**A Feast of New Literature for Teens – OASL 2015
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APPETIZER - Fantasy

Tahir, Sabaa. ***An Ember in the Ashes***. Razorbill, 2015. 446p. $19.95. ISBN: 978-1-595-14803-2. Gr 9 and up. Starred in PW. *In this richly imagined fantasy, Laia belongs to the lower class of Scholars in the Martial Empire. She witnesses a Mask slaughter her grandparents and take her brother prisoner, and so resolves to join the Resistance to rescue her brother by joining the household of the Commandant as a slave. There. She meets Elias, a Mask, and they plot to find freedom, but at what price?*

Peet, Mal. ***The Murdstone Trilogy***. Candlewick, 2015. 320p. $18.99 ISBN: 978-0-7636-8184-5. Published for adults in the UK. Starred in Booklist and PW. *How hard can it be to write a best-selling fantasy series? YA author Philip Murdstone makes a Faustian arrangement with an otherworldly ghost writer to please his ruthless (and beautiful) agent. Sadly, the author’s last book.*

Boecker, Virginia. ***Witch Hunter***. Little Brown, 2015. 368p. $18. ISBN: 978-0-316-32700-8. Gr 8 and up. Starred in PW. From the Publisher: *"Your greatest enemy isn't what you fight, but what you fear." Elizabeth Grey is one of the king's best witch hunters, devoted to rooting out witchcraft and doling out justice. But when she's accused of being a witch herself, Elizabeth is arrested and sentenced to burn at the stake.*

Black, Holly. ***The Darkest Part of the Forest***. Little Brown, 2015. 336p. $18. ISBN: 978-0-316-21307-3. Gr 8 and up. CD edition starred in SLJ. *Hazel and Ben, residents of Fairfold, a borderland with the faire-folk, have both been in love with the fairy prince in the glass casket in the woods. When he breaks free of his confinement, each will do what they can to keep him safe from the rest of the fey court.*

Hepperman, Christine. ***Poisoned Apples*** : ***Poems for You, My Pretty***. Greenwillow Books, 2014. 114p. $17.99. ISBN: 987-0-06-228957-5. Gr 8 and up. Starred in Booklist, Kirkus, PW, HB, BCCB. *Fifty poems with fairy tale roots, written for today’s older teen girls. Accompanied by black and white photographs created for the poems .*

Maas, Sarah J. ***A Court of Thorns and Roses***. Bloomsbury, 2015. 416p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-1-61963-444-2. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Booklist. *Feyre has killed a wolf in the woods and sold the pelt to feed her family, not realizing the wolf was a High Fae. She is taken into the magical land of Prythian by the High Lord Tamlin, with whom she falls in love. Full of adventure, violence, twists( and some luscious sex!).*

Carson, Rae. ***Walk on Earth a Stranger***. Greenwillow Books, 2015. 448p. $17.99 ISBN: 978-0-06-224291-4. Gr. 7 and up. Starred in Booklist and PW. Publisher: *A young woman with the magical ability to sense the presence of gold must flee her home, taking her on a sweeping and dangerous journey across Gold Rush era America.*

Hodge, Rosamund. ***Crimson Bound***. Balzer + Bray, 2015. 441p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-06-222476-7. Grade 8 and up, Starred in BCCB, SLJ. From the author of *Cruel Beauty* (2014). *Rachelle Brinon strays off the path in the forest, is marked as a bloodbound and must kill or die in agony. Thus begins her journey as a protector of the King of Gevaudan and her relationship with Armand, his son. Together, they seek to save the kingdom from the Devourer. Seattle author.*

Gaiman, Neil, illustrated by Chris Riddell. ***The Sleeper and the Spindle***. HarperCollins, 2015. 64p. $19.99. ISBN: 978-0-06-239824-6. Gr 7 and up. Starred in PW and SLJ. Catalog description: *On the eve of her wedding, a young queen sets out to rescue a princess from an enchantment. She casts aside her fine wedding clothes, takes her chain mail and her sword and follows her brave dwarf retainers into the tunnels under the mountain towards the sleeping kingdom.*

INSALATA: One Step Beyond

Suma, Nova Ren. ***The Walls Around Us***. Algonquin, 2015. 323p. $17.95. ISBN: 978-1-61620-372-6. Gr 9 and up. Starred in BCCB, Booklist, HB, Kirkus, SLJ. *Orianna and Violet are gifted ballerinas and best friends. When Violet is found murdered, Ori is accused of the crime and sent to a juvenile detention center. There, she is roommates with Amber, who pushes the library cart, and the secrets about the facility and their respective crimes are revealed. Filled with magical realism, there is a macabre twist in this story that will linger.*

