

EAST LYME HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST 2009



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East Lyme High School

Summer Reading 2009

The East Lyme High School summer reading program is a school-wide initiative. All students are expected to participate by reading (or listening) to **two books** selected from this list. The list has a wide variety of titles. Books appearing on the list have been selected based upon suitability, quality, variety, faculty and student recommendations, availability, and the fact that they are not required reading for school courses. Excerpts of book reviews were taken from professional reviewing sources found on Amazon.com. The summer reading program provides students with the opportunity to expand their reading interests. Parents should monitor book selections.

Be sure to select both book titles from the list!

Students are required to read (or listen) to two books from the 2009 Summer Reading List to fulfill the summer reading requirement. Substitutions or other book titles by the same author will not be accepted nor will book titles reported from previous years.

Most of the books can be found in a separate collection at East Lyme Public Library. Staff at East Lyme Public Library and Salem Library will help students obtain copies. Local libraries and bookstores are also sources for obtaining books.

Assessment: In September there will be two Mentor/Mentee meetings devoted to a school-wide focus on reading discussions. Students will meet in small groups with their faculty mentor to discuss their readings and respond to questions. A card with cue words may be used as a prompt if needed during the book discussion.

Grading standards are:

P: Student aptly summarizes and interprets book (see Advanced and Basic on the rubric).

F: Student has not read two books from the **2009 Summer Reading List** or cannot explain either one of the two books so that anyone else can understand the content or did not appear at the group discussion session (see Does Not Meet Standard on rubric).

These grades will appear as a separate line on permanent records and transcripts.

Requirements for new students registering during the summer: Students new to the school that register prior to August 1 will be required to read two books. Students who register between August 1 and August 15 will be required to read one book.

East Lyme High School Summer Reading Rubric

Academic Expectation: Students and graduates of East Lyme High School will read actively and critically for a variety of purposes.

	Advanced (Passing)	Basic (Passing)	Does not meet standard (Failing)
Comprehension	Student demonstrates an interpretation of deeper meaning of the content or subject matter	Student demonstrates a literal interpretation of the content or subject matter	Student is not able to interpret meaning of the content or subject matter
Summary	Student aptly summarizes book by identifying main events, main characters, and setting	Student demonstrates an incomplete grasp of the main events, main characters and setting	Student is not able to summarize the book
Requirement All books chosen for this assignment must be from the 2009 Summer Reading list. Substitutions or other books by the author are not acceptable.	Student has read two books from the list	Student has read two books from the list	Student has read one book or no books from the list. <i>This results in failing summer reading.</i>

One Book/One Region

City of Thieves- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Benioff, David	A writer visits his retired grandparents in Florida to document their experience during the infamous siege of Leningrad. His grandmother won't talk about it, but his grandfather reluctantly consents. The result is the captivating odyssey of two young men trying to survive against desperate odds.
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East Lyme Public Library Summer Reading Program

June 9 -- The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Schaffer

July 14 -- The Heretic's Daughter by Kathleen Kent

August 11 -- Loving Frank by Nancy Horan

ALL MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH at 7pm in the EAST LYME ROOM

Adventure and Challenge

Airborn	Cruse, Matt	An incredible swashbuckling adventure, set in a world where great airships ply the skies and there are unknown lands and strange creatures still to be discovered. You'll love the characters, and the...
Alabama Moon	Key, Watt	Moon has spent most of his life in a camouflaged shelter in the forest with his father, a Vietnam veteran who distrusts people and the government. Pap has educated him in both academics and survival skills. His life suddenly changes when the land is sold to a lawyer and his father dies.
Ark Angel	Horowitz, Anthony	In his sixth adventure Alex Rider runs afoul of a group of murderous "eco warriors" and befriends Paul Drevin, the lonely son of venerated multibillionaire Nikolai Drevin, who isn't what he seems.
Artemis Fowl: The Time Paradox- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Colfer, Eoin	Artemis's mother has contracted a deadly disease--and the only cure lies in the brain fluid of African lemurs. Unfortunately, Artemis himself was responsible for making the lemurs extinct five years ago. Now he must enlist the aid of his fairy friends to travel back in time and save the lemur. Not only that, but he must face his deadliest foe yet: his younger self.
Black duck	Lisle, Janet	Friendship, adventure and gangsters come together during the Prohibition.
Final Theory: A Novel	Alpert, Mark	Alpert's exciting debut takes the premise that Albert Einstein succeeded in discovering a unified field theory, but hid the result, fearing it could lead to weapons far more powerful than the atom bomb.
Fire in the hills	Napoli, Donna Jo	Part violent war story, part survival adventure, this gripping sequel picks up where Stones in Water (1997) left off. Roberto, 14, has escaped the Nazi prison camp and is desperate to get home to Venice.
Island of the Lost: Shipwrecked at the Edge of the World	Druett, Joan	Using diaries, ship logs, and newspaper accounts, Druett re-creates the different experiences of the survivors of two wrecked vessels. In January 1864, the five-man crew of the Grafton left Sydney, Australia, intending to locate a source of argentiferous tin allegedly to be found on remote Campbell Island. In May 1864, the Invercauld left Melbourne for South America, with no passengers and a crew of 25, to sail to Callao to take on a cargo of fertilizer. Neither ship reached its final destination.
Last Breath	Stark, Peter	Cautionary tales from the limits of human endurance.
Nation	Pratchett, Terry	With echoes of William Defoe and William Golding, Nation takes the form of a "classic Robinsonade," notes the Washington Post—that is, a book in which characters on a desert island recreate civilization.

Near Death On the High Seas: True Stories of Disaster and Survival	Kuhne, Cecil, ed.	Deals with disasters and near disasters in small craft on the high seas. In the grimmest narratives, death not only stalks but catches its prey, in the South Pacific in Gordon Chaplin's "Dark Wind," off the coast of Australia in Rob Mundle's "Fatal Storm," and in the Irish Sea in John Rousmaniere's "Fastnet, Force 10," about history's worst yacht-racing disaster.
No short-cut to the top	Viesturs, Ed	These are the stories of the author who has climbed the world's 14 highest peaks.
Peak	Smith, Roland	After Peak is caught climbing the Woolworth Building, an angry judge gives him probation, with an understanding that Peak will leave New York and live with his famous mountaineer father in Thailand. Peak soon learns, however, that his father has other plans for him.
Simple Courage	Delaney, Frank	A true story of peril on the sea.
Sure Fire	Higgins, Jack	Sure fire is about 15 year old twins Rich and Jade Chance, who live in Manchester, England. When their mother is killed in a car accident, their long lost father shows up to take them home. He seems very suspicious and when Rich and Jade see him get kidnapped, they set out on a dangerous adventure to save him.
The Dead and the Gone	Pfeffer, Susan Beth	17-year-old Alex and his younger sisters are alone; their mother is at work, and their father is visiting Puerto Rico. No matter how the kids wish, hope, and pray, their parents don't return. It's up to Alex to do what's best. At first that means bartering for food and batteries and avoiding fighting with the rambunctious Julie—especially after sickly Bri is sent to live at a rural convent. Later it means rescuing Julie from rapists and steering her away from the corpses that litter the street, providing food for rats.
The Endurance	Alexander, Caroline	Shackelton's legendary Antarctic expedition.
The Ice Cave: A Woman's Adventures from the Mojave To the Antarctic	Bledsoe, Lucy Jane	"A vivid story-teller, Lucy Jane Bledsoe delivers a compelling and thought-provoking read. Her search for wild places leads her on an inner journey as well, taking her at last to the wildest continent of all. Bledsoe's account of Antarctica is as mysterious and astonishing as the land itself."—Brenda Peterson
The Rogues	Yolen, Jane	It's the time of the Highland Clearances, and Scottish lairds everywhere are brutally clearing the lands of their farmers in order to raise English sheep. Whole families--their farms burned, their cattle slaughtered--are fleeing.
Titanic's Last Secrets: The Further Adventures of Shadow Drivers	Matsen, Bradford	In August of 2005, a team using Mir submersibles found previously undiscovered wreckage from the ship on the ocean floor. The wreckage suggested that the Titanic had not sunk with the bow rising into the air. Instead the ship had broken in half while almost horizontal and gone down before most of the passengers knew what was happening.

