belarus, Italy, Lithuania, and Romania, who came to live in the Lower East Side of NYC as children or young adults at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

FICTION

House, Kirk W. The 1972 Flood in New York's Southern Tier. Mount Pleasant, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2012.

Presents vintage photographs, with explanatory captions, examining the history of the 1972 flood in New York's Southern Tier.

NON-FICTION

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Howard, J.J. Tracers. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2015.

Cam is a New York City bike messenger with no family or strings attached to anyone, but when he meets a mysterious stranger and is pulled into her dangerous world of parkour, he is torn between following his heart and sacrificing everything to pay off his debts.

FICTION

Howe, Katherine. The Appearance of Annie van Sinderen. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2015.

Aspiring NYU student filmmaker Wes Auckerman meets beautiful and otherworldly Annie while filming a séance in the East Village. Annie enlists Wes' help to find her a missing ring, which may hold the key to secrets from her past.

FICTION

Hughes, Langston. Vintage Hughes. New York: Vintage Books, 2004.

This compilation includes excerpts and poems from the work of Langston Hughes.

POETRY

Jacobson, Sidney, and Ernie Colón. The 9/11 Report. New York: Hill and Wang, 2006.

An illustrated version of the 9/11 Report based on the report issued by the Federal Government after 9/11.

GRAPHIC NON-FICTION

Jacobson, Sidney, and Ernie Colón. After 9/11: America's War on Terror (2001- ). New York: Hill and Wang, 2008.

A pair of best-selling graphic-novel artists explore the post-September 11 world in an illustrated work that depicts critical events, responses, and the consequences of the War on Terror.

GRAPHIC NON-FICTION

Jarrow, Gail. Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2015

Chronicles the story of the early 1900s typhoid fever epidemic in New York, providing details as to how its infamous carrier was ultimately tracked down and stopped.

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR020803

Downloadable Format: BR020803

Jensen, Cordelia. Skyscraping. New York: Philomel Books, 2015.

In 1993 in New York City, high school senior Mira uncovers many secrets, including that her father has a male lover.

FICTION

Jensen, Jeff. Before Tomorrowland. Los Angeles: Disney Press, 2015

The year is 1939. A secret society of extraordinary geniuses is about to share an incredible discovery with the world. But a misguided enemy--half man, half machine--will stop at nothing to prevent the group from giving this forbidden knowledge to humanity.

FICTION

Kazimiroff, Theodore. The Last Algonquin. Walker & Company; Reprint edition: 1997.

As recently as 1924, a lone Algonquin Indian lived quietly in Pelham Bay Park, a wild and isolated corner of New York City. Many years later, as an old man, he entrusted his legacy to the young Boy Scout who became his only friend, and here that young boy's son passes it on to us.

NON-FICTION

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Klass, David. Grandmaster. New York: Frances Foster Books, 2014.

Freshman Daniel is a pretty average rookie on a high-school chess team made up of mostly attractive overachievers. So, he's surprised to be invited to a father-son tournament, until he discovers that his father was a teenage grandmaster.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078852

Kwok, Jean. Girl in Translation. New York: Riverhead Books, 2010.

Kim Chang and her mother move to Brooklyn from Hong Kong after Kim's father dies. Kim goes to school during the day, and then joins her mother working in a sweatshop owned by her bitter older sister. Kim excels, winning a scholarship to a private school, and falls in love with a boy who also helps his mother fill the sweatshop quotas.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 073069

LaMarche, Una. Like No Other. New York: Razorbill, 2014.

Tough their relationship is strictly forbidden in their disparate Brooklyn neighborhoods, Devorah and Jax arrange secret meetings and risk everything to be together. But how far can they possibly go? Just how much are they willing to give up.

FICTION

Audio available from Listening Library.

Legrand, Claire. Winterspell. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2014.

To find her abducted father and keep her sister safe from the lecherous politicians of 1899 New York City, Clara must journey to the wintry kingdom of Cane, where Anise, queen of the faeries, has ousted the royal family in favor of her own totalitarian, anti-human regime.

FICTION

Levithan, David. The Lover's Dictionary. New York: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2011.

A modern love story told through a series of dictionary-style entries is a sequence of intimate windows into the large and small events that shape the course of a romantic relationship set in New York City.

*2012 Alex Award*

FICTION

Lewis, Stewart. You Have Seven Messages. New York: Delacourte Press, 2011.