Smith, Andrew. ***The Alex Crow***. Dutton, 2015. 317p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-0-525-42653-0. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Booklist, Kirkus, PW, BCCB. *Three narrative voices tell this funny, bizarre, raunchy, and at times heartbreaking tale. Ariel is a refugee from a war torn country who comes to live with the Burgess family in Sunday, West Virginia. He and his adopted brother, Max, are sent to summer camp for abusers of technology, despite their relative normalcy.*

Brooks, Kevin. ***The Bunker Diary***. Carolrhoda Lab, 2015. 260p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-1-4677-5420-0. Gr 10 and up. Winner of the Carnegie Medal, starred in Booklist, SLJ, Kirkus. *Sixteen-year-old Linus has run away from home. When he stops to help a blind man, he is chloroformed, kidnapped, and awakes in an underground bunker. One by one, the five other rooms in the bunker are filled with others, including eight-year-old Jenny. Not for the squeamish.*

Ruby, Laura. ***Bone Gap***. Balzer and Bray, 2015. 345p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-06-231760-5. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Booklist, PW, Kirkus. *Sean and Finn O’Sullivan live in the small town of Bone Gap, where unusual things happen. When the boys find a mysterious young woman hiding in their barn, they take her in and protect her. When she later disappears, it is Finn who finds the courage to slip through the gap and rescue her.*

Lake, Nick. ***There Will Be Lies***. Bloomsbury, 2015. 454p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-1-61963-440-4. Gr 9 and up. Starred in SLJ. *Shelby, age 17, has been homeschooled by her overly protective mother and is only allowed to go to the library on Fridays. While she is waiting for her cab home, she is hit by a car and her isolated world begins to unravel.*

Brockenbrough, Martha. ***The Game of Love and Death***. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015. 329p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-545-66834-7. Gr 9 and up. Starred in PW, Booklist, BCCB. *Set in Seattle in 1937. Flora Saudade, is a young African American woman who pilots a staggerwing Beechcraft by day and sings jazz in a nightclub at night. She meets Henry Bishop, a talented bass player, who is white. Unbeknownst to the erstwhile lovers, one of them has been chosen by Love and one by Death in a game they have played for centuries. Will Love finally win the game?*

**Nonfiction Intermission:**

Grove, Tim. ***First Flight Around the World: the Adventures of the American Fliers Who Won the Race.*** Abrams, 2015. Published in conjunction with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. 88p. $21.95. ISBN: 978-1-4197-1482-5. Gr 5-8. Starred in BCCB. *In 1924, four open-cockpit aircraft, each with a pilot and a mechanic, left Seattle and flew westward to circumnavigate the globe. Taking 150 days and flying 26,345 miles, these eight courageous young men endured unbelievable hardships and danger to accomplish this amazing feat. Filled with original photographs, excerpts from journals of the pilots and eyewitness accounts.*

NEXT MEAL?: Futures

Cass, Kiera.  ***The Heir***.  Harper Teen, 2015. 368p. $18.99.  ISBN: 978-0-06-234985-9. Gr 8 and up. *The daughter of Lady America and King Maxon is asked to go through her own Selection.*

Lyga, Barry and Robert DeFranco. ***After the Red Rain.*** Little Brown, 2015. 400p. $18. ISBN: 978-0-316-40603-1.Gr. 8 and up. Publisher: *On the ruined planet Earth, where 50 billion people are confined to megacities and resources are scarce, Deedra has been handed a bleak and mundane existence by the Magistrate she works so hard for. But one day she comes across a beautiful boy named Rose struggling to cross the river--a boy with a secretive past and special abilities, who is somehow able to find comfort and life from their dying planet.*

Silvera, Adam.  ***More Happy Than Not***.  SoHo Teen, 2015.  295p. $18.99.  ISBN: 978-1-616-95560-1. Gr 9 and up. Booklist, Kirkus, PW, SLJ starred. *Trying to forget his father’s suicide, his own suicide attempt, and his romantic interest in Thomas, a boy from a neighboring project, a Bronx teen turns to the Leteo Institute to erase his troubles.*

