

RANDOM RECOMMENDS...

New & Forthcoming School-Appropriate Titles

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

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***Bringing Tony Home**

by Tissa Abeysekera

Set in the 1940s and 1960s, *Bringing Tony Home* is a masterful modern example of a timeless genre, the *bildungsroman*. In the title novella, a boy returns to his old home to search for Tony, his beloved dog who was abandoned when economic circumstances forced the family to leave. "Bringing Tony Home" recounts this perilous journey in detail, movingly tracing the boy's rescue attempts and his spiraling emotions as he endures changes occurring in his family.

Abeysekera's ability to evoke the sights and sounds of another time and place, and his skill in rendering the inner lives of his characters, make *Bringing Tony Home* a remarkable read.

North Atlantic | TR | November 2008
978-1-55643-757-1 | 224 pages | \$14.95

Reading Level: 11

***How the South Could Have Won the Civil War: The Fatal Errors That Led to Confederate Defeat**

by Bevin Alexander

Could the South have won the Civil War? To many, the South's defeat was inevitable. However, acclaimed military historian Bevin Alexander believes this outcome was not destined, as he reveals in this provocative and counterintuitive new look at the Civil War. Alexander ultimately provides a startling account of how a relatively small number of tactical and strategic mistakes cost the South the war—and changed the course of history.

Three Rivers Press | TR | November 2008
978-0-307-34600-1 | 352 pages | \$14.95

Reading Level: 9

Traitor to His Class: The Privileged Life and Radical Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

by H. W. Brands

A sweeping, magisterial biography of the man generally considered the greatest president of the twentieth century, admired by Democrats and Republicans alike, *Traitor to His Class* sheds new light on FDR's formative years. From his remarkable willingness to champion the concerns of the poor and disenfranchised to his combination of political genius, firm leadership, and matchless diplomacy in saving democracy in America during the Great Depression and the American cause of freedom in World War II, Brands tells an off-told history anew.

Drawing on archival materials, public speeches, personal correspondence, and accounts by family and close associates, acclaimed historian and biographer H. W. Brands offers a compelling and intimate portrait of Roosevelt's life and career.

Doubleday | HC | November 2008
978-0-385-51958-8 | 896 pages | \$35.00

Reading Level: 10

A Journal for Jordan: A Story of Love and Honor

by Dana Canedy

"This book is a living, breathing legacy. It's full of wonderful treasures offered by a unique and spirited father, whose loving words of wisdom to his infant son are a rite of passage that will transform us all. It is written with serene grace: part memoir, part love story, all heart."

—James McBride, author of *The Color of Water*

"This tragic story of love and war reminds all Americans that we are fortunate to have people like Sgt. Charles King, willing to die for our country. Dana Canedy bears witness to the enduring power of love, to Sgt. King's heroism and his unflinching devotion to his family and his men."

—Caroline Kennedy

Crown | HC | December 2008
978-0-307-39579-5 | 288 pages | \$25.95

Reading Level: 9

***The Science of Leonardo: Inside the Mind of the Great Genius of the Renaissance**

by Fritjof Capra

"Minutely researched, vividly written, and endlessly fascinating, *The Science of Leonardo* opens up a realm which has never been adequately appreciated." —Dr. Oliver Sacks

"Illuminating and impassioned.... A profound and clear exploration of Leonardo's scientific thought."

—*The San Francisco Chronicle*

"A delight.... Lucid and spirited, it sparks a whole series of ideas and questions for further investigation."

—*American Scientist*

Anchor | TR | December 2008

978-1-4000-7883-7 | 352 pages | \$16.95

Reading Level: 12

The Canterbury Tales

by Geoffrey Chaucer

Translated by Burton Raffel

Introduction by John Miles Foley

Despite the importance of Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, the continual evolution of the English language has rendered his words unfamiliar to many. This new translation by Burton Raffel brings Chaucer's poetry back to life for the modern reader, retaining Chaucer's celebrated wit and insight.