Biographies

A Beautiful Mind	Nasar, Sylvia	In this powerful and dramatic biography, Sylvia Nasar vividly re-creates the life of a mathematical genius whose career was cut short by schizophrenia and who, after three decades of devastating...
A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Beah, Ishmael	This absorbing account by a young man who, as a boy of 12, gets swept up in Sierra Leone's civil war goes beyond even the best journalistic efforts in revealing the life and mind of a child abducted into the horrors of warfare. Beah's harrowing journey transforms him overnight from a child enthralled by American hip-hop music and dance to an internal refugee bereft of family, wandering from village to village in a country grown deeply divided by the indiscriminate atrocities of unruly, sociopathic rebel and army forces. Beah then finds himself in the army—in a drug-filled life of casual mass slaughter that lasts until he is 15, when he's brought to a rehabilitation center sponsored by UNICEF and partnering NGOs.
A Skating Life	Hamill, Dorothy	From age eight, when she discovered she loved skating, to age 19, when she won her Olympic gold medal, Hamill's parents sacrificed and scraped so she could train. This memoir is her homage to them, as well as her frank recounting of the difficulties women faced in professional sports in the 1970s.
Alex Rodriguez: A Biography	Stewart, Wayne	This Dominican-American ball player has broken records from the moment he stepped on the diamond. In this engaging biography author Wayne Stewart describes the highlights of A-Rod's record-setting career and examines the reasons for the unprecedented impact he has had on the game.
An American Dream: The Life of an African American Soldier and POW Who Spent Twelve Years in Communist China	Adams, Clarence	This is a fascinating story that took decades to tell. In 1947, 17-year-old Adams fled the South, fearing for his life, by enlisting in the U.S. Army. Coming of age on the battlefield of Korea, he was captured after a year and served 33 months as a prisoner of war.
Anne Morrow Lindbergh: First Lady of the Air	Winters, Kathleen C.	Anne's contribution to her husband's aviation exploits was noteworthy in its own right and wrongfully eclipsed by his greater fame. She was one of the earliest female pilots, as well as the first American female glider pilot, and a radio operator who achieved numerous accolades for her service during the couple's long-distance flights.
Autobiography of a Face	Grealy, Lucy	At age nine, Lucy Grealy was diagnosed with a potentially terminal cancer. When she returned to school with a third of her jaw removed, she faced the cruel taunts of classmates. In this strikingly candid memoir, Grealy tells her story with remarkable strength without sentimentality and with considerable wit.
Barefoot Heart	Hart, Elva	Stories of a migrant child.
Blackbeard: America's Most Notorious Pirate	Konstam, Angus	The story of Blackbeard, is he myth and legend? Learn who he really was!
Brainiac: Adventures In the Curious, Competitive, compulsive World of Trivia Buffs	Jennings, Ken	Did you know that Trivia was a Roman name for the goddess Hecate or that Jeopardy! tapes a week's worth of shows in a single afternoon? Jennings's record-setting 2004 six-month stint on the syndicated TV quiz show won him \$2.5 million and instant fame.
Butterfly Boy: Memories of a Chicano Mariposa	Gonzalez, Rigoberto	Heartbreaking, poetic, and intensely personal, <i>Butterfly Boy</i> is a unique coming out and coming of age story of a first generation Chicano who trades one life for another, only to discover that history and memory are not exchangeable or forgettable.

Clapton: the autobiography- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Clapton, Eric	Guitar legend Eric Clapton looks back at his life in this self-inflicted account of painful memories. Clapton, a veteran of such legendary bands as the Yardbirds, Cream, Blind Faith, and Derek and the Dominos, is ruthless with himself. He holds nothing back, nor does he ask forgiveness for a life of selfishness and excess.
Clemente: The Passion and Grace of Baseball's Last Hero	Maraniss, David	Following 18 years in the magnificent seasons in the major leagues, Roberto Clemente died a hero's death.
Cockeyed: A Memoir	Knighton, Ryan	Knighton, who teaches at Capilano College in Vancouver, started going blind in his teens, and in this hilarious and unsentimental yet moving memoir, he tells what it was like to lose his eyesight.
Dead Lucky: Life After Death on Mount Everest	Hall, Lincoln	In May 2006 on Mt. Everest, veteran climber Hall was left for dead because, to his fellow climbers, he appeared to have died. But the following morning, members of another expedition found him, sitting on a rock and very much alive. Hall's story made headlines around the world—not too many dead men walk down off the tallest mountain in the world.
Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance	Obama, Barack	In this lyrical, unsentimental, and compelling memoir, the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American. It begins in New York, where Barack Obama learns that his father—a figure he knows more as a myth than as a man—has been killed in a car accident.
East Wind Melts the Ice: A Memoir Through the Seasons	Dalby, Liza Crihfield	It may take the earth 365 days to orbit the sun, but the ways in which Eastern and Western cultures organize and understand that transit are as different as night and day. For Dalby, the discovery of an ancient Chinese almanac provides the source of both professional fascination as well as personal inspiration.
Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Gilbert, Elizabeth	This beautifully written, heartfelt memoir touched a nerve among both readers and reviewers. Elizabeth Gilbert tells how she made the difficult choice to leave behind all the trappings of modern American success (marriage, house in the country, career) and find, instead, what she truly wanted from life. Setting out for a year to study three different aspects of her nature amid three different cultures, Gilbert explored the art of pleasure in Italy and the art of devotion in India, and then a balance between the two on the Indonesian island of Bali.
Eric	Lund, Doris Herold	This is the bestselling story of Eric, a boy with leukemia who refused to give up living--as told by the person who was with him through it all, his mother.
Finding Fish	Fisher, Antwone Q.	Antwone Q. Fisher was raised in institutions from the moment his unwed mother gave birth to him in prison. As a foster child, he suffered more than a dozen years of abuse, until he escaped and forged a life on the streets. Just as his life hit rock bottom, Fisher enlisted in the U.S. Navy - a decision that would ultimately save him. There, he became a man and was embraced by a loving family.
Finding Oprah's Roots	Gates, Henry Louis	"Before I have a big meeting or decision to make," says Oprah Winfrey, "I go and I sit with the ancestors. Literally, I go and sit in my closet and I say their names. I just say their names so that when I walk into the space, I don't walk alone."
First Darling of the Morning	Umrigar, Thrity N.	Born in Bombay to middle-class Parsi parents, smart, precocious Umrigar spent much of her childhood feeling out of place. She was very close to her gentle father and her beloved aunt, but her mother was menacing and cruel, frequently mocking her and beating her with a switch. Umrigar's life changed when she met Jesse, a forward-thinking—and rebellious—young woman.

Girls of Tender Age: A Memoir	Smith, Mary-Ann Tirone	The recovery of repressed memories of the 1953 murder by a serial killer of an 11-year-old friend and neighbor in a blue-collar enclave in Hartford, Conn., triggered Smith's absorbing memoir. In recalling her childhood, she is compelled to describe her upbringing in a fractured family whose existence centered on placating her older brother, Tyler, an autistic boy who couldn't bear sounds of any kind (crying, laughing, sneezing, dog barking). The narrative is further enriched by the author's investigations into the life and crimes of the psychopath who preyed on her friend and other little girls, and by her insights about the unequal rights of girls and women before feminism.
Hitler's Private Library	Ryback, Timothy W.	Hitler was a voracious reader, finishing a book every night, either at his desk or in his armchair, always with a cup of tea in his hand. His library at one time contained more than sixteen thousand books, of which some twelve hundred survive in various archives.
How Can I Talk If My Lips Don't Move? : Inside My Autistic Mind	Mukhopadhyay, Tito Rajarshi	In short chapters, some including evocative prose poems, Mukhopadhyay, a severely autistic adolescent whose mother painstakingly taught him how to read and write, introduces the reader to his daily inner life.
Hurry Down Sunshine	Greenberg, Michael	Greenberg, a columnist for London's Times Literary Supplement, was living in Greenwich Village in 1996 when his 15-year-old daughter, Sally, suddenly became manic, importuning strangers and ranting in the streets about her newfound cosmic wisdom. She was a danger to herself and others, so her father and stepmother had her committed to a psychiatric facility.
I Am America (And So Can You!)-Also available in audio format from LION	Colbert, Stephen	Realizing that it takes more than thirty minutes a night to fix everything that's destroying America, Colbert bravely takes on the forces aligned to destroy our country—whether they be terrorists, environmentalists, or Kashi brand breakfast cereals. His various targets include nature (I've never trusted the sea. What's it hiding under there?), the Hollywood Blacklist (I would have named enough names to fill the Moscow phone book), and atheists (Imagine going through life completely duped into thinking that there's no invisible, omniscient higher power guiding every action on Earth. It's just so arbitrary!).
I Lost My Love in Baghdad: A Modern War Story	Hastings, Michael	The book begins and ends with the horrifying terror attack that killed Parhamovich. In between, Hastings describes how two young, almost hopelessly idealistic people try to nurture and maintain a relationship amid the daily carnage in Baghdad.
James Dean: Rebel With a Cause	Gehring, Wes	Marking the fiftieth anniversary of James Dean's death, a new book about the star who embodied the live fast, die young, leave a beautiful corpse ethos.
Joan: The Mysterious Life of the Heretic Who Became a Saint	Spoto, Donald	Since her death at the age of 19 in 1431, Joan of Arc has maintained a remarkable hold on our collective imagination. During the tumultuous Hundred Years War between England and France, a young peasant girl nicknamed "The Maid" (La Pucelle) followed her heart and came to the aid of her nation. Facing unimaginable odds, Joan's belief in her mission from God continued to propel her forward. Within months, she was directing soldiers and bravely fighting for her nation. Joan became a national hero and was the guest of honor at her king's coronation. However, her success and fame ultimately and ironically became her undoing.
Lana's Lakota Moons	Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk	Lori's lively personal narrative will draw readers as she copes with anger, guilt, sorrow, and finally, the loss of her sister.
Last Night I Dreamed of Peace: The Diary of Dang Thuy Tram	Dang, Thuy Tram	In 1970, while sifting through war documents in Vietnam, Fred Whitehurst, an American lawyer serving with a military intelligence dispatch, found a diary no bigger than a pack of cigarettes, its pages hand sewn together. Written between 1968 and '70 by Tram, a young, passionate doctor who served on the front lines, it chronicled the strife she witnessed until the day she was shot by American soldiers earlier that year at age 27. Whitehurst, who was greatly moved by the diary and smuggled it out of the country, returned it to Thuy's family in 2005; soon after, it was published as a book in Vietnam, selling nearly half a million copies within a year and a half.

