



Nonfiction and Poetry

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Common Core Reading Standards for Informational Text 6-12: Most of these books can be used with the standards

Common Core Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12. Summaries of books note if they contain primary sources and/or charts, graphs, etc.

Common Core Reading Standards for Literature 6-12: Grade 7, Craft and Structure 4 and 5. Both deal with poetry.

Macmillan Common Core Brochure: <http://www.mackidsbooks.com/commoncore/>

Penguin Publishing. Nonfiction and the Common Core: A Resource Guide to Using Informational Texts in the Classroom
http://www.us.penguin.com/static/images/yr/pdf/Nonfiction_brochure_13.pdf

✓ Anderson, Tanya. **Tillie Pierce: Teen Eyewitness to the Battle of Gettysburg.** *@hdevel*
Twenty First Century Books/ Lerner, 2013. 96p 9781467706926 \$34.60 MJS
Biography of a teen who thought she was getting farther from the battle and ended up tending to the wounded on the edge of the fighting.

✓ Bascomb, Neal. **The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi.** Scholastic, 2013. 256p 9780545562393 \$16.99 MJS
A fascinating look at how long and complicated it was to capture Adolf Eichmann. Extensive source notes, bibliography and index.

Beram, Nell and Carolyn Borris-Krinsky. **Yoko Ono, Collector of Skies.** Amulet, 2013. 178p 9781419704444 \$24.95 JS
Biography of Yoko Ono from childhood through her life after the death of John Lennon. Lots of photos of both Yoko and her art.

Beyer, Ramsey. **Little Fish: A Memoir From a Different Kind of Year.** Zest Books, 2013. 272p 9781936976188 \$15.99 S
Memoir of the transition from a very small town to freshman year at a large college told in a graphic novel format. This may reassure seniors that they can handle the changes being away from home brings.

Bolden, Tonya. **Emancipation Proclamation: Lincoln and the Dawn of Liberty.** Abrams, 2013. 120p 9781419703904 \$24.95 MJS
Highly illustrated and full of primary sources, a picture of the events leading up to the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, including Lincoln's changing positions on the issues. Many names, events, and issues are included.

Brown, Monica. **Tito Puente, Mambo King.** Illustrated by Rafael López. Rayo/ HarperCollins, 2013. np 9780061227837 \$17.99 CH
A bilingual picture book biography of Tito Puente, musician who went from the streets of Harlem to attend Juilliard and become a five time Grammy award winner.
Guide with CCSS <http://www.monicabrown.net/files/TitoPuenteCurriculumGuide.pdf>

Bryant, Jen. **A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin.** Illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Knopf/ Random, 2013. np 9780375867125 \$17.99 CH
The grandson of a former slave, Horace always loved art, but it wasn't until he returned from WWI that people began to take notice of his paintings that came from the heart. Many resources for this book at <http://asplashofredbook.com/educators-librarians/>

J = 9th grade S = 10-12 grade

Castroville, Selene. **Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette.** Illustrated by Drazen Kozjan. Calkins Creek, 2013. np 9781590788806 \$16.99 **CH**
Picture book biography of the relationship between Washington and Lafayette focusing on Lafayette's leadership at the Battle of Brandy Wine. Extensive timeline for both men's lives and vast source list.

Cate, Annette LeBlanc. **Look Up! Bird Watching in Your Own Backyard.** Candlewick, 2013. 53p 9780763645618 \$15.99 **CHMJ**
Delightful book to encourage young people to watch birds even if they don't have binoculars. A practical, amusing guide with comments from the birds, organized by traits to observe. Even the end papers are full of tidbits!

Cheng, Andrea. **Etched in Clay: The Life of Dave, Enslaved Potter and Poet.** Lee & Low, 2013. 143p 9781600604515 \$17.95 **MJS**
Story of a slave who became one of the best potters in the South, told in verse from a variety of viewpoints. Guide: http://www.leeandlow.com/p/etched_in_clay_tg.mhtml

Cox, Lynne. **Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas.** Illustrated by Brian Floca. Schwartz & Wade/Random, 2014. 40p 9780375858888 \$17.99 **CH**
True story of an elephant seal who lived in the river in Christchurch, New Zealand and although they moved her far away at least three times, she always found her way home.

