

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**.

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>

Tropical Fish: Tales From Entebbeby Doreen Baingana*

Winner of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Book in the Africa Region

In her fiction debut, Doreen Baingana follows a Ugandan girl as she navigates the uncertain terrain of adolescence. Set mostly in pastoral Entebbe with stops in the cities Kampala and Los Angeles, *Tropical Fish* depicts the reality of life for Christine Mugisha and her family after Idi Amin's dictatorship.

Harlem Moon | Tr Pbk | September 2006 | 978-0-7679-2510-5 | 208 pages | \$10.95/\$14.50 (Canada)

Reading Level: 7

My Face Is Black Is True: Callie House and the Struggle for Ex-Slave Reparationsby Mary Frances Berry*

In her groundbreaking new book, *My Face Is Black Is True*, historian Mary Frances Berry resurrects the forgotten life of Callie House (1861-1928), ex-slave, widowed Nashville washerwoman and mother of five who, seventy years before the civil rights movement, headed a demand for ex-slave reparations. Callie House, so long forgotten that her grave has been lost, emerges as a courageous pioneering activist, a forerunner of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. *My Face Is Black Is True* is a fascinating book of original scholarship that reclaims a magnificent heroine.

"Remarkable. . . . Berry has done a brilliant job of documenting the life of Callie House. . . . This is an incredible story and one that truly deserves to be more than mere footnote in our history texts. . . . Authentic and essential." —*Tucson Citizen*

Vintage | Tr Pbk | October 2006 | 978-0-307-27705-3 | 336 pages | \$14.95/\$21.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 11

Active Liberty: Interpreting Our Democratic Constitutionby Stephen Breyer*

A historic occasion: at a time when the American judicial system is subject of much controversy, a United States Supreme Court Justice offers a new theory of constitutional interpretation.

Justice Stephen Breyer defines "active liberty" as a sharing of the nation's sovereign authority among its people. He sees the Constitution as a guide for the application of basic American principles to a living and changing society rather than as an arsenal of rigid legal means for binding and restricting it.

Vintage | Tr Pbk | October 2006 | 978-0-307-27494-6 | 176 pages | \$12.95/\$16.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 12

Made in Detroit: A South of 8 Mile Memoirby Paul Clemens*

A powerfully candid memoir about growing up white in Detroit and the conflicted point of view it produced. Sparing no one—particularly not himself—this is an astonishing examination of race and class relations from a fresh perspective, one forged in a city both desperate and hopeful.

"Excellent. . . . A funny and moving memoir, it is one of the frankest accounts of race relations in America in recent years." —*The New York Times Book Review*

"With clarity, courage, and a deep familiarity with his literary predecessors—from James Joyce to James Baldwin—Clemens has written a book as riven, wounded, and yet surprisingly durable as its subject." —Jeffrey Eugenides, author of *Middlesex*

Anchor | Tr Pbk | October 2006 | 978-1-4000-7596-6 | 256 pages | \$13.95/\$18.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 10

*Melville: His World and Work

by Andrew Delbanco

"An acute critical biography . . . offers a rich account of Melville's relation to his times. [Delbanco] writes throughout with grace and wit, his lucid contextual readings synthesize a generation of scholarship. *Melville: His World and Work* is tight and accessible, and its deep learning floats as lightly as silk in the breeze. In all that it is unlike its subject, to whom it stands as the best contemporary introduction."

—Michael Gorra, *The New York Times Book Review*

Vintage | Tr Pbk | September 2006 | 978-0-375-70297-6 | 448 pages | \$16.00/\$21.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 12

*The March: A Novel

by E.L. Doctorow

Winner of The National Book Critics Circle Award

Winner of The Pen/Faulkner Award

In 1864, Union general William Tecumseh Sherman marched his sixty thousand troops through Georgia to the sea, and then up into the Carolinas. Along the way the army fought off Confederate forces and demolished cities.

In E. L. Doctorow's hands the great march becomes an unforgettable reading experience with awesome relevance to our own times.

Random House Trade Paperbacks | Tr Pbk | September 2006 | 978-0-8129-7615-1 | 384 pages | \$14.95/\$21.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 8

*Complicity: How the North Promoted, Prolonged, and Profited from Slavery

by Anne Farrow, Joel Lang and Jenifer Frank

Slavery in the South has been documented in volumes ranging from exhaustive histories to bestselling novels. But the North's profit from—indeed, dependence on—slavery has mostly been a shameful and well-kept secret among the general population. Drawn from long-ignored documents and reports—and supported by rarely seen photos, publications, maps, and period drawings—*Complicity* is a fascinating and sobering work that sheds light on a dark period in American history, and will be sure to provoke discussion among students of history.

