ALASKANA

Count Alaska's Colors by Shelley Gill
In this companion to the Alaska ABC Book, children learn to count as colorful critters leap through the pages. Ages 3 and up. (Juvenile Picture book)

Dancing at the Odinochka by Kirkpatrick Hill
In the 1860s, Erinia Pavaloff's life at a trading post in Russian America gets more complicated when the region is annexed to the United States and members of the small community become American Alaskans. (Juv. Fiction)

All That You Are by Stef Ann Holm
Fiercely independent bar owner and single mother Danalee Jackson has no time for love until she meets Mark Moretti, an outsider with a chip on his shoulder who decides, after being stranded, to stay in their small Alaskan town. (Fiction)

Village of the Ghost Bears by Stan Jones
Alaska State Trooper Nathan Active must figure out what connects a death on a remote Arctic lake with a year-old fatal plane crash in the Brooks Range and an arson at the Chukchi Recreation Center that killed eight people, including the town's basketball star. (Nathan Active mystery)

Greetings, Earthling – Zipper's Alaska Adventure by Amy Murell-Haunold
Zipper, the alien spaceboarder, comes face to face with some of Alaska's many wild animals. He politely greets them but soon discovers why he isn't supposed to bother Earthlings. (Juvenile Picture book)

The Big Both Ways by John Straley
Fleeing a logging camp after an accident kills a coworker, Slip Wilson's life changes forever when he meets Ellie Hobbes, an anarchist from Seattle who is on the run with a dead body in the trunk of her car. (Fiction)

Cut From the Wilderness: The True Story of an Alaskan Homestead Girl by Alicia Loveland
A fourth generation Alaskan recounts what it was like to grow up as a young girl on a homestead in rugged territorial Alaska alongside her great-grandparents and grandparents. F/909/L68/2011

Growing up in Alaska by John B. "Jack" Coghill
This book is a historically accurate, yet entertaining, account of the man, his family, his many vocations, his politics, and his beloved State of Alaska. It also provides a fantastic history of Nenana, Alaska. F/910.7/C67/A3/2009

Family After All by Raymond L. Hudson
Unalaska is the setting for this account of the Jesse Lee Home, a Methodist orphanage that was run by missionaries from 1889 to 1925, documenting the turbulent beginnings of the home. F/914/U63/H93/2007

The Polar Bears of Barrow, Alaska: the U.S.'s Most Northern Community by John Tidwell
This is full of candid polar bear photos and the stories behind them written by a man who observes and enjoys viewing them around his northernmost town. QL/737/C27/T53/2011
No Way But Up by Mary Lou R. Vanderburg
A freak accident causes a self-sufficient Alaskan man to become quadriplegic and brain-damaged. This is the story of his family’s journey - dealing with the disability and rising above it. RD/594.3/V36/2009

Talkeetna Good Time by Dennis Brown
The Browns honeymooned in Alaska more than 40 years ago, and fell in love with it. After a few years in the Canadian Arctic, they settled in Talkeetna, and Dennis tells of his life as a bush pilot. TL/540/B76/A3/2005

CHRISTIAN FICTION

Seasons of Grace (series) by Beverly Lewis
*Book 1: Secret* – In the ordinary Amish home of Grace Byler, secrets abound. In one startling moment, the quiet life Grace has known is irrevocably altered, leaving her to question all she has been taught about love, family, and commitment. *Book 2: The Missing* – “Englisher” Heather Lang has come to Amish country to relive fond memories of her mother and to contemplate a grave medical prognosis of her own. Heather meets Grace Byler and the two young women strike up a fast friendship. *Book 3: Telling* – Struggling with a grave medical diagnosis, Heather Nelson is determined to forgo traditional medicine—to her father’s chagrin—in hopes of finding answers and healing in Amish country. But first, she offers to drive her Amish friend, to Ohio to find her mother.

Sanctuary by Beverly Lewis & David Lewis
This story demonstrates the power of revenge, the price of freedom, and the solace of friendship. A woman in danger flees for her safety, but will the Amish community where she chooses to hide keep her safe?

Frontier Lady by Judith Pella
Deborah Graham is destined to become a Texas cattle baroness—her progeny bearing the strength, independence, and faith in God that is her family’s hallmark. But first she must escape the grief of the Civil War.

Mark of the Cross by Judith Pella
Historical drama set amid kings and Crusades, a story of love lost and found. A son tries desperately to reclaim the love of his father—only to be denied. After years of abandonment will the young man get what he came for?

It Had to Be You by Linda Windsor
Trust is not high on straight-talking rancher Dan Jarrett’s list. He doesn’t believe there are many people worthy of it, but meeting E.R. nurse Sunny Elders onboard a family holiday cruise will test his mettle.

CLASSIC FICTION

Cry, The Beloved Country by Alan Paton
This worldwide bestseller tells a deeply moving story of the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo and his son, set amidst the racial ferment of the beautiful country of South Africa in 1948.

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (Centennial edition) by Mark Twain
Huckleberry Finn, an abused outcast, rafts with Jim, a runaway slave, down the Mississippi River, where they have a variety of experiences.