Westerfeld, Scott. ***Zeroes***, with Margo Lanagan and Deborah Biancotti. Simon Pulse, 2015. 560p. $19.99. ISBN: 978-1-481-44336-4. Gr 8 and up. SLJ starred. *Six California teens, all born in 2000, have supernatural abilities that get them in and out of trouble. The start of a new series.*

Brown, Pearce. ***Golden Son.*** DelRay, 2015. 442p. $25.00. ISBN: 978-0-345-53981-6. Sequel to *Red Rising*. Adult for Young Adult. Starred in BL. *Darrow au Andromedus has risen to the heights of Gold society and yet is betrayed by those who took him in.*

Sanderson, Brandon. ***Firefight***, “The Reckoners”, Book 2. Delacorte Press, 2015. 416p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-0-385-74358-7. Gr 8 and up. *David eliminated Steelheart and freed Newcago, and now he and the team of Reckoners are in a flooded city that used to be Manhattan, ruled by a mysterious High Epic, Regalia. There, David and Firefight are reunited, although the Reckoners believe she is responsible for the death of one of their own.*

Nonfiction intermission:

Blumenthal, Karen. ***Tommy: the Gun that Changed America***. Roaring Brook Press, 2015. 232p. $19.99. ISBN: 978-1-62672-084-8. Gr 6 and up. Starred in Booklist, SLJ, PW, Kirkus. *Originally invented by John Thompson in 1918, the lightweight automatic rifle was intended for use by soldiers, however the gun became popular with gangsters, bank robbers, strike-busters and others who appreciated the fact that it could spray hundreds of bullets in a matter of seconds. The impact of the Tommy gun led to some of the first debates around the Second Amendment and gun control.*

FIRST COURSE: Survivors

Hand, Cynthia. ***The Last Time We Say Goodbye***. HarperTeen, 2015. 390p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-06-231847-3. Gr 8 and up. Starred in Booklist. *Lex’s life has been shattered by the suicide of her younger brother, Tyler. No longer the straight-A student hoping for early admission to MIT, her guilt and anger consume her in this searing portrait of suicide survival.*

Forman, Gayle. ***I Was Here***. Viking, 2015. 270p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-0-451-47147-5. Gr 8 and up. Starred in PW and BCCB. *Cody’s best friend, Meg, has committed suicide and Meg is determined to find out why. In her quest, Cody uncovers a man who posts on message boards that suicide is an act of courage and supported Meg’s decision.*

Hautman, Pete. ***Eden West***. Candlewick, 2015. 310p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-7636-7418-2. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Booklist, SLJ. *Jacob has grown up in the compound known as Nodd. Beyond the fence is the World, a wicked terrible place, filled with sinners and doomed to destruction. Only those who have accepted Father Grace will be spared. When Jacob meets Lynna while patrolling the fence, he begins to see a different truth.*

King, A. S***. I Crawl Through It***. Little Brown, 2015 (September). 336p. $18. ISBN: 978-0-316-33409-9. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Booklist, Horn Book, PW and SLJ. *From the publisher: “A surrealist novel about four teenagers who find unconventional ways to escape standardized tests and their perilous world, and discover that the only escape from reality is to face it.”*

Oakes, Stephanie.  ***The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly***.  Dial Books, 2015.  396p.  $17.99.  ISBN: 978-0-8037-4070-9. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Booklist, PW*. Seventeen-year-old Minnow Bly has lived in The Compound under the command of the Prophet Kevin since she was five. When she refuses to marry The Prophet, he orders her father to chop off her hands in front of all the Kevinians.  This is the miraculous story of how Minnow comes to find faith in herself.*

Holmes, Kathryn. ***The Distance Between Lost and Found***. HarperTeen, 2015. 297p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-06-231726-1. Gr 7 and up. Starred in Booklist. *Hallelujah (Hallie) is a sophomore in high school who used to have friends, sing in the choir and have a boyfriend named Luke. Now she is the victim of ruthless bullying, led by Luke, who is the preacher’s son. Hallie finds some new friends at church camp, survives being lost for five days in the Great Smoky Mountains with them, and finds the strength to confront her bully.*

Oliver, Lauren. ***Vanishing Girls.*** HarperCollins, 2015. 368p. $18.99 ISBN: 978-0-06-222410-1. Gr 9 and up. Starred in PW. *Sisters Nick and Dara were close before a devastating accident left one whole and the other scarred. Now Nick returns to their Virginia Beach town, in part to restore their relationship, and becomes embroiled in the search for a missing nine-year-old girl whose disappearance may have some connection to Dara’s past.*