Luna's mother died a year ago when she was hit by a car on the busy streets of New York City's East Village. Devastated by the sudden death of her mother, it takes Luna a full year to finally begin to clean out her mother's office. When she does, she finds seven voicemails on her mother's cell phone that reveal her mother's death was not what it originally seemed.

FICTION

Audio available from Audible, Inc.

Lyga, Barry. Blood of My Blood. New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2014

Jazz Dent, who has been shot and left to die in New York City; his girlfriend, Connie, who is in the clutches of Jazz's serial killer father, Billy; and his best friend, Howie, who is bleeding to death on the floor of Jazz's own home in tiny Lobo's Nod, must all rise above the horrors their lives have become and find a way to come together in pursuit of Billy.

FICTION

Audio available from Blackstone Audio

Downloadable Format: DB079590

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Lyga, Barry. Game. New York: Little, Brown, & Co., 2013.

After solving a deadly case in the small town of Lobo's Nod, Jazz, the son of history's most infamous serial murderer, travels to New York to help the police track down the Hat-Dog Killer.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: 076683

Manzano, Sonia. Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx. New York: Scholastic Press, 2015.

A memoir by the Emmy-award winning actress and writer who survived a difficult childhood to become Maria on Sesame Street. Set in the 1950s in the Bronx, this is the story of a girl with a dream. Spiced with culture, heartache, and humor, this memoir paints a lasting portrait of a girl's resilience as she grows up to become an inspiration to millions.

NON-FICTION

Audio available from Scholastic Audio Books

Manzano, Sonia. The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano. New York: Scholastic, 2012.

In New York City's Spanish Harlem in 1969, 14-year-old Evelyn is trying to spread her wings and break free from her conservative family. When her activist grandmother comes to stay, she finds life getting more complicated and dangerous.

*2013 Pura Belpré Award*

FICTION

Marshall, Paule. Brown Girl, Brownstones. Mineola: Dover Publications, Inc., 2009.

This book centers on the daughter of Barbadian immigrants living in Brooklyn during the Great Depression. Selina Boyce is caught in the middle of her parents' differing views of her future. Her mom wants Selina to get an American education, while her dad dreams of returning to Barbados. Along with her parental woes, the heroine must deal with the poverty and racism that surrounds her.

FICTION

McCann, Jim. Mind the Gap Volume 1: Intimate Strangers TP. City: Image Comics, 2012.

This graphic novel is a mystery taking place in New York City with a paranormal twist. Elle, in a spirit form detached from her comatose body, must not only unravel the mystery of her attacker's identity and motive, but her entire life as well. Who can she trust, in both this world and in the gap she exists in that lies between life and death?

GRAPHIC FICTION

McCreight, Kimberly. Reconstructing Amelia. New York: Harper Perennial, 2013.

In this mystery/thriller, Kate tries to prove that her 15-year-old daughter, Amelia, didn't jump from the roof of her prestigious Brooklyn private school. The story is told in alternating voices, Kate's and Amelia's, as well as through text messages, Facebook updates, and blog posts revealing that the teen was involved with a secret club.

*2013 SLJ Best Books Adult Books for Teens*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078077

McCulloch, Derek. Gone to Amerikay. New York: Vertigo, 2012

In this graphic novel, Ciara O'Dwyer is a young woman raising a daughter alone in the Five Points slums of 1870; Johnny McCormack is a struggling actor drawn to the nascent folk music movement in 1960 Greenwich Village; and Lewis Healy is a successful Irishman who's come to present-day Manhattan on his wife's anniversary-present promise to reveal a secret.

GRAPHIC FICTION

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Teen and Up**

Medina, Meg. Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass. Candlewick Press, 2014.

Piddy Sanchez's life is turned upside down when she finds out that Yaqui Delgado wants to kick her ass. While struggling to deal with the threat on her own, Piddy explores her identity, her culture, and the role of others in her life. A powerful story about bullying and resilience, set in a Queens school.

*2014 Pura Belpré Author Award Winner*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020400

Downloadable Format: DB 078106

Mercer, Paul and Vicki Weiss, for the Friends of the New York State Library. The New York State Capitol and the Great Fire of 1911. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2011.