GENERAL FICTION AND LITERATURE

Galore by Michael Crummey
Spanning over two centuries, this is the story of a northern Newfoundland settlement, its inhabitants, and its tales of witches and ghosts.

Freedom by Jonathan Franzen
The idyllic lives of civic-minded environmentalists Patty and Walter Berglund come into question when their son moves in with aggressive Republican neighbors; green lawyer Walter takes a job in the coal industry; and go-getter Patty becomes increasingly unstable and enraged.

Leaving Normal by Stef Ann Holm
Divorced and the mother of a college-bound daughter, Natalie is enjoying dating her neighbor, but they disagree over the possibility of having more children, until Natalie’s daughter comes home with a surprise addition that may change their lives forever.
The Sunset Limited: a novel in dramatic form by Cormac McCarthy
A startling encounter on a New York subway platform leads two strangers to a run-down tenement where a life-or-death decision must be made. The two men begin a conversation that leads each back through their lives.

C: a Novel by Tom McCarthy
Growing up with a father who teaches hearing-impaired children and a sister who takes inappropriate sexual liberties, Serge struggles with unusual sexual predilections that challenge his adulthood, from his service in World War I to a fateful confrontation in an Egyptian catacomb.

Safe Haven by Nicholas Sparks
Katie, a newcomer to the small town of Southport, North Carolina, resists forming any personal ties until she is reluctantly drawn into friendship with Alex, a young widower, and Jo, her plainspoken single neighbor, who help her overcome a fearful past.

Irish Country Doctor by Patrick Taylor
Barry Laverty, who recently graduated from medical school, jumps at the chance for an assistant’s position at a small rural practice in Ballybucklebo, Northern Ireland. It’s a long way from Belfast, and Barry is quick to discover that he has a lot to learn about country life and he’ll find out more about life - and love - than he ever imagined. (Irish Country series 1, others also available)

HISTORICAL FICTION

Tipperary by Frank Delaney
Charles O’Brien falls in love with April Burke, a beautiful, much younger Englishwoman, when he offers to help her reclaim and restore her family’s Irish estate, in a saga set against the Irish struggle to regain land taken from them by England’s colonization.

Cailiffs of Baghada, Georgia by Mary Stefaniak
Gladys Cailiff is completely smitten with her new teacher, while Miss Spivey, who has just arrived in Threestep, Georgia, during the height of the Depression, makes quite an impression with her unconventional ways.

Innocent Traitor by Alison Weir
A fictional portrait of Lady Jane Grey, the great-niece of Henry VIII, and her turbulent life in the era of Tudor power politics and religious upheaval, including her nine-day reign as Queen of England, and the tragic aftermath.

HUMOROUS FICTION

Electric Barracuda by Tim Dorsey
An adventurous romp through the Sunshine State's bayous and back roads ensues when brazen killer Serge Storms is pursued by a police task force, a fugitive run that is complicated by his grandfather's beach gang's dwindling finances. (Serge Storm 13, others also available)

MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

Jack Reacher (series) by Lee Child
Book 1: Killing Floor – A discharged soldier is framed for a murder by the chief of police in a small town in Georgia where he has just arrived. When the soldier learns that the murdered man was his brother, he breaks out of jail and carries out his own investigation. Book 3: Tripwire – Reacher is settling into Key West when his life is interrupted by a stranger who comes looking for him but turns up beaten to death in the Old Town cemetery. Reacher follows the trail of the killer to New York and an elderly couple still mourning their son lost in Vietnam. (others also available)

The Silent Spirit by Margaret Coel
Father John O’Malley and Vicky Holden investigate the murder of an Arapaho Indian from the Wind River Reservation who was in Hollywood trying to uncover the mystery of his great-grandfather’s disappearance while filming a Western in 1923.

Corsair: a Novel of the Oregon Files by Clive Cussler
Hired by the CIA to track down the U.S. Secretary of State in the aftermath of a suspicious plane crash in Libya, Juan Cabrillo uncovers a sinister plot by Libya’s new foreign minister, a scheme with links to a 200-year-old naval battle and centuries-old Islamic scrolls.
Crunch Time by Diane Mott Davidson
Caterer and amateur sleuth-extraordinaire Goldy Schulz digs into a deadly smorgasbord that includes a heaping helping of murder, a double dose of arson ... and nine adorable beagle puppies! (Goldy Bear 16, others also available)

Explosive Eighteen by Janet Evanovich
Stephanie Plum finds herself in trouble when her seatmate on her Hawaii to Newark flight winds up dead and a motley collection of thugs, as well as the FBI, searches for a photo the man was reportedly carrying--a photo that only Stephanie has seen. (Stephanie Plum 18, others in series also available)

Liar's Lullaby by Meg Gardiner
When the country singer ex-wife of a U.S. president is murdered during a concert performance, forensic psychiatrist Jo Beckett endeavors to learn why the victim was murdered and what the murder's relevance is to the president.