"Burton Raffel has done a masterly job of carrying Chaucer into modern, highly readable English while retaining the rhythm and formal charm that so distinguish *The Canterbury Tales*. This new translation beckons us to make our own pilgrimage back to the very wellsprings of literature in our language."

—Billy Collins, former Poet Laureate of the United States

Modern Library | HC | November 2008

978-0-679-64355-5 | 672 pages | \$36.00

Reading Level: 9

***Pinocchio**

by Carlo Collodi

Translated by Geoffrey Brock

Introduction by Umberto Eco

Though one of the best-known books in the world, *Pinocchio* at the same time remains unknown—linked in many minds to the Walt Disney movie that bears little relation to Carlo Collodi's splendid original. That story is of course about a puppet who, after many trials, succeeds in becoming a "real boy." Yet it is hardly a sentimental or morally improving tale. To the contrary, *Pinocchio* is one of the great subversives of the written page, a madcap genius hurtled along at the pleasure and mercy of his desires, a renegade who in many ways resembles his near contemporary Huck Finn.

NYRB | TR | November 2008 | 978-1-59017-289-6 | 128 pages | \$14.00

Reading Level: 8

***The Virginia Woolf Writers' Workshop: Seven Lessons to Inspire Great Writing**

by Danell Jones

Imagine what it might be like if Virginia Woolf were teaching a writers' workshop. What would she say? What elements of her own experience would writers today find valuable?

In this brilliantly imagined book, author Danell Jones mines the diaries, essays, correspondence, and fiction of a literary legend to create an unforgettable master class in the art of writing. Using Virginia Woolf's own words, this inspiring, instructive, and entertaining guide will delight students and teachers alike—and at last give Woolf a classroom of her own.

Bantam | TR | November 2008

978-0-553-38492-5 | 176 pages | \$14.00

The Collected Short Stories of Louis L'Amour, Volume 6

by Louis L'Amour

One of our most beloved storytellers, Louis L'Amour's vibrant tales of adventure bring the American West alive. Now, in this sixth volume of his collected short stories, L'Amour takes us beyond the frontier with thirty-three gripping crime stories. From suspenseful whodunits to rueful tales of fortunes gained and lost, this remarkable collection will enthrall and entertain L'Amour fans old and new.

Bantam | HC | October 2008

978-0-553-80531-4 | 576 pages | \$24.00

Reading Level: 6

A Mercy

by Toni Morrison

"Set some 200 years before *Beloved*, *A Mercy* conjures up the beautiful, untamed, lawless world that was America in the 17th century with the same sort of lyrical, verdant prose that distinguished that earlier novel.... Ms. Morrison has rediscovered an urgent, poetic voice that enables her to move back and forth with immediacy and ease between the worlds of history and myth, between ordinary daily life and the realm of fable.... A heartbreaking account of lost innocence and fractured dreams [that] also stands, with *Beloved*, as one of Ms. Morrison's most haunting works yet."

—Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times*

Knopf | HC | November 2008

978-0-307-26423-7 | 160 pages | \$23.95

Reading Level: 11

Things I've Been Silent About: Memories

by Azar Nafisi

Azar Nafisi, author of the beloved international bestseller *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, now gives us a stunning personal story of growing up in Iran, memories of her life lived in thrall to a powerful and complex mother, against the background of a country's political revolution. A girl's pain over family secrets; a young woman's discovery of the power of sensuality in literature; the price a family pays for freedom in a country beset by political upheaval—these and other threads are woven together in this beautiful memoir, as a gifted storyteller once again transforms the way we see the world and “reminds us of why we read in the first place.” (*Newsday*).