Last Stand: George Bird Grinnell, the Battle To Save the Buffalo, and the Birth of the New West	Punke, Michael	The near extinction of the buffalo herds of the Great Plains in the nineteenth century was the product of several factors, including the greed of buffalo hunters, the callousness of "sportsmen," and the desire of the federal government to deprive the Plains Indians of their food source. But the buffalo did (barely) survive, and one of their unlikely saviors was Grinnell, a Brooklyn-born, Yale-educated anthropologist and naturalist. Grinnell was entranced by the West. He took part in one of the last great buffalo hunts in 1872 and even accompanied Custer on his 1874 Black Hills expedition, which opened this sacred ground to the depredations of gold seekers.
Letter To My Daughter-Also available in audio format from LION	Angelou, Maya	Dedicated to the daughter she never had but sees all around her, Letter to My Daughter reveals Maya Angelou's path to living well and living a life with meaning. Told in her own inimitable style, this book transcends genres and categories: guidebook, memoir, poetry, and pure delight.
Life Is So Good	Dawson, George & Glaubman, Richard	A 101-year-old retired laborer who enrolled in a literacy class near his Dallas, Tex., home at the age of 98, George Dawson now reads and writes on a third-grade level. From Dawson's eloquent words, co-writer Glaubman, a Seattle elementary school teacher, has fashioned an engrossing story. It is the inspiring saga of how someone who was the grandson of a slave managed to navigate the brutally segregated small Texas town of Marshall, where Dawson was born, without losing his integrity or enjoyment of life. Although he worked from an early age and was never able to attend school, Dawson credits his strong family, especially his father, for giving him the skills to survive. His father told him to work hard, to do no wrong and always to avoid trouble with white people -advice that was brutally underscored the day he and his father witnessed a white mob lynching a black neighbor. The other theme running through these recollections is the institutionalized racism of the American South.
Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits On an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression	Kalish, Mildred Armstrong	Kalish's memoir of her Iowa childhood, set against the backdrop of the Depression, captures a vanished way of traditional living and a specific moment in American history in a story both illuminating and memorable. Kalish lived with her siblings, mother and grandparents-seven in all-both in a town home and, in warmer weather, out on a farm. The lifestyle was frugal in the extreme.
Loving Natalee: A Mother's Testimony of Hope and Faith	Holloway, Beth	The story no one should have to tell, about the nightmare no one wants to live, told by the parent no one wants to be.
Madness: A Bipolar Life	Hornbacher, Marya	Hornbacher, who detailed her struggle with bulimia and anorexia in Wasted, now shares the story of her lifelong battle with mental illness, finally diagnosed as rapid cycling type 1 bipolar disorder.
Mama's Boy, Preacher's Son: A Memoir	Jennings, Kevin	When hospitalized in 1966 with whooping cough--a consequence of his family's extreme poverty, which excluded vaccinations, insurance, and even a doctor until the three-year-old's fever exceeded 102 degrees--Jennings almost died. Buoyed by his Appalachian mother's steel will, he returned to the family's two-bedroom trailer and recovered, but fighting for life left him feeling different and vulnerable, and his mother overprotective. Hence, he became a mama's boy. As for his fundamentalist--preacher dad, he cared only about God and sports, worked construction jobs--and dropped dead at Jennings' eighth-birthday party. He grew up gay with athletic brothers in a sports-mad family ("a white-trash version of the Kennedys") amid a culture that forbade homosexuality.
Marco Polo: From Venice To Xanadu	Bergreen, Laurence	Laurence Bergreen traveled Marco Polo's route across Mongolia and China to conduct research for Marco Polo. Part biography, part travelogue, and part scholarly analysis, the book offers a glimpse of an exotic Asia that few knew at the time--and that Bergreen, with his rich research and stories, mostly corroborates.

Me, Myself, and Them: A Firsthand Account of One Young Person's Experience With Schizophrenia	Snyder, Kurt	During his second semester at college, Kurt Snyder became convinced that he was about to discover a fabulously important mathematical principle, spending hours lost in daydreams about numbers and symbols. In time, his thoughts took a darker turn, and he became preoccupied with the idea that cars were following him, or that strangers wanted to harm him. Kurt's mind had been hijacked by schizophrenia, a severe mental disorder that typically strikes during the late teen or young adult years.
My lobotomy: a memoir	Dully, Howard	Howard Dully was born in 1948. At the age of 12, he became one of the youngest victims of the ice pick lobotomy. It would take him 40 years to recover. Abandoned by his family within a year of surgery, Howard was institutionalized in his teens, incarcerated in his twenties, and homeless and alcoholic in his thirties. But in his forties, in love with a woman who was determined to have a life with him, Howard got sober, got married, got a college degree and emerged into a kind of normalcy.
My Name is Number 4: A True Story from the Cultural Revolution	Ye, Ting-xing	Number Four will have a difficult life. These are the words that were uttered upon Ting-xing Ye's birth. Soon this prophecy would prove only too true. . . .
Nathan Hale: The Life and Death of America's First Spy- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Phelps, M. William	"Revolutionary War spy Nathan Hale's quote at his hanging by the British in 1776, 'I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country,' is one of the most memorable in U.S. history. Here, M. William Phelps has written an absorbing, highly detailed biography of the patriotic Hale. He weaves each story together to create a very colorful, emotional, and enjoyable book." ---Bruce Chadwick, author of George Washington's War
Needles	Dominick, Andie	Andie knew all about needles because her older sister Denise was diabetic and she used them daily for insulin shots. As young children, Andie and her brother picked the used ones out of the trash and played with them. Then, when the author was nine, she herself was diagnosed as diabetic and the games were over. Needles became the instruments she needed to manage her life, literally and figuratively.
Obama: From Promise To Power- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Mendell, David	Since his speech at the Democratic National Convention in 2004, Obama has captured attention as reporters, politicians, and ordinary citizens have wondered if he might be the nation's first black president.
Pistol: The Life of Pete Maravich	Kriegel, Mark	Pistol is more than the biography of a ballplayer. It's the stuff of classic novels: the story of a boy transformed by his father's dream--and the cost of that dream. Even as Pete Maravich became Pistol Pete--a basketball icon for baby boomers--all the Maraviches paid a price. Now acclaimed author Mark Kriegel has brilliantly captured the saga of an American family: its rise, its apparent ruin, and, finally, its redemption.
Poster Child: A Memoir	Rapp, Emily	Rapp was an extraordinary child. Born with a congenital defect, she had her left ankle amputated at the age of four. Four years later, after dozens of surgeries, her entire leg below the knee was gone. Her parents—a Lutheran minister and a nurse—told her she could be anything she wanted. And she tried and reveled in the attention. She became the March of Dimes poster child, an amputee skier, and eventually won a Fulbright Scholarship to Korea. But this is not the story of her achievements. Instead, the book chronicles her poignant journey to make peace with her flaws.
Radioman: An Eyewitness Account of Pearl Harbor and World War II in the Pacific	Daves, Ray	Fate placed WWII sailor Ray Daves in a rare spectrum of naval service. In addition to witnessing the attack on Pearl Harbor, he saw service on a destroyer, submarine, cruiser, aircraft carrier, including the Battles of Coral Sea and Midway, and eventually aviation duties in Alaska.
Reaching Out / Francisco Jimenez	Jimenez, Francisco	Young Jiménez is the first in his Mexican American migrant family to attend college in California. While at home, the family struggles with backbreaking work and lives without indoor plumbing; in college, Jiménez finds friends and mentors in class and at church, discovers the great literature in his native Spanish language, and joins César Chávez in the drive to unionize farm workers.