Love You More by Lisa Gardner
Brian Darby lies dead on the kitchen floor. His wife claims to have shot him in self-defense, and bears the bruises to back up her tale. For veteran detective D. D. Warren, it should be an open-and-shut case - but where is their six-year-old daughter? (D. D. Warren 5, others in series also available)

The Snake Stone by Jason Goodwin
In 1830's Instanbul, eunuch Yashim Togalu investigates when a French archaeologist, who is searching for lost Byzantine treasures, arrives unexpectedly, and then is found mutilated outside the French Embassy. (Yashim Togalu 2, Book 1 also available)

The Confession by John Grisham
When Travis Boyette is paroled because of an inoperable brain tumor, he decides to do the right thing and tell police about a crime he committed - one for which another man is about to be executed.

The Witness by Dee Henderson
Police Chief Luke Granger's witness to a murder, Amy Griffin, has been on the run for years. Her family thinks she was murdered eight years ago, but Amy chose to accept a life in the shadows in order to protect her sisters' lives.

Twice Kissed by Lisa Jackson
When her twin sister disappears, Maggie McCrae, determined to find the truth, steps into her shoes and discovers her twin's dark side, leading her down a path of revenge, betrayal, and deceit.

Skeleton Canyon by J.A. Jance
Beautiful teen-age Brianna O'Brien is murdered in Skeleton Canyon. Brady finds evidence that clears the boyfriend and points to a deeper web of crime. (Joanna Brady 5, others in series also available)

Wrong Place, Wrong Time by Andrea Kane
A tale of murder and suspense in the world of competitive horse show jumping involves a former NYPD detective, his grown daughter, and his missing ex-wife, who is either an innocent victim or a suspect.

Mind's Eye by Haken Nesser
Inspector Van Veeteren becomes suspicious about the case against Janek Mitter, convicted of killing his wife, especially when Mitter also becomes a homicide victim. Van Veeteren launches a full-scale investigation into both slayings to unravel the true killer.

Alex Cross's Trial by James Patterson
Detective Alex Cross tells the story of an ancestor, Abraham Cross, recounting his pursuit of justice during the resurgence of Ku Klux Klan racism and violence in 1906 Mississippi. (Alex Cross 15, others in series also available)

Worst Case by James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge
The son of one of New York's wealthiest families is snatched off the street and held hostage. His parents can't save him because this kidnapper isn't demanding money. Instead, he quizzes his prisoner on the price others pay for his life of luxury. (Michael Bennett series 3, others in series also available)

The Cruelest Month by Louise Penny
Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec is called to investigate the death of a villager at an Easter séance that was held at the Old Hadley House. (Inspector Gamache 3, others in series also available)

Gideon's Sword by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
At age 12, Gideon Crew witnessed the brutal murder of his father. More than 20 years later, Gideon gets his revenge, but then a mysterious witness steps forward to confront Gideon about his crime---and offer him the chance of a lifetime.

The Interpretation of Murder by Jed Rubenfeld
In 1909, as a sadistic killer stalks Manhattan's wealthiest heiresses, Sigmund Freud is called in by American analyst Dr. Stratham Younger to help him interview Nora Acton, a hysterical survivor of the killer who can recall nothing about the attack.
Buried Prey by John Sandford
Investigating the discovery of two bodies in a house demolition, Lucas Davenport identifies the victims as girls who disappeared in 1985, a cold case that overshadowed the early years of his career.

ROMANCE

Maybe This Time by Jennifer Crusie
Entreated by her ex-husband to help with two orphans recently placed in his custody, a closure-seeking Andie discovers the task is harder than anticipated due to the orphans' delinquent antics, a haunted house, and Andie's own rekindled feelings.

Strange Bedpersons by Jennifer Crusie
When Tess Newhart agrees to accompany her ex-boyfriend, a conservative Republican lawyer who is desperate to make partner, on a weekend business trip posing as his fiancée, she discovers that opposites really do attract.

All That Matters by Stef Ann Holm
When a megastore grocery chain threatens to shut down her new boutique bakery, Chloe Lawson asks lawyer John Moretti to join her in her cause, which he gladly does after sampling her home-baked charms.

Cover of Night by Linda Howard
A young widow and mother of a struggling Idaho B&B, is forced to ask for help from her mysterious handyman, after a trio of vicious thugs threaten her and the entire town.

Midnight in Ruby Bayou by Elizabeth Lowell
A close-knit family in the jewelry business, a clan of Southern aristocrats descended from smugglers, the FBI and a Russian assassin clash in this juicy final episode. (Donovans 4, others in series also available)

Blossom Street (series) by Debbie Macomber
Book 3: Susannah's Garden – Returning home to care for her mother, fifty-year-old Susannah Nelson finds herself regretting the paths not taken, but discovers things aren't always what they once seemed and that some gardens remain beautiful.
Book 4: Back on Blossom Street – When Susannah, the owner of a new flower store, and her employee, a young widow, join the knitting class at A Good Yarn, they meet a group of unforgettable women who offer them life-changing advice, support, and friendship.
Book 5: Twenty Wishes – Thirty-eight-year-old widow Anne Marie Roche, the owner of a successful Seattle bookstore, creates a list of twenty wishes, and, while acting upon her wishes, encounters an eight-year-old girl named Ellen who helps her complete her list—without unexpected results.
Book 6: Summer on Blossom Street – Upbeat cancer survivor Lydia and her sister, Margaret, start a "Knit to Quit" group in their Blossom Street yarn store in Seattle, bringing in a delightful assortment of customers for weekly self-help sessions.
Book 7: Hannah's List – On the anniversary of his beloved wife's death, Michael receives a letter Hannah had written him. She makes one final request—she's chosen three women, and asks him to consider one of them as a new wife. (others in series also available)

