

Advanced Readers

Grades 6-8, Ages 11-14

After Ever After

Jordan Sonnenblick. Scholastic.

Jeffrey and his best friend, Tad, are in eighth grade and dealing with common adolescent issues such as school and girls. What makes these boys unique is that they are both cancer survivors.

Bamboo People

Mitali Perkins. Charlesbridge.

Set in modern day Burma amidst civil and military unrest, this coming-of-age novel tells the story of two boys whose unexpected encounter challenges their loyalties and courage.

FDR's Alphabet Soup: New Deal America, 1932-1939

Tonya Bolden. Knopf.

Filled with primary source material, this reference book reveals an insider's look at Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his plan to bring the United States out of the Great Depression.

Forge

Laurie Halse Anderson. Atheneum.

The sequel to *Chains*, this historical novel of the Revolutionary War follows Curzon to Valley Forge. Graphic details reveal the hardships faced by soldiers.

Henry Aaron's Dream

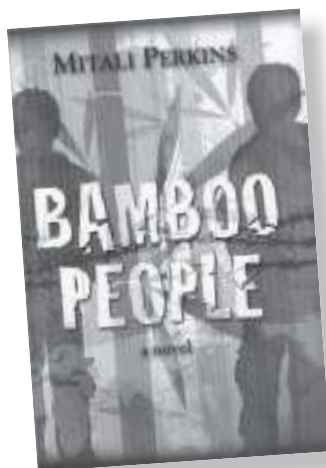
Matt Tavares. Candlewick.

Lavish illustrations accompany this biography of baseball legend, Hank Aaron, from his days of playing sandlot ball to the Negro Leagues to the Atlanta Braves.

Lafayette and the American Revolution

Russell Freedman. Holiday House.

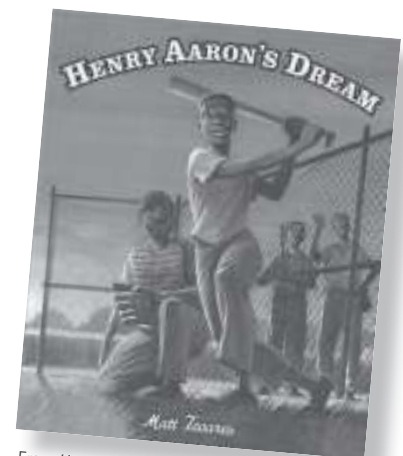
The Marquis de Lafayette was just 19 years old when he defied his family and the king of France to come to the United States to join the patriots.



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Palace Beautiful

Sarah DeFord Williams. Putnam.

Two sisters and their new friend learn about the influenza epidemic of 1918 after they find a diary written by a girl who experienced it firsthand.

The Red Umbrella

Christina Diaz Gonzalez. Random House.

Fourteen-year-old Lucia and her younger brother are sent to Nebraska when their parents fear they are in danger in their native Cuba, shortly after Fidel Castro has come into power.

Shooting Kabul

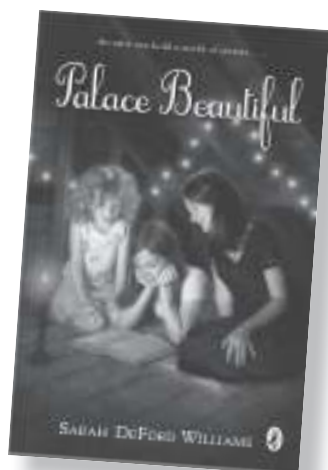
N.H. Senzai. Simon & Schuster.

Fadi's family flees to California from Taliban-ruled Afghanistan just prior to the September 11th attacks in New York City. Fadi must adapt to his new home and find a way to return to Afghanistan to retrieve his sister, who was accidentally left behind.

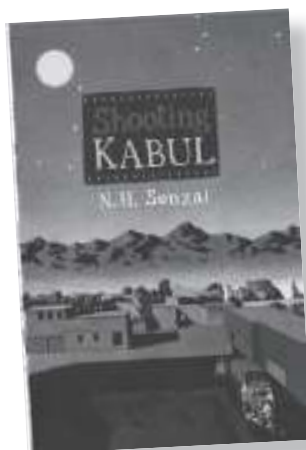
Woods Runner

Gary Paulsen. Random House.

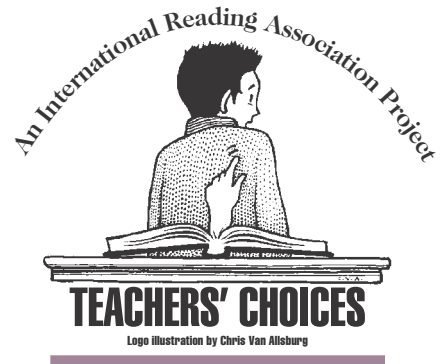
The horrors of the Revolutionary War are seen through the eyes of 13-year-old Samuel, who must rescue his parents after they are kidnapped by British soldiers and Iroquois Indians.



From *Palace Beautiful* by Sarah DeFord Williams. Putnam.



From *Shooting Kabul* by N.H. Senzai. Simon & Schuster.



Teachers' Choices 2011 Reading List

Primary Readers: Grades K-2, Ages 5-8

Back of the Bus. Aaron Reynolds. Ill. Floyd Cooper. Philomel.

The Brothers Kennedy: John, Robert, Edward. Kathleen Krull. Ill. Amy June Bates. Simon & Schuster.

Chalk. Bill Thomson. Marshall Cavendish Children's.

The Falling Raindrop. Neil Johnson and Joel Chin. Tricycle.

How Rocket Learned to Read. Tad Hills. Schwartz & Wade.

Lily's Victory Garden. Helen L. Wilbur. Ill. Robert Gantt Steele. Sleeping Bear.

Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't). Barbara Bottner. Ill. Michael Emberley. Knopf.

My Brother Charlie. Holly Robinson Peete and Ryan Elizabeth Peete. Ill. Shane W. Evans. Scholastic.

Seed Soil Sun. Cris Peterson. Photog. David R. Lundquist. Boyds Mills.

The Tooth Fairy Meets El Ratón Pérez. René Colato Laínez. Ill. Tom Lintern. Tricycle.

Intermediate Readers: Grades 3-5, Ages 8-11

Bag in the Wind. Ted Kooser. Ill. Barry Root. Candlewick.

The Buffalo Are Back. Jean Craighead George. Ill. Wendell Minor. Dutton Children's.

Mockingbird. Kathryn Erskine. Philomel.

Muddy as a Duck Puddle and Other American Similes. Laurie Lawlor. Ill. Ethan Long. Holiday House.

Out of My Mind. Sharon M. Draper. Simon & Schuster.

Stand Straight, Ella Kate. Kate Klise. Ill. M. Sarah Klise. Dial.

Survival at 40 Below. Debbie S. Miller. Ill. Jon Van Zyle. Walker & Company.

Turtle in Paradise. Jennifer L. Holm.
Random House.

*Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's
Survivors.* Joyce Sidman. Ill. Beckie
Prange. Houghton Mifflin.

*World War II: Fighting for Freedom,
1939–1945: The Story of the Conflict
That Changed the World.* Peter Chrisp.
Scholastic.

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