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**SCBWI PAL AUTHORS
AND ILLUSTRATORS:
MIDSOUTH REGION**

FROM TENNESSEE

TRACY BARRETT

Author Bio: Tracy Barrett is the author of numerous fiction and nonfiction books for young readers, including the award-winning YA biographical novel, *Anna of Byzantium* (Delacorte, 1999). Her most recent publications are a YA novel, *Dark of the Moon* (Harcourt Children's Books, 2011) and *King of Ithaka* (Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, 2010). Tracy was the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' Regional Advisor for the Midsouth from 1999-2009 and is now SCBWI's Regional Advisor Coordinator. She was awarded the SCBWI Work-in-Progress Grant in 2005 and a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1994. She holds a B.A. with Honors in Classics from Brown University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Medieval Italian Literature from the University of California at Berkeley. She is married and has two young-adult children. She lives in Nashville, TN, where she teaches at Vanderbilt University. Visit her at www.tracybarrett.com.

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School visits and/or presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: ANNA OF BYZANTIUM

Genre: Historical fiction

Recommended Age Level: Upper MG, lower YA

Key words or tags: Young royal women, Byzantium, historical, sibling relationships, Byzantine empire, medieval

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Anna Comnena has every reason to feel entitled. She's a princess, her father's firstborn and his chosen successor. Someday she expects to sit on the throne and rule the vast Byzantine Empire. So the birth of a baby brother doesn't perturb her. Nor do the "barbarians" from foreign lands, who think only a son should ascend to power. Anna is as dismissive of them as are her father and his most trusted adviser—his mother, a manipulative woman with whom Anna studies the art of diplomacy. Anna relishes her lessons, proving adept at checkmating opponents in swift moves of mental chess. But as she matures into a young woman, her arrogance and intelligence threaten her grandmother. Anna will be no one's puppet. Almost overnight, Anna sees her dreams of power wrenched from her and bestowed on her little brother. Bitter at the betrayal, Anna waits to avenge herself and to seize what is rightfully hers.

Publisher: Delacorte (Random House Children's Books)

Year: 2000

ISBN#: 9780440415367

Awards/Additional Info: *Booklist* Editor's Choice; Top Ten Historical Fiction (*Booklist*); Blue Ribbon Book, *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* (cover story); American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults; American Library Association Quick Pick; "2000 Books for the Teen Age;" Chicago Public Library "Best of the Best 1999;" a "Notable Social Studies Trade Book" (*Social Education*, National Council for the Social Studies); Arizona State University English Education Honor List; Scholastic Book Club 11/00; 2001-2002 Texas Lone Star Reading List; recommended book [PBS TeacherSource](#); Arrow Editor's Pick (*Scholastic*) 6/02; published in Dutch, Japanese, Italian, French; listed in Kathleen Odean's (2002) and Rebecca Barnhouse's *The Middle Ages in Literature for Youth: A Guide and Resource Book* (2004).

2nd Book Title: COLD IN SUMMER

Genre: Mystery, ghost story

Recommended Age Level: Upper MG

Key words or tags: Detective, ghosts, new home

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: It's bad enough that twelve-year-old Ariadne had to leave her school, her friends, and everything she knows in Florida, to move to a poky little town in Tennessee. But why does the mysterious May Butler tell Ariadne that she has to help May go home? Isn't she already home? How can she be lost when she's right there? And how can Ariadne help her?

Publisher: Henry Holt

Year: 2003

ISBN#: 9780805070521

Awards/Additional Info: New York Public Library's "Books for the Teen Age;" "Best Fantasy Books of the Year" (VOYA), "The Best Children's Books of the Year" (Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College of Education), [Mark Twain Award nominee](#) (Missouri Association of School Librarians), [South Carolina Book Award nominee](#), [Volunteer State Book Award \(Tennessee\) nominee](#).

3rd Book Title: ON ETRUSCAN TIME

Genre: Time travel, mystery

Recommended Age Level: Upper MG

Key words or tags: Time travel, Etruscans, ancient civilizations, ancient Italy

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: No one ever listens to Hector. He wanted to hang out with his friends this summer, but instead he's stuck in Italy at an archaeological dig with his mom. The ancient Etruscan artifacts are interesting, but no one has time for him.

Then he makes a discovery of his own—a strange, unsettling stone that looks like an eye. The stone brings nightmares about Arath, an Etruscan boy who died thousands of years ago but now begs for Hector's help. Are these just dreams,

or is Arath really in danger? As Hector unearths the truth, he realizes that he can make himself heard when it counts.

Publisher: Henry Holt

Year: 2005

ISBN#: 9780805075694

Awards/Additional Info: [William Allen White Award](#) 2008 Master List; nominee for Missouri's [Mark Twain award 2007-2008](#). Also published in Italian.

4th Book Title: THE 100-YEAR-OLD SECRET (THE SHERLOCK FILES, BOOK 1)

Genre: Detective

Recommended Age Level: MG

Key words or tags: Sherlock Holmes, mystery, detective

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: When Xena and Xander Holmes discover that they're direct descendants of Sherlock Holmes and start solving cases from their ancestor's cold-case notebook, their lives in London become exciting. Can they use modern technology to solve cases that the great Sherlock Holmes had to abandon?

Publisher: Henry Holt; paperback Square Fish

Year: 2010 (paperback)

ISBN#: 9780312602123

Awards/Additional Info: Book 1 in The Sherlock Files, Henry Holt Books, 2008; paperback Square Fish, 2010 (Great Stone Face Book Award Nominee 2010 (New Hampshire); Volunteer State Book Award Nominee 2010-2011 (Tennessee); finalist, Nevada Young Readers' Award 2010; Young Hoosier Book Award Nominee 2010 (Indiana), Kansas State Reading Circle; Iowa Children's Choice Award Nominee; Sequoyah Book Award Nominee 2011 (Oklahoma); 2011-2012 [Virginia Readers' Choice Master List](#) Nominee; Sunshine State Young Readers Award nominee; Sarasota County (FL) Starbooks all-county middle-school read 2011; Surrey (British Columbia, Canada) Schools' Book of the Year Award nominee 2012; a Junior Library Guild selection). Published in Japanese, Korean, and Turkish, and as an [audiobook](#) (Listening Library).

5th Book Title: THE BEAST OF BLACKSLOPE (THE SHERLOCK FILES, BOOK 2)

Genre: Detective

Recommended Age Level: MG

Key words or tags: Sherlock Holmes, mystery, detective

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: When a monster terrorizes the town of Blackslope, Xena and Xander are faced with a mystery that seems impossible to solve. Sherlock Holmes investigated the case nearly a hundred years ago. It couldn't be

the same creature after all this time—could it?

Publisher: Henry Holt

Year: 2009

ISBN#: 9780805083415

Awards/Additional Info: Also published in Japanese, Turkish, and Korean, and as an audiobook.

6th Book Title: THE CASE THAT TIME FORGOT (THE SHERLOCK FILES, BOOK 3)

Genre: Detective

Recommended Age Level: MG

Key words or tags: Sherlock Holmes, mystery, detective, ancient Egypt

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Xena and Xander race to find an ancient Egyptian amulet, stolen from a museum a century ago. Will they find it in time to invoke its magical powers?

Publisher: Henry Holt

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9780805080469

Awards/Additional Info: A Junior Library Guild selection. Published in Japanese and Korean, and as an audiobook.

7th Book Title: THE MISSING HEIR (THE SHERLOCK FILES, BOOK 4)

Genre: Detective

Recommended Age Level: MG

Key words or tags: Sherlock Holmes, mystery, detective, royalty

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Xena and Xander have just learned that their shy classmate, Alice, is the heir to a royal throne! Alice is to be crowned on her thirteenth birthday, but she goes missing days before the ceremony. Can Xena and Xander find her in time? And what does Alice's disappearance have to do with the kidnapping of her great-great-great grandmother—a crime investigated by Sherlock Holmes?

Publisher: Henry Holt

Year: 2011

ISBN#: 978-0805080476

Awards/additional info: A Junior Library Guild selection. Published in Japanese and Korean, and as an audiobook.

8th Book Title: KING OF ITHAKA

Genre: Historical/mythological adventure

Recommended Age Level: 12 and up

Key words or tags: Ancient Greece, Odyssey, Homer, Trojan War

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Telemachos has a comfortable life on his small island of Ithaka, where his mother keeps the peace even though

the land has been without its king, his father, since the Trojan War began many years ago. But now the people are demanding a new king, unless Telemachos can find Odysseus and bring him home.

"Return to the place that is not, on the day that is not, bearing the thing that is not. On that day the king will return."

With only this mysterious prophecy to guide him, Telemachos sets off over sea and desert in search of the father he has never known.

This is the Odyssey as told by Telemachos, the son of that great world traveler and liar himself.

Publisher: Henry Holt

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9780805089691

Awards/Additional Info: A *School Library Journal Best Book of 2010*, Volunteer State (Tennessee) Book Award Nominee 2011-2012.

9th Book Title: THE ANCIENT GREEK WORLD (THE WORLD IN ANCIENT TIMES) (with Jennifer T. Roberts)

Genre: Nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: MG

Key words or tags: Ancient Greece, history
Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Jennifer Roberts, of the City University of New York, and Tracy Barrett, author of historical fiction for young adults, bring together their respective mastery of scholarship and storytelling to tell the history of a place, a people, and a culture that has left some of the most beautiful art, the greatest stories, and the most magnificent cities and buildings that the world has ever known. *The Ancient Greek World* uses primary sources such as Homer's *Odyssey*, Herodotus' *Histories*, a Minoan drinking cup, and a child's grave epitaph to present a balanced and lively narrative history of ancient Greece. A chronology, cast of characters, maps, pronunciation table, further reading, and index supplement the main text.

