

RANDOM RECOMMENDS...

New & Forthcoming School-Appropriate Titles

For your convenience, Mass Market (MM) and Trade Paperback (TR) titles are indicated with an asterisk.

Where available, reading and interest level information are provided in **bright red**.

To request a review copy of any title listed here, or if you would prefer to receive this listing by e-mail, please contact Kaiulani Kaneta at kkaneta@randomhouse.com.



The Random House Academic Marketing Department recently launched a summer reading webpage, showcasing twenty recommended paperback titles for high school students. Featuring leading fiction, nonfiction, and graphic novels, the page was promoted to teachers, educators, and school librarians via unshelved.com, Facebook advertising, and

the Random House High School e-newsletter. So far there have been nearly 5,000 page hits, so check the list to make sure you have the stock you need this summer. To view the summer reading list, visit www.randomhouse.com/highschool/summerreading09.html

NEW RSC PAPERBACKS AVAILABLE

Modern Library has launched a major, new series of individual paperback plays from the internationally renowned Royal Shakespeare Company, edited by acclaimed Shakespearean scholars Jonathan Bate and Eric Rasmussen.

NEWLY AVAILABLE IN THE SERIES ARE:

***Antony and Cleopatra**

Modern Library | TR | 978-0-8129-6918-4
256 pages | \$5.95

***King Lear**

Modern Library | TR | 978-0-8129-6911-5
272 pages | \$5.95

***Macbeth**

Modern Library | TR | 978-0-8129-6916-0
224 pages | \$5.95

***The Winter's Tale**

Modern Library | TR | 978-0-8129-6919-1
240 pages | \$5.95

***The Sonnets and Other Poems**

Modern Library | TR | 978-0-8129-6920-7
400 pages | \$5.95

MAYA ANGELOU REISSUES

Maya Angelou's seminal autobiographical series is newly re-issued in paperback from Random House. A teacher's guide is forthcoming for *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.

***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**

Random House | TR | 978-0-8129-8002-8
304 pages | \$17.00
Ballantine | MM | 978-0-345-51440-0
304 pages | \$6.99

***Gather Together in My Name**

Random House | TR | 978-0-8129-8030-1
224 pages | \$15.00

***Singin' and Swingin' and Gettin' Merry Like Christmas**

Random House | TR | 978-0-8129-8031-8
320 pages | \$15.00

***The Heart of a Woman**

Random House | TR | 978-0-8129-8032-5
352 pages | \$15.00

JAMES CLAVELL REISSUES

James Clavell's Asian Saga stands as one of the most immersive and suspenseful historical fiction series ever written. His mesmerizing portrayal of the convergence of West and East will introduce a whole new generation of students to the series.

AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN TRADE PAPERBACK:

***Gai-Jin**

Delta | TR | 978-0-385-34327-5
1104 pages | \$18.00

***King Rat**

Delta | TR | 978-0-385-33376-4
368 pages | \$16.00

***Noble House**

Delta | TR | 978-0-385-34326-8
1152 pages | \$18.00

***Shogun**

Delta | TR | 978-0-385-34324-4
1008 pages | \$18.00

***Tai-Pan**

Delta | TR | 978-0-385-34325-1
608 pages | \$16.00

The Thing Around Your Neck

by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

"The success of [*Half of a Yellow Sun*] cemented Adichie's status as an incredibly gifted storyteller and her stories add further confirmation.... While she writes of Nigeria with affection, Adichie never sees it through rose-tinted spectacles."

—Lianne Kolirin, *Daily Express* (UK)

"This stunning collection confirms Adichie's position as one of Africa's brightest new literary stars.... Many of the immigrants' stories are driven by loneliness and alienation and some do decide to return home—for better or worse.

Adichie offers insights into both worlds and, like all fine storytellers, leaves us wanting more."