✓ Coy, John. **Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball.** Illustrated by Joe Morse. Carolrhoda/ Lerner, 2013. np 9780761366171 \$16.95 **CH**
Picture book biography. The story of the invention of basketball. Students will enjoy the illustrations as they watch the energetic PE class become more and more bandaged until they finally start playing the new game.

Crump, Marty. **The Mystery of Darwin's Frog.** Illustrations by Steve Jenkins and Edel Rodriguez. Boyds Mills Press, 2013. 40p 9781590788646 \$16.95 **EM**
The 170 year investigation into the mystery surrounding the way Darwin's frogs reproduce is told. The male frog actually incubates the tadpoles in his mouth until they are frogs and then spits them out!

Delano, Marfé Ferguson. **Master George's People: George Washington, His Slaves, and His Revolutionary Transformation.** Photography by Lori Epstein. National Geographic, 2013. 61p 9781426307591 \$18.95 **MJ**
George Washington's life as it pertains to his slave ownership and his changing views of slavery.

Doeden, Matt. **A Marked Man, The Assassination of Malcolm X.** Twenty-First Century Books/ Lerner, 2013. 88p 9780761354840 **MJS**
A good overview of Malcolm X's life and the factors that contributed to his changing perspective on how to move the Civil Rights movement forward with a focus on the events leading up to and surrounding his assassination.

Freedman, Russell. **Angel Island: Gateway to Gold Mountain.** Clarion/ Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013. 78p 9780547903781 \$17.99 **EMJ**
Brief history of the processing facility for many Chinese who immigrated via San Francisco emphasizing how difficult it was for many to gain admittance to the US. Guide with CCSS http://holidayhouse.com/docs/BecomingBenFrankline_EdGuide_LoRes_Web.pdf

Freedman, Russell. **Becoming Ben Franklin: How A Candle-Maker's Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty.** Holiday House, 2013. 86p 9780823423743 \$24.95 **MJS**
Biography of Ben Franklin's life once he left Boston, complete with many quotes, primary sources, index and time-line. Fascinating. Guide: http://holidayhouse.com/docs/BecomingBenFrankline_EdGuide_LoRes_Web.pdf

Harmon, Daniel. **Super Pop! Pop Culture Top Ten Lists to Help You Win at Trivia, Survive in the Wild, and Make it Through the Holidays.** Zest Books, 2013. 9781936976362 \$16.99 **MJS**

Interesting combinations of choices in lists of ten on all kinds of topics from Ten Essential Catchphrases for Use at Dinner Parties to Rest Assured: Movies Where People Get Exactly What They Deserve. Lots of fun and easy to use as a prompt for getting students to create their own lists.

Hartzler, Aaron. **Rapture Practice: a True Story.** Little, Brown, 2013. 390p 9780316094658 \$17.99 **S**

A memoir being a teen in a conservative religious family, experimenting with who you might be and trying not to hurt your family in the process.

Johnson, Sylvia A. **Shaking the Foundation: Charles Darwin and the Theory of Evolution.** Twenty First Century Books/ Lerner, 2013. 88p 9780761354864 \$33.27 **MJS**
Darwin's ideas and life are told as they relate to and influence the scientific and religious community of the times. Not lots of depth in only 88 pages, but a good overview.

Kelly, David A. **Miracle Mud: Lena Blackburne and the Secret Mud that Changed Baseball.** Illustrated by Oliver Dominguez. Millbrook/ Lerner, 2013. np 9780761380924 \$16.95 **CH**

Picture book biography. Tells how a coach discovered mud could be used to take the shine off baseballs without making them soggy or soft.