Random House | HC | December 2008
978-1-4000-6361-1 | 288 pages | \$26.00

Reading Level: 10

Sweet Land of Liberty: The Forgotten Struggle for Civil Rights in the North

by Thomas Sugrue

Sweet Land of Liberty is a revelatory, daring, and ambitious book that overturns the conventional histories of America's struggle for civil rights. In this powerful narrative, Thomas Sugrue draws compelling vignettes of the forgotten women and men who fought against the odds for racial justice in the North. He persuasively argues that what happened on the streets, churches, and courtrooms of Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles is every bit as important for understanding modern America as the oft-told histories of the Southern freedom struggle. This is one of those rare books that completely reorients our understanding of the past.”

—Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Alphonse Fletcher, Jr.
University Professor, Harvard University

Ideal for school library collections.

Random House | HC | November 2008
978-0-679-64303-6 | 720 pages | \$35.00

Reading Level: 12

*The Chrysalids

by John Wyndham; Introduction by Christopher Priest

Like everyone else in the nuclear-wasted world he lives in, David is loyal to his kind and on the watch for anyone who deviates from the ideological or genetic norm. But what would happen if it were revealed that David himself was a mutant? Wyndham's novel is a thrilling science fiction classic for teens and adults alike.

“A remarkably tender story of a post-nuclear childhood... It has, of course, always seemed a classic to most of its three generations of readers... It has become part of a canon of good books.” —*The Guardian* (UK)

NYRB | TR | November 2008
978-1-59017-292-6 | 240 pages | \$14.95

Reading Level: 8

*How to Live on Mars

A Trusty Guidebook to Surviving and Thriving on the Red Planet

by Robert Zubrin

“Informative, irreverent, and just plain fun to read. On to Mars!”
—Ben Bova, author of *Mars Life*

“You'll marvel at possibilities, laugh out loud at clever inventions, and relish the tongue-lashing of our present times Zubrin delivers with high-velocity, clear prose.”

—Gregory Benford, author of *The Martian Race*

“I learned more about the science of Mars and the nature of freedom on the new space frontier than from a dozen straight-faced textbooks. And it's funny. This is Heinlein on helium.”
—Stephen Baxter, international bestselling author of *Voyage*

Three Rivers Press | TR | December 2008
978-0-307-40718-4 | 224 pages | \$13.95

Reading Level: 9

NEW IN REFERENCE

Book of Peoples of the World A Guide to Cultures

Edited by Wade Davis, K. David Harrison
and Catherine Herbert Howell

National Geographic | HC | November 2008
978-1-4262-0238-4 | 384 pages | \$40.00

Planetology

Unlocking the Secrets of the Solar System

by Tom Jones and Ellen Stofan

National Geographic | HC | November 2008
978-1-4262-0121-9 | 224 pages | \$35.00

National Geographic Visual Atlas of the World

National Geographic | HC | November 2008
978-1-4262-0332-9 | 416 pages | \$100.00

NEW FROM PRINCETON REVIEW

***Cracking the AP Biology Exam, 2009 Edition**

978-0-375-42884-5 | 384 pages | \$18.00

***Cracking the AP Calculus AB & BC Exams, 2009 Edition**

978-0-375-42885-2 | 896 pages | \$19.00

***Cracking the AP Chemistry Exam, 2009 Edition**

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978-0-375-42887-6 | 272 pages | \$18.00

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***Cracking the AP English Literature & Composition Exam, 2009 Edition**

978-0-375-42889-0 | 240 pages | \$18.00

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978-0-375-42892-0 | 560 pages | \$18.00

***Cracking the AP Physics C Exam, 2009 Edition**
978-0-375-42893-7 | 576 pages | \$18.00

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978-0-375-42894-4 | 320 pages | \$18.00

***Cracking the AP Spanish Exam with Audio CD, 2009 Edition**
978-0-375-42848-7 | 288 pages | \$24.95

***Cracking the AP Statistics Exam, 2009 Edition**
978-0-375-42895-1 | 432 pages | \$19.00

***Cracking the AP U.S. Government & Politics Exam, 2009 Edition**
978-0-375-42896-8 | 336 pages | \$18.00

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