

RANDOM RECOMMENDS...

New & 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**.

To request a review copy of any title listed here, please contact Josh Black at joblack@randomhouse.com.

***Brothers: A Novel**

by *Da Chen*

Brothers, by bestselling author Da Chen, is the story of two brothers whose lives follow very different paths. It's a sprawling, dynamic family saga set during the height of China's Cultural Revolution, complete with assassinations, narrowly missed opportunities, and the ineluctable fulfillment of destiny.

Three Rivers Press | Tr Pbk | June 2007 | 978-1-4000-9729-6 | 448 pages | \$14.95/\$19.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 9

***Zoology**

by *Ben Dolnick*

A brilliant coming-of-age novel and a wryly comic tale of animal care, *Zoology* introduces one of the most memorable, oddly charming, and completely authentic narrators in contemporary fiction. Filled with the awkwardness, agony and unexpected joys that carry us into maturity, *Zoology* is the assured debut of an astonishing young writer.

"Ben Dolnick is a writer of incredible sensitivity. *Zoology* explores the tricky journey to adulthood with honesty, humor, and generosity." —Jonathan Safran Foer

Vintage | Tr Pbk | May 2007 | 978-0-307-27915-6 | 304 pages | \$12.95/\$16.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 8

***The Stolen Child**

by *Keith Donohue*

"*The Stolen Child* is an impressive double act, a fine example of what the French call the fantastique—an intrusion into realism, a leak from the supernatural world into this one. . . . On the surface, Keith Donohue may seem to have written a clever debut novel about fairies. But the real triumph of the book is that, while our backs are turned, he has performed a switch and delivered a luminous and thrilling novel about our humanity. —*The Washington Post Book World*

Anchor | Tr Pbk | May 2007 | 978-1-4000-9653-7 | 336 pages | \$13.95/\$17.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 10

***The Boy Who Fell Out of the Sky: A True Story**

by *Ken Dornstein*

A New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age

Ken Dornstein set out to solve the riddle of his older brother's life after he dies aboard Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, using the notebooks and manuscripts that his brother left behind. In the process, he also begins to create a new life of his own. *The Boy Who Fell Out of the Sky* is the unforgettable story of one man's search for the truth about his brother—and himself.

"Without an ounce of self-pity or melodrama, [Dornstein] writes with razor-sharp clarity and realizes, as we do, how the chapters themselves are a testament to the enormous love between these two brothers."—*The Washington Post Book World*

Vintage | Tr Pbk | June 2007 | 978-0-375-70769-8 | 352 pages | \$13.95/\$17.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 7

***The O. Henry Prize Stories 2007**

Edited by *Laura Furman*

An arresting collection of contemporary fiction at its best, these stories explore a vast range of subjects, from love and deception to war and the insidious power of class distinctions. However clearly spoken, in voices sophisticated, cunning, or naive, here is fiction that consistently defies our expectations. Selected from thousands of stories in hundreds of literary magazines, the twenty prize-winning stories are accompanied by essays from each of the three eminent jurors on which stories they judged the best, and observations from all twenty prizewinners on what inspired them.

Anchor | Tr Pbk | May 2007 | 978-0-307-27688-9 | 384 pages | \$14.95/\$19.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 12

***Pirate's Passage**

by *William Gilkerson*

2006 Governor General's Literary Award

Part adventure story, part coming-of-age tale, and part history of the pirates, this brilliant and delightful book will especially appeal to readers ages ten to fourteen and to anyone interested in the world of pirates.

"Wonderfully authentic . . . vividly brings to life the dark and violent world of the pirates of the Caribbean." —David Cordingly, author of *Under the Black Flag*

Trumpeter | Tr Pbk | May 2007 | 978-1-59030-548-5 (1-59030-548-5) | 376 pages | \$11.95/\$14.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 6

***Patriotic Fire: Andrew Jackson and Jean Lafitte at the Battle of New Orleans**

by *Winston Groom*

"Groom tells the astonishing story of how a ragtag corps . . . defeated a large, disciplined, experienced and professional British army at the Battle of New Orleans on Jan. 8, 1815. . . . Lively and interesting to read against the backdrop of current events." —Adam Rothman, *Washington Post Book World*

"Winston Groom has that most enviable gift as a writer, an instantly likable voice . . . he also possesses a remarkable historical imagination . . . capable of bringing a neglected or half-forgotten moment bursting noisily back to life. That's exactly what he has done in this splendid resurrection of the Battle of New Orleans." —*Wilson Quarterly*

Vintage | Tr Pbk | May 2007 | 978-1-4000-9566-7 | 336 pages | \$14.95/\$19.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 12

***The Attack**

by *Yasmina Khadra*

translated by *John Cullen*

From the bestselling author of *The Swallows of Kabul* comes this timely and haunting novel that powerfully illuminates the devastating human costs of terrorism.

