



Some great recent publications from our shelves

Angleberger, Tom. Darth Paper strikes back : an Origami Yoda book. 159p.



Harvey, upset when his Darth Paper finger puppet brings humiliation, gets Dwight suspended, but Origami Yoda asks Tommy and Kellan, now in seventh grade, to make a new case file to persuade the School Board to reinstate Dwight. Age Level: **8 and up** | Grade Level: **3 and up**

Leal, Ann Haywood. Also known as Harper. 246p.



Writing poetry helps fifth-grader Harper Lee Morgan cope with her father's absence, being evicted, and having to skip school to care for her brother while their mother works, and things look even brighter after she befriends a mute girl and a kindly disabled woman. Age Level: **10 and up** | Grade Level: **5 and up**

Birney, Betty G. Summer according to Humphrey. 184p.



When summer arrives, Humphrey, the pet hamster of Longfellow School's Room 26, is surprised and pleased to learn that he will be going to Camp Happy Hollow. Age Level: **8 and up** | Grade Level: **3 and up**

Erskine, Kathryn. Mockingbird. 235p.



MSBA Nominee 2011-12. Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father. Age Level: **10 and up** | Grade Level: **5 and up**

Holm, Jennifer. The Trouble with May Amelia. 204p.



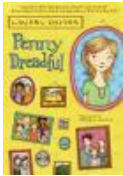
Sequel to: Our only May Amelia. Living with seven brothers and her father, who thinks girls are useless, a thirteen-year-old Finnish American farm girl is determined to prove her worth when an enterprising gentleman tries to purchase their cash-strapped family settlement in Washington State in 1900. Age Level: **9 and up** | Grade Level: **4 and up**

Scieszka, Jon. Spaceheadz. Book #1! 163p.



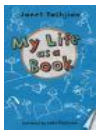
Maine Student Book Award 2011-12. On his first day at Brooklyn's P.S. 858, fifth-grader Michael K. is teamed with two very strange students, and while he gradually comes to believe they are aliens who need his help, he has trouble convincing anyone else of the truth. Age Level: **7 and up**

Snyder, Laurel. Penny Dreadful. 304p.



MSBA Nominee 2011-12. When her father suddenly quits his job, the almost-ten-year-old, friendless Penny and her neglectful parents leave their privileged life in the city for a ramshackle property in the eccentric town of Thrush Junction, Tennessee. Age Level: **8 and up** | Grade Level: **3 and up**

Tashjian, Janet. My life as a book. 211p.



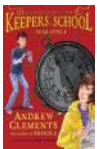
MSBA Nominee 2011-12. Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, twelve-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list. Age Level: **9 and up**

Tashjian, Janet, with cartoons by Jake Tashjian.. My life as a stuntboy. 256p.



Twelve-year-old Derek Fallon has the opportunity of a lifetime--to perform stunts in a movie featuring a popular child star--but complications arise involving his best friend, a capuchin monkey, and Derek's chronic inability to concentrate on schoolwork. Age Level: **9 and up**

Clements, Andrew. Fear itself. 204p.



As the new Keepers of the School, sixth-graders Ben and Jill must decipher a handful of clues written as maritime riddles to save their school from demolition by a greedy company. Age Level: **7 and up** | Series: **Benjamin Pratt and the Keepers of the School (Book 2)**

Vail, Rachel. Justin Case: school, drool, and other daily disasters. 245p.



Things aren't going well as Justin starts third grade: he didn't get the teacher he wanted, he's not in the same class as his best friend, and his little sister, Elizabeth, is starting kindergarten at his school, all issues providing him with many things to worry about. Age Level: **7 and up** | Grade Level: **2 and up**

Kessler, Liz. Emily Windsnap and the siren's secret. 288 p.



When Neptune tells Emily and her merman father and human mother to return to Brightport to try to make merpeople and humans work more closely together, Emily faces problems with old enemies, her new, half-merfolk friend Aaron, and a mystery related to a group of legendary lost sirens. **Grade 4-6**

Malone, Marianne. The sixty-eight rooms. 274 p.



MSBA Nominee 2011-12. Ruthie and Jack discover a magic key during a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago that allows them to explore the secrets of the institute. Age Level: **8 and up** | Grade Level: **3 and up**

Malone, Marianne. Stealing magic : a sixty-eight rooms adventure. 247 p.



Sequel to: The sixty-eight rooms. Chicago sixth-graders Jack and Ruthie return to the Thorne Rooms at the Art Institute of Chicago and once again go back in time while trying to stop an art thief from endangering the miniature rooms. Age Level: **8 and up** | Grade Level: **3 and up**

Williams-Garcia, Rita. One crazy summer. 218 p.



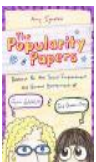
In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp. Age Level: 9 and up | Grade Level: **4 and up**

Hatke, Ben. Zita the spacegirl. Graphic novel 182 p.



When young Zita discovers a device that opens a portal to another place, and her best friend is abducted, she sets out on a journey from star to star to go back home. Age Level: **8 and up** | Grade Level: **3 and up** | Series: **Zita the Spacegirl (Book 1)**

Ignatow, Amy. The Popularity Papers Research for the social improvement and general betterment of Lydia Goldblatt & Julie Graham-Chang. Book 1 204 p.



MSBA Nominee 2011-12. Two best friends embark on a project to study the behavior and taste of the popular girls at their elementary school so that by the time they get to middle school they too will be in the right crowd. Novel appears in the form of a scrapbook. Age Level: **9 and up** | Grade Level: **4 and up**

Preus, Margi. Heart of a samurai : based on the true story of Manjiro Nakahama. 301 p.

Maine Student Book Award 2011-12. "A novel inspired by a true adventure on the high seas." --from cover. In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro, who dreams of becoming a samurai, learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States. Age Level: **10 and up** | Grade Level: **5 and up**

Montgomery, R.A. Lost on the Amazon. 115 p.



Choose your own adventure series is back in print! Here's one of the popular titles from the reissue edition. Age Level: **9 and up** | Grade Level: **4 and up**

Mass, Wendy. The candymakers. 453 p.



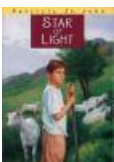
When four twelve-year-olds, including Logan, who has grown up never leaving his parents' Life Is Sweet candy factory, compete in the Confectionary Association's annual contest, they unexpectedly become friends and uncover secrets about themselves during the process. Grade Level: **3 and up**

Morris, Gerald. The adventures of Sir Gawain the True. 118 p.



Relates the adventures of Sir Gawain, the only undefeated knight in King Arthur's court, who eventually learns the value of friendship, courtliness, and courtesy after a challenge from the Green Knight. Age Level: **6 and up** | Grade Level: **1 and up** | Series: **The Knights' Tales Series (Book 3)**

St. John, Patricia Mary. Star of light. 160p.



In a mountain village in Morocco, an Englishwoman transforms the lives of her visiting niece, a blind baby girl, and an eleven-year-old boy through her work as a missionary nurse. Age Level: **9 and up** | Grade Level: **4 and up**

St. John, Patricia Mary. The secret of Pheasant Cottage. 130 p.



Raised by her grandparents, 12-year-old Lucy starts a search for her father that takes her from a prison in England to the Mediterranean coast of Spain. Age Level: **9 and up** | Grade Level: **4 and up**

Irvine, Alexander. The adventures of Tintin : a novel. 227 p.



Based on the screenplay by Steven Moffat and Edgar Wright & Joe Cornish." "Based on The Adventures of Tintin series by Hergé." Grade Level: **3 and up** | Series: **Movie Tie-In**



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