Sister in the Band of Brothers: Embedded With the 101st Airborne In Iraq	Skiba, Katherine	When U.S.-led forces invaded Iraq in March 2003, our soldiers weren't the only ones who put their lives on the line: so did 600 "embedded" journalists, including Katherine M. Skiba. Her riveting memoir provides a vivid you-are-there account of her experiences with the Army's legendary 101st Airborne, the division celebrated for its heroism in World War II as the "Band of Brothers."
Snow Falling In Spring: Coming of Age In China During the Cultural Revolution	Li, Moying	In 1966 Moying, a student at a prestigious language school in Beijing, seems destined for a promising future. Everything changes when student Red Guards begin to orchestrate brutal assaults, violent public humiliations, and forced confessions. After watching her teachers and headmasters beaten in public, Moying flees school for the safety of home, only to witness her beloved grandmother denounced, her home ransacked, her father's precious books flung onto the back of a truck, and Baba himself taken away.
Socialism is Great: A Worker's Memoir of the New China	Zhang, Lijia	Our current China literature is heavy with victim memoirs, but this is a true tale of aspiration: a young woman coming of age in a nation desperately trying to do the same.
Stealing Lincoln's Body	Craughwell, Thomas J.	Thomas Craughwell exhumes a fascinating and bizarre Lincoln tale that you didn't hear in school: The plot hatched by a group of Chicago counterfeiters to steal Honest Abe's remains and ransom them for \$200,000 and the release of an imprisoned cohort.
Stolen Lives: 20 Years In a Desert Jail	Oufkir, Malika	At the age of 5, Malika Oufkir, eldest daughter of General Oufkir, was adopted by King Muhammad V of Morocco and sent to live in the palace as part of the royal court. There she led a life of unimaginable privilege and luxury alongside the king's own daughter. King Hassan II ascended the throne following Muhammad V's death, and in 1972 General Oufkir was found guilty of treason after staging a coup against the new regime, and was summarily executed. Immediately afterward, Malika, her mother, and her five siblings were arrested and imprisoned, despite having no prior knowledge of the coup attempt.
Swallow the Ocean: A Memoir	Flynn, Laura	What is a child to do when the parent who's the center of her universe becomes desperately ill? That's the wrenching reality Flynn faces when she learns that her mother is a paranoid schizophrenic.
Swimming In a Sea of Death: A Son's Memoir	Rieff, David	Three years after his mother, Susan Sontag, died, Rieff remains deeply immersed in her last illness: its momentum, its personalities, even its language. In 2004, Sontag was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome, a deadly form of leukemia. She chose to fight the disease with radical treatment. It became the task of her son and her friends, and to some degree of her doctors, to offer hope all along the way that there was a chance, however small, to bring the disease into remission.
Taking Away the Distance: A Young Orphan's Journey and the AIDS Epidemic In Africa	Roston, Miles	In an emotional story of hope and inspiration, an African orphan becomes a catalyst for AIDS orphans worldwide. While living a life of hardship and loneliness, he strives for an education.
Tales of a War Pilot	Kirkland, Richard	More than just another memoir of events, Tales of a War Pilot provides an accurate, intimate, informative, close-up look at how airmen behaved, survived, and sometimes died, during one of the century's most war-torn decades.

Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood	Barakat, Ibtisam	This moving memoir of a Palestinian woman's childhood experiences during the Six-Day War and its aftermath is presented in beautifully crafted vignettes. Barakat, now living and working in the United States, frames the story of her life between 1967 and 1970 with a pair of letters from herself as a high school student in 1981. Detained by soldiers during an ordinary bus trip, she was prompted to try to recall her shattered childhood and share her experiences with others around the world.
The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Obama, Barack	"A government that truly represents these Americans—that truly serves these Americans—will require a different kind of politics. That politics will need to reflect our lives as they are actually lived. It won't be pre-packaged, ready to pull off the shelf. It will have to be constructed from the best of our traditions and will have to account for the darker aspects of our past. We will need to understand just how we got to this place, this land of warring factions and tribal hatreds. And we'll need to remind ourselves, despite all our differences, just how much we share: common hopes, common dreams, a bond that will not break" from <i>Audacity of Hope</i> .
The Bear's Embrace	Van Tighem, Patricia	On a chilly autumn morning in 1983, during a relaxing escape to the Canadian Rockies, Patricia Van Tighem and her husband were attacked by a grizzly bear. Although they survived, their ordeal was just beginning.
The Boy Who Fell Out of the Sky: A True Story	Dornstein, Ken	On December 21, 1988, Dornstein's older brother, David, went down with Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Shattered, Dornstein returned to college and tried to move on.
The Diving Bell and the Butterfly	Bauby, Jean-Dominique	On December 8 1995, Elle magazine editor-in-chief Bauby suffered a stroke and lapsed into a coma. He awoke 20 days later, mentally aware of his surroundings but physically paralyzed with the exception of some movement in his head and left eye. Bauby had Locked-in-Syndrome, a rare condition caused by stroke damage to the brain stem. Eye movements and blinking a code representing letters of the alphabet became his sole means of communication.
The Game of My Life: A True Story of Challenge, Triumph, and Growing Up Autistic	McElwain, Jason	On February 15, 2006, the Greece Athena Trojans high school basketball team took the court for the final game of the regular season. With four minutes and nineteen seconds left on the clock, and the Trojans nursing a comfortable lead, the coach sent Jason McElwain—an autistic student and the team manager—to the scorer's table. He scored twenty points, including a school record six three-pointers. J-Mac, as McElwain became known, was carried off the court on his teammates' shoulders, and a videotape of the game quickly found its way onto national television, making J-Mac a household name.
The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeanette	Freelance writer Walls doesn't pull her punches. She opens her memoir by describing looking out the window of her taxi, wondering if she's "overdressed for the evening" and spotting her mother on the sidewalk, "rooting through a Dumpster." Walls's parents—just two of the unforgettable characters in this excellent, unusual book—were a matched pair of eccentrics, and raising four children didn't conventionalize either of them.
The Liars' Club	Karr, Mary	In this funny, razor-edged memoir, Mary Karr, a prize-winning poet and critic, looks back at her upbringing in a swampy East Texas refinery town with a volatile, defiantly loving family.
The Lost Legacy of Muhammad Ali	Hauser, Thomas	Muhammad Ali has attained mythical stature in American life. But in recent years Ali has been subjected to an image makeover by corporate America as it seeks to homogenize the electrifying nature of his persona. Thomas Hauser argues that there has been a deliberate distortion of what Ali believed, said, and stood for, and that making Ali more presentable for ad agencies by sanitizing his legacy is a disservice to history and to Ali himself.

The Mistress's Daughter	Homes, A. M.	<i>The Mistress's Daughter</i> offers a straightforward, unblinking account of meeting—and facing—one's birth parents for the first time.
The orphans' nine commandments: a memoir	Holman, William Roger	When Roger Bechan was six, his mother packed his suitcase and told him they were going to Oklahoma City to visit an uncle. Instead, she took him to the Oklahoma Society for the Friendless, where he began a long journey through three orphanages and several foster homes. With all the color of the 1930s, this is a story of survival within an impersonal child-care system, a story filled with vivid characters, pathos, surprising humor, and the tenacity of a young boy who longs for a normal home and can't understand why his mother abandoned him or who his father is.
The Real Benedict Arnold	Murphy, Jim	This fast-paced, interesting, and well-written book sheds light on who he was before his traitorous act and why he chose to commit it.
The Science of Leonardo: Inside the Mind of the Great Genius of the Renaissance	Capra, Fritjof	Leonardo da Vinci's pioneering scientific work was virtually unknown during his lifetime. Now acclaimed scientist and bestselling author Fritjof Capra reveals that Leonardo was in many ways the unacknowledged "father of modern science." Drawing on an examination of over 6,000 pages of Leonardo's surviving notebooks, Capra explains that Leonardo approached scientific knowledge with the eyes of an artist. Through his studies of living and nonliving forms, from architecture and human anatomy to the turbulence of water and the growth patterns of grasses, he pioneered the empirical, systematic approach to the observation of nature—what is now known as the scientific method.
The Sky Isn't Visible From Here	Sullivan, Felicia C.	Days before Felicia Sullivan graduated from college, her mother disappeared; she hasn't been heard from in more than twelve years. It was possibly the last betrayal her mother, a beautiful, volatile, deceitful drug addict, would add to those that built their relationship, which subjected Felicia to a nightmare childhood on the toughest streets of 1980s Brooklyn.
The Snake Charmer: A Life and Death in Pursuit of Knowledge	James, Jamie	Biologist Joe Slowinski, an expert in snakes, died as a result of his professional passion. On a 2001 expedition into the Burmese jungle to locate rare snakes, Slowinski was bitten by a many-banded krait, a reptile with a paralyzing neurotoxin venom that spells near-certain death for the victim.
To Hell and Back: The Life of Samira Bellil	Bellil, Samira	Bellil grew up in Seine-Saint-Denis, a multiethnic suburb of Paris rife with housing projects and street gangs. Raised by Algerian parents, she rebelled at an early age, choosing the streets over her father's strict, often-violent rule. At just 14 years old, Bellil is gang-raped, but keeps quiet-- then is raped again, and finally speaks out about her trauma.
Whatever You Say I Am: The Life and Times of Eminem	Bozza, Anthony	The demand for all things Eminem is big, and rock journalist Bozza aims to fill in the gaps with some personal notes of his own.
Without A Map: A Memoir	Hall, Meredith	In 1965, Hall, called Meredy, becomes pregnant at 16. Four-and-a-half months later, maternal instincts kick in. She pauses before doing a somersault in gym class, and her secret is exposed. Expelled from school, she is shunned by her small New Hampshire community and turned away by her mother.