—Bernardine Evaristo, *The Times* (London)

Knopf | HC | June 2009 | 978-0-307-27107-5 | 240 pages | \$24.95

Reading Level: 8

*What's Next?: Dispatches on the Future of Science

Edited by Max Brockman

This wide-ranging collection of eighteen never-before-published essays offers the very latest insights into the daunting scientific questions of our time. Its contributors—some of the most brilliant young scientists working today—provide not only an introduction to their cutting-edge research, but discuss the social, ethical, and philosophical ramifications of their work.

"A preview of the ideas you're going to be reading about in ten years."

—Steven Pinker, author of *The Stuff of Thought*

Vintage | TR | May 2009 | 978-0-307-38931-2 | 256 pages | \$15.00

Reading Level: 12

Poems About Horses

Edited by Carmela Ciuraru

Mythical and metaphorical horses cavort alongside vividly real animals in these poems, whether they be humble servants, noble companions, beloved friends, or emblems of the wild beauty of the world beyond our grasp. We encounter the famous Trojan horse in Virgil's *Aeneid*, and then see it from a wholly different perspective in Matthea Harvey's whimsical "Inside the Good Idea." Longfellow's Paul Revere defies an empire on the back of a horse, while Shakespeare's Richard III vainly offers his kingdom for one.

A captivating anthology that celebrates one of nature's most majestic creatures and the age-old bond between humans and horses.

Everyman's Library | HC | April 2009 | 978-0-307-26925-6 | 256 pages | \$13.50

Reading Level: 10

*Tigerheart

by Peter David

Winner 2008—School Library Journal Adult Books for Young Adults

"With its infusion of originality, David's admirable pastiche of James Barrie's *Peter Pan* will have readers of all ages clamoring for a copy.... David provides everything readers could possibly desire: suspense, swashbuckling adventure, tenderness, anguish, a dash of wit and sarcasm, and a perfect ending. Adults will see *Tigerheart* as an excellent choice for a book discussion group and/or as a useful tool in enhancing cultural literacy, and will appreciate its superior writing, appealing characters, depiction of familial love, and accomplished themes. Teens may view it as an exciting story about a courageous boy who rode a great white tiger, consorted with Indians, and battled pirates. They will all be right."

—*School Library Journal*

Del Rey | TR | May 2009 | 978-0-345-50160-8 | 320 pages | \$12.00

Reading Level: 7

*The Crowd Sounds Happy: A Story of Love, Madness, and Baseball in an American Family

by Nicholas Dawidoff

"An elegiac memoir.... Dawidoff has far more on his mind than the national pastime—even though that was his ultimate salvation in a rough upbringing."

—*The San Diego Union-Tribune*

"*The Crowd Sounds Happy* vividly captures the crosscurrents of a childhood at once unusually happy and unusually haunted. Dawidoff writes like an angel, and his memoir bids fair to join Tobias Wolff's *This Boy's Life* on the short shelf of great books about American boyhood."

—Michael Pollan, author of *The Omnivore's Dilemma*

Vintage | TR | May 2009 | 978-0-375-70007-1 | 288 pages | \$15.00

Reading Level: 9

The Pirates! In an Adventure with Napoleon: A Novel

by Gideon Defoe

Crushed with disappointment at the Pirate of the Year Awards, our Pirate Captain decides that it's time for a career change. And so with his loyal crew, he sets off for St. Helena, a bleak speck of an Atlantic island a thousand miles from anywhere. But the Captain's plan for a quiet island life of beekeeping is interrupted by the arrival of a new "visitor" to the island—the recently deposed Napoleon Bonaparte. Will the island's twenty-eight-mile circumference be big enough to contain two of history's greatest egos? Has the Pirate Captain finally met his match?

Pantheon | HC | May 2009 | 978-0-375-42398-7 | 192 pages | \$16.95

Reading Level: 7

*The PEN / O. Henry Prize Stories 2009

Edited by Laura Furman

Featuring stories selected from thousands published in literary magazines, *The PEN / O. Henry Prize Stories 2009* is studded with great writers such as Junot Díaz, Nadine Gordimer, Ha Jin, and Paul Theroux, as well as new voices. The winning stories feature locales as diverse as post-war Vietnam, a retirement community in Cape Town, South Africa, an Egyptian desert village, and a permanently darkened New York City. The stories are accompanied by essays from the eminent jurors on their favorites, observations from the twenty winners on what inspired them, and an extensive resource list of magazines.