Cedar Cove (series) by Debbie Macomber
Book 8: 8 Sandpiper Way – cedar Cove is shocked after Pastor Dave Flemming is accused of stealing jewelry. His wife, Emily, doesn't know what to believe, especially since Dave is being so evasive. Then she finds an earring in his pocket. Could he have stolen it—or is he having an affair?
Book 9: 92 Pacific Boulevard – After his romance with ex-flame Faith Beckworth is all but extinguished, local sheriff Troy Davis contends with remains found in a cave, his friend Judge Olivia Griffin's battle with cancer, and a series of break-ins at Faith's home. (others in series also available)

Montana Creeds (series) by Linda Lael Miller
Book 1: Logan - Logan Creed, a cowboy with a law degree, returns home to Montana, to restore his family's neglected ranch and comes to the rescue of his beautiful neighbor Briana Grant in more ways than one.
Book 2: Dylan - The town librarian, Kristy Madison, is speechless when Dylan Creed turns up for story time with a toddler in tow. The man who'd left a string of broken hearts is back, and she's determined to tame his wild ways once and for all.
Book 3: Tyler - While trying to restore the old family ranch in Stillwater Springs with his estranged brothers, former rodeo star Tyler Creed finds his heart lassoed by Lily Kenyon, a sexy single mother who has loved him since childhood.

Chesapeake Shores (series) by Sherryl Woods
Book 1: Inn at Eagle Point – When Abby O'Brien Winters returns home to Chesapeake Shores with her twin daughters to help her sister save the Inn at Eagle Point, she must deal with her own fractured family and the one man she has never been able to forget.
Book 2: Flowers on Main – When she abandons Chicago and returns home to open a flower shop, Bree O'Brien finds her new life anything but peaceful when her estranged mother arrives and her former lover, Jake Collins, tries to run her out of town.
Book 3: Harbor Lights – When he moves home to Chesapeake Shores, newly single father and former army medic Kevin O'Brien gets an unexpected second chance at love when he meets bookseller Shanna Carlyle, who teaches him how to trust again.
Seaview Inn by Sherryl Woods
Single mother, business executive, and breast cancer survivor Hannah Matthews, struggling to cope with her ornery grandmother and her daughter's unexpected pregnancy, finds her life further complicated by an old flame's return.

Sweet Magnolia (series) by Sherryl Woods
Book 3: Feels Like Family – Forty-two-year-old matrimonial attorney Helen Decatur’s decision to take charge of her own destiny complicates things with her two best friends and sets sparks flying with a man who doesn’t want a family. Book 4: Welcome to Serenity – Spa owner Jeanette is teamed up with the sexy new town manager to work on Serenity’s annual Christmas festival, and as they bond over their mutual dislike of the holidays they unexpectedly discover romance and a Christmas miracle. Book 5: Home in Carolina – There’s no place like home, especially if it’s Serenity, South Carolina. For Annie Sullivan, though, the homecoming is bittersweet. She’d always envisioned a life there with her childhood best friend, Tyler Townsend. But Ty’s betrayal has cost her the family and the future they’d once planned. Book 6: Sweet Tea at Sunrise – When she returns home to get much-needed support and comfort from her two best friends, single mother Sarah Price also gets a second chance at love with newcomer Travis McDonald. Book 7: Honeysuckle Summer – Raylene Hammond, who is shielded from the world by her best friends while recovering from a disastrous marriage, falls in love with sheriff’s deputy Carter Rollins, but wonders if she is strong enough to accept what he offers. (others in series also available)

SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

Sharing Knife (series) by Lois McMaster Bujold
Book 2: Legacy – The newly married Fawn and Dag arrive at his Lakewalker home and are met with prejudice and suspicion, a challenge that threatens the couple with exile until Dag is asked to investigate a magical attack on a farming community. Book 3: Passage – Unable to overcome the bigotry of their own families in spite of hardships they have shared, Fawn and Dag set out to find solutions to the rift between their races, and acquire companions in a pair of novice Lakewalker patrollers, a magically beguiled farmer boy, and a young riverboat captain. Book 4: Horizon – With a small group of loyal friends, Dag and Fawn have finally reached the port city of Graymouth only to learn that if Dag is to control his new power as a healer, he must find a teacher to help him. (Book 1 also available)

Twisted Citadel by Sara Douglass
To protect their people from the dark god Kanubai, three Sunsoar companions prepare for war against the forces of the DarkGlass Mountain, and face an opportunity to rejoin the magical Star Dance. (DarkGlass Mountain trilogy 2, others in series also available)

Dead in the Family by Charlaine Harris
Telepathic waitress Sookie Stackhouse comes to terms with the outcome of the Faery War, her feelings for vampire Eric Northman, and the Shifter community's going public. (Sookie Stackhouse 10, others also available)

WESTERNS

Blue-Eyed Devil by Robert B. Parker
When police chief Amos Callico begins shaking down local merchants for protection money, those who don’t want to play along seek the help of Cole and Hitch.