Dr. Amin Jaafari is an Arab-Israeli surgeon at a hospital in Tel Aviv whose world is abruptly shattered when his wife, Sihem, is killed in a suicide bombing. As evidence mounts that Sihem could have been responsible for the catastrophic bombing, Jaafari begins a tortured search for answers.

"Engrossing...audaciously conceived, courageously important [and] urgently humane, *The Attack* is Khadra's best and most ambitious novel yet." —*The Los Angeles Times*

Anchor | Tr Pbk | April 2007 | 978-0-307-27570-7 | 272 pages | \$13.95/\$17.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 11

***Logorrhea: Good Words Make Good Stories**

Edited by *John Klima*

For most of us, these prizewinning spelling bee words would be difficult to pronounce, let alone spell. We asked twenty-one of today's most talented and inventive writers to go even further and pen an original tale inspired by one of dozens of obscure and fascinating championship words. The result is *Logorrhea*—a veritable dictionary of the weird, the fantastic, the haunting, and the indefinable that will have you spellbound from the very first page. There's only one word for such an irresistible anthology: *Logorrhea*

Spectra | Tr Pbk | May 2007 | 978-0-553-38433-8 | 448 pages | \$13.00/\$17.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 8

***Allah Is Not Obligated**

by *Ahmadou Kourouma*

translated by *Frank Wynne*

Raw and unforgettable, despairing yet filled with laughter, *Allah Is Not Obligated* reveals the ways in which children's innocence and youth are compromised by war, through the eyes of a boy soldier in West Africa.

"Fierce, angry, an incredible book. Though it is a work of fiction, in a way it is not. Kourouma brings to life the voice of a child soldier." —P. W. Singer, author of *Children at War*

"Shocking and deeply moving. . . . An African Lord of the Flies." —*The Guardian* (London)

Anchor | Tr Pbk | May 2007 | 978-0-307-27957-6 | 224 pages | \$12.95

Reading Level: 10

Harriet Tubman: Imagining a Life A Biography

by *Beverly Lowry*

In *Harriet Tubman: Imagining a Life*, Beverly Lowry goes beyond the familiar tales to create a portrait of Tubman in lively imagined vignettes that, as Lowry writes, "catch her on the fly" and portray her life as she herself might have presented it.

Integrating extensive research and interviews with scholars and historians into a stunningly rich and mesmerizing chronicle, Lowry brings Tubman to life as never before.

Doubleday | HC | June 2007 | 978-0-385-50291-7 | 432 pages | \$26.00/\$32.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 12

***The Big Bam: The Life and Times of Babe Ruth**

by Leigh Montville

He was the Sultan of Swat. The Caliph of Clout. The Wizard of Whack. The Bambino. And simply, to his teammates, the Big Bam. From the award-winning author of the New York Times bestseller *Ted Williams* comes the thoroughly original, definitively ambitious, and exhilaratingly colorful biography of the largest legend ever to loom in baseball—and in the history of organized sports.

Broadway | Tr Pbk | May 2007 | 978-0-7679-1971-5 | 416 pages | \$15.95/\$21.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 7

***The Perfect Man: A Novel**

By Naeem Murr

Winner of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Europe and South Asia

Young Rajiv Travers hasn't had much luck fitting in anywhere. Born to an Indian mother who was sold to his English father for £20, Raj is abandoned by his relatives into the reluctant care of Ruth, an American romance writer living in Pisgah, Missouri.

Identity, friendship, and a long-hidden crime lie at the heart of Naeem Murr's captivating novel about five friends growing up in a small 1950s Missouri river town. A contender for the Man Booker Prize, this exhilarating story beautifully evokes the extreme joys, as well as the dark and shameful desires, of childhood.

Random House Trade Paperbacks | Tr Pbk | April 2007 | 978-0-8129-7701-1 | 464 pages | \$13.95/\$17.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 11

The Opposite House: A Novel

by Helen Oyeyemi

In a dazzling follow-up to *The Icarus Girl*, Helen Oyeyemi explores the thin wall between myth and reality through the alternating coming-of-age tales of two young women whose families have emigrated to London—one from Cuba, the other from Nigeria—and of their search for the truth about faith and identity.

