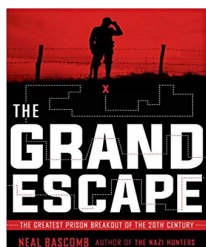


Recommended Middle School Non-Fiction

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Bascomb, Neal

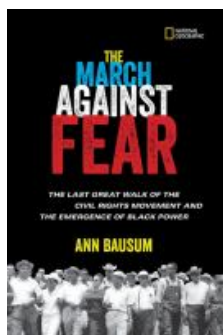
The Grand Escape: the greatest prison breakout of... 2018 TEEN 940.4 BAS



The story of a group of Allied POWs in WWI who dared to escape from Germany's most notorious prison camp, Holzminden.

Bausum, Ann

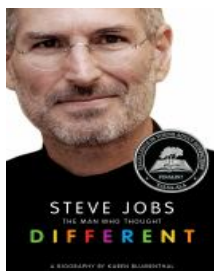
The March against Fear 2017 TEEN 323.1196 BAU



Mississippi. 1966. On a hot June afternoon an African-American man named James Meredith set out to walk through his home state, intending to fight racism and fear with his feet. A seemingly simple plan, but one teeming with risk. Just one day later Meredith was shot and wounded in a roadside ambush. Within twenty-four hours, Martin Luther King, Jr., Stokely Carmichael, and other civil rights leaders had taken up Meredith's cause, determined to overcome this violent act and complete Meredith's walk. The stakes were high--there was no time for advance planning and their route cut through dangerous territory. No one knew if they would succeed. By many measures the March Against Fear became one of the greatest protests of the civil rights era.

Blumenthal, Karen

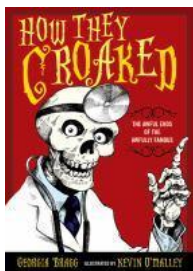
Steve Jobs: the man who thought different 2012 TEEN BIOG JOBS



From the start, his path was never predictable. Steve Jobs was given up for adoption at birth, dropped out of college after one semester, and at the age of twenty, created Apple in his parents' garage with his friend Steve Wozniack. Then came the core and hallmark of his genius--his exacting moderation for perfection, his counterculture life approach, and his level of taste and style that pushed all boundaries. A devoted husband, father, and Buddhist, he battled cancer for over a decade, became the ultimate CEO, and made the world want every product he touched.

Bragg, Georgia

How They Croaked 2011 TEEN 920 BRA

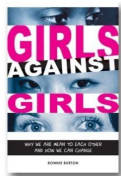


King Tut died of malaria; Edgar Allan Poe is suspected to have had rabies. Beethoven and Galileo both met their ends due to lead poisoning. Fifteen other historical figures, including world leaders, writers, and scientists, were felled by things as mundane as pneumonia and as unpredictable as angry mobs.

Burton, Bonnie

Girls Against Girls

2009 TEEN 305.235 BUR

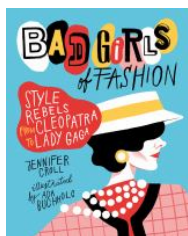


This guide for teenage girls explains why girls can sometimes be mean to each other, what to do if you are a victim of bullying, and the importance of treating other girls with respect.

Croll, Jennifer

Bad Girls of Fashion: style rebels through the ages

2016 TEEN 746 CRO

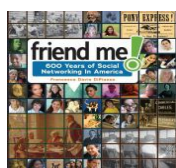


The 40-plus "style rebels" past and present run the gamut from cheeky to outrageous to murderous, but the book's focus is on how these women used fashion to defy society and make their mark on the world.

DiPiazza, Francesca

Friend Me!: 600 Years of social networking in America

2012 TEEN 302.3 DIP

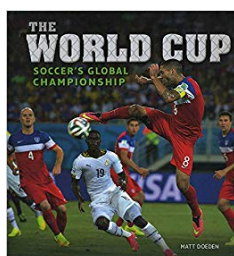


Discusses the history of social networking, detailing the history including wampum belts of the early Native Americans, printed broadsides, the rings shouts of slave gatherings, telephones, telegrams, and modern Internet.

