

Best Books of 2009

Preschool /Primary Titles

- Aylesworth, Jim *The Mitten* 978-0439925440
A retelling of the traditional tale of how a boy's lost mitten becomes a refuge from the cold for an increasing number of animals.
- Bland, Nick *The Very Cranky Bear* 978-0545989985
The Very Cranky Bear is a funny picture book with rhyming text and humorous illustrations. When I read the book, the kids are focused on what's going to happen next.
- Davis, Jacqueline *The Great Census Shenanigans of 1790: Tricking the Tallyman* 978-0375839092
This is great read aloud for primary grade children. This a funny story about a small town in the year 1790, when the first census was to be taken in the United States. Afraid that they will be charged more taxes and more boys will be taken as soldiers, the town of Tunbridge does NOT want to be counted until they find out that is not what the government wants at all!
- Emberley, Ed *Chicken Little* 978-1596434646
- Floca, Brian *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11* 978-1416950462
Simply told, grandly shown, here is the flight of Apollo 11. Here for a new generation of readers and explorers are the steady astronauts, clicking themselves into gloves and helmets, strapping themselves into sideways seats. Here are their great machines in all their detail and monumentality, the ROAR of rockets, and the silence of the Moon. Here is a story of adventure and discovery -- a story of leaving and returning during the summer of 1969, and a story of home, seen whole, from far away.
- Garland, Michael *Miss Smith and the Haunted Library* 978-0525421399
Very Colorful, enjoying books, and show children using the Public Library.
- Hasler, Eveline *In My Dreams I Can Fly* 978-0735822597
This is a story of 5 wintering insects and how spring brings transformation. It is fun for read-a-loud but the details in the illustrations are great to share with kids one on one.
- Hershenhorn, Esther *S is for Story: A Writer's Alphabet* 978-1585364398
Utilizes the alphabet to explain and examine the techniques, tools, and strategies of those who wish to live a literary life, covering writing terms and topics such as genre and story elements, with quotes from famous authors.
- Johnston, Tony *My Abuelita* 978-0152163303
I love the artwork and the message
- MacLachlan, Patricia *Once I Ate a Pie* 978-0060735319
Even if you are not a dog lover you will love the poems and illustrations in this book. A must for your personal collection!

- McCarty, Peter *Jeremy Draws a Monster* 978-0805069341
- Pinkney, Jerry *The Lion & the Mouse* 978-0316013567 (2)
 This retelling of one of Aesop's fables can be considered a moral tale of the meek and the mighty or a friendship story. It is also one more Pinkney title filled with his fabulous illustrations. You do not need words to tell this story, the pictures do it all. In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.
- Pym, Tasha *Have You Ever Seen a Sneep?* 978-0374328689
 Rhyming asks the reader if certain unusual – and unpleasant—creatures live nearby.
- Ransom, Jeanie Franz *What Really Happened to Humpty Dumpty?* 978-1580891097
 Humpty Dumpty's brother is looking into his fall off the wall. Joe is a "hard-boiled detective" and thinks Humpty was pushed. Many Mother Goose characters are cleverly used in the story. Wonderful story and art work!
- Rash, Andy *Are You a Horse?* 978-0439724173
 It is cowboy Roy's birthday and his friends have given him a wonderful present – a saddle! His gift comes with instructions: 1. Find a horse. 2. Enjoy the ride. Finding a horse is somewhat of a challenge for Roy who has no idea what a horse is. But this cowboy's silly hunt is sure to be a delight!!!
- Rosenthal, Amy *Duck! Rabbit!* 978-0822571353
 Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a duck or a rabbit.
- Sakai, Komako *The Snow Day* 978-0545013215
 A little rabbit enjoys having a day off from kindergarten and spending time with his mother during a snowstorm, but his father's flight home is cancelled until the snow stops falling.
- Scieszka, Jon *Truckery Rhymes* 978-1416941354
 From "Rock-A-Bye Mixer" to "Peter, Peter, Payload Eater" to "Pop! Goes the Diesel", all the classic rhymes are here for your little truck enthusiast.
- Tafari, Nancy *The Big Storm: A Very Soggy Counting Book* 978-1416967958
 In this wonderful picture book, the storm approaches and the animals scurry for cover. Counting as the animals go in the cane and counting as the animals come out! What makes them come out?
- Thomas, Jan *Rhyming Dust Bunnies* 978-1416979760 (2)
 Three dust bunnies rhyme all the time. The fourth dust bunny just doesn't get it. Eventually they all understand what Bob (the fourth bunny) has been trying to say.
- Willems, Mo *Elephants Cannot Dance!* 978-1423114109
 I read this book to my Story Time group. They loved it!! They were all laughing and talking about the animals dancing. They could not wait to see how the book ended.