Priest, Cherie***. I am Princess X***. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015. 227p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-0-545-62085-7. Gr 7 and up. Starred in Booklist, PW, SLJ. *May and Libby were best friends, creating Princess X comics together. When Libby and her mother are killed in a tragic car accident, May cannot shake the feeling that Libby is alive. Then she begins seeing Princess X posters, badges and stickers, and knows they are from Libby. With the help of her computer geek friend, Trick, May begins to uncover a tragic and horrifying truth. Drawings from the comic in hues of purple are interspersed throughout. Set in Seattle.*

Griffin, Paul.  ***Adrift.*** Scholastic Press, 2015.  228p. $17.99.  ISBN: 978-0-545-70939-2. Gr 8 and up. PW starred. Publisher*: Matt and John are best friends working out in Montauk for the summer. When Driana, JoJo and Stef invite the boys to their Hamptons mansion, Matt and John find themselves in a sticky situation where temptation rivals sensibility. The newfound friends head out into the Atlantic after midnight in a stolen boat. None of them come back whole, and not all of them come back.*

Hoose, Philip. ***The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pederson and the Churchill Club***. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2015. 208p. $19.99 ISBN: 978-0-374-30022-7. Gr 7 and up. Starred in Booklist, HB, Kirkus, PW, SJ. *15-year-old Knud Pedesron and his schoolmates do what the adults in their country will not: stand up to the German occupation of Denmark. Based on a first-person interview with Pederson, this is their riveting story.*

Kamkwamba, William and Mealer, Bryan. ***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind—Young Reader’s Edition***. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2015. 283p. $16.99. ISBN: 978-0-8037-4080-8. Gr 5-9. Starred in SLJ, Kirkus. *William grew up in a small village in Malawi that suffered a terrible drought. By looking at the science books in his village library, he figured out how to make a windmill from pieces of junk. Thus begins his inspiring journey that will lead him to Dartmouth College.*

DOLCI: Fine Romance

Albertalli, Becky***. Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda***. Blazer + Bray, 2015. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-06-234867-8. Gr. 8 and up. Starred in BCCB, Kirkus and PW. *When Simon’s secret emails to a boy known only to him as Blue are discovered by an opportunistic classmate, it may not be long before he must come out to his family, friends, and small-town Georgia high school.*

Smith, Jennifer E***.  Hello, Goodbye, and Everything in Between.***  Little, Brown and Company, 2015.  248p. $18. ISBN: 978-0-316-33442-6. Gr. 8 and up. *Clare and Aidan have one last night to make a decision: will they or won’t they break-up before heading to college?*

Stead, Rebecca. ***Goodbye Stranger***. Wendy Lamb Books, 2015. 304p. $16.99. ISBN: 978-0-385-74317-4. Gr 6 and up. BCCB, Booklist, Horn Book, Kirkus, PW, SLJ starred. *Three intertwined narratives explore the pains and pleasures of growing up, especially the transition to seventh grade, when everything changes for Bridge(t), her best friends Tab and Emily, and her new friend (and something more?), Sherm.*

Dessen, Sarah. ***Saint Anything***. Viking, 2015. 432p. $19.99. ISBN: 978-0-451-47470-4. Gr 7 and up. Starred in PW. *Sydney’s older brother Peyton has been imprisoned for drunk driving, and her mother is ever-more devoted to him for his bad behavior. To escape the family home, she begins delivering pizzas with new friends Layla and Mac, finding understanding and eventually love.*

Demetrios, Heather. ***I’ll Meet You There***. Henry Holt & Co, 2015. 400 p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-8050-9795-5. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Booklist. *Skylar wants out of her small, dead-end, town, yet her summer job at the Paradise Motel gets a little more exciting when Josh, a Marine home from a tour in Afghanistan, returns to his job as the Motel’s general handyman.*

Kinsella, Sophie. ***Finding Audrey***. Delacorte, 2015. $18.99. ISBN: 978-055-353651-5. Gr 7 and up. Starred in Kirkus*. Coping with anxiety disorders and depression is a full-time job for 14-year-old Audrey. When sweet and patient Linus enters her world, recovery gets a little easier.*

Kindl, Patrice. ***A School for Brides: a Story of Maidens, Mystery, and Matrimony.*** Viking Books for Young Readers, 2015. 272 p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-670-78608-4. Gr 7 and up. Starred in Kirkus, SLJ. *The students of the Winthrop Hopkins Female Academy are very sure they will never find husbands in the remote hamlet of Lesser Hoo.*

Sheinkin, Steve. ***Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War***. Roaring Brook, 2015. 384p. 978-1596439528.