In the early morning hours of March 29, 1911, a fire broke out in the New York State Capitol at Albany. Within the building lay the entire collection of the New York State Library, almost completely reduced to ashes. The authors have included recently discovered photographs documenting the original construction of the building, beginning in 1867, as well as eyewitness accounts of its destruction.

NON-FICTION

Miller, Barnabas. Rock God: The Legend of B.J. Levine. Naperville, Ill.: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2012.

After moving to New York City, 13-year-old B.J. Levine decides he's going to become the next big rock star, despite his lack of musical talent.

FICTION

Mlynowski, Sarah. Don't Even Think About It. New York: Delacorte Press, 2014

A group of Tribeca high school kids go in for flu shots ... and end up being able to read each others' minds.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB079140

Audio available from Listening Library

Monir, Alexandra. Timekeeper. New York: Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2013.

Philip Walker is a new student at Michele Windsor's high school and he seems to be the love she lost when they said goodbye during her time travels. He does not remember her or the Philip Walker of 1910. Michele must thwart her nemesis and deal with Philip's reappearance in this sequel to *Timeless*.

FICTION

Monir, Alexandra. Timeless. New York: Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2012.

When tragedy strikes Michele Windsor's world, she is forced to uproot her life and move across the country to New York City, to live with her wealthy, aristocratic grandparents. There, she discovers a diary that sends her back to the year 1910.

FICTION

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Teen and Up**

Montalvan, Luis Carlos with Bret Witter. Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him. New York: Hachette Books, 2011.

The story of how two wounded warriors, one soldier and one golden retriever, who had given so much and suffered the consequences, found salvation in each other. It is a story about war and peace, injury and recovery, psychological wounds and spiritual restoration. It is a story about the love between a man and a dog and how they healed each other's souls.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074020

Moriarty, Chris. The Watcher in the Shadows. Boston: Harcourt Children's Books, 2013.

In early 20th-century New York, as 13-year-old Sacha Kessler, the Inquisitor's apprentice, faces enemies old and new that threaten him and his family, he changes his mind about learning magic.

FICTION

Myers, Walter Dean. Darius & Twig. Kansas: Amistad Publishing, 2013.

Darius and Twig are an unlikely pair: Darius is a writer whose only escape is his alter ego, a peregrine falcon named Fury, and Twig is a middle-distance runner striving for athletic success. But they are drawn together in the struggle to overcome the obstacles that Harlem life throws at them.

*2014 Coretta Scott King Honor Book*

*2014 Notable Children's Book*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020371

Downloadable Format: DB 077864

Myers, Walter Dean. Game. New York: Harper Teen, 2008.

If Harlem high school senior Drew Lawson is going to realize his dream of playing college, then professional, basketball, he will have to improve at being coached and being a team player, especially after a new--white--student threatens to take the scouts' attention away from him.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018088

Downloadable Format: DB 067450

Myers, Walter Dean. Juba! New York: HarperTeen, 2015

In Five Points, New York, in the 1840s, African-American teenager William Henry "Juba" Lane works hard to achieve his dream of becoming a professional dancer but his real break comes when he is invited to perform in England. Based on the life of Master Juba; includes historical note.

FICTION

Audio available from Blackstone Audio

Myers, Walter Dean. Lockdown. HarperCollins, 2010.

Reese needs to stay on track to get early release from the Progress juvenile detention facility in the Bronx.

*2011 Coretta Scott King Author Honor*

*2015 YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Top Ten*

Downloadable Format: DB071823

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Teen and Up**

Myers, Walter Dean. 145<sup>th</sup> Street: Short Stories. New York: Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2000. Myers uses 10 short stories to create snapshots of a pulsing, vibrant community with diverse ethnic threads.

*2001 YALSA Best Books for Young Adults*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 013133

Downloadable Format: DB 065859

Nelson, VaundaMicheaux. No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Michaux, Harlem Bookseller. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Lab, 2012.

The owner of Harlem's National Memorial African Bookstore, Lewis Michaux, was passionate about knowledge. His bookstore became a legendary influence on people worldwide.

*2013 Coretta Scott King Honor*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 076556

Braille Format: BR 019995

Nevius, James. Footprints in New York: Tracing the Lives of Four Centuries of New Yorkers. Guilford, CT: Lyons Press, 2014.

Each chapter focuses on a distinct period in New York history, with emphasis on a particular personality, and is anchored by the experience of a personal walk by the author through that part of the city where the action took place.