Publisher: Oxford University Press

Year: 2004

ISBN#: 9780195156966

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

10th Book Title: THE ANCIENT CHINESE WORLD (THE WORLD IN ANCIENT TIMES) (with Terry Kleeman)

Genre: Nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: MG

Key words or tags: Ancient China, history

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Pangu, a god asleep inside a giant black egg for 18,000 years, wakes up to create the world. Liu Bang, the founder of a Chinese dynasty, begins his life

as a peasant. Sun Tzu, a fearless war strategist, writes one of the most popular books of all time. These are just a few of the captivating figures you'll meet in *The Ancient Chinese World*. Terry Kleeman and Tracy Barrett use a rich variety of intriguing primary sources—turtle shells, clay pots, an ancient wall, folk songs, poetry, and more—to construct a lively history of the politicians, farmers, warriors, and philosophers who created and shaped the ancient Chinese world. They also show us the fascinating process of constructing the historical jigsaw puzzle. Archaeologists discover a 400,000-year-old skull near modern-day Beijing and determine that it is one of our earliest human ancestors. A scholar who is prescribed "dragon bones" to cure an illness realizes that the bones—which are actually turtle shells—contain ancient Chinese writing used to send messages to the gods. The fantastic discovery of Lady Hao's tomb reveals that in ancient China a powerful woman led soldiers into battle. The letters exchanged by two military leaders show not only how the Chinese invented the sword, but also how they used the kite as a military weapon. Using these ancient artifacts and writings, Kleeman and Barrett weave the dramatic story of rulers, writers, soldiers, and citizens who made up the fascinating and unique world of ancient China.

Publisher: Oxford University Press

Year: 2004

ISBN#: 9780195156966

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

11th Book Title: DARK OF THE MOON

Genre: Historical, mythological

Recommended Age Level: YA

Key words or tags: Ancient Greece, Minotaur, Crete, Minoan Civilization

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Ariadne is destined to become a goddess of the moon. She leads a lonely life, filled with hours of rigorous training by stern priestesses. Her former friends no longer dare to look at her, much less speak to her. All that she has left are her mother and her beloved, misshapen brother Asterion, who must be held captive below the palace for his own safety.

So when a ship arrives one spring day, bearing a tribute of slaves from Athens, Ariadne sneaks out to meet it. These newcomers don't know the ways of Krete; perhaps they won't be afraid of a girl who will someday be a powerful goddess. And indeed she meets Theseus, the son of the king of Athens. Ariadne finds herself drawn to the newcomer, and soon they form a friendship—one that could perhaps become something more.

Yet Theseus is doomed to die as an offering to the Minotaur, that monster beneath the palace—unless he can kill the beast first. And that "monster" is Ariadne's brother . . .

Publisher: Harcourt Children's Books

Year: 2011

ISBN#: 978-0547581323

Awards/Additional Info: Starred review, Kirkus.

SHELLIE BRAEUNER

Author Bio: *Shellie Braeuner earned a Master's of Education from Vanderbilt University in counseling. So, of course, she became a nanny! Shellie has been caring for children for more than twenty-five years. After telling children stories for years, friends and family encouraged her to look into publishing. After three years of hard work, Shellie won the Cheerios New Author Contest in 2008. Simon and Schuster purchased the book, The Great Dog Wash, for publication. The book was named a Best Book of 2010 by Bank Street. Shellie lives in Nashville, TN.*

Website: www.shelliebraeuner.com

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

Book Title: THE GREAT DOG WASH

Genre: Picture Book

Recommended Age Level: 2-8

Key words or tags: Dogs, children, multi-cultural, problem solving, rhyming, Cheerios

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Big dogs and small dogs, come one and all dogs. We're having a dog wash today!

Come to the zaniest dog wash in town! Dogs of all kinds are invited - but did someone bring a cat? Shellie Braeuner's playful rhymes and Robert Neubecker's lively illustrations make this one dog wash you won't want to miss.

Publisher: Simon and Schuster

Awards/Additional Info: Winner of Cheerios New Author Contest, Bank Street Best Book List of 2010

SUSAN EADY

(Author: Patricia Hubbell)

Illustrator Bio: *Susan Eaddy's illustrations are 3D relief sculptures created entirely out of clay. She was an art director for fifteen years. Susan has illustrated over eighty books in the educational market and won international 3D illustration awards and a Grammy nomination. She lives in Nashville, TN with her art-professor husband and her fluffy, fat cat.*

Website: www.susaneaddy.com

School visits and/or presentations: Yes

1st Book Title: PAPA FISH'S LULLABY

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: 2-8 years

Key words or tags: Clay illustration, fish, marine life, bedtime story, ocean, sea, poetry, whales, seals, octopus, sea turtles, gulls, garibaldi, damselfish

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: In this sweet sea lullaby, Papa is calling his little fish home at day's end. In an effort to persuade his little fish that it's bedtime, Papa devotes sleepy rhymes to many of their ocean friends, including green sea turtles, seahorses, dolphins, and gulls. Exquisite clay sculptures show the curious little fish spying upon each of these creatures as he makes his way home.

Gently rocking poetry and inviting scenery combine to offer a tender homecoming story that will swim in readers' heads long after the book has been closed for the night.

Publisher: NorthWord Books for Young Readers

Year: 2007

ISBN#: 9781559719650

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

2nd Book Title: FIRST LOOK AT TRUCKS (Author: Laura Gates Galvin)

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: 0-5 years

Key words or tags: Clay illustration, trucks, construction, front end loader, excavator, bulldozer, cement mixer

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Beep, Beep! What is honking? Is it a dump truck, snowplow or maybe even a garbage truck? Discover different types of trucks in this delightful board book featuring vibrant clay art and action photos.

Soundprints and the Smithsonian Institution are proud to present the First Look™ series. Playful, yet informative text, encourages vocabulary building through repetition for emerging readers.

Publisher: Soundprints and the Smithsonian Institution

Year: 2009

ISBN#: 9781592498611

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

3rd Book Title: FIRST LOOK AT AIRCRAFT (Author: Laura Gates Galvin)

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: 0-5 years

Key words or tags: Clay illustration, airplane, helicopter, hot air balloon, biplane, prop plane, hang glider, blimp

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: What's flying high in the sky? Is it an airplane, a helicopter or maybe even a hot air balloon? Discover different types

of aircraft in this delightful board book featuring vibrant clay art and action photos.

Soundprints and the Smithsonian Institution are proud to present the First Look™ series. Playful, yet informative text, encourages vocabulary building through repetition for emerging readers.

Publisher: Soundprints and the Smithsonian Institution

Year: 2009

ISBN#: 9781592498628

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

4th Book Title: FIRST LOOK AT RESCUE VEHICLES (Author: Laura Gates Galvin)

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: 0-5 years

Key words or tags: Clay illustration, rescue, fire trucks, ambulance, police car, helicopter, beach rescue

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Sirens are blaring and lights are flashing! The rescue vehicles are on the way! Learn all about the different types of rescue vehicles, including fire trucks, ambulances and police cars, in this colorful board book featuring vibrant clay art and action photos.

Soundprints and the Smithsonian Institution are proud to present the First Look™ series. Playful, yet informative text, encourages vocabulary building through repetition for emerging readers.

Publisher: Soundprints and the Smithsonian Institution

Year: 2009

ISBN#: 9781607270935

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

ALICE FAYE DUNCAN

Author Bio: *Alice Faye Duncan is a school librarian who lives in Memphis. During school presentations, she sings, performs interactive poetry with children, and reads from her own creations.*

Website: www.alicefayeduncan.com

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: HONEY BABY SUGAR CHILD

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: Preschool-8 years
Key words or tags: Poetry, music, a mother's love song

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: *Honey Baby Sugar Child* is a mother's love song to her young child. In the spirit of Paul Laurence Dunbar and Langston Hughes, the text swings like music and is saturated with sweet, sweet feelings of love.

Publisher: Simon and Schuster

Year: 2005

ISBN#: 0689846789

Awards/Additional Info: NAACP Image Award Nomination (2006)

GRACE E. HOWELL

Author Bio: *Grace E. Howell grew up Memphis, Tennessee, where she lives with her husband. They have three sons, one daughter and three grandchildren. She has been a teacher and a librarian and currently volunteers as a live reader at WYPL FM 89.3, the Memphis library station. When she's not reading or writing, she may be found in her garden with the birds and the blooms.*

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School visits and/or presentations? Not at this time

Book Title: TRUE FRIENDS

Genre: MG, historical fiction

Recommended Age Level: 8-12 years

Key words or tags: Friendship, World War I, Spanish flu, death, 1918 Memphis

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: In 1918, while Annie's brother fights in the Great War, her life changes. Days of roaming with the boys are over for Annie. She falls under the spell of the new girl, Iris Elizabeth, with her silk dresses, her popularity, and her talk of German spies. The father of Annie's old friends, Rose and Della, couldn't be a spy, or could he? As the shunning begins, cries of Hun Lover test Annie's loyalty. Then Spanish influenza sweeps in with death and life-altering decisions for Annie.

Publisher: Echelon Press

Year: 2005

ISBN#: 159080201

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

AMY PARKER

Author Bio: *Amy Parker has written more than twenty books for children, teens, and adults, including the best-selling *A Night Night Prayer*, three Mom's Choice Awards® recipients, and coauthoring *God's Promises for Girls and God's Promises for Boys*. She has collaborated with authors ranging from a *New York Times* bestseller to her very own son. Amy lives in middle Tennessee, with her husband, Daniel, and their two amazing sons, Michael and Ethan.*

Website: www.amyparkerbooks.com

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: A NIGHT NIGHT PRAYER

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: Preschool

Key words or tags: Bed time, prayer, gratitude

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: This lovable little nighttime prayer book has interactive dialogue for children to repeat as they look around their world to see the sleeping sun, trees, puppy, baby, etc. The repetition within the text and the reassuring message help little ones calm down and prepare to go to sleep.

This bedtime book introduces thankfulness and prayer in an evening routine. Accompanied by endearing illustrations that depict a cozy bedtime, *A Night Night Prayer* will quickly become a "read it one more time" book for young children.

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Year: 2008

ISBN#: 9781400312849

Awards/Additional Info: Mom's Choice Awards Gold recipient

2nd Book Title: A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: Preschool

Key words or tags: Christmas, nativity, prayer, bed time, gratitude

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Snuggle in this holiday season and offer up A Christmas Prayer.