Bounty Hunter: a Ralph Compton Novel by Joseph A. West
Hired by a powerful criminal to draw out six of his worst enemies, bounty hunter John Tone turns his back on the law and loads his Colt for the last time.

SHORT STORIES

Fine Just the Way It Is: Wyoming Stories 3 by Annie Proulx
A collection of nine western-themed tales features an array of pioneer country inhabitants from different backgrounds.

NONFICTION
Awaken the Giant Within: How to Take Immediate Control of your Mental, Physical and Financial Destiny by Anthony Robbins
Robbins shares his most effective strategies and techniques for mastering your emotions, your body, your relationships, your finances, and your life. BF/637.58/R63/2003

Flourish by Catherine Hart Weber, PhD.
A leading Christian psychologist offers innovative ways to live an abundant life based on cutting-edge research and biblical wisdom. BV/45637.58/R63/2010

Lost in Shangri-La by Mitchell Zuckoff
The incredible true story of survival, adventure and a World War II rescue mission of U.S. military personnel who crashed in the South Pacific, in the jungle of New Guinea. D 767.95/Z84/2012

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
Discovered in the attic in which she spent much of the last years of her life, Anne Frank’s diary has become a world classic -- a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit. D/810/J4/F715/1967

Far Traveler: Voyages of a Viking Woman by Nancy Marie Brown
Five hundred years before Columbus, Gudrid, a Viking woman sailed off the edge of the known world, landing in the New World, resided for three years, and gave birth before sailing home. Scientists traced her steps on land and in sagas, and the author reconstructs a life that spanned the boundaries of the then-known world. DL/65/B77/2008

Cleopatra by Stacy Schiff
A biographical account of Cleopatra’s extraordinary life, full of political and sexual intrigue. DT/900.5/C35/2011

A. Lincoln: A Biography by Ronald C. White, Jr.
A fresh and compelling portrayal of Lincoln as a man of integrity. Through meticulous research of the newly completed Lincoln Legal Papers, as well as of recently discovered letters and photographs, White provides a portrait of Lincoln’s personal, political, and moral evolution. E 457/W597/2009

Discovery of Jeanne Baret by Glynis Ridley
In 1765, disguised as a teenage boy, Baret joined the first French expedition around the world, whose mission was to seek out resources that could give the French an edge in the race for an empire. G/440/B225/R53/2010

The End of Food by Paul Roberts
The author of The End of Oil looks at food and finds that the system we’ve entrusted with meeting one of our most basic needs is dramatically flawed. HD/900.5/R578/2009

How to Become a Scandal (Adventures in Bad Behavior) by Laura Kipnis
A dazzling, revealing, and fiercely funny dissection of our love of scandal and what it says about us. We all relish a good scandal - the larger the public figure and more shocking the particulars - the better. HM/811/K57/2011

Let the Baby Drive by Lu Hanessian
This insightful, deeply poignant and often hilarious narrative about the first years of motherhood inspires new mothers to follow their baby’s cues and trust their own instincts. HQ/769/H264/2004

Social Animal by David Brooks
A story of how success happens, told through the lives of a composite American couple, following them from infancy to old age and illustrating our fundamental understanding of human nature along the way. HQ/801/H264/2004

The Story of My life: An Afghan girl on the Other Side of the Sky by Farah Ahmedi
Ahmedi is born just as the war between the mujahedeen and the Soviets reaches its peak in Afghanistan. As a child she steps onto a land mine on her way to school, and begins to learn--slowly--that ordinary people, often strangers, have immense power to save lives and restore hope. HV/640.4/A15/3/2003

Making & Keeping Creative Journals by Suzanne J. E. Tourtillott
Stimulate the writer and artist within you by making a custom journal that conveys your love of words and images, or captures your special interests, such as gardening or travel. This volume will encourage you to look deep within yourself, and to record your thoughts and experiences. PN/4390/T58/2001

The Grace of Silence by Michele Norris
Written by the co-host of National Public Radio’s "All Things Considered" this is a book about "the hidden conversation on race" that is going on in this country. Norris unearthed painful family secrets that compelled her to question her own self-understanding and to explore her own complex racial legacy. PN/4874/N64/A3/2011

Origins: A Memoir by Amin Maalouf
Taking place during the last quarter of the nineteenth century and the first quarter of the twentieth--in the mountains of Lebanon and in Havana, Cuba—this memoir recounts the family history of the generation of Maalouf’s paternal grandfather, Boutros Maalouf. PQ 3979.2/M28/Z46813/2008

**The Griffin Poetry Prize Anthology 2006 edited by Lisa Robertson**
The best books of poetry published in English internationally and in Canada are honored in June of each year with the Griffin Poetry Prize, one of the world’s richest and most prestigious literary prizes. PR/9105.72/G75/2006

