

RANDOM RECOMMENDS...

Forthcoming School-Appropriate Titles

For your convenience, Mass Market (MM) and Trade Paperback (Tr Pbk) titles are indicated with an asterisk. Where available, we'll provide reading and interest level information in **bright red**.

If you'd like further information on any of the titles herein, we encourage you to contact your Random House, Inc. sales rep or visit our high school web site: <http://www.randomhouse.com/highschool>

*Epileptic

by David B.

Hailed by *The Comics Journal* as one of Europe's most important and innovative comics artists, David B. has created a masterpiece in *Epileptic*, his stunning and emotionally resonant autobiography about growing up with an epileptic brother.

"A painfully honest examination of the effects of debilitating epilepsy on one man and his family, told through a combination of straightforward text and expressionist imagery that ranges in its palette from centuries-old symbolism to the secret worlds of childhood. . . . David B. works a real kind of deeply human magic on the page—something forged from black ink and a soul's struggle—that marks *Epileptic* as one of the first truly great narrative artworks of the new millennium."—Jason Lutes, author of *Jar of Fools* and *Berlin*

Pantheon | Tr Pbk | July 2006 | 978-0-375-71468-9 (0-375-71468-5) | 368 pp. | \$17.95/\$23.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 10

*Flags of Our Fathers

James Bradley with Ron Powers

ALA Alex Award Winner

Now to be a major motion picture this Fall. . . . With a new foreword by James Bradley and new art from the film, students will be interested all over again in this book.

"[*Flags of Our Fathers*] is useful in illuminating the students' understanding of the great sacrifices young Americans made in World War II."—Dr. Anthony P. Di Perna, History/Political Science Dept., Molloy College

Bantam | Tr Pbk | August 2006 | 978-0-553-38029-3 (0-553-38029-X) | 400 pages | \$14.00/\$18.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 7

An Iliad

by Alessandro Baricco

Translated by Ann Goldstein

Alessandro Baricco re-creates the siege of Troy through the voices of twenty-one Homeric characters in the narrative idiom of our modern imagination. Sacrificing none of Homer's panoramic scope, Baricco forgoes Homeric detachment and admits us to realms of subjective experience his predecessor never explored. Imbuing the stuff of legend with a startling new relevancy and humanity, Baricco gives us *The Iliad* as we have never known it. His transformative achievement is certain to delight and fascinate all readers of Homer's indispensable classic.

Knopf | HC | August 2006 | 978-0-307-26355-1 (0-307-26355-X) | 176 pp. | \$21.00/\$28.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 9

*72 Hour Hold

by Bebe Moore Campbell

"Stark, incisive and often harrowing, *72 Hour Hold* wrenches open the closet door behind which mental illness has been hidden in communities of color. It's no small task, but Campbell handles it with characteristic verve and aplomb." —*The Baltimore Sun*

"I am grateful for Bebe Moore Campbell. . . . Campbell fearlessly unveils the pain of loss and the ecstasy of love. Add to that courage, and the graceful ability to write very, very well." —Maya Angelou

Anchor | Tr Pbk | July 2006 | 978-1-4000-3361-4 (1-4000-3361-6) | 336 pp. | \$12.95/\$16.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 9

Grayson

by Lynne Cox

In *Grayson*, Lynne Cox tells the story of a miraculous ocean encounter with a baby whale—eighteen feet long—which had become separated from its mother. If Lynne didn't find the mother whale, the baby would suffer from dehydration and starve to death. Something so enormous—the mother whale was fifty feet long—suddenly seemed very small in the vast Pacific Ocean. How could Lynne possibly find her? This is the story—part mystery, part magical tale—of what happened.

"This is a moving and memorable story, crisply told and filled with dramatic tension and loving descriptions of the sea and all the wondrous creatures it holds. *Grayson* is a celebration of the natural world in all its glory, and the deep and lasting effect it can have on us humans if only we pause to notice."

—John Grogan, author of *Marley & Me*

Knopf | HC | July 2006 | 978-0-307-26454-1 (0-307-26454-8) | 160 pp. | \$16.95/\$22.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 8

*Faith and Betrayal: A Pioneer Woman's Passage in the American West

by Sally Denton

In the 1850s, Jean Rio, a deeply spiritual widow, was moved by the promises of Mormon missionaries and set out from England for Utah. Traveling across the Atlantic by steamer, up the Mississippi by riverboat, and westward by wagon, Rio kept a detailed diary of her extraordinary journey.

In *Faith and Betrayal*, Sally Denton, an award-winning journalist and Rio's great-great-granddaughter, uses the long-lost diary to re-create Rio's experience. Unusually intimate and full of vivid detail, this is an absorbing story of a quintessential American pioneer.

"Rich in the history of the time and redolent with strong personalities, Sally Denton's newest book is a compelling look at a slice of America through the lens of an unlikely pioneer."