Classics and College Bound

A Brief History In Time <i>-Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Hawking, Stephen	Cosmology becomes understandable as the author discusses the origin, evolution, and fate of our universe.
A Death In the Family	Agree, James	Forty years after its original publication, James Agee's last novel seems, more than ever, an American classic. For in his lyrical, sorrowful account of a man's death and its impact on his family, Agee painstakingly created a small world of domestic happiness and then showed how quickly and casually it could be destroyed.
A Man for All Seasons	Bolt, Robert	The classic play about Sir Thomas More, the Lord Chancellor who refused to compromise and was executed by Henry VIII.
All the King's Men	Warren, Robert Penn	This landmark book is a loosely fictionalized account of Governor Huey Long of Louisiana, one of the nation's most astounding politicians. All the king's men tells the story of Willie Stark, a southern-fried politician who builds support by appealing to the common man and playing dirty politics with the best of the back-room deal-makers.
April Morning	Fast, Howard	The story of one day in the life of a young American boy in colonial Lexington, the day on which he joined the militia and saw his father shot down by the British.
Black Boy	Wright, Richard	<u>Black Boy</u> is a classic of American autobiography, a subtly crafted narrative of Richard Wright's journey from innocence to experience in the Jim Crow South. An enduring story of one young man's coming of age during a particular time and place, <u>Black Boy</u> remains a seminal text in our history about what it means to be a man, black, and Southern in America.
Bonfire of the Vanities	Wolfe, Tom	He wasn't aging; he was growing up. Bonfire's pyrotechnic satire of 1980s New York wasn't just Wolfe's best book, it was the best bestselling fiction debut of the decade, a miraculously realistic study of an unbelievably status-mad society, from the fiery combatants of the South Bronx to the bubbling scum at the top of Wall Street.
Catch-22	Heller, Joseph	In this satirical novel, Captain Yossarian confronts the hypocrisy of war and bureaucracy as he frantically attempts to survive.
Dracula	Stoker, Bram	A naive young Englishman travels to Transylvania to do business with a client, Count Dracula. After showing his true and terrifying colors, Dracula boards a ship for England in search of new, fresh blood. Unexplained disasters begin to occur in the streets of London before the mystery and the evil doer are finally put to rest. Also available in E-Book format at http://www.classicbookshelf.com/library/bram_stoker/dracula/
Ender's Game- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Card, Orson	In a world decimated by alien attacks, the government trains young geniuses like Ender Wiggin in military strategy with increasingly complex computer games.
Invisible Man	Ellison, Ralph	The experiences of the unnamed protagonist in the rural South and in post-World War II Harlem serve as allegories for maturing intellectual, emotional, and moral sensitivities in us all, black or white, rich or poor, 1950s or 1990s.
Little Women- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women is an American classic, adored for Louisa May Alcott's lively and vivid portraits of the endearing March sisters: talented tomboy Jo, pretty Meg, shy Beth, temperamental Amy. Millions have shared in their joys, hardships, and adventures as they grow up in Civil War New England, separated by the war from their father and beloved mother, "Marmee," blossoming from "little women" into adults. Jo searches for her writer's voice and finds unexpected love...Meg prepares for marriage and a family...Beth reaches out to the less fortunate, tragically...and Amy travels to Europe to become a painter. Based on Louisa May Alcott's own Yankee childhood. Also available in e-book format at http://www.globusz.com/ebooks/LittleWomen/00000001.htm
Lucky Jim	Amis, Kingsley	Although Kingsley Amis's acid satire of postwar British academic life has lost some of its bite in the four decades since it was published, it's still a rewarding read. And there's no denying how big an impact it had.

Mrs. Dalloway	Woolf, Virginia	As Clarissa Dalloway walks through London on a fine June morning, a sky-writing plane captures her attention. Crowds stare upwards to decipher the message while the plane turns and loops, leaving off one letter, picking up another. Like the airplane's swooping path, Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway follows Clarissa and those whose lives brush hers--from Peter Walsh, whom she spurned years ago, to her daughter Elizabeth, the girl's angry teacher, Doris Kilman, and war-shocked Septimus Warren Smith, who is sinking into madness.
Native Son	Wright, Richard	Right from the start, Bigger Thomas had been headed for jail. It could have been for assault or petty larceny; by chance, it was for murder and rape. <u>Native Son</u> tells the story of this young black man caught in a downward spiral after he kills a young white woman in brief moment of panic. Set in Chicago in the 1930's, Wright's powerful novel is an unsparing reflection on the poverty and feelings of hopelessness experienced by people in inner cities across the country and of what it means to be black in America.
Portrait of the Artist As a Young Man	Joyce, James	Published in 1916, James Joyce's semiautobiographical tale of his alter ego, Stephen Dedalus, is a coming-of-age story like no other. A bold, innovative experiment with both language and structure, the work has exerted a lasting influence on the contemporary novel.
Robinson Crusoe- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Defoe, Daniel	A shipwreck's sole escapee, Robinson Crusoe endures 28 years of solitude on a Caribbean island and manages not only to survive but also to prevail. Also available in E-Book format at http://www.classicbookshelf.com/library/daniel_defoe/robinson_crusoe/
Silence	Endo, Shusaku	Endo's novel is a fascinating look at the Christian faith in the midst of brutal, cruel persecution. The novel is set in the 17th century. Two Portuguese Catholic priests journey into Japan with two goals in mind: to minister to the Japanese, and to find their former mentor, a priest named Ferreira, who may or may not have apostatized.
Silent Spring	Carson, Rachel	This landmark book, first published in 1962, alerted a large audience to the environmental and human dangers of indiscriminate use of pesticides, spurring revolutionary changes in the laws affecting our air, land, and water.
Slaughterhouse-Five- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Vonnegut, Kurt	The book tells the story of Billy Pilgrim, an optometrist, World War II veteran, and apparent UFO abductee who becomes "unstuck in time." We accompany Billy back and forth from his wartime experiences to his encounters with aliens and to other events in his remarkable life.
The Beautiful and the Damned	Fitzgerald, F. Scott	A tale of decadence and destruction, against a backdrop of wealth, privilege and liquor.
The Fall	Camus, Albert	Elegantly styled, Camus' profoundly disturbing novel of a Parisian lawyer's confessions is a searing study of modern amorality.
The Good Earth- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Buck, Pearl	A tale about life in China.
The Handmaid's Tale	Atwood, Margaret Eleanor	Women are strictly controlled, unable to have jobs or money and assigned to various classes: the chaste, childless Wives; the housekeeping Marthas; and the reproductive Handmaids, who turn their offspring over to the "morally fit" Wives. The tale is told by Offred, a Handmaid who recalls the past and tells how the chilling society came to be.
The Hitchhiker's Guide To the Galaxy- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Adams, Douglas	Why are we born? Why do we die? Why do we spend so much time between wearing digital watches? For all the answers stick your thumb to the stars. And don't forget to bring a towel!...Characters frolic through the galaxy with infectious joy.

The House of Mirth	Wharton, Edith	"The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth," warns Ecclesiastes 7:4, and so does the novel by Edith Wharton that takes its title from this call to heed. New York at the turn of the century was a time of opulence and frivolity for those who could afford it. But for those who couldn't and yet wanted desperately to keep up with the whirlwind, like Wharton's charming Lily Bart, it was something else altogether: a gilded cage rather than the Gilded Age.
The Leopard	Lampedusa, Guisepe	In Sicily in 1860, as Italian unification grows inevitable, the smallest of gestures seems dense with meaning and melancholy, sensual agitation and disquiet: "Some huge irrational disaster is in the making." All around him, the prince, Don Fabrizio, witnesses the ruin of the class and inheritance that already disgust him.
The Prophet	Gibran, Kahlil	Written in parables reminiscent of the Bible, Gibran's famous inspirational book, first published in 1923, emphasizes caring human relationships. Also available in E-Book format at http://www.globusz.com/ebooks/Prophet/00000001.htm
Treasure Island- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Stevenson, Robert L.	Treasure Island is among the most delightful adventure romances of all time. From young Jim Hawkins' first encounter with an old buccaneer and his treasure map to the final daring skirmish with the treacherous pirate Long John Silver, this classic work enchants and fuels the imagination.
Watership Down	Adams, Richard	Watership Down takes us to a world we have never truly seen: to the remarkable life that teems in the fields, forests, and riverbanks, far beyond our cities and towns. It is a powerful saga of courage, leadership, and survival.
Novels – Get Lost in a Good Story!		
145th Street: Short Stories	Myers, Walter Dean	In a kind of literary Rear Window, Myers (The Blues of Flats Brown, reviewed above) uses 10 short stories to create snapshots of a pulsing, vibrant community with diverse ethnic threads, through all of its ups and downs. Beginning with the tale of a wry character who stages his own funeral on a sweltering 4th of July to celebrate the money he has received from canceling his life insurance policy, Myers then follows with a chilling story of a cop shootout gone wrong.
20th Century Ghosts	Hill, Joe	Alternately sad, scary, strange and at times even sweet, these tales will haunt you long after you've read them.
A Higher Geometry	Moranville, Sharelle	In 1959 high-school-student Anna is a brilliant young mathematician, but she feels that her male peers view her as "a poodle that could do cute tricks: charming, but of no real value in the world." Then Anna begins a romance with caring, artistic Mike, and as their feelings deepen, so does Anna's quiet determination to pursue her talents.
A Mercy- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Morrison, Toni	The time is the late 1600s, when what will become the U.S. remains a chain of colonies along the Atlantic coast. Not only does slavery still exist, it is a thriving industry that translates into plenty of business for lots of people. These factors coalesce to provide the atmosphere and plot points for Morrison's riveting, even poetic, new novel.
A Summer of Kings	Nolan, Han	Overshadowed by perfect siblings and saddled with a reputation as a slow, stubborn, late bloomer, 14-year-old Esther expects the summer of 1963 to be life-changing.
A Swift Pure Cry	Dowd, Siobhan	After Shell's mother dies, her obsessively religious father descends into alcoholic mourning and Shell is left to care for her younger brother and sister. She develops friendships with a naive young priest and a childhood friend, Declan, who is charming, eloquent, and persuasive. But Declan suddenly leaves Ireland to seek his fortune in America, and Shell finds herself pregnant and the center of a scandal that rocks the small community in which she lives, with repercussions across the whole country.