Intermediate Titles

- Baskin, Nora Raleigh *Anything but Typical* 978-1416963783
"Most people like to talk in their own language" begins 12 year old Jason Blake. But Jason, who is diagnosed with autism, challenges himself to tell his story in "our" language –the language of the neurotypical. His story is that of a gifted writer who can express himself through the written word. But when Jason tries to communicate through speech - his differentness gets in the way. In the online world, Jason 's writing attracts another young author who becomes his first real friend. But what will happen if he meets her in the real world?
- Beha, Eileen *Tango, The Tale of an Island Dog* 978-1599902623
Lost at sea while sailing with his wealthy owners, a Yorkshire terrier washes up, nearly dead, in a village on Prince Edward Island where he is nursed back to health by a lonely widow and is befriended by a fox and an abandoned waif who is also struggling to find a home for herself somewhere.
- Bryant, Jane *Kaleidoscope Eyes* 978-0375840487
Thirteen year old Lyza inherits a map and does research and lots of digging to solve a mystery and uncover the buried treasure. Inspired by a true story and set in 1968 during the Viet Nam War.
- Carmichael, Clay *Wild Things (2)* 978-1590786277
- Choldenko, Gennifer *Al Capone Shines My Shoes* 978-0803734609
Moose and the cons are about to get a lot closer in this much-anticipated sequel. It's 1935. Moose Flanagan lives on Alcatraz with his family, the other families of the guards, and a few hundred no-name hit men, con men, mad dog murderers and a handful of bank robbers too. And one of those cons has just done him a big favor. You see, Moose has never met Al Capone, but a few weeks ago Moose wrote a letter to him asking him to use his influence to get his sister, Natalie, into a school she desperately needs in San Francisco. After Natalie got accepted, a note appeared in Moose's freshly laundered shirt that said: Done. As this book begins, Moose discovers a new note. This one says: Your turn. Is it really from Capone? What does it mean? Moose can't risk anything that might get his dad fired. But how can he ignore Al Capone?
- Creech, Sharon *The Unfinished Angel* 978-0061430954
In a tiny village in the Swiss Alps, an angel meets an American girl named Zola who has come with her father to open a school, and together Zola and the angel rescue a group of homeless orphans, who gradually change everything.
- Delaney, Joseph *Clash of the Demons: Last Apprentice Series* 978-0061344626
This is a scary addition to this popular series.
- DiCamillo, Kate *The Magician's Elephant* 978-0763644109
It is a charming and entertaining book. The pictures throughout the book add an extra element.
- Hahn, Mary Downing *Closed for the Season* 978-0547084510
Exciting, making friends, and working together.