Doeden, Matt

The World Cup: soccer's global championship

2018 TEEN 796.334 DOE

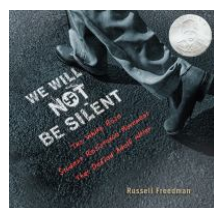


The World Cup is international soccer's championship tournament, and it rules the global sports stage. Award-winning author Matt Doeden explores the history of international soccer and covers the World Cup's greatest moments, from the Save of the Century to Diego Maradona's Hand of God goal to the United States Women's National Team's dominance. The most shocking goals, the greatest upsets, and the fun and fanfare of soccer's biggest event are all here.

Freedman, Russell

We Will Not Be Silent: the White Rose student...

2016 TEEN943.086 FRE

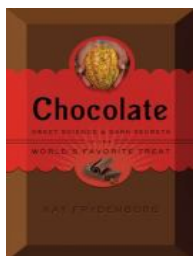


The true story of the White Rose, a group of students in Nazi Germany who were active undercover agents of the resistance movement against Hitler and his regime.

Frydenborg, Kay

Chocolate: sweet science and dark secrets of the...

2015 TEEN 641.3 FRY

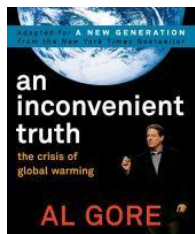


The history, science, and economic and cultural implications of the harvesting of cacao and creation of chocolate.

Gore, Albert

An Inconvenient Truth: the crisis of global warming

2007 TEEN 363.738 GOR

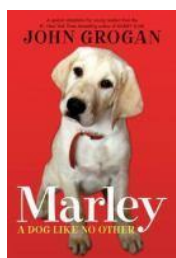


In this work adapted from his documentary film and adult book of the same name, Gore outlines the present effects of global warming on the planet and predicts dire future effects.

Grogan, John

Marley: a dog like no other

2007 J636.7 GRO



*An adaptation of the bestselling memoir, **Marley and Me**. A love story about a newlywed couple who decide to get a dog and the "bargain" Labrador retriever they choose.*

Guerrero, Diane

My Family Divided

2018 TEEN BIOG GUERRERO

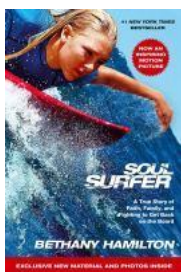


The star of Orange Is the New Black and Jane the Virgin, Diane Guerrero presents her personal story in this middle grade memoir about her parents' deportation and the nightmarish struggles of undocumented immigrants and their American children.

Hamilton, Bethany

Soul Surfer

2011 TEEN BIOG HAMILTON



The teenage surfer who lost her arm in a shark attack in 2003 describes how she has coped with this life-altering event with the help of her faith, the changes in her life, and her return to the sport she loves.

Hendrix, John

The Faithful Spy

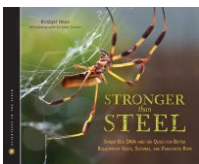
2018 TEEN 355 HEN



Hitler's Nazi party is gaining strength and becoming more menacing every day. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a pastor upset by the complacency of the German church toward the suffering around it, forms a breakaway church to speak out against the established political and religious authorities. When the Nazis outlaw the church, he escapes as a fugitive. Struggling to reconcile his faith and the teachings of the Bible with the Nazi Party's evil agenda, Bonhoeffer decides that Hitler must be stopped by any means possible!

Heos, Bridget

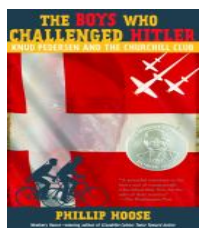
Stronger than Steel: spider silk DNA and the quest... 2013 J595.44 HEO



Enter Randy Lewis' lab and come face to face with golden orb weaver spiders and genetically engineered goats, whose milk contains the proteins to spin spider silk--and to weave a nearly indestructible fiber. Learn how this amazing material might be used to repair or replace human ligaments and bones, improve body armor or strengthen parachute rope.

Hoose, Phillip

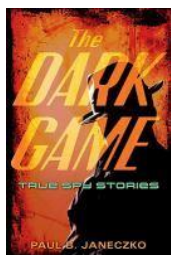
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler 2015 TEEN 940.53 HOO



The true story of a group of boy resistance fighters in Denmark after the Nazi invasion.

Janecko, Paul B.