NON-FICTION

Ockler, Sarah. Bittersweet. New York: Simon Pulse, 2014.

Hudson Avery gave up a promising career in figure skating after her parents divorced. Now she spends her time baking cupcakes and helping out in her mother's upstate New York diner, but when she gets a chance at a scholarship and starts coaching the boys' hockey team, she realizes that she is not through with skating after all.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074585

Audio CD by Listening Library (2014)

O'Connor, George. Journey into Mohawk Country. New York: First Second, 2006.

A graphic novel illustrated by George O'Connor. It is an illustrated version of the travels of a Dutch trader in early America based on Van den Bogaert's 1634 journal, *A Journey into Mohawk and Oneida Country*.

NON-FICTION

Older, Daniel Jose. Shadowshaper. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015.

When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on--then she discovers her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers and finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends.

FICTION

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Oliver, Lauren. Panic. New York: Harper, 2014.

In the poor town of Carp, New York, a group of teens enters a high-stakes game that involves a series of secretive, possibly deadly challenges throughout the summer, with the winner receiving more than \$50,000--enough money to start a new life.

FICTION

Audio available from Harper Audio

Downloadable Format: DB078376

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. The Dead and the Gone. New York: Graphia, 2010.

After a meteor hits the moon and sets off a series of horrific climate changes, seventeen-year-old Alex Morales must take care of his sisters alone in the chaos of New York City.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR018229

Downloadable Format: DB 068838

Audio CD by Listening Library (2010)

Preston, Caroline. The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt: A Novel in Pictures. New York: Ecco, 2011.

For her graduation from high school in 1920, Frankie Pratt receives a scrapbook and her father's old Corona typewriter. Through a kaleidoscopic array of vintage postcards, letters, magazine ads, ticket stubs, catalog pages, fabric swatches, candy wrappers, fashion spreads, menus, and more, we meet and follow Frankie on her journey in search of success and love.

*2012 Alex Award*

FICTION

Audio CD by Random House Audio (2011)

Quinonez, Ernesto. Bodega Dreams: A Novel. New York: Vintage Books, 2000.

The book features a cast of memorable characters, including dim-witted Neno, who can't complete a sentence without quoting a song lyric; the drug runner and possible hit man, Sapo, who would rather be flying a kite from the top of a tenement; and cameo appearances by real artists and poets. But at the heart of everything is Willie Bodega, a former Young Lord who has become the biggest drug lord of them all.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 053689

Audio Cassette by Recorded Books (2000) Spanish (2004)

Racculia, Kate. Bellweather Rhapsody. New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, 2014.

A high school music festival goes awry when a young prodigy disappears from the most infamous room in the Bellweather Hotel in a town in New York State.

*2015 Alex Award Winner*

Revai, Cheri. Haunted Northern New York: True, Chilling Tales of Ghosts in the North Country. Utica, NY: North Country Books, 2002.

This work presents a collection of ghostly stories and strange phenomena of Upstate New York, including haunted cemeteries, Ruby's castle in Watertown, and many more.

NON-FICTION

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Reynolds, Jason. The Boy in the Black Suit. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015. Soon after his mother's death, Matt takes a job at a funeral home in his tough Brooklyn neighborhood and, while attending and assisting with funerals, begins to accept her death and his responsibilities as a man.

*2016 Coretta Scott King Author Honor*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB081907

Reynolds, Jason. When I Was the Greatest. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2014. Ali lives in Bed-Stuy, a Brooklyn neighborhood known for guns and drugs, but he and his sister, Jazz, and their neighbors, Needles and Noodles, stay out of trouble until they go to the wrong party, where one gets badly hurt and another leaves with a target on his back.

*2015 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Winner*

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2014)

Rosoff, Meg. Picture Me Gone. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2013.

Mila travels with her father to upstate New York to visit friends and family, looking for clues to the whereabouts of her father's best friend, who has gone missing.

FICTION

Rostan, Andrew, Kate Kasenow, and Dave Valeza. An Elegy for Amelia Johnson. Los Angeles, Calif.; London: Archaia Entertainment; Diamond, 2010.

In her 30 years on earth, Amelia Johnson has touched many lives with her compassion, intelligence, and spirit. Now, at the end of a year-long battle with cancer, she asks her two closest friends to take her final messages to the people around New York State who have touched her life the most.