- Kelly, Jacqueline *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* 978-0805088410 (2)
Two damaged people come together and find a place to heal.
- Lin, Grace *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* 978-0316114271
In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author, I. B. Grumpy, gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.
- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds *Faith, Hope and Ivy June* 978-0385736152
During a student exchange program, seventh-graders Ivy June and Catherine share their lives, homes, and communities, and find that although their lifestyles are total opposites they have a lot in common.
- Peck, Richard *A Season of Gifts* 978-0803730823 (3)
In this book, Peck's character of Grandma Dowdel is back with another adventure. In this one in the 1950s, a new preacher has come to town and his son meets their neighbor, Mrs. Dowdel in an unusual way. After that, he learns more than he wants to about this town and Mrs. Dowdel-- in a humorous way. This book relates the surprising gifts bestowed on twelve-year-old Bob Barnhart and his family, who have recently moved to a small Illinois town in 1958, by their larger-than-life neighbor, Mrs. Dowdel. Grandma Dowdel is back, though she's known as Mrs. Dowdel to her new neighbors, the Barnharts. Each of her neighbors experiences Mrs. Dowdel's unique brand of "kindness."
- Riodan, Rick *Last Olympian* 978-1423101475
A great ending for a great series!
- Seagraves, Donny Bailey *Gone from These Woods* 978-0385736299
This is the tragic story of 11 year old, Danny Sartain. Danny's favorite uncle, Clay, not much older than a boy himself, calls Danny, "D-Man". Clay is determined to teach Danny how to hunt small game. Early one morning as the two go into the woods to shoot rabbits, the unthinkable happens. Deep down Danny does not want to shoot animals, but to please his uncle he makes an attempt, accidentally discharging the gun and killing his uncle. The story deals with loss, guilt and finally acceptance, not only for Danny but for Danny's parents. Very moving and thought-provoking.
- Snyder, Zilpha Keatley *William S. and the Great Escape* 978-1416967637
In 1938, twelve-year-old William has already decided to leave home when his younger sister informs him that she and their younger brother and sister are going too.
- Stead, Rebecca *When You Reach Me* 978-0385737425
A different type of time travel story and development of friendships. Intriguing idea and a bit difficult to follow at first, but worth the wait.

Young Adult

- Anderson, Laurie *Wintergirls* 978-0670011100
Lia and Cassie have been best friends since elementary school, and even developed a competition out of their own versions of eating disorders as they got older. At eighteen, they are no longer friends, and after calling Lia 33 times in one night, Cassie dies. Lia struggles to accept the guilt and shame she feels with Cassie's death, while hiding her descent back into anorexia and cutting.

Black, Holly & Cecil Castellucci, editors *Geektastic: Stories from the Nerd Herd*
978-0316008099

Theater nerds, Trekkies, band geeks and outcasts, unite! Some of the biggest names in YA literature come together for a short story collection that highlights the many different levels of geekdom. Klingons fall in love with Jedis, a cheerleader learns the difference between Middle Earth and Starfleet Academy, online personalities must meet their flesh and blood creators and lots more. YA superstars Holly Black, John Green, Cassandra Clare, Scott Westerfeld and David Levithan are just a few of the many talented writers contributing stories with artists Hope Larson and Bryan Lee O'Malley alternating comic shorts in between. This collection is a great way to dive into some of the best writers working in the genre.

Brown, Jennifer *Hate List* 978-0316041447

Chmakova, Svetlana *Nightschool (The Wein books Vol 1)* 978-0759528598

This American-made manga is a great book for teens who love manga and those who have never tried it but are looking for sharp funny supernatural teen fantasy.

Clement-Moore, Rosemary *Highway to Hell (Maggie Quinn Girl vs. Evil series)*
978-0385734639

I am a big fan of this series because it will appeal to a wide variety of teens. Maggie Quinn has psychic abilities, but she is still just learning how to use them. She often encounters demons and other supernatural beings and she tries to figure out how to banish them from earth. In the previous books the demons showed up at the prom and in a sorority house. This time they show up in a small ranch town in Texas in the form of demon chupacabras. Now it's up to Maggie and her best friend Lisa-(who does wiccan-like spells) to help this town.

Collins, Suzanne *Catching Fire, book 2: The Hunger Games Trilogy* (9)
978-0439023498

By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion. Second in the Hunger Games Trilogy, and it was just as good as the first one. By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion. Second title in The Hunger Games trilogy - By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion. By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion. (Titlewave) A sequel to the popular Hunger Games novel (2008) this novel offers readers action, romance and tumultuous thrills. It's written to stand on its own accord but readers won't want to miss the action and excitement of the first novel. (d.leahy) Book two of the Hunger Games trilogy was even better than the first! A little fantasy, sci-fi, adventure and romance all in one book. It was flying off my shelf! By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta

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Cooney, Caroline B. *If the Witness Lied* 978-0385734486
Torn apart by tragedies and the publicity they brought, siblings Smithy, Jack and Madison, aged fourteen to sixteen, tap into their parent's courage to pull together and protect their brother Tris, nearly three, from further media exploitation and a much more sinister threat.