Nan A. Talese | HC | June 2007 | 978-0-385-51384-5 | 288 pages | \$23.95

Reading Level: 8

Miracle in the Andes: 72 Days on the Mountain and My Long Trek Home

by Nando Parrado and Vince Rause

A New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age

Thirty years after his rugby team's famous plane crash in the Andes, Nando Parrado tells his story with remarkable candor and depth of feeling. *Miracle in the Andes* is a first-person account of the crash and its aftermath—more than a riveting tale of true-life adventure: it is a revealing look at life at the edge of death and a meditation on the limitless redemptive power of love.

Three Rivers Press | Tr Pbk | May 2007 | 978-1-4000-9769-2 | 304 pages | \$13.95/\$17.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 10

***Spunk & Bite: A Writer's Guide to Bold, Contemporary Style**

by Arthur Plotnik

Now in paperback, with exercises for students

Although the rules of composition popularized in William Strunk Jr. and E. B. White's *Elements of Style* have been de rigeur for decades, they won't exactly set your writing free.

To the rescue comes *Spunk & Bite*, a guide to bold and radiant language and style.

"Here Plotnik has accomplished the nearly impossible: to write a guide to lively, sparkling writing that serves in itself—sentence by sentence—as an example of all the advice being offered. A must for every writer's desk." —Billy Collins

Random House Reference | Tr Pbk | May 2007 | 978-0-375-72227-1 | 288 pages | \$12.95/\$16.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 10

***The Green Book: The Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet One Simple Step at a Time**

by Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas M. Kostigen

With wit and authority—and a special chapter devoted to schools and teachers, authors Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas Kostigen provide hundreds of solutions for making a difference to the environment in all areas of life, pinpointing the smallest changes that have the biggest impact on the health of our precious planet.

Includes contributions by Ellen DeGeneres, Robert Redford, Will Ferrell, Jennifer Aniston, Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, Martha Stewart, Tyra Banks, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Tiki Barber, Owen Wilson, and Justin Timberlake.

Three Rivers Press | Tr Pbk | June 2007 | 978-0-307-38135-4 | 224 pages | \$12.95/\$16.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 8

Also of interest:

From the Bottom Up: One Man's Crusade to Clean America's Rivers

by Chad Pregracke and Jeff Barrow

National Geographic | HC | April 2007 | 978-1-4262-0100-4 | 320 pages | \$26.00/\$32.00 (Canada)

***Life on the Mississippi**

by Mark Twain

Introduction by Bill McKibben

Modern Library | Tr Pbk | May 2007 | 978-0-375-75937-6 | 416 pages | \$9.95/\$12.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 11

Professional Reading

Practicing: A Musician's Return to Music

by Glenn Kurtz

"The author has an uncanny ability to bring to life in a vivid and visceral manner abstract concepts of music and performance, and the passions that drive them. I very much enjoyed reading Practicing. It brought me back a few decades, and is a valuable reminder of the challenges and hurdles students face." —Sharon Isbin, Grammy Award Winner and Director, Guitar Department, The Juilliard School

"Glenn Kurtz has captured the unique, richly detailed and often lonely struggle to master an instrument. I was riveted to read our classical guitar world depicted in such vivid detail. Music lives in all of us, and this book will speak to those who have tried to make music an active part of their lives."

—David Tanenbaum, Classical Guitarist and Chair, San Francisco Conservatory Guitar Department

Knopf | HC | June 2007 | 978-0-307-26615-6 | 256 pages | \$22.00/\$28.00 (Canada)

New in Reference

Random House World Atlas and Encyclopedia

Random House Reference | HC | May 2007 | 978-0-375-42610-0 | 448 pages | \$35.00/\$44.00 (Canada)

New Test Prep Titles

***Cracking the PSAT/NMSQT, 2007 Edition**

by Princeton Review

Princeton Review | Tr Pbk | June 2006 | 978-0-375-76547-6 | 336 pages | \$19.00/\$25.00 (Canada)

***Cracking the SAT, 2007 Edition**

by Princeton Review

Princeton Review | Tr Pbk | June 2006 | 978-0-375-76545-2 | 640 pages | \$19.95/\$26.95 (Canada)

Summer Re-issues

***Rocket Boys**

by Homer Hickam

Teacher's Guide Available

Delta | Tr Pbk | 978-0-385-33321-4 | 384 pages | \$14.00/\$21.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 9

To Tame a Land

by Louis L'Amour

Bantam | HC | 978-0-553-80649-6 | 272 pages | \$12.00/\$15.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 4

***Decision in Philadelphia: The Constitutional Convention of 1787**

by Christopher Collier

Includes a complete copy of the constitution.

Ballantine Books | Tr Pbk | June 2007 | 978-0-345-49840-3 | 448 pages | \$14.95/\$19.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 9