GRAPHIC FICTION

Rifka Brunt, Carol. Tell the Wolves I'm Home. New York: The Dial Press, 2012.

This book takes place in 1987 New York, following fourteen-year-old June Elbus and her uncle, the renowned painter Finn Weiss. June can only be herself in Finn's company; he is her godfather, confidant, and best friend. So when he dies of a mysterious illness, June's world is turned upside down.

2013 Alex Award

FICTION

Rudetsky, Seth. Seth's Broadway Diary, Volume 1. New York: Dress Circle Publishing: 2014.

Seth Rudetsky has worked as the music director and/or pianist for some of Broadway's biggest stars. He spent years as a pianist on Broadway playing such shows as *Les Miz*, *The Producers* and *Ragtime* and currently divides his time between being the afternoon deejay on the SiriusXM Broadway channel/host of "Seth Speaks" and touring North America doing his show *Deconstructing Broadway*.

NON-FICTION

Sabar, Ariel. Heart of the City: Nine Stories of Love and Serendipity on the Streets of New York. Da Capo Press, 2011.

Nine real-life stories about couples who met in some of New York City's iconic locations. Postscripts at the end of the book relate how the relationships turned out.

NON-FICTION

Audio available from Blackstone Audio (2011) on Audible.

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Santiago, Esmeralda. When I Was Puerto Rican. Cambridge: Da Capo Press, 2006.

The author recalls the hardships and joys of her life with humor and poignancy, from her childhood in Puerto Rico to her move to a very different life in Brooklyn, and, finally, to her admission to the High School of Performing Arts.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 038181, In Spanish: DB 040892

Scott, Kieran. What Waits in the Woods. New York: Point, 2015.

A hiking trip in the woods in upstate New York is out of the comfort zone for Callie Velasquez: She wants to bond with her new friends Lissa and Penelope, not to mention her new boyfriend, Jeremy. However, nothing could have prepared her for the true human darkness that waits for her in the wood.

FICTION

Sedgwick, Marcus. She Is Not Invisible. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2014.

A blind London teenager and her younger brother travel to New York to find their missing father, using clues from his notebook.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 079575

Serle, Rebecca. The Edge of Falling. New York: Simon Pulse, 2014.

Caggie's life of privilege in Manhattan seems perfect, but she blames herself for her younger sister's death and doesn't want to be known as a hero when she saves a classmate from suicide. A new friend, though, causes her to reexamine her past.

FICTION

Sheldon, Dyan. Sophie Pitt-Turnbull Discovers America. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2005.

While spending the summer in Brooklyn with her mother's former schoolmate, Sophie, a sheltered English teenager, makes new and unlikely friends and finds a new side to her formerly "dull and passive" personality.

FICTION

Shorto, Russell. Island at the Center of the World. United Kingdom: Vintage, 2005.

This fascinating and very readable history of Manhattan draws on 17th-century Dutch records that were recently translated by scholar Charles Gehring. Shorto brings to exuberant life the human drama behind the story of the colony's founding in 1623.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 058272

Silver, Charlotte. The Summer Invitation. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2014.

When Franny and Valentine are asked to spend a summer with their aunt Theodora in New York City, they unearth secrets about Aunt Theo's romantic past and have a few romantic adventures of their own.

FICTION

Slouka, Mark. Brewster. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2013.

Teenagers Jon and Ray dream of escaping from their dysfunctional and even dangerous parents in their rural New York town in this novel set in 1969. Themes of friendship and violence reflect the tensions of the Vietnam War.

*2014 Alex Award*

*2013 SLJ Best Books Adult Books for Teens*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 077306

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Teen and Up**

Smith, Jennifer E. The Geography of You and Me. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 2014.

Lucy Patterson and Owen Buckley meet on a stuck elevator during a New York City blackout. As their lives diverge, Lucy and Owen stay in touch and try to find a way to reunite.

FICTION

Stanton, Brandon. Humans of New York. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2013.

Brandon Stanton set out on an ambitious project: to single-handedly create a photographic census of New York City. Armed with his camera, he began crisscrossing the city, covering thousands of miles on foot, all in his attempt to capture ordinary New Yorkers in the most extraordinary of moments.

*2016 Alex Award Winner*

NON-FICTION

Staub, Wendy Corsi. Lily Dale: Awakening. New York: Walker, 2007.