Kidder, Tracy. **Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World.** Adapted for young people by Michael French. Delacorte/Random, 2013. 272p 9780385743181 \$16.99 **MJS**

Story of Dr. Paul Farmer who wanted to cure infectious diseases world-wide. This focuses on Haiti and the antibiotic resistant strains of TB in Haiti, Peru, Cuba and Russia. Inspirational. Guide: <http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/resource/mountains-beyond-mountains-educators-guide/>

Ko, Alex. **Alex Ko: From Iowa to Broadway, My Billy Elliot Story.** HarperCollins, 2013. 328p 9780062236012 \$16.99 **MJ**
Autobiography of the author's journey to playing the title role of Billy Elliot on Broadway at age 13.

Krull, Kathleen. **Louisa May's Battle: How the Civil War Led to Little Women.** Illustrated by Carlyn Beccia. Walker/ Bloomsbury, 2013. **CH**

Picture book biography focusing on Alcott's time volunteering as a war nurse until she became very ill with Typhoid Fever. These experiences contributed to her future work as an author.

Lewis, J. Patrick. **World Rat Day: Poems About Real Holidays You've Never Heard Of.** Illustrated by Anna Raff. Candlewick, 2013. np 9780763654023 **CH**
Twenty-two days of fun poems for holidays from Dragon Appreciation Day and Worm Day to Yell "Fudge" at the Cobras In North America Day and National Skunk Day.

Look, Lenore. **Brush of the Gods.** Illustrated by Meilo So. Schwartz & Wade, 2013. np 9780375870019 \$20.99 **CH**
Picture book biography of the Chinese artist, Wu Daozi (689-758) whose paintings felt like they were coming to life. Some say he was China's greatest painter.

Losure, Mary. **Wild Boy: The Real Life of the Savage of Aveyron.** Illustrated by Timothy Basil Ering. Candlewick, 2013. 169p 9780763656690 \$16.99 **MJ**
In the late 1700's a feral child is captured and studied by a variety of scientists and doctors and whenever he tries to escape, they recapture him, like an animal.

Marcus, Eric. **What If? Answers to Questions About What it Means to be Gay and Lesbian.** Simon & Schuster, 2013. 186p 9781442482982 \$17.99 **S**

Previously published as **What if Someone I Know is Gay?** (2007) This is an updated question and answer format that does what the title indicates in a non-judgmental tone.

Markel, Michelle. **Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909.** Illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Blazer + Bray/ HarperCollins, 2013. np 9780061804427 \$17.99 **CH**
Picture book biography of Clara Lemlich who led the largest walkout of women workers in U.S. history. This takes place a few years before the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire of 1911.

Martin, Lesley Schwartz. **Make the Grade: Everything You Need to Study Better, Stress Less, and Succeed in School.** Zest Books, 2013. 143p 9781936976386 \$14.99 **MJS**
Suggestions for getting organized, making a plan, preparing for tests and more in an easy to read format. Paperback release.

McCarthy, Meghan. **Daredevil: The Daring Life of Betty Skelton.** Paula Wiseman/ Simon & Schuster, 2013. np 9781442422629 \$16.99 **CH**
Picture book biography of Betty Skelton who broke many records in both aviation and auto racing before it was generally accepted for women to do these things.

Miller, Brandon Marie. **Women of the Frontier: 16 Tales of Trailblazing Homesteaders, Entrepreneurs, and Rabble-Rousers.** Chicago Review Press, 2013. 246p 9781883052973 \$19.95 **MJSA**
Lots of primary sources and a variety of black and white photographs are incorporated into this fascinating book about women who went west. There are tales of the journey as well as the fight to survive once there.

Nelson, Kadir. **Nelson Mandela.** Word and paintings by Kadir Nelson. Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins, 2013. np 9780061783746 \$17.99 **CH**
Picture book biography of Nelson Mandela showing his background but focusing on his struggle to end apartheid.