**Evidence: poems by Mary Oliver**
Never afraid to shed the pretense of academic poetry, never shy of letting the power of an image lie in unadorned language, Mary Oliver offers poems that reflect on the power of love and the great gifts of the natural world. PS/356/L/858/2009

**Seeing Further: The Story of Science, Discovery, and the Genius of the Royal Society edited by Bill Bryson**
An exploration of scientific genius, discovery, and invention, featuring contributions from more than twenty of the world’s greatest scientific and science fiction thinkers. Q/41/S44/2011

**Dawn Light: Dancing with cranes and other ways to start the day by Diane Ackerman**
In a sequence of personal meditations through the cycle of seasons, a celebrated storyteller-poet-naturalist awakens us to the world at dawn. QB/637.2/A35/2011

**Volcanoes in Human History: The Far-Reaching Effects of Major Eruptions by Jelle Zeilenga de Boer**
Here’s the story of nine epic volcanic events, explaining the related geology for the general reader and exploring the myriad ways in which the earth’s volcanism has affected human history. QE/522/Z435/205

**A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir by Donald Worster**
This biography traces the life of John Muir from his boyhood in Scotland up to his death on the eve of World War I and offers important insights into the passionate nature of America’s first great conservationist and founder of the Sierra Club. QH/31/M9/W68/2011 (Winner - Ambassador Book Award in Biography & Autobiography)

**Collector by Jack Nisbert**
Between 1824 and 1834, Scottish naturalist David Douglas wandered the Pacific Northwest searching for promising nursery plants for the London Horticultural Society. QK/31/06/NS7/2009 (Winner - Pacific Northwest Book Award)

**Chasing Kangaroos by Tim Flannery**
Flannery draws on three decades of travel, research, and fieldwork to craft a love letter to his native land and one of its most unique and beloved inhabitants: the kangaroo. QL/737/M35/556/2008

**Bears We’ve Met: Short Stories of Close Encounters by Joel G. Zachry**
A compelling collection of stories of close encounters with bears spanning more than thirty years of the author’s experiences in North America’s remote regions. QK/795/B4/223/2010

**Our Bodies, Ourselves edited by Kiki Zeldes**
A resource that women of all ages can turn to for information about their bodies, sexuality, and reproductive health. RA/778/N49/2011

**My Lobotomy: a memoir by Howard Dully**
Dully became, at age 12, one of the youngest victims of the infamous ice-pick lobotomy. He tells the story of his journey to understand why this happened in compelling detail. RD/594/D85/2008

**Amazing Gracie: A Dog’s Tale by Dan Dye and Mark Beckloff**
She was the loneliest pup in the litter – a deaf and partially blind albino Great Dane. But when Dye saw her, and she saw him, it was love at first sight. By turns funny, moving, tender, and inspiring, Gracie’s tale is a treat for every dog lover. SF/429/G7/094/2003

**Four Fish by Paul Greenberg**
The story of four fish - salmon, sea bass, cod, and tuna and the impact of history, geography, and politics on our seafood ends with a clear-eyed manifesto for their future. (New York Times Notable Book of the Year) SH 167/517/674/2011

**Fish, Oil & Follies: Fish Wars & Oil Battles of an Alaska Biologist and Fishing Guide by Loren B. Flagg**
Loren recounts his journey from his early Massachusetts years to the Florida Everglades to Alaska’s Cook Inlet and Kenai River. The path is filled with hilarious tales as he tangles with logistics, plights and perils encountered in the world of fisheries biology. SH/331/F63/2009

**Ridiculously Simple Furniture Projects: Great Looking Furniture Anyone Can Build by Spike Carlson**
38 original inexpensive projects, that can be built in a few hours, and use minimal tools. TT/195/C37/2011

**Weekend Crochet for Babies by Sue Whiting**
24 crochet designs, from sweaters and jackets to hats and toys. Designed for all skill levels, this crafter's companion features fun and versatile patterns for baby clothes. TT/820/W595/2008
Good Food to Go: Healthy Lunches Your Kids Will Love by Brenda Bradshaw
Two working moms offer creative ideas for packing balanced lunches and nutritious snacks. TX /735/B72/2011

Still Smokin’ by Cookshack
This is a compilation of original recipes from Cookshack, known for authentic pit-barbecue and natural wood-smoked foods. With temperature charts, a guide to flavorful woods, and useful tips for effective food smoking, this is an essential book for any aficionado of live-fire cooking. TX /835/S7554/2004

Thrive Foods: 200 Plant-based Recipes for Peak Health by Brendan Brazier
Explains how nutrient-dense, plant-based foods are the best form of proactive health insurance and environmental sustainability rolled into one. TX/837/B757/2011

YOUNG ADULT

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt
Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers—and Turner’s—want to change into a tourist spot. (Newbery Honor Book)

The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan
Three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. (Heroes of Olympus 1, others in series available)

CHILDREN’S NONFICTION

Pocahontas by Joseph Bruchac
In 1607, when John Smith and his men arrive in Powhatan to settle the colony of Virginia, relations with the native people are lukewarm. Pocahontas, the chief’s daughter, is just eleven, but she plays a pivotal role in the future dealings of two peoples. E/99/P85/B78/2005