Anchor | TR | May 2009 | 978-0-307-28035-0 | 464 pages | \$15.00

Reading Level: 11

*The Other

by David Guterson

"Provocative.... Guterson's best book yet. A deeply interior novel, *The Other* is about the transitory nature of choice and identity: how we become who we are destined to be, and what gets us to that place and keeps us there."

—Victoria A. Brownworth, *Baltimore Sun*

"Elegiac.... *The Other* is an exploration of how one should live in a flawed world, the choices we make and the values they reflect.... Like Guterson's stunning first novel, *Snow Falling on Cedars*... *The Other* reflects his deep affinity for the Northwest landscape, his conviction that literature should engage with ethical issues and his passion for literary classics."

—Heller McAlpin, *San Francisco Chronicle*

Vintage | TR | June 2009 | 978-0-307-27481-6 | 272 pages | \$15.00

Reading Level: 8

*Science Matters: Achieving Scientific Literacy

by Robert M. Hazen and James Trefil

Now revised and expanded for the first time in nearly two decades, readers can enjoy Hazen and Trefil's refreshingly accessible explanations of the most recent developments in science, from particle physics to biotechnology.

"Lucid and lively. Hazen and Trefil have a particular genius for picturing even formidably abstract ideas in concrete images.... *Science Matters* is as good as they get."

—*The Washington Post Book World*

Anchor | TR | June 2009 | 978-0-307-45458-4 | 384 pages | \$15.00

Reading Level: 10

*I Wish I'd Been There: Book Two: European History

Edited by Byron Hollinshead and Theodore K. Rabb

In this companion to *I Wish I'd Been There: Twenty Historians Bring to Life the Dramatic Events that Changed America*, some of our finest historical writers now turn their attention to Europe, with lively and detailed accounts of some of the most dramatic events in history. Guided by peerless scholars such as Paul Kennedy, John Keegan, Ross King, Freeman Dyson, and Katherine Duncan-Jones, readers will be transported to the signing of Magna Carta, the Versailles Conference, the German surrender in WWII on Luneburg Heath, and other key turning points in the drama of European history.

Anchor | TR | June 2009 | 978-0-307-27764-0 | 336 pages | \$15.00

Reading Level: 11

NEW FROM CONN IGGULDEN, AUTHOR OF THE ALEX AWARD WINNING GENGHIS SERIES:

*Emperor: The Field of Swords: A Novel of Julius Caesar

by Conn Iggulden

With an army made in his own image, Caesar brings a daring charge through Gaul, across the English Channel, and to the wilds of tribal Britain.

Having proved his valor in the slaves' revolt, the time has come for Caesar to enter the political battleground of Rome. Strengthened by the love of an older woman—and by the sword of his loyal friend, Marcus Brutus, Caesar battles the armies of the wilderness and forges his legend. All the while his political adversaries in Rome grow ever more powerful. So that when the fighting is over, Julius will face the greatest threat to him yet—a man who wants Rome for himself.

Delta | TR | June 2009 | 978-0-385-34342-8 | 480 pages | \$16.00

Reading Level: 5

*Emperor: The Gods of War: A Novel of Julius Caesar

by Conn Iggulden

The year is 53 B.C. Julius Caesar approaches his final destiny—a destiny that will be decided not by legions but by his friend Brutus and a bewitching Egyptian queen named Cleopatra....

Fresh from victory in Gaul, Julius Caesar leads his battle-hardened legions across the Rubicon. The armies of Rome will face each other at last in civil war, led by the two greatest generals ever to walk the seven hills. From the spectacles of the arena to the whispered lies of conspirators, author Conn Iggulden brings to life a world marked by fierce loyalty and bitter betrayal, with dark events shrouded in noble ideals.