O'Reilly, Bill. **Kennedy's Last Days: The Assassination That Defined a Generation.** Hoit, 2013. 318p 9780805098020 \$19.99 **MJS**
An adaptation of the adult title, **Killing Kennedy.** Follows the parallel paths of Kennedy and Oswald to the fateful day in Dallas. Photos or other primary sources on every pages. Timeline, extensive Index, source notes and bibliography. Teaching Guide with CCSS
<http://media.us.macmillan.com/teachersguides/9780805098020TG.pdf>

Ottaviani, Jim and Maris Wicks. **Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey and Biruté Galdikas.** :01 (First Second) 2013. 140p 9781596438651 \$19.99 **MJS**
Graphic novel illustrates how three scientists spent their lives studying primates and how that changed our thinking. Guide <http://media.us.macmillan.com/discussionguides/9781596438651DG.pdf>

Prelutsky, Jack. **Stardines Swim High Across the Sky and Other Poems.** Illustrated by Carin Berger. Greenwillow/ HarperCollins, 2013. np 9780062014641 \$17.99 **ALL**
Poems of imaginary creatures fill the pages, from Plandas and Jollyfish to Sobcats and Wedgehogs. Artwork is delightful.

Rubin, Susan Goldman. **Diego Rivera, An Artist for the People.** Abrams, 2013. 56p 9780810984110 \$21.95 **MJ**
Biography of Mexican artist whose work illustrated the history and struggles of the working class. Index, glossary, source notes, bibliography. PBS American Masters Lesson
<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/episodes/diego-rivera/about-the-artist/64/>

Rusch, Elizabeth. **Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World.** Illustrated by Oliver Dominguez. Candlewick, 2013. np 9780763658557 \$16.99 **CH**
Picture book biography of Nikola Tesla focusing on his work to make alternating current successful. Scientific notes and an extensive list of sources are included. With many steampunk books mentioning Tesla, this book might help illustrate fact from fiction.

Rusch, Elizabeth. **Eruption: Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives.** Photographs by Tom Uhlman. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. 76p 9780547503509 \$18.99 **MJS**
The struggle for saving lives through science is portrayed by focusing on the studies done on several recent volcanic eruptions. The use of photographs, maps, personal experiences and direct quotes brings a sense of urgency to each study.

Sandler, Martin W. **Imprisoned: The Betrayal of Japanese Americans During World War II.** Walker/ Bloomsbury, 2013. 176p 9780802722775 \$22.99 **ALL**
Information on Japanese Internment beginning with Japanese immigration in the early 1900's and going beyond the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Settington, Ken. **Branded by the Pink Triangle.** Second Story Press, 2013. 155p 9781926920962 \$15.95 **JS**
The little told story of the Nazi persecution of primarily gay men during the holocaust. Stories of individuals illustrate the fear, bravery and horror of the time. Bibliography, index and timeline.

Singer, Marilyn. **Follow Follow: A Book of Reverso Poems.** Illustrated by Josée Masse. Dial/ Penguin, 2013. np 9780803737693 \$16.99 **ALL**
Follow up to **Mirror Mirror**. A collections of poems based on fairy tales that tell two different tales, depending on if you read them top-to-bottom or bottom-to-top.

Stone, Tanya Lee. **Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles America's First Black Paratroopers.** Candlewick, 2013. 147p 9780763651176 \$24.99 **MJS**
Beautifully illustrated with many primary sources this is a readable little known history. Sadly, all of the work the men did led them to be smoke jumpers rather than war heroes. Guide: http://www.candlewick.com/book_files/0763651176.btg.1.pdf

Swanson, James L. **"The President Has Been Shot!" The Assassination of John F. Kennedy.** Scholastic, 2013. 288 9780545490078 \$18.99 **MJS**
Background information and then a minute by minute look at the events. Author wrote **Chasing Lincoln's Killer**.

Tutu, Desmond, Archbishop and Douglas Carlton Abrams. **Desmond and the Very Mean World.** Illustrated by A. G. Ford. Candlewick, 2013. np 9780763652296 \$15.99 **CH**
Picture book biography of an incident from Tutu's childhood where a group of boys called him a "mean word." (never named) Father Trevor helps him with forgiveness.