Jim Thorpe: An Athlete for the Ages by Ellen C. Labrecque
During the 1912 Olympics, Thorpe, who had both Native American and European ancestry, became the only athlete to win both the decathlon and the pentathlon and to win Olympic gold medals. GV/697/T5/L33/2010

Scien-Trickery: Riddles in Science by J. Patrick Lewis
These clever brain-tickling riddle-rhymes cover everything from dinosaurs to gravity. Test yourself to see how many you can guess and get right! PS/3562/E9465/S38/2007

Naked Eggs and Flying Potatoes - Unforgettable Experiments that Make Science Fun by Steve Spangler
Steve Spangler explains how to transform the ordinary into the amazing as you make everyday items ooze, bubble, fizz, pop. These tricks and activities reveal the secrets of science in unexpected ways. Q/164/S62/2010

204 Sticky, Gloppy, Wacky and Wonderful Experiments by Janice VanCleave
Do these fun experiments and discover the answers to many weird and wild mysteries in astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics. Q/164/V35/2002

Boreal Forests (Ecosystems) by Patricia Miller-Schroeder
Explore the plants, animals, and environment that make up the boreal forest ecosystem. QH/541.5/T3/M55/2011

Nocturnal Animals (series):
Raccoons by J. Angelique Johnson
Simple text and full-color photos explain the habitat, life cycle, range, and behavior of raccoons. Get to know these nighttime hunters up close – their daily life of finding food, growing up and staying safe. QL/737/C26/J644/2011

Bats by J. Angelique Johnson
Simple text and full-color photos explain the habitat, life cycle, range, and behavior of bats. Learn about these night flyers up close – their daily life of finding food, growing up and staying safe. QL/737/C5/S546/2011

Hedgehogs by Mary R. Dunn
Simple text and full-color photos explain the habitat, life cycle, range, and behavior of hedgehogs. Get to know these spiny critters up close – their daily life of finding food, growing up and staying safe. QL/737/E753/D06/2011

Opossums by Mary R. Dunn
Simple text and full-color photos explain the habitat, life cycle, range, and behavior of opossums. Get to know forest animals up close – their daily life of finding food, growing up and staying safe. QL/737/M34/D06/2011

Trains on the Move by Willow Clark
Trains are some of the fastest and most useful vehicles in the world. Readers will learn all about the different types of trains, how they work, and how important they are in this exciting book. TF/148/C52/2010

Sparkles the Fire Safety Dog by Firefighter Dayna Hilton
Follow the adventures of Sparkles the fire safety dog as she helps teach children how to escape a house fire. TH/9146/165/2008

Who Was Thomas Alva Edison? by Margaret Frith
Find out about the real Thomas Alva Edison and his inventions in this illustrated biography. TK /140/E3/F736/2005

CHILDREN’S FICTION

FIREGIRL by Tony Abbott
A middle school boy’s life is changed when Jessica, a girl disfigured by burns, starts attending his Catholic school while receiving treatment at a local hospital.

Ragweed by Avi
A prequel to Avi’s award-winning Poppy, this is the story of Ragweed, the mouse Poppy loved and lost. Long before Ragweed finds his way to Dimwood Forest and to Poppy, he leaves his family and serene country home behind and sets off by train for the big city. (Poppy series, others in series available)

The Summer of Riley by Eve Bunting
Shortly after he gets Riley the perfect dog, eleven-year-old William must fight for his dog’s life when Riley is taken away because he chases and injures an elderly neighbor’s old horse.

Hank the Cowdog: The Case of the Shipwrecked Tree by John R. Erickson
When pirates are discovered on the ranch, it’s Hank the Cowdog’s job to check the situation out. But Hank has no idea what kind of trouble a run-in with pirates can lead to. (Hank the Cowdog 41, others in series available)

Among the Brave by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Trey finds out that Luke has been taken prisoner, and has to overcome his own fears to rescue his friend. He tries to get to Luke by impersonating an officer, but just when it looks like he’s close, Trey finds himself in danger of exposing not just himself but all shadow children. (Shadow Children 5, others in series available)

Sheep by Valerie Hobbs
After a fire destroys the farm where he was born, a young border collie acquires a series of owners and learns about life as he seeks a home and longs to fulfill his life’s purpose of shepherding sheep.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) by Jeff Kinney
Book 1: Greg Heffley’s Journal – Summer is over and Greg Heffley begins middle school, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. The hazards of growing up before you’re ready are uniquely revealed through words and drawings as Greg records them in his diary.
Book 2: Rodrick Rules – Greg enters the new school year, he’s eager to put the past three months behind him and one event in particular. Unfortunately for Greg, his older brother, Rodrick, knows all about the incident.
Book 3: Dog Days – It’s summer vacation, the weather’s great, and all the kids are having fun outside. So where’s Greg Heffley? He’s inside his house, playing video games with the shades drawn. Greg’s mom has a different vision for an ideal summer - one packed with outdoor activities and "family togetherness."

Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer by John Grisham
Thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone has always dreamed of being a great trial lawyer someday, but a sensational murder trial forces him into the arena sooner than expected. He is determined to see that justice prevails.