After Tupac & D Foster	Woodson, Jacqueline	The day D Foster enters Neeka and her best friend's lives, the world opens up for them. D comes from a world vastly different from their safe Queens neighborhood, and through her, the girls see another side of life that includes loss, foster families and an amount of freedom that makes the girls envious. Although all of them are crazy about Tupac Shakur's rap music, D is the one who truly understands the place where he's coming from, and through knowing D, Tupac's lyrics become more personal for all of them.
Anything But Ordinary*	Hobbs, Valerie	Winifred and Bernie, both quirky and unpopular, meet in eighth grade in New Jersey, become best friends, and later begin to date. Poised to graduate at the top of their class and head to college together, the couple's plans are derailed by the death of Bernie's mother. Grief-stricken, Bernie lets his grades slip and decides to forego college.
At First Sight-Also available in audio format from LION	Sparks, Nicholas	Nicholas Sparks brings back two characters from his beloved bestseller, True Believer, in this continuing saga of extraordinary love. There are few things Jeremy Marsh was sure he'd never do: he'd never leave New York City; never give his heart away again after barely surviving one failed marriage; and most of all, never become a parent. Now, Jeremy is living in the tiny town of Boone Creek, North Carolina, married to Lexie Darnell, the love of his life, and anticipating the birth of their daughter. But just as his life seems to be settling into a blissful pattern, an unsettling and mysterious message re-opens old wounds and sets off a chain of events that will forever change the course of this young couple's marriage.
Austenland: A Novel	Hale, Shannon	Suppose you're a huge fan of Jane Austen, and in particular <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> and in particular Colin Firth's portrayal of Mr. Darcy in the BBC adaptation, and nothing in real life quite measures up. And suppose your great-aunt's legacy to you is a three-week vacation at an Austen-themed resort. This is the situation in which Jane Hayes, New York graphic artist, finds herself. Pembroke Park is a kind of Austen <i>Fantasy Island</i> where the female guests are required to dress, speak, eat, and in every way conduct themselves like heroines in Austen's novels, with actors filling out the roles of eligible suitors.
Bad Girls, Bad Girls: Whatcha Gonna Do?	Voight, Cynthia	Mikey and Margalo, now in ninth grade, face ethical issues: Mikey's tennis coach is subtly encouraging her to cheat, and Margalo must find a thief after a teacher refuses to become involved.
Beaufort	Leshem, Ron	In this gritty war novel, Leshem chronicles the tumultuous year leading up to Israel's 2000 withdrawal from Southern Lebanon. The story is told through the eyes of 21-year-old squadron leader, Liraz Liberti (aka Erez), who is tasked with shepherding a motley group of 13 "kids" through their military tours at the historic Israeli outpost, Beaufort.
Black Box: A Novel	Schumacher, Julie	Elena and her older sister Dora are opposites—Elena is quiet and stoic; Dora is funny and unpredictable—but they are still best friends. After Dora is hospitalized for depression, Elena can't understand why she didn't confide in her.
Black Storm Comin'	Wilson, Diane L.	On a wagon train headed to California, Colton is left to care for his family after his father accidentally shoots him and then runs off in horror. His mixed race family (Pa was white; Ma is black) is harassed, ignored, and finally abandoned by their fellow travelers, but Colton still manages to lead his mother and siblings to the eastern side of the Sierra Nevadas before Ma's illness stops them.
Blood Captain	Somper, Justin	In the third book in the Vampirates series, twins Connor and Grace explore their separate fates. Grace, unable to forget the blindness she caused her Vampire friend Lorcan, chooses to journey with him to see if his sight can be restored. Connor must endure the latest addition to the Diablo crew: Captain Wrath's awful nephew, who seems to dislike him from the very start. Will both twins find success, and what will it take to bring them back together?
Bonechiller	McNamee, Graham	Something is out there, in the cold nothing of the Canadian winter, making teenagers disappear. Newcomer Danny and his brainy friend Howie have been chased down and stung by a Windigo, a massive cannibalistic beast. McNamee's follow-up to <i>Acceleration</i> (2003) is another page-turning thriller, this time with an eerie supernatural edge that will appeal to fans of psychological horror.

Brave Story	Miyabe, Miyuki	Young Wataru Mitani's life is a mess. His father has abandoned him and his mother has been hospitalized after a suicide attempt. Desperately he searches for some way to change his life and alter his fate. To achieve his goal, he must navigate the magical world of Vision, a land filled with creatures both fierce and friendly, and he must outwit a merciless rival from the real world.
Breaking Dawn- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Meyer, Stephenie	Now that Bella has made her decision, a startling chain of unprecedented events is about to unfold with potentially devastating, and unfathomable, consequences. Just when the frayed strands of Bella's life--first discovered in Twilight, then scattered and torn in New Moon and Eclipse--seem ready to heal and knit together, could they be destroyed... forever?
Broken Moon	Antieau, Kim	Her face scarred and honor "soiled" after a brutal levying of village justice, Pakistani teen Nadira has little left to lose--so when slave smugglers take her younger brother, she conceals her gender and goes after him. Her destination is an illegal camp for "cameo kids."
Cell : A Novel	King, Stephen	Witness Stephen King's triumphant, blood-spattered return to the genre that made him famous. Cell, the king of horror's homage to zombie films is his goriest, most horrific novel in years, not to mention the most intensely paced.
Chanda's Secrets	Stratton, Allan.	The statistics of the millions infected with HIV/AIDS in southern Africa find a human face in this gripping story of one teenager, Chanda Kabele, who sees the disease threaten her family and community. Far from case history, Chanda's immediate, first-person, present-tense narrative is neither sentimental nor graphic as it brings close the personal struggle with all its pain and loss, shame and guilt.
Child of My Heart	McDermott, Alice	The beautiful child of older parents, raised on the eastern end of Long Island, Theresa is her town's most sought after babysitter--cheerful, an effortless storyteller, a wonder with children and animals. Among her charges that fateful summer is Daisy, her younger cousin.
Chinese Handcuffs	Crutcher, Chris	Dillon is living with the painful memory of his brother's suicide -- and the role he played in it. To keep his mind and body occupied, he trains intensely for the Ironman triathlon. But outside of practice, his life seems to be falling apart. Then Dillon finds a confidante in Jennifer, a star high school basketball player who's hiding her own set of destructive secrets. Together, they must find the courage to confront their demons -- before it's too late.
City of Bones	Clare, Cassandra	When fifteen-year-old Clary Fray heads out to the Pandemonium Club in New York City, she hardly expects to witness a murder -- much less a murder committed by three teenagers covered with strange tattoos and brandishing bizarre weapons. Clary knows she should call the police, but it's hard to explain a murder when the body disappears into thin air and the murderers are invisible to everyone but Clary.
City of the Beasts	Allende, Isabel	Fifteen-year old Alexander Cold has the chance to take the trip of a lifetime. Parting from his family, he joins his fearless grandmother on an expedition to the dangerous, remote world of the Amazon. Their mission, along with others on their team, is to document the legendary Yeti of the Amazon known as the Beast.
Conception	Buckhanon, Kalisha	Abandoned by her father and having unfulfilling sex with the married man whose children she babysits, Shivana Montgomery, 15, already knew what it felt like to feel nothing. Living in subsidized housing on Chicago's South Side, Shivana is soon enough pregnant.
Cowboy stories		This collection of 20 stories by well-known writers features the most American of icons, the cowboy. There are tales of cattle drives, gunfights, ranching, Indians, and battling the environment.