When seventeen-year-old Calla's mother suddenly dies, she goes to stay with her psychic grandmother in Lily Dale, a spiritualist community in western New York, where she discovers some disconcerting secrets about her practical, down-to-earth mother, and realizes that she herself may also have some psychic abilities.

FICTION

Sugg, Zoe. Girl Online. New York: Keywords Press, 2014.

Under the alias GirlOnline, Penny blogs about school dramas, boys, her mad, whirlwind family--and the panic attacks she's suffered from lately. When things go from bad to worse, her family whisks her away to New York, where she meets the gorgeous, guitar-strumming Noah. Suddenly Penny is falling in love--and capturing every moment of it on her blog.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB081046

Swendson, Shanna. Rebel Mechanics: All Is Fair in Love and Revolution. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2015.

In 1888 New York City, governess Verity Newton agrees to become a spy, whatever the risk, after learning that the man for whom she has feelings sympathizes with rebels developing non-magical sources of power, via steam engines, in hopes of gaining freedom from British rule.

FICTION

Swerling, Beverly. City of Dreams: A Novel of Nieuw Amsterdam and Early Manhattan. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2002

In 1661, a brother and sister stagger off a small wooden ship after eleven perilous weeks at sea to seek a new life in the Dutch settlement of Nieuw Amsterdam. Bound to each other by blood and necessity, these gifted healers become deadly enemies as betrayal and murder enter their lives. Their descendents -- dedicated physicians and surgeons, pirates and whoremasters -- will shape the future of medicine and the growing city.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 064726

Audio Cassette by Audio Literature (2001)

Swett, Benjamin. New York: City of Trees. New York: The Quantuck Lane Press, 2013.

Collecting personal narratives, historical observations and color photographs, the former director of the Parks in Print program at the New York City Parks Department focuses on great trees, from all five boroughs, that have stories to tell as witnesses to the city's past.

NON-FICTION

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Teen and Up**

Thoms, Annie. With Their Eyes: The View From a High School At Ground Zero. Harper Collins: 2011. In response to September 11, the students of New York City's Stuyvesant High School, which is located just blocks from Ground Zero, staged a powerful theatrical event. Inspired by Anna Deavere Smith's interview-based monologue performances, the students talked with peers, faculty, and others in their community about personal responses to the tragedy. Based on the transcripts of those conversations, the students created the monologues that are collected here with photographs of the performers, as well as excellent introductions by Smith and Thoms, the teacher who initiated the project.

NON-FICTION

Trigiani, Adriana. The Shoemaker's Wife. New York: Harper Paperbacks, 2012.

Enza and Ciro meet at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as teens in the Italian Alps. Through unfortunate circumstances, both are forced to immigrate to America, and they find each other again in New York City. A wonderful depiction of the immigrant experience and of New York City during the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074522

Audio available through Harper Audio/Audible.

Vega, Danielle. Survive the Night. New York: Razorbill, 2015.

Fresh out of rehab for oxycodone addiction, Casey and some of her friends attend an all-night rave called Survive the Night in the New York City subway, and find themselves fighting for their lives because drugs are not the only danger here--something is using the rave to attract victims, and some of them will not be coming back.

FICTION

Vlahos, Len. The Scar Boys. New York: Egmont, 2014.

Harry Jones was horribly disfigured in a childhood accident and despite years of therapy, he has never been able to move beyond his scarred appearance until he plays with The Scar Boys, a punk rock band. *2015 William C Morris Award finalist*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078957

Audio CD by Listening Library (2014)

Waid, Mark, and Paul Azaceta. Potter's Field. Los Angeles: Boom! Studios, 2011.

A mysterious man sets out on a mission to name the unnamed dead in New York City's Potter's Field cemetery.

GRAPHIC FICTION

Weeks, Sarah. As Simple as It Seems. New York: Laura Geringer Books, 2010.

Eleven-year-old Verbena Polter gets through a difficult summer of turbulent emotions and the revelation of a disturbing family secret with an odd new friend she meets in her small Catskill town, who believes she is the ghost of a girl who drowned many years before.

FICTION

Audiobook CD by Random House (2011)

Weil, Cynthia. I'm Glad I Did. New York: Soho Teen, 2015.