A Dog’s Life: the Autobiography of a Stray by Ann M. Martin
Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.

BEGINNER READER & PICTURE BOOKS

Too Many Chickens by Paulette Bourgeois
A class project goes out of control, turning into a hilarious escapade.

Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth
Percy, the Park Keeper, always feeds the animals in the park where he lives. But one cold winter’s night Percy discovers that the animals need more than food, and he must help them find a warm place to sleep for the night.
Bathtime for Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Everything is ready for Biscuit to take a bath - everything except Biscuit! After rolling in the mud and playing in the garden with his friend Puddles, will Biscuit ever get clean?

Down by the Pond by Margrit Cruickshank & Dave Saunders
A rhyme about a peaceful farmyard that turns into a hullabaloo when a fox comes sneaking around.

Explore, Moose! by Audrey Fraggalosch
Moose is teaching her baby how to explore their forest home. Baby explores the lake and learns to swim. He also learns how to find the tastiest foods. Soon Baby will be ready to explore on his own!

Solo by Paul Geraghty
When her parents Floe and Fin leave her to search for food, Solo the baby penguin tries to follow them and loses her way.

Count Alaska's Colors by Shelley Gill
In this companion to the Alaska ABC Book, children learn to count as colorful critters leap through the pages.

Bad Dog, Marley! by John Grogan
The Grogan family welcomes Marley, a small lovable puppy into their home. Marley doesn’t stay small for long, but grows and grows. The bigger he gets the bigger the trouble he gets into. Will they keep him?

Rikki-Tikki-Tavi by Rudyard Kipling
A courageous mongoose thwarts the evil plans of Nag and Nagaina, two big black cobras who live in the garden.

Walking With Henry: The Life and Works of Henry David Thoreau by Thomas Locker
Locker introduces the gifted philosopher, writer, and environmentalist Henry David Thoreau, using selections from his own writings and an imaginary journey into the wilderness.

Hondo & Fabian by Peter McCarty
Hondo the dog gets to go to the beach and play with his friend Fred, while Fabian the cat spends the day at home.

George Washington and the General's Dog by Frank Murphy
George Washington is fighting in the American Revolution, and he sees a dog lost on the battlefield. Whose dog is it? Readers will be surprised to find out what happens in this little-known true story.

Fancy Nancy: The Show Must Go On by Jane O'Connor
Nancy, who likes to use fancy words, is dismayed to be partnered with shy classmate Lionel for the school talent show, until she comes up with an act perfectly suited for both of them.

A Little Bit of Love by Cynthia Platt
A small mouse learns that when you make something for your little one, it's always made of love.

Ellie's Growl by Karen Popham
Ellie likes it when her big brother William reads animal stories to her and makes wonderful animal noises. Her favorite ones have tigers in them. One day Ellie decides to try growling, too, with some unexpected results.

Smelly Bill by Daniel Postgate
Bill the dog likes smelly things especially rubbish bins and muddy ponds. Then super-clean Aunt Bleach comes to dog-sit. Can she change his stinky ways?

Looking for a Moose by Phyllis Root
Have you ever seen a moose – a long-leggy moose – a branchy antler, dinner-diving, bulgy-nose moose? Go with the children in this book as they search for, and find moose.

Mr. Putter & Tabby Paint the Porch by Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter wants to paint his porch. He has paint, a brush, and Tabby his cat. Everything is perfect until a squirrel catches Tabby's eye.

Mr. Putter & Tabby See the Stars by Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and his cat Tabby can sleep anywhere, however he has eaten too many of Mrs. Teaberry’s delicious treats before bed. Who can sleep with such a grumbly stomach?

The Stray Dog by Marc Simont
The true story of a family who befriends a stray dog that they name Willy and then decide to keep him.

My Big Dog by Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummel
Merl the Cat’s pampered life is turned upside down when a little golden retriever puppy moves into the house. Merl tells how he tries his best to get rid of the newest member of his household.

The Princess and the Pea by Janet Stevens
A bedraggled tiger, claiming to be a real princess, undergoes the queen's test for determining true nobility – will she be able to feel a pea through twenty mattresses and twenty featherbeds and prove she is a real princess?

**Big or Little by Kathy Stinson & Toni Goffe**
Some days Toby feels big, like when he pours his own milk. But other days, he feels little, like when he spills it.

**A Frog in the Bog by Karma Wilson**
A frog in the bog grows larger and larger as he eats more and more bugs, until he attracts the attention of an alligator.

**King Bidgood's in the Bathtub by Audrey Wood & Don Wood**
The contented King Bidgood refuses to get out of his magnificent bathtub. One by one, all the members of the court become involved in luring the stubborn king out of his tub.

**Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young**
In this retelling of an Indian fable, The Blind Men and the Elephant, seven blind mice discover different parts of an elephant and argue about its appearance.

**BOARD BOOKS**

**How Animal Moms Love Their Babies by Bernd and Susan Richter**
Learn about different kinds of animals and how their moms take care of them.

**Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear by Don and Audrey Wood**
Suspense builds as the little mouse decides how to deal with the ripe strawberry and the big hungry bear.

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