—*Santa Fe Journal*

Anchor | Tr Pbk | July 2006 | 978-1-4000-3473-4 (1-4000-3473-6) | 240 pp. | \$14.95/\$18.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 12

Grief Lessons: Four Plays by Euripides

by Euripides

Translated by Anne Carson

Following an acclaimed translation of Sappho's poems and fragments, *If Not, Winter*, the acclaimed poet and classicist Anne Carson now turns to the plays of Euripides, certainly the most troubled of the major Greek tragedians.

The four plays included here are *Alkestis*, *Hekabe*, *Herakles*, and *Hippolytos*. The book includes a general introduction by Carson, along with introductions to each of the plays, and a final "Address to Euripides."

NYRB Classics | HC | August 2006 | 978-1-59017-180-6 (1-59017-180-2) | 312 pp. | \$19.95/\$26.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 12

Siddhartha

by Hermann Hesse

Translated by Susan Bernofsky

Introduction by Tom Robbins

Susan Bernofsky's magnificent new translation brings out Hesse's inspired lyricism and his elegant, melodious cadences, illuminating the novel's universal themes and timeless wisdom about the human condition. This original Modern Library edition includes a lively new Introduction by Tom Robbins and a glossary of Indian terms.

Modern Library | HC | July 2006 | 978-0-679-64336-4 (0-679-64336-2) | 160 pp. | \$16.95/\$23.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 7

*The Age of Napoleon

by Alistair Horne

In *The Age of Napoleon*, Horne incisively guides students through every aspect of Napoleon's two-decade rule, from a newfound commitment to an aristocracy based on merit rather than blood, to the civil code (his most important legacy), to censorship, cuisine and the texture of daily life in Paris.

Modern Library | Tr Pbk | May 2006 | 978-0-8129-7555-0 (0-8129-7555-3) | 240 pp. | \$12.95/\$16.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 12

***Evolution: The Remarkable History of a Scientific Theory**

by Edward J. Larson

“Ed Larson is both a historian and a writer who knows how to bring his subject alive. In *Evolution: The Remarkable History of a Scientific Theory* he combines the latest historical scholarship with an understanding of recent issues in science, religion and social debate. This powerful book will help everyone understand the foundations of modern evolutionary ideas and the origins of the latest controversies.”

—Peter J. Bowler, Queens University Belfast

Modern Library | Tr Pbk | August 2006 | 978-0-8129-6849-1 (0-8129-6849-2) | 368 pp. | \$14.95/\$21.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 12

***DragonKnight**

by Donita K. Paul

Students interested in fantasy literature will be pleased to return to the land of dragons and magic they discovered in *Dragonspell* and *DragonQuest*. This finely crafted and memorable work of fantasy fiction will both entertain and instruct.

WaterBrook Press | Tr Pbk | June 2006 | 978-1-4000-7250-7 (1-4000-7250-6) | 400 pp. | \$13.99/\$18.99 (Canada)

Reading Level: 7

***The Jungle**

by Upton Sinclair

Afterword by Anthony Arthur

Introduction by Jane Jacobs

The Jungle recreates a startling chapter in United States history in unflinching detail. A vigorous champion of political reform, Sinclair is also a gripping storyteller, and his 1906 novel stands as one of the most important—and moving—works in the literature of social change.

Modern Library | Tr Pbk | June 2006 | 978-0-8129-7623-6 (0-8129-7623-1) | 416 pp. | \$9.95/\$12.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 10

Storm from the East: The Struggle Between the Arab World and the Christian West

by Milton Viorst

Viorst examines the long struggle of the Arab world to overthrow Western hegemony. He explores the Arab experiences with democracy and military despotism; Nasserite socialism in Egypt and Ba'athism in Syria and Iraq; tribal monarchy in Saudi Arabia and Jordan; guerrilla warfare waged by the Palestinians; and, finally, Islamic rebellion culminating in Osama bin Laden's extremist al-Qaeda. All have the same goal: the liberation of the Arabs from foreign domination.

Storm from the East illuminates the political, religious, and social roots of Arab nationalism and the present-day unrest in the Middle East.

Modern Library | HC | April 2006 | 978-0-679-64330-2 (0-679-64330-3) | 224 pp. | \$21.95/\$29.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 12

***We**

Written by Yevgeny Zamyatin

Translated by Natasha Randall

“[Zamyatin's] intuitive grasp of the irrational side of totalitarianism—human sacrifice, cruelty as an end in itself—makes [We] superior to Huxley's [*Brave New World*].”

—George Orwell

An inspiration for George Orwell's *1984* and a precursor to the work of Philip K. Dick and Stanislaw Lem, *We* will be a perfect fit in any class examining dystopian fiction or issues related to totalitarianism.

Modern Library | Tr Pbk | July 2006 | 978-0-8129-7462-1 (0-8129-7462-X) | 240 pp. | \$12.95/\$16.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 9