Marrin, Albert. ***FDR and the American Crisis***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. 324p. $24.99. ISBN: 978-0-385-75359-3. Gr 8 and up. Starred in Booklist , Kirkus , SLJ. *Starting with FDR’s privileged upbringing, his marriage to Eleanor and his struggle with polio, Marrin portrays FDR as the greatest President ever to hold office. Filled with primary sources and Marrin’s own memories of FDR.*

SECOND HELPINGS: Series and Sequels

Bray, Libba.  ***Lair of Dreams***. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2015.  613p. $19.  ISBN: 978-0-3161-2604-5. Gr 9 and up. Kirkus and SLJ starred. *The Diviners, and especially the “Sweetheart Seer”, are New York’s latest craze, while a sleeping sickness becomes an epidemic in this sequel to Bray’s The Diviners (2012).*

Terry Pratchett. ***The Shepherd’s Crown***. HarperCollins, 2015. $18.99. 288p. ISBN: 978-0-06-242997-1. Gr. 6 and up. PW and SLJ starred. *In this final Tiffany Aching story, Tiffany must marshal the witches to fight the faerie horde.*

Palacio, R.J.  ***Auggie and Me***: ***Three Wonder Stories***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. 303p. $16.99. ISBN: 978-1-101-93485-2. Gr 5 and up. *Three e-stories expand on the story begun in Wonder (2012).*

Han, Jenny***. P.S. I Still Love You***. Simon and Schuster, 2015. 352p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-1-442-42673-X. Gr 8 and up. *Lara Jean continues to untangle the romantic knots that began in To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before (2014), where her younger sister sent love notes never intended to see the light of day.*

Meyer, Marissa. ***Fairest: Levana’s Story.*** Feiwal & Friends, 2015. 272p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-1-250-06055-6. Gr 8 and up. *A prequel to Cinder, Scarlet and Cress, and borrowing from Snow White, this is Queen Levana’s story. Horribly disfigured in a fire at the hands of her sister, Lavana learns to glamour herself and becomes obsessed with becoming queen.*

Levithan, David. ***Another Day***. Knopf, 2015. 336p. $17.99 ISBN: 978-0-385-75620-4. Gr 9 and up. Booklist starred. *In this companion to Every Day (2013), Rhiannon recounts the difficulties of loving A, who occupies a different body every day.*

Levithan, David. ***Hold Me Closer: the Tiny Cooper Story***. Dutton, 2015. 208p, $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-525-42884-8. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Booklist, BCCB, PW, and SLJ. *Fans of Will Grayson, Will Grayson (2010), will rejoice as Tiny Cooper tells his story of growing up gay and in love in this musical extravaganza.*

Shepherd, Megan. ***A Cold Legacy***. Balzer + Bray, 2015. 400p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-06-2128089. The final book in the “Madman’s Daughter” trilogy. Gr 9 and up. Starred in SLJ. *With a nod to Frankenstein, Juliet and her friends flee to a Scottish estate and there attempt to unearth the scientific secrets that may save Edward.*

Rainbow Rowell. ***Carry On***. St. Martin’s/Griffin, 2015. 528p. $19.99. ISBN: 978-1-250-04955-1. Gr.9 and up. *Fans of Fangirl (2013) will rejoice as Rowell tells the story of Simon and Baz, stars of a popular fantasy series, through the lens of a writer of fan fiction.*

Pearson, Mary E. ***The Heart of Betrayal***. Henry Holt, 2015. 480p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-0-8050-9924-9. Gr 8 and up. Starred in Booklist. *Princess Lia is now a prisoner in the kingdom of Venda, where Prince Rafe, the assassin Kaden, and the terrifying Komizar each want to make her their own.*

Paige, Danielle***. The Wicked Will Rise***. (sequel to *Dorothy Must Die*). HarperCollins, 2015. 304p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-06-228070-1. Gr 9 and up. *Unsuccessful in her attempt to assassinate Dorothy, Amy regroups among the peoples of Oz, in search of the gifts bestowed by the wizard on its most-terrifying inhabitants.*