Dowd, Siobhan *Solace of the Road* 978-0375849718
Holly is sick of everything: group homes, foster homes, social workers, you name it. She decides it's time to hit the road and find her real mother. The last Holly knew her mother was on her way back to Ireland, and that's where Holly is headed. Holly also decides it's time for a new identity, and so Solace is born. But does Solace know where she's going any more than Holly does? Holly is sick of everything: group homes, foster homes, social workers, you name it. She decides it's time to hit the road and find her real mother. The last Holly knew her mother was on her way back to Ireland, and that's where Holly is headed. Holly also decides it's time for a new identity, and so Solace is born. But does Solace know where she's going any more than Holly does?

Fitzpatrick, Becca *Hush, Hush* 978-1416989417
High school sophomore Nora has always been very cautious in her relationships, but when Patch, who has a dark side she can sense, enrolls at her school, she is mysteriously drawn to him despite people's warnings and her own instincts.

Garcia, Kami & Margaret Stohl *Beautiful Creatures* 978-0316042673
A teenage boy who is "normal" meets his the girl of his dreams--literally. Ethan Wate has been having very strange very realistic dreams about a girl who just happens to move into town and lives with the town's Boo Radley. Ethan and Wate are star crossed lovers who seem destined to live out history. This is a well written, fast paced novel in the Twilight tradition.

George, Jessica Day *Princess of the Midnight Ball* 978-1599903224
This is a wonderful retelling of the Brothers Grimm tale about the Twelve Dancing Princesses. Fans of fairy tales, wholesome romance, and knitting will enjoy this story. The hero's knitting patterns are included.

Hopkins, Ellen *Tricks* 978-1416950073
Collects five stories about three girls and two boys who question how they feel about themselves while learning about love and sexuality.

Korman, Gordon *Pop* 978-0061742286
Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

- Magoon, Kekla *The Rock and the River* 978-1416975823
 In 1968 Chicago, 14 year old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.
- McCormick, Patricia *Purple Heart* 978-0061730900
 A dynamic and richly told story of the real world of war.
- Murdock, Catherine Gilbert *Front and Center* 978-0618959822
 This is the last book in the Dairy Queen trilogy. It is a realistic story about a high school girl dealing with school, boys and the future.
- Pierce, Tamara *Bloodhound (Legend of Becca Cooper Book 2)* 978-0375814693
 This is the second book in this trilogy. Most of the patrons who read this book have told me exactly when the next one comes out. This is a book about teen police in a medieval fantasy setting. It has its own lingo.
- Ryan, Carrie *The Forest of Hands and Teeth* 978-0385736817
 Mary dreams of a world outside her fenced in village. When the village is attacked, Mary and her friends must learn to survive the post-apocalyptic world of Zombies.
- Scott, Elizabeth *Love You, Hate You, Miss You* 978-0061122835
 Tall, awkward Amy feels unloved by her parents, who are too smitten with each other to pay her any attention. Along with her beautiful, fearless, and free-spirited friend Julia, Amy turns to drinking and casual sex to feel loved. After a devastating car crash leaves Julia dead and Amy only slightly injured, Amy goes into rehab. There, a therapist gives her a journal, which Amy uses to write letters to Julia, each dated with the number of days after Julia's death. Amy recognizes the privileges of her upper-middle-class life, and both mocks and indulges her angst.
- Shusterman, Neal *Unwind* 978-1416912057
 Parents may choose to give the futuristic government their children for multiple reasons. One reason may be because the teen is unruly and lacks any desire of changing. The government "unwinds" these "donations" and gives their body parts to needy citizens so parents never feel as though their child is truly "dead." He lives on instead in others. Our main character finds out he's about to be unwound and makes an attempt as escape.
- Westerfeld, Scott *Laviathan* 978-1416971733
- Yancey, Rick *The Monstrumologist* 978-1416984481
 The year is 1888, and 12 year old Will Henry has a pretty unique job: he is the assistant to a monstrumologist, a doctor who researches monsters. One night, a late night visitor brings a gruesome discovery: the body of an Anthropophagi, one of the world's most savage and mysterious creatures. When they decide to track the monsters, the things they must do (and the things that they discover) are horrific and mind blowing – trips to insane asylums and graveyards, devoured bodies and vicious creatures. Gory and full of suspense, it's a book for teens who love scary stories with lots of blood and guts.