In the tradition of A Night Night Prayer, this precious little child wanders through the house on a snowy Christmas night offering a prayer of thanks and blessing. The child finishes with thanks to God for the greatest Gift of all.

Noting all the characters in the Nativity, this lovable little nighttime prayer book has interactive dialogue and soothing rhyme for children to repeat as they look around their world at Christmastime.

Between the soft Christmas glow of the illustrations and the smooth rhythm of the child's prayer, *A Christmas Prayer* will make every parent and child want to snuggle up by the tree and offer a prayer of thanks to God for His many Christmas blessings.

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Year: 2010

ISBN#: #9781400316526

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

3rd Book Title: GOD'S PROMISES FOR GIRLS (Jack Countryman and Amy Parker)

Genre: Devotional

Recommended Age Level: 4-8

Key words or tags: Children's issues, promises, Christian living

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: An easy way to help young girls see God's promises and how they can rely on His love in their daily lives.

The promise verses in this book are selected from the best-selling International Children's Bible® to offer comfort and encouragement when a girl is feeling afraid, lonely, worried, angry, dissatisfied, discouraged, sad, rebellious, impatient, or sick . . . and when she needs reassurance of God's protection, love, forgiveness, help . . . and that He listens when she prays. It's a great way for children to hide God's Word in their hearts.

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9781400315918

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

4th Book Title: GOD'S PROMISES FOR BOYS (Jack Countryman and Amy Parker)

Genre: Devotional

Recommended Age Level: 4-8

Key words or tags: Children's issues, promises, Christian living

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: An easy way to help young boys see God's promises and how they can rely on His love in their daily lives.

The promise verses in this book are selected from the bestselling International Children's Bible® to offer comfort and encouragement when a boy is feeling afraid, lonely, worried, angry, dissatisfied, discouraged, sad, rebellious, impatient, or sick . . . and when he needs reassurance of God's protection, love, forgiveness, help . . . and that He listens when he prays. It's a great way for children to hide God's Word in their hearts.

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9781400315925

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

5th Book Title: THANK YOU, GOD, FOR MOMMY

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: Preschool

Key words or tags: Mothers, gratitude, prayer

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Mommies do so much for us! It's time to thank God for the blessing they are.

In this adorable board book, a little panda thanks God for his wonderful mommy—a mommy who gives hugs and cuddles, who takes great care of him, and most importantly, who offers love and guidance for her precious panda cub.

"Thank You, God, for Mommy,

And lullabies so sweet—

The beating of her great, big heart

Sings me right to sleep."

The love and sacrifices of mothers everywhere will be celebrated by mother and child as they snuggle up together and say, "Thank you, God, for Mommy."

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Year: 2011

ISBN#: 9781400317073

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

6th Book Title: THANK YOU, GOD, FOR DADDY

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: Preschool

Key words or tags: Fathers, gratitude, prayer

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Daddies do so much for us! It's time to thank God for the blessing they are.

In this adorable board book, a little lion cub thanks God for his wonderful daddy—a daddy who gives big hugs and piggy back rides, who takes great care of him, and most importantly, who offers love, guidance, and encouragement.

*"Thank You, God, for Daddy,
He scares monsters away.*

*When Daddy says, "Don't be afraid,"
I know that it's okay."*

The love and sacrifices of fathers will be celebrated by children everywhere each time they snuggle up to read *Thank You, God, for Daddy*.

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Year: 2011

ISBN#: 9781400317080

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

**7th Book Title: THE YOUNG TRAVELER'S GIFT
(Andy Andrews with Amy Parker)**

Genre: YA

Recommended Age Level: 12 and up

Key words or tags: History, second chances, gift, journey

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Before David Ponder ever visited Truman in *The Traveler's Gift*, Michael Holder began his journey as the last young traveler to receive the unique gifts of wisdom offered by historical greats.

In his senior year of high school, Michael hits rock bottom. Having been caught in the wrong place at the wrong time, he has now been suspended from the track team and lost his college scholarship. His coach is angry, his parents are disappointed, and he's diving headfirst into a downward spiral. Facing the bleak future ahead, he sees no way out and wonders if life is really worth living. But with some divine intervention, he's given a second chance when he's offered a once-in-a-lifetime journey of discovery.

Rewritten to engage the minds of teens and tweens, *The Young Traveler's Gift* is sure to

encourage and enlighten young men and women as they prepare to face the journeys that lie ahead.

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Year: 2004

ISBN#: 9781400304271

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

8th Book Title: JUNGLE JACK: MY WILD LIFE (Jack Hanna with Amy Parker)

Genre: Nonfiction (autobiography)

Recommended Age Level: Teen-Adult

Key words or tags: Autobiography, wildlife, conservation, education

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: *Jungle Jack* is the completely revised and updated authorized biography of one of our most beloved zookeepers, Jack Hanna.

When the Columbus Zoo hired Jack Hanna as executive director in 1978, he inherited an outdated zoo where all the animals were caged, and the buildings were run down. With the kind of work ethic and enthusiasm he's become known for, Hanna brought new life to the zoo, transforming it into the state-of-the-art facility it is today. It was an achievement for which he was well prepared. Hanna was only eleven years old when he got his first job with animals—cleaning cages for the family vet. As a newlywed, he and his wife, Suzi, ran a pet shop and petting zoo, and he later worked for a wildlife adventure outfit. You've probably seen Hanna as a wildlife correspondent with his animal friends on *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Larry King Live*, *Entertainment Tonight*, and *Hannity and Colmes*. Full of unpredictable animal escapades and the occasional tragedy, this book takes readers on an enjoyable safari through the life of "Jungle" Jack Hanna.

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Year: 2008

ISBN#: 1595551514

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

ERICA RODGERS

Author Bio: *Erica Rodgers lives outside of Nashville, Tennessee, with her husband and two children. She writes juvenile fiction and Bible studies for 6th- through 12th-graders. Erica loves the Northwest, Sour Patch Kids, and singing in front of her bathroom mirror.*

Website: www.ericavvy.com

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: ALEXIS AND THE SACRAMENTO SURPRISE

Genre: Inspirational Middle Grade Mystery

Recommended Age Level: 9-12

Key words or tags: Girls, mystery, inspirational, Christian, series, Camp Club Girls

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: If dinosaurs are extinct, then why do they seem to come to life each night? When Alexis' friend, Miss Maria, tries to save her business by importing mechanical dinosaurs to her nature park, Alexis and Kate are instantly on the spot to show their support. But the Camp Club girls are soon embroiled in surprises when they have to not only deal with mechanical dinosaurs appearing to have minds of their own, but also the local media, which also seems determined to destroy Miss Maria. Can the girls crack the case and keep Miss Maria's dreams—and business—alive?

Publisher: Barbour Publishing

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9781602602700

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

2nd Book Title: ALEXIS AND THE ARIZONA ESCAPEDE

Genre: Inspirational Middle-Grade Mystery

Recommended Age Level: 9-12

Key words or tags: Girls, mystery, inspirational, Christian, series, Camp Club Girls

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: London Bridge is falling down! Alexis and her friend Elizabeth are vacationing in Lake Havasu, Arizona, and their sleuthing skills are needed when the town's claim to fame—the old London Bridge—begins crumbling. Throw in a cute swimming champion, a couple of thieves, and a high-speed bed race and the Camp Club Girls are in for an action-packed stay in the Grand Canyon State!

Publisher: Barbour Publishing

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9781602602922

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

RUTA SEPETYS

Author Bio: *Ruta Sepetys was born and raised in Michigan in a family of artists, readers, and music lovers. She is the author of the New York Times bestselling novel *Between Shades of Gray* and credits SCBWI, and specifically the Midsouth region, for her path to publication. Prior to beginning her journey as a writer, Ruta worked in the music industry. She holds a Bachelor's degree in International Finance and a French Masters in International Management. Ruta lives in*

Nashville with her husband.

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www.betweenshadesofgray.com

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

Book Title: BETWEEN SHADES OF GRAY

Genre: Historical fiction

Recommended Age Level: 14 and up

Key words or tags: Historical, WWII, survival, love

Jacket flap copy or synopsis:

"Have you ever wondered what a human life is worth? That morning, my brother's was worth a pocket watch."

It's 1941 and fifteen-year-old Lina Vilkas is preparing for art school and looking forward to summer. Then suddenly, her life is forever changed when the Soviet secret police invade her home and arrest Lina, her mother and younger brother. They are deported via cattle car from Lithuania to Arctic Siberia where their fight for life begins. In this dramatic and moving story, Lina Vilkas risks everything to save her family amidst Stalin's genocide.

Publisher: Philomel/Penguin

Year: 2011

ISBN#: 9780399254123

Awards/Additional Info: Sold in 30 countries, A New York Times Bestseller, A Junior Library Guild Selection. The first young adult novel ever to be awarded the National Blue Ribbon by the Book of the Month Club.

DEBRA WEST SMITH

Author Bio: *Debra West Smith was born in Natchitoches, LA, home of Steel Magnolias. She began writing for enjoyment in third grade and for publication in 1992. Since that time, she has written curriculum and numerous research articles for Lifeway Christian Resources, news features, and five books for middle graders. Debra loves travel, photography, wading in the creek, and turning kids on to history. She is a member of the Society for Children's Book Writers and now lives in Bradyville, TN.*

Website: www.debrawestsmith.com

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: YANKEES ON THE DOORSTEP—THE STORY OF SARAH MORGAN

Genre: Biography

Recommended Age Level: 10-14

Key words or tags: Civil War diary, Louisiana history, Confederate women, Baton Rouge, Port Hudson, women in the Civil War, Sarah Morgan Dawson

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: The Civil War is rarely shown through a young southern woman's perspective. Many of these women were displaced from their homes and lived their lives on the run from northern shellfire. They witnessed war firsthand without ever going to battle. Sarah Morgan was one of those. She was only 20 years old when the Union army took over her hometown of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Living in occupied territory created tensions and confusion that were hard to bear. To cope, Sarah poured her heart and frustrations into her diary.