Ballantine Books | Tr Pbk | August 2006 | 978-0-345-46783-6 | 304 pages | \$15.95/\$21.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 9

*Mozart and Leadbelly

by Ernest J. Gaines

In this collection of stories and essays, the beloved author of the classic, best-selling novel *A Lesson Before Dying* shares the inspirations behind his books and his reasons for becoming a writer. Told in the simple and powerful prose that is a hallmark of his craft, these writings by Ernest J. Gaines faithfully evoke the sorrows and joys of rustic Southern life. From his depiction of his childhood move to California—a move that propelled him to find books that conjured the sights, smells, and locution of his native Louisiana home—to his description of the real-life murder case that gave him the idea for his masterpiece, this wonderful collection is a revelation of both man and writer.

"Gaines is one of the nation's most important and prolific living writers and the greatest American writer of his generation to emerge from the South since William Faulkner."

—*The Atlanta Journal Constitution*

Vintage | Tr Pbk | October 2006 | 978-1-4000-9645-9 | 192 pages | \$12.95/\$16.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 8

* Bordering Fires: The Vintage Book of Contemporary Mexican and Chicano & Chicana Literature

Edited by Cristina García

As the descendants of Mexican immigrants have settled throughout the United States, a great literature has emerged, but its correspondences with the literature of Mexico have gone largely unobserved. In *Bordering Fires*, the first anthology to combine writing from both sides of the Mexican-U.S. border, Cristina García presents a richly diverse cross-cultural conversation.

"A marvelous introduction to some of the most luminous and illuminating voices to be found in the Chicano/a and Mexican literary traditions, offering a fascinating and resonant dialogue among them." —Rafael Pérez-Torres, Professor of American Literature and Chicano Studies, UCLA

Vintage | Tr Pbk | October 2006 | 978-1-4000-7718-2 | 304 pages | \$13.95/\$18.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 11

***Markings**

by Dag Hammarskjöld

Preface by Jimmy Carter

Translated by W. H. Auden and L. Fitzgerald Sjöberg

Universally known and admired as a peacemaker, Dag Hammarskjöld concealed a remarkable intense inner life which he recorded over several decades in this journal of poems and spiritual meditations, left to be published after his death. A dramatic account of spiritual struggle, *Markings* has inspired hundreds of thousands of readers since it was first published in 1964.

"Perhaps the greatest testament of personal devotion published in this century."—*The New York Times*

Vintage | Tr Pbk | October 2006 | 978-0-307-27742-8 | 256 pages | \$13.95/\$18.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 8

***Tambourines to Glory: A Novel**

by Langston Hughes

Tambourines to Glory introduces readers to an unlikely team behind a church whose rock was the curb at 126th and Lenox. Essie Belle Johnson and Laura Reed live in adjoining tenement flats, adrift on public relief. Essie wants to somehow earn enough money to reunite with her daughter and provide her with a nice home; Laura loves young men, mink coats, and fine Scotch. On a day of inspiration, the friends decide to use a thrift-store tambourine and a layaway Bible to start a church. Harlem Moon Classics is proud to reintroduce readers of all generations to this sparkling gem from the canon of Langston Hughes.

Harlem Moon | Tr Pbk | September 2006 | 978-0-7679-2327-9 | 176 pages | \$9.95/\$12.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 6

***Pomegranate Soup: A Novel**

by Marsha Mehran

Infused with the textures and scents, trials and triumphs of two distinct cultures, *Pomegranate Soup* is an infectious novel of magical realism. This richly detailed story, highlighted with delicious recipes, is a delectable journey into the heart of Persian cooking and Irish living.

Random House Trade Paperbacks | Tr Pbk | September 2006 | 978-0-8129-7248-1 | 240 pages | \$13.95/\$18.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 9

***Inheriting the Holy Land: An American's Search for Hope in the Middle East**

by Jennifer Miller

Teacher's Guide Available

Writing with fierce honesty, Jennifer Miller has created an extraordinary synthesis of history, reportage, and coming-of-age memoir in *Inheriting the Holy Land*. Her groundbreaking perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is presented through interviews with young Israelis and Palestinians and conversations with some of the most influential officials involved in the Middle East, including Shimon Peres, Yasir Arafat, James Baker, Benjamin Netanyahu, Colin Powell, Ehud Barak, and Mahmoud Abbas. This book will open eyes, open hearts, and open minds.

Ballantine Books | Tr Pbk | September 2006 | 978-0-345-46925-0 | 320 pages | \$14.95/\$21.00 (Canada)

Reading Level: 9

The Last Town on Earth: A Novel

by Thomas Mullen

Teacher's Guide Available

Set against the backdrop of one of the most virulent epidemics that America ever experienced—the 1918 flu epidemic—Thomas Mullen's powerful, sweeping first novel is a tale of morality in a time of upheaval.