Paige, Danielle. ***Dorothy Must Die Stories***. HarperCollins, 2015. 416p. $9.99. ISBN: 978-0-06-228079-4. Gr 9 and up. *Three e-stories, with more about Dorothy, Glinda, and the Wizard.*

Hartman, Rachel. ***Shadow Scale***. Random House, 2015. 608p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-0-375-86657-9. Gr 8 and up. Starred in Booklist, Kirkus, PW. *Seraphina continues her search for others like herself.*

Lu, Marie. ***The Young Elites***. Putnam, 2014. 355p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-0-399-16783-6. Gr 8 and up. Starred in BCCB, Booklist, Kirkus, Booklist. Adelina Amouteru flees her abusive father and finds companionship in the ranks of the Young Elites, a band of saboteurs intent on bringing down the monarch of Kenettra. The sequel, ***The Rose Society***, publishes in October, 2015.

Picoult, Jodi and Van Leer, Samantha. ***Off the Page***. Delacorte Press, 2015. 372p. $19.99. ISBN: 978-0-553-53556-3. Gr 7 and up. *In this sequel to Between the Lines, the story of Oliver and Delilah is told in alternating voices and printed in different colors of ink. In the first book, Oliver is brought into the real world and now he is experiencing high school…with Delilah’s help.*

Carter, Ally. ***All Fall Down*** (Embassy Row, Book 1). Scholastic, 2015. 320p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-545-65474-6. Gr 7 and up. *Army brat Grace finds herself on Embassy Row in the fictional European country of Adria, where even her ambassador grandfather cannot save her from the intrigues that threaten her.* *Book 2, See How They Run, will be published in January 2016.*

ANOTHER HELPING: Historical Fiction

Wein, Elizabeth. ***Black Dove, White Raven.*** Hyperion, 2015. 368p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-1-423-18310-5. Gr 8 and up. Starred in Booklist, Kirkus, SLJ. *Set in Ethopia during the Second World War, two teens, and their stunt pilot mother, are drawn into world events beyond their control.*

Shabazz, Ilyasah. ***X: a novel,*** illus by Brendan Shusterman. Candlewick, 2015. 384p. $16.99. ISBN: 978-0-7636-6967-6. Gr 8 and up. Starred in Booklist, HB, Kirkus, PW, SLJ. A fictionalized account of Malcolm X’s formative years.

Williams, Michael. ***Diamond Boy***. Little, Brown, 2014. 384p. $18.00. ISBN: 978-0-316-32069-6. Gr 9 and up. Starred in PW. *Set in the bloody diamond fields of Marange, Zimbabwe, Patson must work in brutal conditions searching for the illusive stones. When Patson’s eight-year-old sister is abducted, he begins a harrowing journey to rescue her.*

Kelly, Jacqueline.  ***The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate.***  Henry Holt & Company, 2015.  309p. $16.99. ISBN: 987-0-8050-8744-3. Gr 5-10. Booklist, Kirkus, PW, SLJ starred. *Calpurnia furthers her scientific explorations while her family reels from the aftermath of Galveston flood.*

Schlitz, Laura Amy. ***The Hired Girl***. Candlewick, 2015. 400p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-7636-7818-0. Gr 6 and up. Booklist, Horn Book, Kirkus, PW, SLJ starred. *Joan Skraggs, 14, runs away from her cruel father and presents herself as 18 in order to work as a hired girl for a wealthy Jewish family in 1911 Baltimore.*

Sepetys, Ruta.  ***Salt to the Sea***.  Philomel, February 2016.  400p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-0-399-106030-1. Gr 7 and up. Cataloging: *As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull.*

Brown, Daniel James.  ***The Boys in the Boat; The True Story of an American Team’s Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics.*** Adapted for Young Readers by Gregory Mone.  Viking, 2015.  227p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-451-47592-3. Gr 5-10. Booklist starred. *The inspirational story of the University of Washington crew team who compete in the 1936 Olympics, adapted for young readers.*

Anderson, M. T. ***Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad.*** Candlewick, 2015. 464p. $25.99. ISBN: 978-0-7636-6818-1. Gr 9 and up. BCCB, Booklist, Kirkus and SLJ starred. *The story of the siege of Leningrad and Shostakovich’s Leningrad Symphony.*

PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD: Getting Graphic

Stevenson, Noelle.  ***Nimona.***  Harper Teen, 2015.  262p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-06-227823-4. Gr 7 and up. Kirkus, PW, SLJ starred. Publisher: *Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are.*