There she tells of being moved from place to place, facing issues we don't usually consider when thinking about the Civil War—what to do with her pet bird as the Yankees approach? Should her family accept much-needed food from their soldiers at the risk of being branded as traitors? Where to find shoes? Sarah's diary reveals an ordinary girl living in perilous times with a buoyant spirit that enabled her to rise above them.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2001

ISBN#: 1565548728

Awards/Additional Info: Included in SCBWI list of books that publishers recommend for children in crisis.

2nd Book Title: HATTIE MARSHALL AND THE PROWLING PANTHER

Genre: Historical fiction

Recommended Age Level: 9-12

Key words or tags: Pioneer life, Texas Sabine River, farm life, family life, cattle drive, panther, alligator, wedding customs of the 1890's

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Life on the frontier is one adventure after another for twelve-year-old Hattie Marshall. She enjoys the excitement, but sometimes things get scary, like when she gets swept away in a flooded river, or when a panther stalks her family's farm, hunting for its next meal.

Meanwhile, things are changing at home. Her sister is getting married, Gramma needs extra help, and worst of all, her brother Sam is leaving on a cattle drive. It all begins to seem like more than she can handle. But Hattie will soon find that some things don't ever change—like the love between a brother and sister, and the fact that God is with her, even when she's lonely and her world seems upside down.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2005

ISBN#: 9781565549401

Awards/Additional Info: An Accelerated Reader.

3rd Book Title: HATTIE MARSHALL AND THE DANGEROUS FIRE

Genre: Historical fiction

Recommended Age Level: 9-12

Key words or tags: Pioneer life, Texas, family life, sibling rivalry, forest fires

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Young Hattie Marshall's sister returns home a month after her wedding because a meddling mother-in-law has made her new life impossible. To make matters worse, her new husband, Lester, is gone every night, but he won't say where. Having to once again share her bedroom, Hattie hatches a plan to spy on Lester in an effort to ease her troubled sister's mind and reunite the newlyweds.

When Hattie goes fishing with a friend to take a break from matchmaking, a dangerous forest fire is started by a bolt of lightning. The pair set out to warn the town as they fight through the elements and race against time.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2007

ISBN#: 9781589804920

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

4th Book Title: HATTIE MARSHALL AND THE HURRICANE

Genre: Historical fiction

Recommended Age Level: 9-12

Key words or tags: Pioneer life, Louisiana hurricanes, Grand Isle, Cheniere Caminada, Hurricane of 1893, pirates, Jean Lafitte, survival skills

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Hattie is thrilled when her friend Eric Siegen and his family invite her along on their trip to Grand Isle and New Orleans. It is her first time away from home, and she is amazed by all the wonders around her—a swimming porpoise, a tasty beignet, an elegant cathedral.

But this is October 1893. As Hattie and Eric join Tom Guidroz, a young local, on a treasure hunt near Jean Lafitte's old fort on a barrier island, Tom's attitude and the weather suddenly worsen. As a hurricane roars in, they are trapped on the island and must struggle to survive. Hattie emerges from the wreckage with a greater understanding of God, family, and friends.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 1999

ISBN#: 156554675X

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

KRISTIN O'DONNELL TUBB

Author Bio: *Kristin O'Donnell Tubb is the author of **Selling Hope, Autumn Winifred Oliver Does Things Different, and an upcoming middle grade fantasy, **The 13th Sign**. She describes herself as "basically a dork who would still be going to school if they'd let me. But they won't (cause that'd just be weird), so I write instead. All of the research, none of the quizzes. It's heaven!" She lives in Tennessee with her family.***

Website: www.kristintubb.com

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: AUTUMN WINIFRED OLIVER DOES THINGS DIFFERENT

Genre: Historical fiction

Recommended Age Level: 8-12

Key words or tags: Appalachia, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee, Cades Cove, humor

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Autumn Winifred Oliver prides herself on doing things her way. But she meets her match when she, her mama, and her pin-curl'd older sis, Katie, move in with her cantankerous Gramps. The Oliver gals were supposed to join Pop in Knoxville for some big-city living, but Gramps's recent sick spell convinced Mama to stay put in Cades Cove, a place of swishy meadows and shady hollers that lies on the crest of the Great Smoky Mountains.

And it's not like there's nothing going on in the Cove. Folks are all aflutter about turning their land into a national park, and Autumn's not sure what to think. Loggers like Pop need jobs, but if things keep going at the current rate, the forests will soon be chopped to bits. And Gramps seems to think there's some serious tourist money to be made. Looks like something different is definitely in order. . . .

Publisher: Delacorte

Year: 2008

ISBN#: 9780385735698 (hardcover)

Publisher: Yearling

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9780440422556 (paperback)

Awards/Additional Info: Selected by the Tennessee State Library to represent the State of Tennessee at the 2009 National Book Festival; nominated for the Volunteer State Book Award, 2011-2012 list.

2nd Book Title: SELLING HOPE

Genre: Historical fiction

Recommended Age Level: 10-14

Key words or tags: Halley's Comet, Buster Keaton, Chicago, vaudeville, hoaxes

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: It's May 1910, and Halley's Comet is due to pass through Earth's atmosphere. And thirteen-year-old Hope McDaniels and her father are due to pass through their hometown of Chicago with their ragtag vaudeville troupe. Hope wants out of vaudeville, and longs for a "normal" life—or as normal as life can be without her mother, who died five years before. Hope sees an opportunity: She invents "anti-comet" pills to sell to the working-class customers desperate for protection. Soon, she's joined by a fellow troupe member, young Buster Keaton, and the two of them start to make good money. And just when Hope thinks she has all the answers, she has to decide: What is family? Where is home?

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9780312611224

Awards/Additional Info: SCBWI Crystal Kite Award (2011)

JESSICA VERDAY

Author Bio: *Jessica Verday wrote the first draft of her debut novel, **The Hollow**, by hand, using thirteen spiral-bound notebooks and fifteen black pens. She likes: things that smell nice, rainy nights, old books, cemeteries, Johnny Cash, zombie movies, L.J. Smith books, abandoned buildings, trains, and snow. She is currently hand-writing the continuation of *Abbey and Caspian's story from her home in Goodlettsville, Tennessee.**

Website: www.JessicaVerday.com

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: THE HOLLOW

Genre: Paranormal romance

Recommended Age Level: 12 and up

Key words or tags: Sleepy Hollow, ghosts, perfume, legend, Washington Irving, death, dying

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: When Abbey's best friend, Kristen, vanishes at the bridge near Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, everyone else is all too quick to accept that Kristen is dead. . . . and rumors fly that her death was no accident. Abbey goes through the motions of mourning her best friend, but privately, she refuses to believe that Kristen is really gone. Then she meets Caspian, the gorgeous and mysterious boy who shows up out of nowhere at Kristen's funeral and keeps reappearing in Abbey's life. Caspian clearly has secrets of his own, but he's the only person who makes Abbey feel normal again. . . . and also special.

Just when Abbey starts to feel that she might survive all this, she learns a secret that makes her question everything she thought she knew about her best friend. How could Kristen have kept silent about so much? And could this secret have led to her death? As Abbey struggles to understand Kristen's betrayal, she uncovers a frightening truth that nearly unravels her—one that will challenge her emerging love for Caspian, as well as her own sanity.

Publisher: Simon Pulse

Year: 2009

ISBN#: 9781416978947

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

2nd Book Title: THE HAUNTED

Genre: YA, paranormal romance

Recommended Age Level: 14 and up

Key words or tags: Sleepy Hollow, ghosts, perfume, legend, Washington Irving, death, dying
Jacket flap copy or synopsis: After a summer spent reclaiming her sanity and trying to forget the boy she fell in love with—the boy who must not exist, cannot exist, because she knows that he is dead—Abbey returns to Sleepy Hollow, ready to leave the ghosts of her past behind. She throws herself into her schoolwork, her perfume-making, and her friendship with Ben, her cute and funny lab partner, who just might be her ticket to getting over Caspian once and for all.

But Abbey can never get over Caspian, and Caspian has no choice but to return to her side, for Caspian is a Shade, and Abbey is his destiny. They are tied not only to each other, but also to the town of Sleepy Hollow and to the famous legend that binds their fates—a legend whose dark truths they are only beginning to guess.

Publisher: Simon Pulse

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9781416978954

Awards/Additional Info: Debuted at #10 on the *New York Times* Bestseller list.

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NANCY KELLY ALLEN

Author Bio: *Nancy Kelly Allen's journey toward the world of writing has been uphill and taken twists and turns like the winding Kentucky mountain roads where she lives. From her job as a school librarian to an award-winning author, storytelling is a way of life.*

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School visits and/or presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: ONCE UPON A DIME: A MATH ADVENTURE

Genre: Picture book, fiction

Recommended Age Level: 4-8 years

Key words or tags: Money, organic farming, Appalachia, rural Kentucky, math, American history

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: One day Farmer Worth notices a little tree growing where nothing has ever grown before. He shovels organic fertilizer around the sprig and finds out that money really does grow on trees! Lewis and Cluck provide the chicken droppings, Dwight D. Oinkinhowe the pig squish, and Moolly Pitcher the cow pies. Farmer Worth's young helper counts up the coins and dreams of more. Will he end up as happy as a pig in a puddle? Follow farmer Truman Worth, his special tree, and a young boy in his journey to learning the value of money.

The book is full of bright illustrations by Adam Doyle that are sure to keep kids anticipating the turn of the next page. With friends like Lewis and Cluck and Grover Clevelamb, parents are sure to have a laugh while kids learn a priceless lesson.