Delta | TR | June 2009 | 978-0-385-34357-2 | 400 pages | \$16.00

Reading Level: 5

***Eight Lives Down: The Most Dangerous Job in the World in the Most Dangerous Place in the World**

by *Chris Hunter*

Visceral and compelling, *Eight Lives Down* is the most exciting and nerve-jangling work of military non-fiction since *Bravo Two Zero*.

Chris Hunter has the most dangerous job in the world—to make safe the British sector in Iraq against some of the most hardened and technically advanced terrorists in the world. It is a 24/7 job—in the first two months alone, his team defuses over 45 bombs. And the people they're up against don't play by the Geneva Convention. For them, there are no rules, only results—death by any means necessary.

Delta | TR | May 2009 | 978-0-553-38528-1 | 432 pages | \$16.00

Reading Level: 5

***Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen**

by *Christopher McDougall*

Isolated by the most savage terrain in North America, the reclusive Tarahumara Indians of Mexico's deadly Copper Canyons are custodians of a lost art. For centuries they have practiced techniques that allow them to run hundreds of miles without rest. Full of incredible characters, amazing athletic achievements, cutting-edge science, and, most of all, pure inspiration, *Born to Run* is an epic adventure.

Knopf | TR | May 2009 | 978-0-307-26630-9 | 304 pages | \$24.95

Reading Level: 8

***The Drunkard's Walk: How Randomness Rules Our Lives**

by *Leonard Mlodinow*

"Mlodinow writes in a breezy style, interspersing probabilistic mind-benders with portraits of theorists.... The result is a readable crash course in randomness."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

"A wonderfully readable guide to how the mathematical laws of randomness affect our lives."

—Stephen Hawking, author of *A Brief History of Time*

"A magnificent exploration of the role that chance plays in our lives. The probability is high that you will be entertained and enlightened by this intelligent charmer."

—Daniel Gilbert, author of *Stumbling on Happiness*

Vintage | TR | May 2009 | 978-0-307-27517-2 | 272 pages | \$15.00

Reading Level: 11

***Barack Obama For Beginners, Updated Edition: An Essential Guide**

by *Bob Neer*; Illustrated by *Joe Lee*

This is the most concise and reliable short biography available on the 44th President of the United States—from his childhood in Hawaii and Indonesia, education at Columbia and Harvard, work as a community organizer, writer, teacher, lawyer, and politician in Illinois, to his historic campaign for President. *Barack Obama For Beginners* keeps the focus on the man and his record—accomplishments and missteps, praise and criticism—to allow readers to gain a balanced understanding of President Obama as they follow his rise to the White House. Illustrations enliven the reading experience and highlight important details.

For Beginners | TR | June 2009 | 978-1-934389-44-7 | 128 pages | \$12.95

Reading Level: 8

White Is for Witching

by *Helen Oyeyemi*

"Oyeyemi is a writer who moves easily between the literary, the demotic and the supernatural.... She is sharply amusing on the strangeness of the ordinary world.... Already her technical skill as a novelist is remarkable, her range of reference formidable and her use of language virtuosic."

—*The Daily Telegraph*

"A weirdly compelling mix of modern gothic, matriarchal magic and coming-of-age tale that weaves the supernatural and mother-daughter relations deep into its fabric."

—*Financial Times*

Nan A. Talese | HC | June 2009 | 978-0-385-52605-0 | 240 pages | \$25.00

Reading Level: 6

***Patriot Pirates: The Privateer War for Freedom and Fortune in the American Revolution**

by *Robert H. Patton*

"[Patton] has dug deep into Revolutionary War-era records and writes with verve.... He has a great eye for ironic detail."

—*The Washington Post*

"In this deeply considered book, based on overlooked primary sources, Robert H. Patton illuminates the raucous, illicit origins of our American democracy. The privateers of the Revolution operated in a twilight world of idealism and greed, launching the new nation on the double edge that would thereafter define it.... *Patriot Pirates* reminds us again of the mystery and unpredictability of true history."