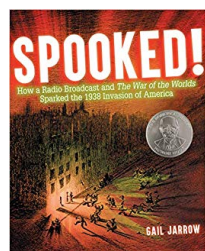
The Dark Game: true spy stories 2010 TEEN 327.73 JAN



Janecko delves into clandestine matters with an entertaining collection of spy stories that span from the American Revolution through the Cold War. The author touches upon all aspects of spy work, counter-intelligence, double agents, espionage, gadgets, sabotage, secret codes, surveillance and training.

Jarrow, Gail

Spooked!: how a radio broadcast and the war of the worlds... 2015 TEEN 791 JAR



On Halloween Eve in 1938, people across America gathered around the radio to listen to their favorite Sunday evening program. Expecting to hear the latest drama from Orson Welles' "Mercury Theatre", many were alarmed when news bulletins interrupted the show. New Jersey had been rocked by mysterious explosions. The announcements continued, each more frantic than the last. An invading army's strange and powerful weapons had killed thousands. Listeners feared the worst. Was America under attack by the Germans? Could this be the start of another World War?

Johnson, Rebecca

Chernobyl's Wild Kingdom: life in the dead zone 2015 TEEN 974.71 JOH

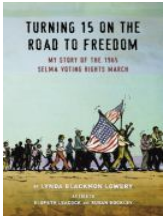


When Ukraine's Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant exploded in April 1986, the unleashed radioactivity was four times that of the Hiroshima bomb. The focus here is on the shocking return of wildlife to an area written off as a wasteland. Indeed, the lack of humans, industry, and traffic have turned Chernobyl into a unique sanctuary for biodiversity. Boars, deer, wolves, and countless other species roam in huge numbers. But are they normal?

Lowery, Linda Blackmon

Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom

2015 TEEN 323 LOW



In 1965, Lynda Blackmon Lowery turned 15 during the three-day voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery. In this vibrant memoir, Lowery's conversational voice effectively relates her experiences in the civil rights movement on and before that march.

Macy, Sue

Wheels of Change: how women rode the bicycle to... 2011 TEEN 796.6 MAC

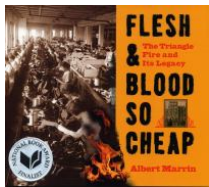


Combines text with vintage photographs, advertisements, cartoons, and songs to examine how women have used bicycles throughout history to improve their lives.

Marrin, Albert

Flesh & Blood So Cheap

2011 TEEN 974.71 MAR

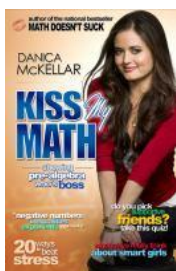


One hundred years ago, a fire broke out in a garment factory in New York City that took the lives of 146 workers, primarily poor Jewish and Italian immigrants. It had an enormous impact on workplace conditions that reverberates even today. This comprehensive volume focuses not only on the day of the fire itself, but also on the individuals, events, and circumstances that led to the disaster and created the conditions that caused so many people to perish. Marrin also explores the aftermath of the tragedy, including union development, workplace safety regulations, and workers' rights.

McKellar, Danica

Kiss My Math: showing pre-algebra who's boss

2008 TEEN 510 MCK

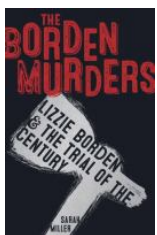


Using sass and style, McKellar helps math-phobic teenagers moving up into high school chill out and finally "get" negative numbers, variables, absolute values, exponents, and more.

Miller, Sarah Elizabeth

The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden and the trial...

2016 TEEN 345.73 MIL

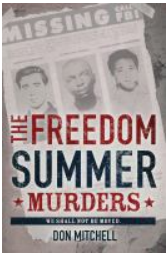


In a compelling, linear narrative, Miller takes readers along as she investigates a brutal crime: the August 4, 1892, murders of wealthy and prominent Andrew and Abby Borden. The accused? Mild-mannered and highly respected Lizzie Borden, daughter of Andrew and stepdaughter of Abby. Most of what is known about Lizzie's arrest and subsequent trial (and acquittal) comes from sensationalized newspaper reports; as Miller sorts fact from fiction, and as a legal battle gets under way, a gripping portrait of a woman and a town emerges.