Zarr, Sara *Once was Lost* 978-0316036047
As the tragedy of a missing girl unfolds in her small town, fifteen-year-old Samara, who feels emotionally abandoned by her parents, begins to question her faith.

Zink, Michelle *Prophecy of the Sisters* 978-0316027427
An ancient prophecy divides two sisters-One good...One evil...Who will prevail? Twin sisters Lia and Alice Milthorpe have just become orphans. They have also become enemies. As they discover their roles in a prophecy that has turned generations of sisters against each other, the girls find themselves entangled in a mystery that involves a tattoo-like mark, their parents' deaths, a boy, a book, and a lifetime of secrets. Lia and Alice don't know whom they can trust. They just know they can't trust each other.

Non-Fiction

Barlow, Melissa *Easy Christmas Cut-up Cakes for Kids* Gr 1+ 9781423605171
This is a wonderful cookbook for children. Box cakes are used. There are easy directions and great examples. Many of the cakes use candy to decorate. The finished cake looks professional, but is really easy to do. It was a hit at book-talks!

Bishop, Nic *Nic Bishops Butterflies and Moths* K/2 978-0439877572 (2)
Outstanding pictures and great facts!

Brennan-Nelson, Denise *J is for Jack O'Lantern* PreK/ 8
978-1585364435
I love this series! This title has poetry and pictures and along the sides of the pages it has more information about the subjects.

Cassion, Mark *The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder* PreK/ Gr. 2
9780811868662
Simple text and illustrations show how snow crystals form and also the different kinds of crystals. Amazing photos of snow crystals appear throughout the book.

Cullen, Dave *Columbine* HS/Adult 9780446546935 (2)
You may think you know all there is to know about Columbine but you'd be wrong. It is amazing how much misinformation became accepted as fact. Riveting. This generation's In Cold Blood.

Deedy, Carmen Agra *14 Cows for America* Gr 2/5 978-1561454907
This book is an illustrated tale of a gift of fourteen cows given by the Maasai people of Kenya to the U.S. as a gesture of comfort and friendship in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Dennis, Brain (Major: Larson, Kirby; Mary *Nubs: the true story of a mutt, a marine and a miracle* Gr. 2/5 9780316053181
On the borders of Iraq, a stray dog was struggling to survive. He looked for help from the United States Marines stationed there. Named Nubs because of his stubby, damaged ears, this lonely dog forged a close friendship with Brian, one of the Marines stationed at the border fort. Marines are not allowed to have pets, so when Brian was transferred 70 miles away, Nubs was left behind. This is the amazing story of Nubs' journey to find Brian and a home.

Fleming, Candace *The Great and Only Barnum* Jrhigh/up 978-0375841972
Candace does it again! The book is so thorough on the life of P.T. Barnum that one would think that she interviewed him herself. It is a highly entertaining book. Candace is a talented biographer.

Heiligman, Deborah *Charles and Emma: the Darwins Leap of Faith* Gr 8/up
978-0805087215
Charles Darwin did have another side that we didn't often see.