Darkwing	Oppel, Kenneth	The story of Darkwing is set 65 million years ago, during the early Paleocene era just years after the enormous C-T dieback event. Dusk and his family are chiropters, small arboreal mammals that glide and feed on insects. Changes are coming to their world, and not the least of them are Dusk's abilities of flight and echolocation. Although his family stands by him, most of the colony is very uncomfortable with his flying, fearing reprisal from the birds that live above them in the trees. All concerns about Dusk's oddities or their avian neighbors are swept aside when an outcast prowl of felids, led by the bloodthirsty Carnassial, attack the colony and Dusk's special abilities help to guide his fellows and keep them safe.
Deadline	Crutcher, Chris	Just before his senior year, Ben Wolf is diagnosed with a rare, incurable leukemia. At 18, he has the legal right to keep the news to himself until he's ready to reveal it. With only his doctor and therapist in on his secret, Ben sets out to live an entire lifetime in a year: There are insects that pack it all into a day, he reasons. His goals are to join his brother on the football team; learn everything he can; and ask out gorgeous Dallas Suzuki.
Dear John- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Sparks, Nicholas	John Tyree is a wayward son of Wilmington, N.C., reformed first by the service (he seems to shed most of his rebelliousness at boot camp) and later by love. John meets Savannah Lynn Curtis while home on leave, in June of 2000. Savannah, a rising senior at UNC, is spending her summer building houses for those without.
Dear Zoe	Beard, Philip	On September 11, 2001, far from either New York or Washington, Tess DeNunzio loses her three-year old sister to a hit-and-run driver. With the eyes of the world elsewhere, Tess's small tragedy sends her family reeling into an impenetrable silence. Dear Zoe is her attempt to break that silence.
Define "Normal": A Novel	Peters, Julie Anne	When Antonia is assigned to Jazz as a peer counselor, she figures there is no way she can help this tattooed, pierced, incorrigible girl. They are complete opposites. Antonia is a straight-A student whose parents are divorced and she is struggling to keep what's left of her family together as her mother battles depression. Jazz's family is wealthy and seemingly perfect.
Defining Dulcie	Acampora, Paul	"I was a John Jacob Jerome High School janitor like my dad," Dulcie explains in her droll, up-front manner, referring to her after-school job. "So far I'd lived to tell about it." Her father had not--dying suddenly after a freak encounter with toxic fumes. Now Dulcie's mother wants to escape their small Connecticut town, and whisks Dulcie away to California.
Derailed	Ripslinger, Jon	Wendell Stony Stoneking is not one to worry. Everyone likes him. His girlfriend is gorgeous and very willing to please-anytime, anywhere. He is the star of his high school football team. And when he graduates, there's a steady job in the gravel quarry waiting for him. Then he meets Robyn, a single mom with a dark past.
Dirty Work	Bell, Julia	Hope never thinks anything interesting will happen in her life. She seems to be on the fast track to nowhere, and her parents despair of ever understanding her.
Dreamquake	Knox, Elizabeth	This title begins where Dreamhunter (Farrar, 2006) left off, and is written in the same detailed, eloquent prose. Dreamhunter Laura Hame has just inflicted the sleeping patrons at the Rainbow Opera dream palace with a nightmare that blows a government conspiracy wide open.
Duma Key	King, Stephen	In bestseller King's well-crafted tale of possession and redemption, Edgar Freemantle, a successful Minnesota contractor, barely survives after the Dodge Ram he's driving collides with a 12-story crane on a job site. While Freemantle suffers the loss of an arm and a fractured skull, among other serious injuries, he makes impressive gains in rehabilitation. Personality changes that include uncontrollable rages, however, hasten the end of his 20-year-plus marriage. On his psychiatrist's advice, Freemantle decides to start anew on a remote island in the Florida Keys. To his astonishment, he becomes consumed with making art—first pencil sketches, then paintings—that soon earns him a devoted following.
Elsewhere- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Zevin, Gabrielle	After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

Eragon- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Paolini, Christopher	Beautifully written and taut with suspense, Eragon is the first installment in an epic fantasy trilogy about a 15-year-old farm boy who discovers his destiny as a Dragon Rider.
Fade	McMann, Lisa	This sequel to Wake (2008) follows dream-catcher Janie as she navigates the treacherous world of dreaming the dreams of others. Janie and her boyfriend, Cabel, use their skills to work undercover investigating teachers suspected of drugging and abusing students at class parties. Janie takes on more than she can handle in cracking the case, and Cabel is unable to intervene to his satisfaction, which strains their relationship.
Fairest	Levine, Gail	Larger than most humans in Ayortha, 15-year-old Aza feels like "an ugly ox . . . a blemish." But in a kingdom devoted to song, Aza's voice is more beautiful and powerful than most; she can mimic any voice and throw the sound.
Fault Lines	Huston, Nancy	Huston's riveting novel traces the origins of one family's tragic secret through four generations, beginning in California in 2004 and winding backward in time to Germany during World War II.
Feathers	Woodson, Jacqueline	There's a lot going on in this small, fast-moving novel that introduces big issues--faith, class, color, prejudice, family, disability, and friendship. Woodson tells her story with immediacy and realism through the stirring first-person narrative of a young girl, Frannie, growing up in 1971.
For Now	Friesen, Gayle	Jes desperately needs something solid to hold onto. In Losing Forever, she learned to accept the inevitability of change. But the change is moving at a heartbreaking pace and her world shifts by the day.
Forever In Blue: The Fourth Summer of the Sisterhood- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Brashares, Ann	In their latest episode, Bridget goes to Turkey on an archaeological excavation and Lena takes a painting class in Providence. Tibby stays in New York to take classes, and Carmen attends a theater festival in Vermont to work as backstage crew. There are new love interests, loss of virginity, and breakups and makeups.
Fortunate Son	Mosley, Walter	In spite of remarkable differences, Eric and Tommy are as close as brothers. Eric, a Nordic Adonis, is graced by a seemingly endless supply of good fortune. Tommy is a lame black boy, cursed with health problems, yet he remains optimistic and strong. After tragedy rips their makeshift family apart, the lives of these boys diverge astonishingly: Eric, the golden youth, is given everything but trusts nothing; Tommy, motherless and impoverished, has nothing, but feels lucky every day of his life.
Freak	Pixley, Marcella Fleischman	If you've ever been on the outside—and you have—Miriam Fisher is your new best friend.
Geography Club*	Harter, Brent	Russel Middlebrook is a sophomore at Goodkind High School. He has a secret crush on a baseball jock, Kevin Land, and soon discovers that Kevin is also gay. The boys become friendly outside of school and set up the "Geography Club" with three other gay students, one of whom is Russel's closest friend, Min. The club members relish the opportunity to discuss their lives and to relate to one another openly and honestly. Eventually, however, intense peer pressure and insecurity take their toll.
Get a Life	Gordimer, Nadine	Paul Bannerman, an ecologist in Africa, believes he controls the trajectory of his life, with the markers of vocation and marriage. But when he's diagnosed with thyroid cancer and prescribed treatment that makes him radioactive and for a period a danger to others, he questions, as Auden wrote, 'What authority gives/ Existence its surprise.'
Girl In Hyacinth Blue- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Vreeland, Susan	There are only 35 known Vermeers in the world today. In this story the author posits the existence of a 36th. The story begins at a private boys' academy in Pennsylvania where, in the wake of a faculty member's unexpected death, math teacher Cornelius Engelbrecht makes a surprising revelation to one of his colleagues.

Girl With a Pearl Earring-Also available in audio format from LION	Chevalier, Tracy	The Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer represents one of the great enigmas of 17th-century art. The meager facts of his biography have been gleaned from a handful of legal documents. Yet Vermeer's extraordinary paintings of domestic life, with their subtle play of light and texture, have come to define the Dutch golden age. His portrait of the anonymous Girl with a Pearl Earring has exerted a particular fascination for centuries.
Go and Come Back	Abelove, Joan	The story of two American anthropologists who went to live with a tribe in Peru. One of the main characters is a young girl who is trying to raise an adopted baby and becomes friends with the anthropologists.
Gossip Girl	Von Ziegesar, Cecily	College interviews, romantic troubles and a fancy wedding photographed for Vogue dominate this second installment of von Ziegesar's frothy but fun series about rich Manhattan prep school kids and the gossip web site tracking their lives. (Any Title in the Series): Gossip Girl #1, You Know You Love Me, All I Want Is Everything, Because I'm Worth It, I Like It Like That, You're The One That I Want, Nobody Does It Better, Nothing Can Keep Us Together, Only In Your Dreams, Would I Lie To You, Don't You Forget About Me, & It Had To Be You
Gossip of the Starlings: A Novel	Gramont, Nina de	In this poignant novel, de Gramont explores a loyal and destructive friendship between two girls at a New England prep school. Catherine Morrow, the book's relatable protagonist, can't believe her luck when Skye, the popular daughter of acclaimed senator Douglas Butterfield, befriends her.
Guardian	Lester, Julius	Respected writer and civil rights activist Julius Lester imagines the lynching of a black man falsely accused of the attempted rape and subsequent murder of a white teenager in a small Southern town in 1946.
Harlem Summer*	Myers, Walter Dean	It's the summer of 1925, and it is "hotter than a two-dollar pistol" in Harlem. It's particularly uncomfortable for 16-year-old Mark Purvis when the boat that he has been hired to unload turns out to contain bootleg whiskey. Before you can say Prohibition, the booze vanishes, and Mark finds himself in serious trouble with its owner, mobster Dutch Schultz.
He Forgot To Say Good-bye	Saenz, Benjamin Alire	Ramiro Lopez and Jake Upthegrove don't appear to have much in common. Ram lives in the Mexican-American working-class barrio of El Paso called "Dizzy Land." His brother is sinking into a world of drugs, wreaking havoc in their household. Jake is a rich West Side white boy who has developed a problem managing his anger. An only child, he is a misfit in his mother's shallow and materialistic world. But Ram and Jake do have one thing in common: They are lost boys who have never met their fathers.
Heaven Shop	Ellis, Deborah	Compelling and uplifting, this powerful new work by the author of The Breadwinner trilogy is a contemporary novel that puts a very real face on the African AIDS epidemic, which to date has orphaned more than 11 million children.
Hick	Portes, Andrea	Portes' chilling debut tracks a 13-year-old Nebraska girl's hard-going life on the road. Young Luli knows losers—her "aging Brigitte Bardot" mother, Tammy, and her father, Nick, go at each other every night at the Alibi, the watering hole in hometown Palmyra, Neb. Tammy runs away one morning, and Nick soon follows, leaving Luli alone at home with the Smith and Wesson .45 her Uncle Nipper gave her. Pistol in tow, she hitches rides heading west to Vegas.
Hold Fast	Major, Kevin	Michael turned 14 in May. By June, both his parents have died, victims of a car crash. And for Michael, who has lived all his life in a small Newfoundland out port community, this means being suddenly uprooted and sent to live with relatives in St. Albert, hundreds of miles away.
How to Build A House	Reinhardt, Dana	The story of a teen changed by a summer escape with strong characters and perceptive, subtle explorations of love, family, sex, and friendship.
I Am Rembrandt's Daughter	Cullen, Lynn	After her mother dies and her beloved brother moves away, 14-year-old Cornelia is left alone with her father, Rembrandt van Rijn, who works in poverty after wealthy patrons denounce him.