Wolfe, Mike. **Kid Pickers: How To Turn Junk Into Treasure.** Feiwel & Friends, 2013. 128p 9781250019301 \$12.99 **MJ**
What treasure hunters do, how they do it and how to get started from the tv personality Mike Wolfe of *American Pickers*. Teaching Guide with CCSS
<http://media.us.macmillan.com/teachersguides/9781250019301TG.pdf>

Yolen, Jane and Heidi E. Y. Stemple. **Bad Girls: Sirens, Jezebels, Murderesses, Thieves & Other Female Villains.** Illustrated by Rebecca Guay. Charlesbridge, 2013. 164p 9781580891851 \$18.95 **MJS**
26 short entries consider the bad quotient of a variety of women through the years. Index and bibliography, which surprisingly, lists Wikipedia as one of many sources.

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Additional titles (Tjomsland)

- 333. Almond, David. **The Boy Who Swam With Piranhas**. Candlewick, 2013. 234p 9780763661694 \$15.99 MJ
- 334. Anderson, John David. **Sidekicked**. Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins, 2013. 373p 9780062133144 \$16.99 MJ
- 335. Bird, Betsy. **Giant Dance Party**. Illustrated by Brandon Dorman. Greenwillow/HarperCollins, 2013. np 9780061906833 \$17.99 CH
- 336. Blythe, Carolita. **Revenge of a Not-So-Pretty Girl**. Delacorte/Random, 2013. 321p 9780385742863 \$16.99 S
- 337. Bodeen, S. A. **The Fallout**. Felwel & Friends/Macmillan, 2013. 336p 9780312650117 \$16.99 JS
- ✓ 338. **Breakfast on Mars and 37 Other Delectable Essays**. Edited by Rebecca Stern & Brad Wolfe. Roaring Brook Press, 2013. 211p 9781596437371 \$16.99 JS
- 339. Brown, Jeffery. **Vader's Little Princess**. Chronicle Books, 2013. np 9781452118697 \$14.95 ALL
- 340. Brown, Peter. **Mr. Tiger Goes Wild**. Little, Brown, 2013. np 9780316200639 \$18.00 CH
- ✓ 341. Dickey, R. A. **Throwing Strikes**. Dial/Penguin, 2013. 296p 9780803740372 \$17.99 MJS [mentions sexual abuse by babysitter and by a boy, nothing graphic, very short]
- 342. Garcia, Kami. **The Legion Book 1: Unbreakable**. Little, Brown, 2013. 305p 9780316210171 \$18.00 JS
- 343. Hemphill, Stephanie. **Hideous Love**. Balzer + Bray/ HarperCollins, 2013. 312p 9780061853319 \$17.99 S
- 344. Johnson, Rebecca. **Zombie Makers: True Stories of Nature's Undead**. Millbrook, 2013. m
- ✓ 345. Koertge, Ron. **Coaltown Jesus**. Candlewick, 2013. 122p 9780763662288 \$16.99 MJ
- 346. Lewis, John, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. **March: Book One**. Top Shelf, 2013. 121p 978-1603093002 \$14.95 JS B&W graphic novel format
- 347. Marcus, Leonard S. **Randolph Caldecott: The Man Who Could Not Stop Drawing**. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2013. 64p 9780374310257 \$24.99 m
- ✓ 348. Muldrow, Diane. **Everything I need to Know I Learned From A Little Golden Book**. Random, 2013. np 9780307977618 \$9.99 ALL
- 349. Patterson, James and Chris Grabenstein with Mark Shulman. **Treasure Hunters**. Illustrated by Juliana Neufeld. Little, Brown, 2013. 451p 9780316207560 \$14.99 MJ
- 350. Rundell, Katherine. **Rooftoppers**. Simon & Schuster, 2013. 288p 9781442490581 \$16.99 MJ
- 351. Sheinkin, Steve. **Lincoln's Grave Robbers**. Scholastic, 2013. 224p 9780545405720 \$16.99 MJS
- 352. Ursu, Anne. **The Real Boy**. Walden Pond Press/ HarperCollins, 2013. 341p 9780062015075 \$16.99 EMJ
- 353. Woodson, Jacqueline. **This Is The Rope, A Story From The Great Migration**. Illustrated by James Ransome. Nancy Paulsen Books/ Penguin, 2013. np 9780399239861 \$16.99 CH