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Year: 1999

ISBN#: 9781570911613

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

2nd Book Title: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, THE STORY OF THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR SONG

Genre: Picture book, nonfiction, biography

Recommended Age Level: 4-8 years

Key words or tags: Biography, happy birthday song, Kentucky, Patty Hill, Mildred Hill, history, 1800s

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: In the days when candles flickered the night with light, Mildred and Patty Hill pierced the quiet with music and song. Mildred tickled the ivories as Patty strung words, one after the other. Together, they wrote the little ditty "Good Morning to You" for the kindergarten students where Mildred taught and Patty was the principal in Louisville, Kentucky. The story captures their remarkable childhood with parents who believed an education was important for girls and should not be restricted by the expectations

placed on women in late-19th-century American society. Like their mother they taught children to learn through play, and "Like their father, they believed that music was as important to education as words to a book." The book describes the inspiration for the writing of "Happy Birthday" and includes vibrant, color-washed drawings over full-page spreads. Gary Undercuffler's superb illustrations showcase snapshots of the sisters' lives—as children at home, playing the piano, and as educators with their young students.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9781589806757

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

3rd Book Title: ON THE BANKS OF THE AMAZON

Genre: Picture book, nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: 4-8 years

Key words or tags: Amazon, Spanish language, rainforest, animals, safari, photography
Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Enter into a rain forest adventure full of mystery, exotic plants, and wondrous creatures. Dawn breaks. Howler monkeys call with haunting growls from the treetops as poison dart frogs search out insects on the forest floor. Pink dolphins swim the mighty Amazon while caimans float, still as driftwood. Two wildlife hunters watch and listen. What are they doing there? Find out as you explore the banks of the Amazon.

The text is rhythmic in both English and Spanish, giving a factually accurate description of a particular niche in this disappearing habitat. Both text and pictures are bordered, with the bright, detailed watercolor illustrations both reinforcing and augmenting the text. Embedded facts make this a solid introduction to the rain forest and the dwellers therein. A brief glossary is simply a listing of words in English and Spanish.

Publisher: Raven Tree Press

Year: 2004

ISBN#: 9781932748710

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

4th Book Title: DANIEL BOONE, TRAILBLAZER

Genre: Picture book, nonfiction, biography

Recommended Age Level: 4-10 years

Key words or tags: Appalachia, Kentucky, Daniel Boone, pioneer, history, 1700s

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Daniel Boone is a familiar name to most Americans, but few know the myriad trails he blazed that led to his fame. Beginning with his birth in the Pennsylvania backwoods and culminating in his final days in Missouri, *Daniel Boone: Trailblazer* demonstrates the American legend's pioneer spirit and his

constant need for more "elbow room." Although Boone spent a lifetime leading pioneers westward to find land, he continually lost his own to land speculators. This lively picture book offers young readers a simple, chronological glimpse of his gains and losses, adventures, and roles as farmer, hunter, surveyor, statesman, husband, father, and grandfather. Boone emerges as a heroic figure, successful and beloved despite his setbacks. Always on the go, Boone's persistence and frontier fortitude make this a riveting read for all ages. Illustrations by Joan C. Waites capture the spirit of the intrepid explorer and depict the American wilderness as it once was.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2006

ISBN#: 9781589802124

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

5th Book Title: WHOSE SOUND IS THIS?

Genre: Picture book, nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: 2-7 years

Key words or tags: Animals, sounds, foreign languages

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Explore the world of animals and discover how they sound. Whose sound do you hear and why is the animal making the sound? Lyrical text, bright, bold illustrations, and engaging back matter are formats that work for both read-aloud and read-alone settings. This book is designed to spark a child's natural love of learning by combining simple, rhythmic, question-and-answer text with bright collage artwork to introduce basic facts about animals. A page featuring the question "Whose sound is this, whooo whoo whoooooo?" is followed by another spread that provides the answer: "This is an owl's sound." Young listeners will delight in chanting along with the recurring question in each book, while the eye-catching, textured artwork will draw children easily into the animal world. An activity, more facts, and suggestions for further learning are included in this book for classroom use or lap sharing.

Publisher: Picture Window Books
Year: 2004

ISBN#: 9781404818248

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

6th Book Title: THE TRUTH ABOUT PRINCESSES

Genre: Picture book, nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: 4-8 years

Key words or tags: Princess, prince, fairy tale, Cinderella, Snow White, Rapunzel, Sleeping Beauty

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: *The Truth About Princesses* is a look at popular fairy tale princesses. Where do princesses live? If you should meet

a princess, how do you address her? Find out what princesses wear and what they do to have fun. The appearance, history, and behaviors of princesses are presented in an engrossing format that discloses fairy tricks, princess problems, and the troubles they encounter. Large texts introduce princesses in well-known stories ranging from *Sleeping Beauty* to *Snow White*. This book is sure to gain a positive response from little readers who love fairy tales. Twirl through the pages and have fun as you catch up on all the princess fun.

Publisher: Picture Window Books

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9781404857476

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

BETH DOTSON BROWN

Author Bio: *Beth Dotson Brown is an award winning freelance writer and editor who lives in Lancaster, KY. She is the author of Yes! I Am Catholic and contributor to A Cup of Comfort for Breast Cancer Survivors. Besides writing for a number of magazines and newspapers, Beth also writes for nonprofit organizations. Her short stories have been published in literary magazines and aired on the BBC World Service Short Story Programme. Beth also enjoys teaching young writers and leading workshops.*

Website: www.bethdotsonbrown.net

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: YES! I AM CATHOLIC, HOW FAITH PLAYS A ROLE IN MY LIFE

Genre: Nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: 12 - 21

Key words or tags: Faith, Catholic, spirituality, biography, teen, prayer

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: It is important for all of us to know that we are not alone in valuing our faith. When teens hear someone they respect talking about being a Catholic, whether it is another teen, a celebrity, or an adult they admire, they feel strengthened in their own convictions and beliefs.

Publisher: St. Mary's Press

Year: 2007

ISBN#: 978-0-88489-964-8

Awards/Additional Info: Publisher's website: <http://www.smp.org/ItemDetail.cfm?ItemNum=3451>

MICHAEL CAPEK

Author Bio: *A retired teacher, Michael Capek has written many stories, poems, articles, and twelve books, most of them for a young adult audience. "I feel great empathy for kids, particularly those who struggle with school. I was not the well-adjusted student," he explains. "At school I was silent and withdrawn, never quite in tune with the rest of humanity. My grades were abysmal." He was in his junior year of high school before a caring teacher coaxed him out of his shell and challenged him academically. At college, he soared and discovered "the three loves of my life—teaching, writing, and my wife, Terri," also a teacher. "Teaching is an amazing career. All those clichés about teachers changing lives are true. They definitely changed mine." Education is always the goal whenever he writes, Michael says. "Good writing, fiction or nonfiction, should change the reader in some way. Otherwise, what's the point?"*

Website: N/A

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: A PERSONAL TOUR OF A SHAKER VILLAGE (HOW IT WAS SERIES)

Genre: Narrative nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: Grades 5 and up

Key words or tags: Shakers, Kentucky history, Pleasant Hill

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: In *A Personal Tour of a Shaker Village*, you'll learn "How It Was" in 1849 at Pleasant Hill, Kentucky. This religious community was also a thriving bustling village. You'll take a tour by following the daily routine of Benjamin, who makes chairs; Patsy, who spins silk and manages the kitchen; Hortensia, who takes care of children; and John, who is a doctor. Finally, you'll meet a visitor who takes you along to witness a Shaker worship service.

This book presents a fun, fascinating way to tour an important American site. It gives important information and tells what it was really like to live among the Shakers. Unusual details capture the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of a typical day. Colorful photos, drawings and easy-to-follow maps let you retrace your guided tour at the actual site whenever you want.

Publisher: Lerner Publications

Year: 2001

ISBN#: 082253584

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

2nd Book Title: EASTER ISLAND (UNEARTHING ANCIENT WORLDS)

Genre: Nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: Grades 6 and up

Key words or tags: Archaeology, South Pacific history, moai

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: European sailors first happened upon Easter Island—a tiny island in the South Pacific Ocean—on Easter Sunday, 1722. Yet archaeological explorers didn't arrive until 1886, when they began to investigate the island's mysterious stone heads, called moai. Their findings only added to a long list of questions: Who built the moai and when? What was their purpose? How did islanders raise the massive stone statues? Why did the people stop making moai?

Easter Island allows readers to go along with archaeologists as they investigate these enduring mysteries, make guesses and test them using modern scientific tools.

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books (Lerner)

Year: 2009

ISBN#: 9790822575832

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

3rd Book Title: EMPEROR QIN'S TERRA COTTA ARMY (UNEARTHING ANCIENT WORLDS)

Genre: Nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: Grades 6 and up

Key words or tags: Archaeology, Chinese dynasties, sculpture

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: One day in 1974, a group of farmers in rural China found a life-size clay statue of a man's head buried deep in a field. When government archaeologists inspected the area, they discovered that beneath the ground were more than eight thousand life-size clay soldiers, each one with a unique face. In nearby chambers, they unearthed clay horses, carefully preserved swords, bronze statues and other amazing things. Where did all these treasures come from? And why were they buried?

Emperor Qin's Terra Cotta Army tells the story of Qin Si Huangdi, the first emperor of China, who created a vast underground "Spirit City" for himself and his attendants to live in after he died. It also details the fascinating story of how archaeologists discovered and preserved this site using modern scientific tools and old-fashioned hard work.

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books (Lerner)

Year: 2009

ISBN#: 0822575078

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

4th Book Title: ARTISTIC TRICKERY

Genre: Nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: Grades 5 and up

Key words or tags: Trompe l'oeil art, art appreciation

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Is it real or is it a painting? That's the question trompe l'oeil artists want you to ask. Trompe l'oeil—French for "fool the eye"—art is so realistic that it may take people a minute or two to realize it's not real. It's the art world's version of an April Fool's Day joke. This book shows readers some of the favorite tricks trompe l'oeil artists have used over the years.

Publisher: Lerner Publications

Year: 1995

ISBN#: 0822520648

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

5th Book Title: MURALS: CAVE, CATHEDRAL, TO STREET

Genre: Nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: Grades 5 and up

Key words or tags: Murals, art appreciation
Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Not all great paintings in the world hang in museums. Some of them decorate walls or ceilings in caves, tombs, cathedrals, temples, and government buildings. Many are outdoors, on the sides of buildings or freeway overpasses. These large paintings are called murals.

People of many cultures, from ancient times to the present, have been inspired to create murals. This book looks at a wide selection of murals from many times and places, and explains the reasons artists—ancient and modern—create them.