Hoose, Phillip *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* Gr. 5/up
9780374313227 (3)
Colvin's memories of fighting for civil rights in the 1950s--including refusing to give up her bus seat as a teenager in Montgomery, Ala. (before Rosa Parks)--make for a searing true-life story of courage. In March of 1955, in segregated Montgomery, Alabama, Claudette Colvin decided not to give up her seat to a white woman on a bus. She was arrested and taken to jail, and later declared guilty for what she had done. Instead of supporting her, most of Colvin's classmates shunned and gossiped about her, and Colvin began to wonder if she'd sacrificed everything by not giving up her seat that day. When almost a year later Rosa Parks made the same decision as Colvin and chose not to give up her bus seat, the revolution Colvin had started became a full blown boycott. On March 2, 1955, an impassioned teenager, fed up with the daily injustices of Jim Crow segregation, refused to give her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Instead of being celebrated as Rosa Parks would be just nine months later, fifteen-year-old Claudette Colvin found herself shunned by her classmates and dismissed by community leaders. Undaunted, a year later she dared to challenge segregation again as a key plaintiff in *Browder v. Gayle*, the landmark case that struck down the segregation laws of Montgomery and swept away the legal underpinnings of the Jim Crow South.

Jurmain, Suzanne *The Secret of the Yellow Death* Gr. 5/up 978-0618965816
In 1899 - 1900 four American Army doctors are sent to Cuba to unlock the mystery of what causes yellow fever.

Koontz, Dean *Christmas is Good: Trixie's Guide to a Happy Holiday* All ages
9781401322946
Christmas is from the point of view of Trixie, the dog. "Secretly squirm under Christmas dinner table. Pass gas. Everyone will blame Grandpa." "Frosty the Snowman is not jolly soul. Is foul-tempered grump intoxicated with celebrity." Bought this by mistake didn't know where or if it should be added to library collection...passed around to dog loving staff who all love it.

Lewis, J. Patrick *Spot the Plot: A Riddle Book of Book Riddles* Age 9/12
9780811846684
Thirteen witty and wacky poems pose riddles that challenge readers to 'Name That Book.' With a glass slipper here and a spiderweb there, Lynn Munsinger's adorable illustrations lead young readers to the solutions. From Goodnight Moon to Madeline, children and parents alike will delight in recognizing their most cherished stories.

Metselaar, Menno *Anne Frank: Her Life in Words and Pictures from the Archives of the Anne Frank House* 5/up 9781596435469
First published by the Anne Frank House under the title *The Story of Anne Frank*, the book immediately immerses readers in the girl's life via a series of family photographs, many previously unpublished. Divided chronologically, the accompanying text is enhanced by diary entries, resulting in a historically succinct yet descriptive presentation, even for those who have yet to read her actual diary.

Mortenson, Greg *Listen to the Wind: Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea* Age 4/8
9780803730588
This books tells the story of Three Cups of Tea to younger children.

Swanson, James L. *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* (3) Gr. 5/12 978-0-439-90354-7
Swan recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him. Another great read about our famous 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. Well, it's less about Lincoln, and more about his killer, the infamous John Wilkes Booth. Booth was a star in his day, having been in many big stage productions. He was a name well known throughout the east coast and especially in Washington D.C. Swanson, the author, tells his story in a very readable fashion. It explains why Booth did it, and follows him and his co-conspirators try to escape the lawmen and army hunting them.

Turner, Tracey *World of the Weird* 9/12 978-1554074815
I love browsing this one. I find something cool every time I pick it up.

Walker, Sally *Written in Bone: Buried Lies of Jamestown & Colonial Maryland* 5+
978-0822571353 (2)
Receiving many starred reviews, this amazing book shows readers how much information can be learned about a person's life just from their bones! This is a fascinating look at current forensic science, and American history.

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Tri-Township Public Library
Johnsburg CUSD #12
Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library
Joliet Central High School
Oswego Public Library
Rock Island Public Library
Timber Ridge Middle School/Plainfield Dist. 202
Homer Township Public Library
Reed-Custer High School
Fairview Heights Public Library
St. Charles Public Library
Community High School
Messenger Public Library
Mill Creek Elementary School/Geneva 304
McCarty Elementary School
Roselle Middle School/ Roselle District #12
Palos South/ District 118
Grissom Middle School/ Kirby S.D. 140
Brookfield Public Library
District 230
Hinsdale South High School
Seneca Grade School District #170
Gardner South Wilmington High School
Rock Island Public Library
Des Plaines Valley Public Library District
Ella Johnson Memorial Library
Scott County Library
District 308
Stevens Middle School
Bruning School