—Stephen Fox, author of *Wolf of the Deep*

Vintage | TR | June 2009 | 978-0-307-39055-4 | 320 pages | \$16.00

Reading Level: 12

Shanghai Girls: A Novel

by Lisa See

A fascinating new novel from author Lisa See about two sisters, two cultures, and the struggle to find a new life in America while bound to the old.

"A buoyant and lustrous paean to the bonds of sisterhood."

—Booklist

"See is masterly in her powerful depictions of the prejudice and harsh treatment the sisters encounter as they try to assimilate into the strange new world of Los Angeles. Possibly the best book yet from the author of *Peony in Love*; highly recommended."

—Library Journal

Random House | HC | May 2009 | 978-1-4000-6711-4 | 336 pages | \$25.00

Reading Level: 6

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society: A Novel

by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

Teacher's guide forthcoming

January 1946: writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a founding member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. And so begins a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German occupation, and of a society as extraordinary as its name.

"[A] marvelous debut.... Reminiscent of Helene Hanff's *84 Charing Cross Road*, this is a warm, funny, tender, and thoroughly entertaining celebration of the power of the written word."

—Library Journal

Dial Press | TR | May 2009 | 978-0-385-34100-4 | 304 pages | \$14.00

Reading Level: 6

Satchel

by Larry Tye

Teacher's guide forthcoming

He is that rare American icon who has never been captured in a biography worthy of him. Now, at last, here is the superbly researched, spellbindingly told story of athlete, showman, philosopher, and boundary breaker Leroy "Satchel" Paige.

"It takes nothing away from Jackie Robinson to note, as Larry Tye does in this important new book, that Satchel Paige—he of a fastball of historic proportions—is an overlooked pioneer in the integration of baseball, and of America itself. This engaging biography sheds light not only on Paige but on the game and the country he helped change forever."

—Jon Meacham, Pulitzer-Prize winning author of *American Lion*

Random House | HC | June 2009 | 978-1-4000-6651-3 | 416 pages | \$26.00

Reading Level: 8

*"Socialism Is Great!": A Worker's Memoir of the New China

by Lijia Zhang

"Beautiful.... A remarkable memoir.... A notable historical document and a vivid, affecting portrait of a young woman's resolve."

—Kirkus Reviews

"A literary gem.... Zhang deftly crafts the journey of a whole generation, desperately yearning to break away from the ropes of tradition and living to dream the impossible. It's a book to relish, a volume to cherish and mostly, a life to celebrate."

—Da Chen, author of *Colors of the Mountain*

Anchor | TR | May 2009 | 978-0-307-47219-9 | 384 pages | \$15.00

Reading Level: 6

NEW IN PROFESSIONAL READING

Reclaiming Virtue: How We Can Develop the Moral Intelligence to Do the Right Thing at the Right Time for the Right Reason

by John Bradshaw

Backed by ancient Greek philosophers and his lifelong study of human development to the most recent discoveries of neuroscience, John Bradshaw shows that each of us has, what he calls, an inborn moral intelligence.

In *Reclaiming Virtue*, examples of "magnificent moral moments" drawn from history and literature are interwoven with revealing personal stories, illustrating both the heights of human ethical behavior and the difficulty of acting on what we know to be right. This is an ideal book for cultivating a morally conscious and caring community between educators, students, and parents.

Random House | HC | April 2009 | 978-0-553-09592-0 | 528 pages | \$26.00

Origins of the Specious: Myths and Misconceptions of the English Language

by Patricia T. O'Conner and Stewart Kellerman

In *Origins of the Specious*, *Woe Is I* author Patricia T. O'Conner and Stewart Kellerman explode the misconceptions that have led generations of language lovers astray, revealing why some of grammar's best-known "rules" aren't—and never were—rules at all.

Students and teachers alike will appreciate and utilize this primer on the eccentricities of the ever-changing, endlessly entertaining English language.

"Happily fresh.... Skillfully drawing on the Oxford English Dictionary and other research tools, the writers always present conversational prose with different kinds of word-plays.... An accessible tone and full of information."

—Library Journal

Random House | HC | May 2009 | 978-1-4000-6660-5 | 288 pages | \$22.00