Publisher: Lerner Publications

Year: 1996

ISBN#: 0822520656

Awards/Additional Info: The Scientific American Young Readers Book Award, 1996.

6th Book Title: JAMAICA (GLOBE-TROTTERS CLUB SERIES)

Genre: Nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: Grades 4 and up

Key words or tags: Jamaican history, geography, culture

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Learn what you've always wanted to know about Jamaica! When you see this symbol [Mountain], you'll be exploring Jamaica's location, landforms, and climate. You'll be learning about who lives in Jamaica when you see this symbol [People dancing]. In each book in the Globe-trotters Club, you'll see a lot of this symbol, too [Figure wearing headdress]. It's the clue that you're reading about Jamaica's culture. Join Globe-trotters Club Jamaica now, and explore other exciting countries around the world, as well.

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Year: 1999

ISBN#: 1575051125

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

7th Book Title: A TICKET TO JAMAICA

Genre: Nonfiction

Recommended Age Level: Grades 1 and up

Key words or tags: Jamaican history, geography, art and culture

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: With the help of an older reader, take a new look at the world around you. *A Ticket To Jamaica* lets you see the island like you've never seen it before. Join us as we check out Jamaica's landscape, meet its people, and learn about its culture—without having to pack any bags. Enjoy your trip, and bring a friend!

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Year: 1999

ISBN#: 1575051370

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

EVELYN B. CHRISTENSEN

Author Bio: *Evelyn Christensen, Ed.D., loves to create resources to make learning fun for kids. Over forty-five of her educational puzzle books and math games have been published with sales of more than 300,000. Evelyn lives in Lexington, Kentucky, and also writes stories and poetry for children's magazines.*

Website: <http://evelynchristensen.com>

School visits/presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: COIN CLUES, LEVELS A AND B

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: A—Kindergarten-Grade 3; B—Grades 3 and up

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, coins, money, logic

Jacket flap copy: Each book has more than 100 fun puzzles. The object of each puzzle is to put coins in a line to match the clues.

Level A:

- Reinforces the names and values of coins and counting money.
- Provides practice with concepts of more/less, odd/even, before/after/between, ordinal numbers, and symmetry.
- Strengthens reading or listening skills.
- Encourages following directions.
- Builds reasoning and logic skills.

Level B:

- Increases the challenge!
- Gives problem solvers the opportunity to develop critical thinking and logic skills as they also practice math skills such as differences,

sums, multiples, fractions, averages, and symmetry.
• Begins with easy puzzles and progresses to ones that can be challenging even for adults.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2010

ISBN#: (A) 9781933054995
(B) 9781936300006

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

2nd Book Title: ANIMAL WORDOKU (with Susan E. Christensen)

Genre: Puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 3-6

Key words or tags: Puzzles, animals, wordoku, sudoku

Jacket flap copy: Turn kids on to zoology at the same time you're building their logic skills. This book has fascinating facts about 94 animals, with a follow-up "More Fun" research question for each one to get kids excited about digging for information on their own.

The puzzles are a new twist on one of the most fun kinds of logic challenges. Fill in the missing puzzle letters so that every row, column, and section (regardless of its shape) has all the letters from the given animal name. If you need for the puzzles to be easier for your children, simply go to the answer key and select one or more letters to add back into the puzzle.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9781933054971

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

3rd Book Title: U.S. HISTORY WORDOKU (with Mary Ann Chamberlain)

Genre: Puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 4 and up

Key words or tags: Puzzles, U.S. history, American history, wordoku, sudoku

Jacket flap copy: Turn kids onto history at the same time you're building their logic skills. This book has intriguing information about 94 aspects of American history (many of them lesser known events or facts), with a follow-up "Dig Deeper" research question for each one to get kids excited about digging for information on their own.

The puzzles are a new twist on one of the most fun kinds of logic challenges. Fill in the missing puzzle letters so that every row, column, and section (regardless of its shape) has all the letters from the given history word. If you need for the puzzles to be easier for your children, simply go to the answer key and select one or more letters to add back into the puzzle.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9781933054988

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

4th Book Title: ABA-CONUNDRUMS

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: 9 years and up

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, abacus, logic

Jacket flap copy: ABA-Conundrums give logic and reasoning room to move as children slide into real mathematical success! These 120 puzzles will have children shuffling their abacus beads up and down as they solve challenging conundrums using their knowledge of numbers and a variety of mathematical skills. *Aba-Conundrums* includes a brightly colored abacus and spiral-bound puzzle book with a marker and erasable pages. Put the electronics away and explore the world of numbers with this ancient, multi-cultural calculating device!

Publisher: Fat Brain Toy Company

Year: 2010

UPC#: 182129000403

Awards/Additional Info: Parents' Choice Silver Award; Creative Child Awards - a Puzzle of the Year Award

5th Book Title: INCHIMALS

Genre: Math book

Recommended Age Level: 3 years and up

Key words or tags: Math, measurement, manipulatives, addition, subtraction

Jacket flap copy: The Inchimals puzzle book accompanies a set of 12 beautifully crafted wooden blocks which measure 1" in height (the tiny ladybug) to 12" high (the tall giraffe). With the numeral, dot equivalents, precise inch segments, plus a winsome animal on each block—this set is a sure way to make learning fun.

Explore counting, number value and recognition, measurement, fine motor skills, estimation, language, and logic with these versatile blocks. The activities in the Inchimals puzzle book are designed to progress in difficulty so that even young children can have success in solving simple addition problems. Equations become more challenging when subtraction, equivalent sums, and multiple numbers are introduced.

Publisher: Fat Brain Toy Company

Year: 2010

UPC#: 182129000397

Awards/Additional Info: Winner, Teachers Choice Award; National Parenting Publications Awards Gold Winner; Creative Child Awards - a Kids' Product of the Year Award

6th Book Title: 5-book series—MATH BUSTERS: ADDITION, SUBTRACTION, MULTIPLICATION, DIVISION, FRACTIONS

Genre: Math puzzle books

Recommended Age Level: Grades K-8

Key words or tags: Math, puzzles, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions
Jacket flap copy: Addition and Subtraction books—Turn addition and subtraction practice into an intriguing, fun adventure with these creative puzzle pages! Your students will be motivated to keep working because each correct answer gives additional information for coloring in the picture or design or for finding the winners of the game.

Multiplication, Division, and Fractions—Everybody enjoys solving a good mystery or cracking a code, so have your students shine up their Sherlock sleuthing skills with these three books! Each puzzle page includes a mystery question which they work toward answering as they solve the problems. The Division mystery questions focus on fascinating facts about animals. The Multiplication mysteries are a mixture from many different subject areas. And the Fraction mysteries are amusing riddles.

The puzzles also help students practice important map-reading skills. Each clue is given in terms of a north, south, east or west direction. To solve the mystery, a student must follow the directions correctly and make their way through a maze of letters.

Publisher: Fat Brain Toy Company

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9780982617007 (Addition)
9780982617014 (Subtraction)
9780982617021 (Multiplication)
9780982617038 (Division)
9780982617045 (Fractions)

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

7th Book Title: LITERATURE WORDOKUS, LEVELS I AND II (with Cathie M. Brown)

Genre: Puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: I—Grades 3-6; II—Grades 6-9

Key words or tags: Puzzles, literature, Newbery winners, writing prompts

Jacket flap copy: Combine the fun logic of popular sudoku puzzles with stimulating questions which challenge students to use their creative and critical thinking skills, and you have a great way to get students excited about reading award-winning literature. The thought provoking questions can be used for group discussion, as writing prompts, or simply to stimulate thinking. They do not require previous knowledge of the works but instead are designed to intrigue students and captivate their interest, making them

want to read them.

Each book has 72 puzzles and discussion topics.

Publisher: Pieces of Learning

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 978134358597 (Level I)
978134358580 (Level II)

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

8th Book Title: ALGEBRA ANTICS (with Susan E. Christensen)

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 5-9

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, algebra

Jacket flap copy: *Algebra Antics* is chock full of algebra exercises in which FUN is the "known quantity!" Each page features 12 to 24 skill-building algebra problems. After students have simplified expressions or solved equations, the answers provide clues for drawing lines to reveal a secret picture in the coordinate grid. A unique and fresh approach to algebra practice; great for students who enjoy visual challenges and direct feedback.

Perfect for individual work stations, an entire classroom, or sharpening skills at home.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2009

ISBN: #9781933054896

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

9th Book Title: FRACTION FINDERS

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 4-8

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, fractions

Jacket flap copy: Want fraction exercises that have fun as the common denominator? Then Fraction Finders is what you need! Each page features 14 to 18 skill-building fraction problems. After students have solved all the equations, the answers provide color-coded clues for revealing the secret name of an animal hidden in the coordinate grid. A unique and fresh approach to fraction practice; wonderful for students who enjoy visual challenges and direct feedback.

Perfect for individual work stations, an entire classroom, or sharpening skills at home.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2008

ISBN#: 9781933054704

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

10th Book Title: DECIMAL DESTINATIONS

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 4-8

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, decimals

Jacket flap copy: Want decimal activities that top out the fun factor? *Decimal Destininations* is what you're looking for! Each page features 18 to 24 skill-building decimal problems. After students have solved all the exercises, the answers provide color-coded clues for revealing the secret name of an animal hidden in the coordinate grid. A unique and fresh approach to decimal practice; wonderful for students who enjoy visual challenges and direct feedback.

Perfect for individual work stations, an entire classroom, or sharpening skills at home.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2008

ISBN#: 9781933054698

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

11th Book Title: ADDITION ADVENTURES

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 1-3

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, addition

Jacket flap copy: A delightfully fun way to practice basic addition facts. Solve mini-mysteries by using your answers to plot a path (north, south, east, and west) until you reach a lost mitten, a four-leaf clover, hidden treasure in a pyramid, or other great reward. Builds mapping skills as well as proficiency in addition.