It's 1963 in New York City and sixteen-year-old JJ Green defies her parents by getting a summer job at the Brill Building, the musical epicenter for rock and roll. While writing music and trying to get one of her songs recorded, JJ must contend with a murder and a romance.

FICTION

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Weitz, Chris. The Young World. New York: Little Brown & Co., 2014.

Jefferson, with his childhood friend Donna, leads a tribe of teenagers in New York City on a dangerous quest to find an antidote for a mysterious illness that wiped out all adults and children.

FICTION

Audio available from Hatchette Audio

Westerfeld, Scott. Afterworlds. New York: Simon Pulse, 2014.

In alternating chapters, 18-year-old Darcy Patel navigates the New York City publishing world and Lizzie, the heroine of Darcy's novel, slips into the "Afterworld" to survive a terrorist attack and becomes a spirit guide, as both face many challenges and both fall in love.

FICTION

Audio available from Simon & Schuster Audio

Braille Format: BR020538

Downloadable Format: DB079849

White, E.B. Here is New York. New York, Little Bookroom, 2000.

Originally published in 1948, E.B. White's stroll around Manhattan remains the quintessential love letter to the city, written by one of America's foremost literary figures. The New York Times calls this one of the ten best books ever written about New York City.

NON-FICTION

Wilson, Daniel H.. Robocalypse: A Novel. New York: Doubleday, 2011.

Two decades into the future, humans are battling for their very survival when a powerful AI computer goes rogue, and all the machines on earth rebel against their human controllers.

*2012 Alex Award*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074340

Audio CD by Random House Audio (2011)

Winn, Christopher. I Never Knew That About New York. New York: Plume, 2014.

A collection of interesting facts and trivia about New York City, with walking tours.

NON-FICTION

Audio by Audible

Wiseman, Eva. The World Outside. Toronto: Tundra Books, 2014.

Chanie Altman, an Orthodox Jew in Brooklyn, is expected to live by many rules, but she dreams of becoming an opera singer (a forbidden profession). When a tragedy disrupts the life she has always known, she has to make a choice.

FICTION

Wood, Brian, and Riccardo Burchielli. DMZ. New York: Vertigo, 2006.

DMZ presents the adventures of aspiring photojournalist Matty Roth. Roth lands his dream job following a veteran war correspondent who is covering the second American civil war, and the two journey into Manhattan, the heart of the DMZ.

GRAPHIC FICTION

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Wood, Brian, and Ryan Kelly. Local. Portland, OR: Oni, 2008.

Local is a collection of twelve interconnected short stories, each featuring Megan McKeenan, a young woman who sets out from Portland, Oregon, with a rucksack and a bad case of wanderlust. This graphic novel is set in twelve real life cities, including New York.

GRAPHIC FICTION

Wood, Brian, Ryan Kelly, and Jared K Fletcher. The New York Four. New York: Minx, 2008.

Just starting her freshman year at NYU, Riley is about to find out what an adventure-- and a mystery-- living in New York City can be. The ultimate insider's guide to NYC is seen through the eyes of Brooklyn-born Riley.

GRAPHIC FICTION

Woodson, Jacqueline. After Tupac & D Foster. New York: Speak, 2010.

In 1996 in Queens, two girls become friends through the music of Tupac Shakur; the music continues to touch their lives as they deal with their families and their futures.

*2009 Newbery Honor*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018562

Downloadable Format: DB 066700

Audio CD by Brilliance (2009)

Wright, Bil. Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2011.

Sixteen-year-old Carlos Duarte is on the verge of realizing his dream of becoming a famous make-up artist, but first he must face his jealous boss at a Macy's cosmetics counter, his sister's abusive boyfriend, and his crush on a punk-rocker classmate.

*2012 Stonewall Book Award*

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074464

Yolen, Jane. Briar Rose. Tor Books, 1992.

A deathbed promise to her grandmother takes Rebecca on a journey to discover the truth behind the woman's claim that she is Briar Rose. A chilling variation on the Sleeping Beauty fairy tale set in multiple locations, including Oswego, New York, which once served as a haven for Holocaust survivors.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 037340

Ziegelman, Jane. 97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families in One New York Tenement. New York: HarperCollins, 2010.

Writing about food, Ziegelman relates the stories of five immigrant families who lived at 97 Orchard between 1863 and 1935. The book includes 40 recipes. 97 Orchard currently houses the Tenement Museum in New York City.

NON-FICTION