Mitchell, Don

Freedom Summer Murders

2014 TEEN 323.1196 MIT

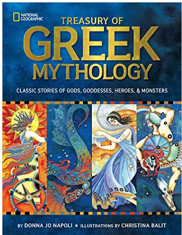


Coinciding with the fiftieth anniversary of the Freedom Summer murders, traces the events surrounding the KKK lynching of three young civil rights activists who were trying to register African Americans for the vote.

Napoli, Donna Jo

Treasury of Greek Mythology

2011 J292 NAP

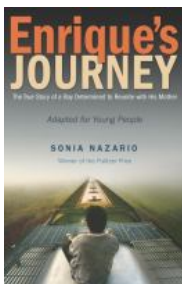


Classic stories of gods, goddesses, heroes, and monsters.

Nazario, Sonia

Enrique's Journey: the true story of a boy...

2013 TEEN 305.23 NAZ

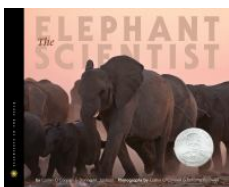


Sixteen-year-old Enrique embarks on a journey to find his mother, who eleven years earlier had illegally entered the United States hoping to find work and make enough money to send home to her starving family in Honduras.

O'Connell, Caitlin

The Elephant Scientist

2011 J599 ELEPHANT OCO



Photographs and text recount Caitlin O'Connell's experiences observing African elephants in their natural habitat, describing the discoveries she made about elephant communication.

Osborne, Linda Barrett

This Land is our Land: the history of American...

2016 TEEN304.8 OSB

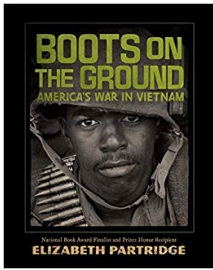


The beginnings: Germans, Irish, and Nativists -- The other Europe arrives: Italians, Jews, and Eastern Europeans -- The other shore: immigrants from Asia -- South of our border: Latin American immigrants -- Seeking safety and liberty: refugees -- This land is whose land?: from World War II into the twenty-first century.

Partridge, Elizabeth

Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam

2018 TEEN 959.704 PAR

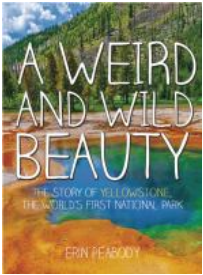


An exploration of the Vietnam War from many different perspectives including an American soldier, a nurse, and a Vietnamese refugee.

Peabody, Erin

A Weird and Wild Beauty: the story of Yellowstone

2016 TEEN 917.875 PEA

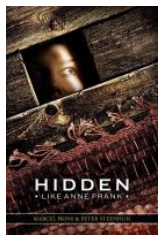


The summer of 1871, a team of thirty-two men set out on the first scientific expedition across Yellowstone. Through uncharted territory, some of the day's most renowned scientists and artists explored, sampled, sketched, and photographed the region's breathtaking wonders--from its white-capped mountain vistas and thundering falls to its burping mud pots and cauldrons of molten magma. At the end of their adventure, the survey packed up their specimens and boarded trains headed east, determined to convince Congress that the country needed to preserve the land from commercial development. They returned with 'stories of wonder hardly short of fairy tales,' to quote the New York Times. With the support of conservationists such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Frederick Law Olmsted, and John Muir, the importance of a national park was secured. On March 1, 1872, Ulysses S. Grant signed the Yellowstone Park Bill into law. It set aside over two million acres of one-of-a-kind wilderness as 'a great national park for the benefit and enjoyment of people.'

Prins, Marcel

Hidden Like Anne Frank: 14 true stories of survival

2015 TEEN 940.53 PRI

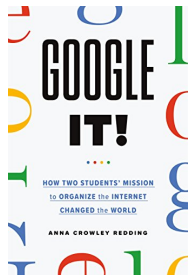


While Anne Frank may have been the most famous of those who went into hiding during World War II, there were hundreds of others who did just about anything they could to escape the Nazis. Though most did not survive, this compilation of 14 stories describes those who did live to tell their tale.

Redding, Anna Crowley

Google It: a history of Google

2018 TEEN 005.1092 RED



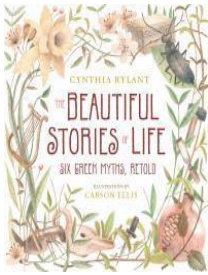
Think. Invent. Organize. Share. Don't be evil. And change the world.