Perfect for individual work stations, an entire classroom, or sharpening skills at home.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2004

ISBN#: 1892069733

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

12th Book Title: SUBTRACTION SECRETS

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 1-3

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, subtraction

Jacket flap copy: A clever, fun way to practice basic subtraction facts. Solve mini-mysteries by using your answers to plot a path (north, south, east, or west) until you reach a pot of gold, hidden treasure, or other great reward. Builds mapping skills as well as proficiency in subtraction.

Perfect for individual work stations, an entire classroom, or sharpening skills at home.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2004

ISBN#: 1892069725

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

13th Book Title: MULTIPLICATION MOSAICS

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 3-7

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, multiplication

Jacket flap copy: Want kids to love practicing their multiplication facts? Then this is the book you need! Answers to the problems provide the color code to fill in the squares in the grid. As the colorful picture or design gradually unfolds, kids are motivated to keep solving the problems until it's complete. The activities also reinforce graphing skills.

Perfect for individual work stations, an entire classroom, or sharpening skills at home.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2003

ISBN#: 1892069563

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

14th Book Title: DIVISION DESIGNS (with Stephen M. Christensen)

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 3-7

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, division

Jacket flap copy: Want kids to love practicing their division facts? Then this is the book you need! Answers to the problems provide the dots to be connected in the grid. As the picture or design gradually unfolds, kids are motivated to keep solving the problems until it's complete. The activities also reinforce graphing skills.

Perfect for individual work stations, an entire classroom, or sharpening skills at home.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2003

ISBN#: 1892069571

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

15th Book Title: MORE MULTIPLICATION MOSAICS

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 3-7

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, multiplication

Jacket flap copy: If you enjoyed the original *Multiplication Mosaics* then this book is for you! Thirty more exciting designs and pictures are waiting to turn multiplication practice into a bonanza of fun.

If you aren't familiar with *Multiplication Mosaics* then this book will acquaint you with a wonderful way to motivate kids to be eager to do multiplication. Each problem that's successfully solved provides one more clue to coloring in the grid and gradually revealing the secret mosaic design or picture.

Multiplication Mosaics provides practice with basic multiplication facts. *More Multiplication Mosaics* takes skills to the next higher level, providing practice with multiplying 1-digit numbers times 2- and 3-digit numbers.

Perfect for individual work stations, an entire

classroom, or sharpening skills at home.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2005

ISBN#: 1933054093

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

16th Book Title: MATH PATH PUZZLES, LEVELS A AND B

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Levels: A—Grades 2-4; B—Grades 4-6

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math

Jacket flap copy: A whole set of intriguing puzzle paths that challenge you to use your math skills as well as your logic skills. Each puzzle is missing one or more parts: at first, you solve for the final number, but as the puzzles become harder, you learn to think backwards and forwards to find numbers or signs that are missing along the way or to draw the path itself!

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2003

ISBN#: 1892069644 (Level A)
1892069652 (Level B)

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

17th Book Title: CLIP CLUE PUZZLES, LEVELS A AND B

Genre: Puzzle books

Recommended Age Levels: A—Grades 3-5; B—Grades 5 and up

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, logic

Jacket flap copy: If you thought paper clips were just for holding papers, you're in for a fun surprise with these two sets of 100 puzzles each. Read the clues, then arrange a clip chain that satisfies all the clues. As you work the puzzles alone or in small groups, become a sharper thinker by improving skills in problem-solving, analyzing, evaluating, and reading. Use traditional paper clips or the punch-out ones that come with the book. Note: the last 36 puzzles in Level A utilize math skills, as well as logic.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2007

ISBN#: 1933054468 (Level A)
1933054476 (Level B)

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

18th Book Title: TACTIC TWISTERS, LEVELS A AND B (with Susan E. Christensen)

Genre: Puzzle books

Recommended Age Levels: A—Grades 6 and up; B—Grades 9 and up

Key words or tags: Puzzles, mazes, logic

Jacket flap copy: Each book has more than 140 maze-like puzzles in four styles to challenge and sharpen your problem solving skills—Honeycomb Loops, Gray 'n' White Puzzles, Triangle Trails, and Grid Path Puzzles. Think logically as you twist, turn, bend and loop your way around to discover the correct paths.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2006

ISBN#: 1933054433 (Level A)
1933054441 (Level B)

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

19th Book Title: VENN PERPLEXORS, LEVEL A

Genre: Puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades Pre-K-2

Key words or tags: Puzzles, Venn diagrams, sorting, classifying

Jacket flap copy: Fun activities that involve sorting words and pictures into sets and subsets using Venn diagrams. Builds reading vocabulary and logic skills. Provides practice with concepts such as living/non-living, plants/animals, hot/cold, big/little, soft/hard, etc. The first half of the book has pictures with words; the second half has just words.

A good resource for working with children who are learning English as a second language.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2003

ISBN#: 1892069466

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

20th Book Title: VENN PERPLEXORS, LEVEL B

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 3-6

Key words or tags: Puzzles, Venn diagrams, math, nursery rhymes

Jacket flap copy: Delightful Venn diagram math puzzles based on nursery rhymes! Stretch your thinking skills while you're finding out how many children the old woman in the shoe had or how many animals Little Boy Blue tended. Also includes a section in which students supply words that fit into specified sets and subsets.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2003

ISBN#: 1892069474
Awards/Additional Info: N/A

21st Book Title: VENN PERPLEXORS, LEVEL C

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 6-9

Key words or tags: Puzzles, Venn diagrams, math

Jacket flap copy: This book has three kinds of

puzzles:

- Fun alien-themed puzzles that help students improve their mathematical problem solving by using Venn diagrams to organize information.
- Puzzles that challenge students to analyze similarities and differences and determine classification categories.
- Introductory logic puzzles that encourage valid, accurate reasoning

Great activities for either independent learning or group cooperation.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2003

ISBN#: 1892069482

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

22nd Book Title: VENN PERPLEXORS, LEVEL D (with Susan E. Christensen)

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 9 and up

Key words or tags: Puzzles, Venn diagrams, math, U.S. states, algebra, logic

Jacket flap copy: Venn Perplexor D puzzles

- Use overlapping shapes to help students visualize relationships and organize information, developing critical and logical thinking skills as they go
- Including the examples, there's a puzzle for each of the 50 U.S. states!
- An intriguing way to integrate mathematics and interesting U.S. geographic facts.
- A fun opportunity to strengthen students' ability to read for detail, analyze information, see relationships, and apply algebraic problem solving.
- Great activities for either independent learning or group cooperation.

Publisher: MindWare

Year: 2004

ISBN#: 1892069490

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

23rd Book Title: SPELLBINDERS, LEVELS A AND B (with Susan E. Christensen)

Genre: Puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: A—Grades 2-4; B—Grades 5 and up

Key words or tags: Word puzzles, reading puzzles

Jacket flap copy: These enthralling puzzles will keep you and your students spellbound, in the best sense of the word! Small words, bound within longer words, await students' ingenuity in identifying them, correctly spelling them, and strategically placing them in sentences to produce logical statements. In addition to being great fun, the puzzles also help improve reading skills, reinforce spelling skills, and provide an

opportunity to expand vocabulary. Each book has 240 puzzles.

Publisher: Nasco

Year: 2007

ISBN#: N/A

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

24th Book Title: ADVENTURES WITH AREA

Genre: Math puzzle book

Recommended Age Level: Grades 4 and up

Key words or tags: Puzzles, math, area, perimeter

Jacket flap copy: This book is full of fun figures (like rockets, castles, birds, and foxes) which look, at first glance, as if finding their areas would be really hard. The key, however, is in breaking the puzzle figures down into parts, and the book helps you learn, step by step, how easy it is!

Publisher: Nasco

Year: 2007

ISBN#: N/A

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

HARRY LEVINE, III

Author Bio: Harry LeVine, III spent 28 years in the pharmaceutical industry after receiving his B.S. at Cornell University and Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He has published over 120 research articles and the books for a general audience **Genetic Engineering** (ABC-CLIO, 2nd edn) and **Medical Imaging** (Greenwood). A member of SCBWI (formerly SCBWI-MI and presently SCBWI-Midsouth), Harry is currently researching biographies on physicists Werner Heisenberg and Niels Bohr for Morgan-Reynolds. Harry and his wife live in Lexington, Kentucky, where he currently teaches biochemistry and conducts research on Alzheimer's disease at the University of Kentucky.

Website: N/A

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

Book Title: THE GREAT EXPLAINER: THE STORY OF RICHARD FEYNMAN

Genre: Biography

Recommended Age Level: Grades 7-10

Key words or tags: Physicist, Challenger shuttle disaster, quantum physics, art, intuition
Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Richard Feynman approached complex problems in atomic particle physics the same way he fixed radios as a 13-year-old during the Depression. He mentally put himself inside the problem, visualizing radio signals coursing through the components of

the radio or later subatomic particles traveling backwards and forwards through space and time. A key figure in the development of the atomic bomb by age 24, Feynman decided after the war that he would only work on things that were fun. He conjured up intuitive pictures to replace laborious calculations to solve problems, but once the challenge was gone he moved on.

Feynman received the Nobel Prize in 1965 jointly with two other physicists for explaining the forces holding nuclei together, but he also made seminal contributions to superconductivity, quarks, computers, and nanotechnology. His engaging lectures captivated a generation of physicists, but the public knows him for solving the Challenger shuttle disaster.

Publisher: Morgan-Reynolds

Year: 2009

ISBN#: 9781599351131

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

ALISON DAVIS LYNE

Illustrator Bio: Alison Davis Lyne has been a freelance illustrator since 1996. She has illustrated six picture books and two middle readers for Pelican Publishing. She is an SCBWI member and edits the ART TIPS column for the SCBWI Bulletin. She lives and works with her husband on their small farm in south-central Kentucky.