"Remarkable... memorable...brilliant... nerve-shredding...Time and again, Mullen's suspenseful storytelling pulls us forward. Time and again his imagery is ...devastatingly right."
—*The New York Times Book Review*

Random House | HC | August 2006 | 978-1-4000-6520-2 | 416 pages | \$23.95/\$31.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 6

No Shortcuts to the Top: Climbing the World's 14 Highest Peaks

by Ed Viesturs and David Roberts

This gripping and triumphant memoir follows a living legend of extreme mountaineering as he makes his assault on history, one 8,000-meter summit at a time. For eighteen years Ed Viesturs pursued climbing's holy grail: to stand atop the world's fourteen 8,000-meter peaks, without the aid of bottled oxygen. As Viesturs recounts the stories of his most harrowing climbs, he reveals a man torn between the flat, safe world he and his loved ones share and the majestic and deadly places where only he can go. A great choice for reluctant male readers.

Broadway | HC | October 2006 | 978-0-7679-2470-2 | 368 pages | \$23.95/\$31.95 (Canada)

Reading Level: 10

Professional Reading

The Case Against Homework: How Homework Is Hurting Our Children and What We Can Do About It

by Sara Bennett and Nancy Kalish

Does assigning fifty math problems accomplish any more than assigning five? Is memorizing word lists the best way to increase vocabulary—especially when it takes away from reading time? Empowering, practical, and rigorously researched, *The Case Against Homework* shows how too much work is having a negative effect on our children's achievement and development and gives us the tools and tactics we need to advocate for change.

Crown | HC | August 2006 | 978-0-307-34017-7 | 304 pages | \$24.95/\$30.00 (Canada)

***Secrets of Mental Math: The Mathemagician's Guide to Lightning Calculation and Amazing Math Tricks**

by Arthur Benjamin and Michael Shermer

From a renowned "Mathemagician", a fun, accessible, and comprehensive guide to the simple techniques of doing quick calculations in your head, including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of large sums, square roots, "psychic math" tricks, and memory tips.

Three Rivers Press | Tr Pbk | August 2006 | 978-0-307-33840-2 | 304 pages | \$12.95/\$16.95 (Canada)

***The Shame of the Nation: The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America**

by Jonathan Kozol

The Shame of the Nation is a triumph of firsthand reporting that pays tribute to those undefeated educators who persist against the odds, but directly challenges the chilling practices now being forced upon our urban systems by the Bush administration. In their place, Kozol offers a humane, dramatic challenge to our nation to fulfill at last the promise made some 50 years ago to all our youngest citizens.

"A call for activism, *The Shame of the Nation* firmly grounds school-reform issues in the thorny context of race and concludes that the nation has failed to deliver the promise of Brown."

—*Washington Post*

Three Rivers Press | Tr Pbk | August 2006 | 978-1-4000-5245-5 | 432 pages | \$14.95

Also available from Jonathan Kozol:

***Rachel and Her Children: Homeless Families in America**

Three Rivers Press | Tr Pbk | August 2006 | 978-0-307-34589-9
320 pages | \$13.95/\$18.95 (Canada)

New Reference Titles

***Random House Webster's Spanish-English English-Spanish Dictionary: Second Edition**

by David L. Gold

Newly repackaged, this popular dictionary includes more than 145,000 definitions of words and phrases make this edition one of the best Spanish dictionaries on the market. Thousand of idioms, phrases, and common expressions. Contains the most current Spanish spellings, reflecting the alphabetization rules of the Spanish language academics, and useful supplements, including tables of Spanish and English irregular verbs.

Random House Reference | Tr Pbk | September 2006 | 978-0-375-72196-0 | 720 pages | \$12.95/\$16.95 (Canada)

Also of interest...

***The Essential High School Dictionary**

Princeton Review | Tr Pbk | 978-0-375-76543-8 | 656 pages | \$12.95/\$16.95 (Canada)

***Complete Book of Colleges, 2007 Edition**

Princeton Review | Tr Pbk | 978-0-375-76557-5 | 1,600 pages | \$26.95/\$35.95 (Canada)

***The Best 361 Colleges, 2007 Edition**

Princeton Review | Tr Pbk | 978-0-375-76558-2 | 816 pages | \$21.95/\$29.95 (Canada)

***Word Smart II, 3rd Edition**

Princeton Review | Tr Pbk | 978-0-375-76576-6 | 384 pages | \$13.95/\$18.95 (Canada)

***Word Smart, 4th Edition**

Princeton Review | Tr Pbk | 978-0-375-76575-9 | 400 pages | \$13.95/\$18.95 (Canada)

***College Essays That Made a Difference, 2nd Edition**

Princeton Review | Tr Pbk | 978-0-375-76568-1 | 400 pages | \$13.95/\$18.95 (Canada)