Lewis, John, Aydin, Andrew and Powell, Nate. ***March, Book Two***. Top Shelf Productions, 2015. 187p. $19.95. ISBN: 978-1-60309-400-9. Gr 7 and up. Starred in Booklist, HB, Kirkus and PW. *Continues the story of the Civil Rights movement, culminating with the March on Washington in 1963.*

Selznick, Brian. ***The Marvels***. Scholastic, 2015 (September). 661p. $32.99. ISBN: 978-0-545-44868-0. Gr 5-9. Starred in Booklist, Kirkus, PW and SLJ. *Part graphic novel, part text, this title is indeed a marvel. Beginning in 1766, 400pages of stunning art tell the story of Billy Marvel who survives a shipwreck and makes his way to London to work in the theater. The text begins in 1990 with Joseph Jervis running away from boarding school to his Uncle Albert’s home in London. It is through Joseph and his uncle that the two stories intertwine in a brilliant graphic conclusion.*

Watson, Andi. ***Princess Decomposia and Count Spatula***. FirstSecond, 2015. 162p. $19.99. ISBN: 978-1-62672-275-0. Gr 4-9. *Princess Decomposia must do all the king’s work, as he will not get out of bed. When a new chef, Count Spatula, arrives, he not only creates confections, but makes the Princess realize her worth. Too sweet for words!*

Stevenson, Noelle. ***Lumberjanes; Beware the Kitten Holy***.  BOOM! Box, 2015. 103p. $14.99. ISBN: 987-1-60886-687-8. (Winner of the Will Eisner Comic Award). Gr 5-9. Booklist, PW, SLJ starred. Publisher: *Five best friends spending the summer at Lumberjane scout camp defeating yetis, three-eyed wolves, and giant falcons: what's not to love?*

Brown, Don. ***Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans.*** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015. 96p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-0-544-15777-4. Gr 7 and up. Starred in PW, Kirkus, SLJ . *Marking the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Brown’s graphic novel brings the magnitude of this horrific disaster to life for young readers. This fast-paced and compelling read is enhanced by the muted palette of Brown’s drawings. A portion of the proceeds from the book benefit New Orleans Habitat for Humanity.*

Lu, Marie.  ***Legend: The Graphic Nove***l.  Adapted by Leigh Dragoon.  G.P. Putnam’s Son, 2015.  $14.99. ISBN: 987-0-399-17189-5. Gr 7 and up. *A graphic adaptation of the 2011 Marie Lu book about a futuristic Los Angeles where June and Day, teens from two different worlds, come together to battle a common enemy*

Thrash, Maggie.  ***Honor Girl: A Graphic Memoir***. Candlewick, 2015. 272p. $19.99. ISBN: 978-0-7636-7382-6.  Gr 9and up. Starred in Kirkus, PW, and SLJ. *Maggie experiences her first love and heartbreak at the Camp Bellflower for Girls.*

Montgomery, Sy. ***The Octopus Scientists: Exploring the Mind of a Mollusk***. Photographs by Keith Ellenbogen. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015. 71p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-0-544-23270-9. Gr 5-8. Starred in Booklist, Kirkus, SLJ. *Part of the Scientists in the Field series, this is excellent narrative nonfiction, filled with exquisite photographs and fascinating facts about the octopus. Did you know they have blue blood?*

APPERTIF: Sick Kids

Shusterman, Neal. ***Challenger Deep***. HarperTeen, 2015. 308p. $17.99. ISBN: 78-0-06-113411-1. Gr 9 and up. Starred in BCCB, Booklist, HB, Kirkus, PW. SLJ. *Caden Bosch is struggling with mental illness. His narrative alternates between his real world and an imagined life on a pirate ship heading for the deepest part of the Marianas Trench. Characters emerge from both dimensions as his journey becomes a fight for his sanity. Shusterman’s own son created the art for the book when he was in the depths of his own mental illness. A list of resources is included.*

Yoon, Nicola. ***Everything Everything: a novel***. Delacorte, 2015. 320p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-0-553-49664-2. Gr 8 and up. Kirkus and SLJ starred. *Madeline, a “bubble baby”, has lived an isolated life with her nurse and doctor mother, until the day that Olly moves next door.*