Website: www.lyneart.com

School visits and/or presentations: No

1st Book Title: EVANGELINE FOR CHILDREN (Authors: Alice Couvillon and Elizabeth Moore)

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: 5-7 years

Key words or tags: Evangeline, Longfellow, Acadian

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Shouting soldiers rip children from their mothers' arms, and Gabriel and Evangeline are pushed onto separate ships. Evangeline spends years searching and praying for a safe reunion with her one true love, Gabriel. She follows Indian guides and smoke trails only to find she has again missed Gabriel by a few days. "And while her youth and beauty gradually faded, her love for Gabriel never died." Read *Evangeline for Children* to see how these Acadian souls are finally united as one.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2002

ISBN#: 1565547098

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

2nd Book Title: EASTER DAY ALPHABET (Author: Beverly Barras Vidrine)

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: 5-6 years

Key words or tags: Easter, alphabet, history

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: *Easter Day Alphabet* is a simple way for children to learn more about the origins of popular holiday happenings while mastering their ABCs. Did you know that people believed playing games with eggs would help their plants grow? That white Easter lilies were brought to America from Bermuda more than 100 years ago? Or that boiling eggs with onion skin dyes them yellow?

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2003

ISBN#: 1589800761

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

3rd Book Title: KUDZU CHAOS (Author: Jennifer Holloway Lambe)

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: 5-7 years

Key words or tags: Kudzu, the south

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: When a blanket of vines takes over the peaceful town of Red Mud Flats, the citizens find themselves in kudzu chaos. It takes the courage of Bobby Lee, the creativity of Kudzu Katie, and the cooperation of the townspeople to transform the smothering green monster of kudzu into a small-town miracle.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2003

ISBN#: 1589801571

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

4th Book Title: HALLOWEEN ALPHABET (Author: Beverly Barras Vidrine)

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: 5-6 years

Key words or tags: Halloween, alphabet, history
Jacket flap copy or synopsis: A is for apple, B is for bat, and C is for cat in this beautifully-illustrated ABC book that celebrates the traditions of the year's spookiest holiday. Each letter of the alphabet represents another aspect of Halloween lore, so readers learn that jack-o'-lanterns have their origins in an old Irish myth, and the harvest festival Nutcrack Night was a precursor to Halloween.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2004

ISBN#: 158980242X

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

5th Book Title: JACQUES ET LA CANNE A SUCRE; A CAJUN JACK AND THE BEANSTALK (Author: Sheila Hébert-Collins)

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: 5-6

Key words or tags: Jack, beanstalk, fairy tale, Cajun, bayou, sugar cane, giant

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: In this retelling of the classic tale *Jack and the Beanstalk*, Sheila Hébert-Collins gives the story a spicy Cajun twist. Poor Jacques and his mother are barely making do in their houseboat on the bayou, when a mysterious stranger offers Jacques some magical sugarcane cuttings. Soon Jacques is off on an exciting quest featuring an evil giant, an enchanted fiddle, and a very valuable chicken.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2004

ISBN#: 1589801911

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

6th Book Title: THANKSGIVING DAY ALPHABET (Author: Beverly Barras Vidrine)

Genre: Picture book

Recommended Age Level: 5-6 years

Key words or tags: Thanksgiving, alphabet, history, Indian, Wampanoag, Lincoln, Mayflower
Jacket flap copy or synopsis: This ABC book cheerfully illuminates the classic American holiday with an eye on history and adventure. Hop aboard the *Mayflower* and voyage across the Atlantic. Meet the Wampanoag Indians and feast on turkey and corn while discovering William Bradford and Yellow Feather. Learn what famous American suggested celebrating the holiday nationwide and what United States president made it an official day of national honor. The book begins with a brief overview of Thanksgiving, setting the stage for all twenty-six letters. Each entry includes a few sentences explaining the word's significance in the annual event.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2006

ISBN#: 1589803388

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

7th Book Title: BO AND THE ROARING PINES (Author: Lynn Sheffield Simmons)

Genre: MG

Recommended Age Level: 8-10 years

Key words or tags: Texas, Bo, dog, mystery, wildfires, crime

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Summer is ending in Texas, and Bo the retriever's owner, Mrs. Barnett, decides that she needs a vacation. When her friends offer her a chance to houseit her

centuries-old farm in Newton, Texas, Mrs. Barnett and her niece, Kendall, are eager to begin their adventure.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2008

ISBN#: 9781589805224

Website: www.argylebooks.com

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

8th Book Title: BO AND THE CHRISTMAS BANDIT (Author: Lynn Sheffield Simmons)

Genre: MG

Recommended Age Level: 8-10 years

Key words or tags: Christmas, Santa Claus, Bo, crime-busting, Texas

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Mrs. Barnett and her crime-busting canine, Bo, are back for another adventure. With Christmas only a week away, the pair stops in Salado, Texas, where a sneaky thief is stealing presents straight from under the tree. Bo and Mrs. Barnett know they must act fast to catch the culprit, but there is a tricky problem: the bandit is disguised as Santa Claus.

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Year: 2009

ISBN#: 9781589807235

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

Website: www.argylebooks.com

MARTHA BENNETT STILES

Author Bio: *Martha was born in the Philippine Islands, but grew up on a tidewater Virginia farm devoted to bees, pigeons, Saanen goats and sheep. She drew on that experience for her YA novel *Kate of Still Waters*. After 25 happy years in Michigan and one in Munich, Germany, Martha and her professor husband moved to their Kentucky thoroughbred farm. Martha hopes never to move again!*

At the College of William and Mary, Martha won the James Bryan Hope prize for contributions to the campus literary magazine. After transferring to the University of Michigan, she was awarded two Gomberg scholarships in chemistry and two Avery Hopwood Awards for essays.

Martha has taught writing at the Universities of Kentucky and Louisville and in residencies at Kentucky's Estill County Middle School, Bate Middle School, and the Louisville Collegiate School. She is the recipient of the Detroit Women Writer's Millenium Award, Children's Division; the 2008 Detroit Working Writers Creative Journalism Award; two Frankfort

(KY) Arts Foundation short story awards; a Kentucky Arts Council Professional Assistance Grant; and two Al Smith (NEA) Fellowships.

*Henry Holt Books for Young Readers will publish *Sailing to Freedom*, Martha's eleventh book for young readers, in 2012. Some other books by Martha are *The Strange House at Newburyport*, *Darkness Over the Land*, *Dougal Looks for Birds*, *James the Vine Puller*, *The Star in the Forest*, *Sarah the Dragon Lady*, and *Island Magic*.*

Website: www.marthabennettstiles.com

School visits and/or presentations? Yes

1st Book Title: ONE AMONG THE INDIANS

Genre: Historical adventure/biography

Recommended Age Level: MG-YA

Key words or tags: American history, Virginia, Jamestown, Indians, hostage, cabin boy, Pocahontas

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Jamestown, 1608: Tom Savage signed on as cabin boy to the captain taking supplies to Jamestown. Instead of returning to England, he agreed to be hostage to the Pamunkeys for Chief Powhatan's son, Namontack. When Namontack dies, it means war. Can Tom, with Pocahontas's help, survive?

Publisher: iUniverse; an Authors Guild Backinprint.com Edition (Original publisher Dial Press)

Year: 2006

ISBN#: 0595406688

Awards/Additional Info: German translation, 1966; Schwabenverlag; Allein Unter Indianern

2nd Book Title: SAILING TO FREEDOM

Twelve-year-old Ray is in trouble from the moment he and his monkey, Allie, board the *Newburyport Beauty*. But when bounty hunters come looking for a runaway slave, it's Ray and Allie who must save hideaway, crew, vessel and all. Meanwhile, that runaway's 11-year-old brother makes his desperate way from Carolina to Canada on foot.

Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

Year: 2012

ISBN#: 978-0-8050-9238-7

CHARLES SUDDETH

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Park.

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School visits and/or presentations? Possibly

Book Title: HALLOWEEN KENTUCKY STYLE

Genre: Middle reader's fiction

Recommended Age Level: 9-12

Key words or tags: Halloween, Kentucky, 1950's, scare, trick or treating

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: For Halloween 1959, best friends Mike and Timmy try to scare their cousins, Rose and Alice. The trick is on them when their younger neighbor and a homeless man team up to give them a Halloween scare that they will never forget! It's *Halloween Kentucky Style!*

Publisher: Diversion Press

Year: 2010

ISBN#: 9781935290162

Awards/Additional Info: N/A

PATSI B. TROLLINGER

Author Bio: *Patsi B. Trollinger was born and raised in East Tennessee, where her family nurtured a love of books and good stories. Trollinger's earliest writing ventures in elementary school involved a line of homemade greeting cards, complete with original rhymes and art. In high school, her focus shifted toward journalism, and she became the teen correspondent from Holston High School to the *Kingsport Times-News*.*

Trollinger graduated from Emory & Henry College and served the college as director of public relations. After moving to Kentucky, she coordinated the news service at Centre College and directed the media hall when the college hosted the 2000 vice-presidential debate. At both colleges, Trollinger had the opportunity to interview students, faculty members, and alumni for news stories. More than any other aspect of the work, she enjoyed the conversations that resulted in feature stories about a wide range of people: basketball players, space scientists, and hot glass artists, to name a few.

*Now devoted fulltime to writing, Trollinger has written articles for magazines including *Ladybug*, *Back Home in Kentucky*, and *Keeneland*. She resides in Danville, Kentucky, with her husband, Richard, and their twin daughters.*

Website: www.patsibtrollinger.com

School visits and/or presentations: Yes

Book Title: PERFECT TIMING

Genre: Biography

Recommended Age Level: 7 and up

Key words or tags: Horses, racing, Isaac Murphy, Kentucky Derby, African-American, sports

Jacket flap copy or synopsis: Isaac Murphy was 12 years old when he tried to ride a horse named Volcano. After the nervous young colt dumped the skinny boy to the ground, few people could have predicted that Isaac would become the first jockey to win the Kentucky Derby three times. Born as the son of a slave, Isaac Murphy earned freedom during the Civil War and became America's first big sports celebrity. He still holds the record for career winning percentage and is enshrined in the Racing Hall of Fame. In the words of one reviewer, "*Perfect Timing* is a winning combination of sports, biography, and the inspiring story of an African-American who made racing history."

Publisher: Original hardback: Viking

Year: 2006

ISBN#: 0670060836

Paperback revised edition: Benjamin Press

Year: 2011

ISBN#: 9780979343124

Awards/Additional Info: Junior Library Guild, "Best Books of the Year" from Children's Cooperative Book Center