Larry Page and Sergey Brin started out as two Stanford college students with a wild idea: They were going to organize the world's information. From that one deceptively simple goal, they created one of the most influential and innovative companies in the world. The word "google" has even entered our vocabulary as a verb. Now, find out the true history of Google—from its humble beginnings as a thesis project made out of "borrowed" hardware and discount toys through its revolution of the world's relationship with technology to a brief glimpse of where they might take us next.

Rylant, Cynthia

The Beautiful Stories of Life

2009 J292 RYL



Retells the myths about Pandora, Persephone, Orpheus, Pygmalion, Narcissus, and Psyche.

Scott, Jennifer Power

Green Career\$

2010 TEEN 333.72 SCO

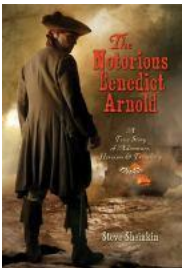


From the Arctic Ocean to Africa to Oregon, people are finding exciting careers that help save the planet, and this lively and graphically upbeat volume presents some of the stories behind this green revolution.

Sheinkin, Steve

The Notorious Benedict Arnold

2010 TEEN BIOG ARNOLD

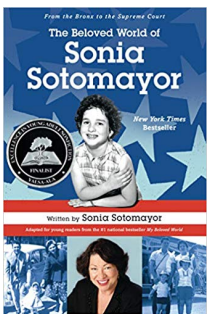


American history is brought to life in this engaging story of revolution and treason. Most people know very little about Benedict Arnold—only that he was a traitor during the American War of Independence. Sheinkin recounts the tale of a larger-than-life persona, from his uncertain boyhood to his immense popularity as an unpredictable, yet brilliant, commander in the American army, and finally, to his end days, living in London, despised and disgraced.

Sotomayor, Sonia

The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor

2018 TEEN BIOG SOTOMAYOR

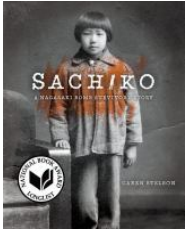


Sonia Sotomayor was just a girl when she dared to dream big. Her dream? To become a lawyer and a judge even though she'd never met one of either, and none lived in her neighborhood. Sonia did not let the hardships of her background—which included growing up in the rough housing projects of New York City's South Bronx, dealing with juvenile diabetes, coping with parents who argued and fought personal demons, and worrying about money—stand in her way. Always, she believed in herself. Her determination, along with guidance from generous mentors and the unwavering love of her extended Puerto Rican family, propelled her ever forward. Eventually, all of Sonia's hard work led to her appointment as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court in 2009, a role that she has held ever since. Learn about Justice Sotomayor's rise and her amazing work as well as about the Supreme Court in this fascinating memoir that shows that no matter the obstacles, dreams can come true.

Stelson, Caren Barzelay

Sachiko: a Nagasaki bomb survivor's story

2016 JBI OG YASUI

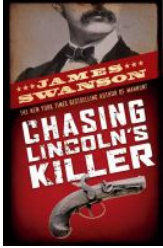


This striking work of narrative nonfiction tells the true story of six-year-old Sachiko Yasui's survival of the Nagasaki atomic bomb on August 9, 1945, and the heartbreaking and lifelong aftermath. Having conducted extensive interviews with Sachiko Yasui, Caren Stelson chronicles Sachiko's trauma and loss as well as her long journey to find peace. This book offers readers a remarkable new perspective on the final moments of World War II and their aftermath.

Swanson, James

Chasing Lincoln's Killer

2009 TEEN 973.7 SWA



Swanson tracks Booth and his conspirators from Lincoln's assassination to their escape over land and water to the climactic shootout leading to Booth's death.

Turner, Pamela

Samurai Rising: the epic life of Minamoto Yoshitsune

2015 TEEN BIOG MINAMOTO



Documents the true story of the legendary samurai who was raised in the household of the enemies who killed his father before being sent to live in a monastery where, against the odds, he learned and perfected his fighting skills.

Young, Karen Romano

Shark Quest: protecting the ocean's top predators

2018 TEEN 597.3 YOU



Readers will learn all about sharks and the human relationship with sharks, including how researchers study sharks at sea and how students can get involved in learning more about sharks and helping to protect these incredible creatures.