Benwell, Sarah. ***Last Leaves Falling***. Simon and Schuster, 2015. 359p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-1-4814-3065-4. Gr 8 and up. Starred in Booklist, SLJ, PW, HB*. Abe Sora, age 17, is dying of ALS and hides his disease from two friends he meets online. Haiku verse throughout the text enhance this poignant story. Debut author.*

Toten, Teresa. ***The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B***. Delacorte, 2015. 304p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-553-50786-7. Gr 8 and up. Starred in Kirkus and SLJ. *Adam Spencer Ross, aka “Batman”, struggles to control his OCD while in group therapy with the beautiful Robyn.*

Niven, Jennifer. ***All the Bright Places***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. 338p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-3857-5588-7. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Kirkus, PW, BCCB, and SLJ. *Theodore Finch and Violet Markey begin an unlikely friendship, starting on a water tower where each is looking to end to their pain. Debut novel.*

Leavitt, Martine. ***Calvin***. Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2015. $17.99. 192p. ISBN: 978-0-374-38073-1. Gr 8 and up. Booklist and Kirkus starred. *Calvin, born on the day that the last Calvin and Hobbes cartoon was published, becomes convinced that the only person who can heal his schizophrenia is Bill Watterson. So he sets out with his imaginary tiger Hobbes to find him*.

Silvey, Anita. ***Untamed: the Wild Life of Jane Goodall.*** National Geographic, 2015. 96p. $18.99. ISBN: 978-14263-1518-3. Gr 5-9. Starred in SLJ, PW. *The inspiring story of Jane Goodall, who grew up in Bournemouth, England, was always fascinated with animals, journeyed to Gombe, Africa, and began studying chimpanzees in the wild. Jane is now 80-years-old and still very active in conservation efforts around the world.*

Jarrow, Gail. ***Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary.*** Calkins Creek, 2015. 175 pages. $16.95. ISBN: 978-1-62091-597-4. Gr 5 and up. Starred in Booklist, Kirkus, PW, SLJ. *Mary Mallon never believed that she was responsible for the illness and deaths of all who came in contact with her. In 1903, George Soper began to unravel the spread of a deadly outbreak of typhoid which led him to Mary. The government imprisoned Mary for the rest of her life on a tiny island in the middle of the East River, where she died at the age of 69.*

DOLCI: Girl Journeys

Murphy, Julie.  ***Dumplin’.***  Balzer + Bray, 2015.  375p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-06-232718-5. Gr 8 and up. Booklist and PW starred. *Confident and full-figured, Willowdean, a daughter of a former beauty queen, enters the Miss Teen Blue Bonnet Pageant to prove she deserves the attentions of the hunky Bo.*

Qintero, Isabel. ***Gabi, a Girl in Pieces***. Cinco Puntos Press, 2014. 284p. $17.95. ISBN: 978-1-9359-5594-8. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Booklist, Kirkus, PW, SLJ. *Gabi shares her life, and loves, in this diary of her eventful senior year.*

Thorne, Jenn Marie. ***The Wrong Side of Right***. Dial, 2015. 390p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-8037-4057-0. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Booklist. *Kate Quinn has no idea who her real father is, until Senator Mark Cooper appears. He reveals he is her father and that he is running for President of the United States, turning Kate’s life upside down. Now she must adjust to her new stepmother, twin siblings, the campaign trail, and a handsome new friend, David.*

Rabb, Margo. ***Kissing in America***. HarperCollins, 2015. 386p. $17.99. 978-0-06-232237-1. Gr 9 and up. Starred in Booklist, PW & Kirkus. *Sixteen-year-old Eva finds true love for the first time with Will. When he has to move to LA, she schemes to find a way to see him by convincing her best friend Annie to enter “The Smartest Girl in America” contest. Their cross-country adventure teaches them about love and loss.*

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. ***Pioneer Girl: the Annotated Biography***. South Dakota State Historical Society, 2014. 39.95. ISBN: 978-0-9845-0417-6. Gr 9 and up. *This autobiography, finished in 1930, served as the basis for Wilder’s popular Little House series. The annotations, footnotes, and original photographs make this the definitive story of her extraordinary life.*

Arnold, David. ***Mosquitoland***. Viking Books for Young Readers, 2015. 352p. $17.99. ISBN: 978-0-451-47077-5. Gr 8 and up. Starred in Booklist, Kirkus, PW. *From the publisher: "When she learns that her mother is sick in Ohio, Mim confronts her demons on a thousand-mile odyssey from Mississippi that redefines her notions of love, loyalty, and what it means to be sane.”*