I Am the Wallpaper	Hughes, Mark Peter	Thirteen-year-old Floey Packer, jealous of her attractive and popular older sister, shares her home with two younger cousins and experiences a summer vacation filled with embarrassing events, with herself as the star.
Identical	Hopkins, Ellen	Kaeleigh and Raeanne are identical down to the dimple. As daughters of a district-court judge father and a politician mother, they are an all-American family -- on the surface. Behind the facade each sister has her own dark secret, and that's where their differences begin.
Impulse	Hopkins, Ellen	Three lives, three different paths to the same destination: Aspen Springs, a psychiatric hospital for those who have attempted the ultimate act -- suicide. Vanessa is beautiful and smart, but her secrets keep her answering the call of the blade. Tony, after suffering a painful childhood, can only find peace through pills. And Conner, outwardly, has the perfect life. But dig a little deeper and find a boy who is in constant battle with his parents, his life, himself. In one instant each of these young people decided enough was enough. They grabbed the blade, the bottle, the gun -- and tried to end it all. Now they have a second chance, and just maybe, with each other's help, they can find their way to a better life -- but only if they're strong and can fight the demons that brought them here in the first place.
Just After Sunset: Stories	King, Stephen	In the introduction to his first collection of short fiction since Everything's Eventual (2002), King credits editing Best American Short Stories (2007) with reigniting his interest in the short form and inducing some of this volume's contents. Most of these 13 tales show him at the top of his game, molding the themes and set pieces of horror and suspense fiction into richly nuanced blends of fantasy and psychological realism.
Just Like That	Qualey, Marsha	A tragic accident ending with the death of two people her own age changes life forever for an eighteen-year-old woman.
Life of Pi-Also available in audio format from LION	Martel, Yann	Yann Martel's imaginative Life of Pi is a magical reading experience, an endless blue expanse of storytelling about adventure, survival, and ultimately, faith. The precocious son of a zookeeper, 16-year-old Pi Patel is raised in Pondicherry, India, where he tries on various faiths for size, attracting "religions the way a dog attracts fleas." Planning a move to Canada, his father packs up the family and their menagerie and they hitch a ride on an enormous freighter. After a harrowing shipwreck, Pi finds himself adrift in the Pacific Ocean, trapped on a 26-foot lifeboat with a wounded zebra, a spotted hyena, a seasick orangutan, and a 450-pound Bengal tiger named Richard Parker.
Little (grrl) Lost	De Lint, Charles	When fourteen-year-old TJ and her family are forced to move from their farm to the suburbs, she has to give up her beloved horse, Red—but she makes a surprising new friend. Elizabeth is a “Little,” a six-inch-high punked-out teen with an attitude, who has run away from home to make her way in the world. TJ and Elizabeth—the Big and the Little—soon become friends, but each quickly finds herself in a truly life-threatening situation, and they are unable to help each other. Little (Grrl) Lost is a delightful combination of realism, magic, humor, and hope.
Lizard people	Price, Charlie	Ben Mander's mother can't or won't take medication to control her mental illness, and his father has left home and will no longer help. The teen does his best to cope, but when his mother makes a scene in the school office and has to be physically removed, Ben is not sure how he will continue.
Look Me In the Eye: My Life With Asperger's-Also available in audio format from LION	Robison, John Elder	Robison's story is fully detailed in this moving memoir, beginning with his painful childhood, his abusive alcoholic father and his mentally disturbed mother. Robison describes how from nursery school on he could not communicate effectively with others, something his brain is not wired to do, since kids with Asperger's don't recognize common social cues and body language or facial expressions.
Looking for Alaska-Also available in audio format from LION	Green, John	Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.
Love, Football, and Other Contact Sports	Carter, Alden	This upbeat collection of interrelated short stories is told from the points of view of the football players, the girls who date them, and assorted other students in a present-day Wisconsin high school.

MacGregor Tells the World: A Novel	McKenzie, Elizabeth	The highly acclaimed author of <i>Stop That Girl</i> delivers a masterfully plotted debut novel—at once a mystery of identity, sly literary satire, and coming-of age story—capturing a young man’s impossible and heroic first love.
Mask of Night	Gooden, Philip	The Black Death has come to London. In the last weeks of Queen Elizabeth's life, the theaters have been closed down by order of the Privy Council. The Chamberlain's Men, the company of players to which Nick Revill belongs, takes up an invitation to perform in the city of Oxford.
Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment-Also available in audio format from LION	Patterson, James	A group of genetically enhanced kids who can fly and have other unique talents are on the run from part-human, part-wolf predators called Erasers in this exciting SF thriller that's not wholly original but is still a compelling read. Max, 14, and her adopted family—Fang and Iggy, both 13, Nudge, 11, Gazzy, 8, and Angel, 6—were all created as experiments in a lab called the School. Jeb, a sympathetic scientist, helped them escape and, since then, they've been living on their own.
Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac	Zevin, Gabrielle	If Naomi had picked tails, she would have won the coin toss. She wouldn't have had to go back for the yearbook camera, and she wouldn't have hit her head on the steps. She wouldn't have woken up in an ambulance with amnesia. She certainly would have remembered her boyfriend, Ace. She might even have remembered why she fell in love with him in the first place. She would understand why her best friend, Will, keeps calling her “Chief.” She'd know about her mom's new family. She'd know about her dad's fiancée. She never would have met James, the boy with the questionable past and the even fuzzier future, who tells her he once wanted to kiss her. She wouldn't have wanted to kiss him back.
Minuk	Hill, Kirkpatrick	Twelve-year-old Minuk's traditional Eskimo way of life is changed forever in 1892 with the arrival of Christian missionaries.
Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller	Miller, Sarah Elizabeth	Miller's accomplished debut imagines Annie Sullivan's first experiences with her famous pupil, Helen Keller, from the young teacher's train ride to Alabama, during which she anticipated teaching a charge who had "no words, only sensations," to the breakthrough at the water pump, where she taught Helen to use language. Miller based her story on Sullivan's letters, excerpts of which begin each chapter, and in Sullivan's voice, Miller muses about the monumental questions and challenges that she faced.
Mister Pip	Jones, Lloyd	When the conflict between the natives and the invading redskin soldiers erupts on an unnamed tropical island in the early 1990s, 13-year-old Matilda Laimo and her mother, Dolores, are unified with the rest of their village in their efforts for survival.
Monkey Town	Kidd, Ronald	A story of the Scopes trial.
Mudbound: A Novel	Jordan, Hillary	In Jordan's prize-winning debut, prejudice takes many forms, both subtle and brutal. It is 1946, and city-bred Laura McAllan is trying to raise her children on her husband's Mississippi Delta farm—a place she finds foreign and frightening. In the midst of the family's struggles, two young men return from the war to work the land. Jamie McAllan, Laura's brother-in-law, is everything her husband is not—charming, handsome, and haunted by his memories of combat. Ronsel Jackson, eldest son of the black sharecroppers who live on the McAllan farm, has come home with the shine of a war hero. But no matter his bravery in defense of his country, he is still considered less than a man in the Jim Crow South. It is the unlikely friendship of these brothers-in-arms that drives this powerful novel to its inexorable conclusion.
New Moon-Also available in audio format from LION	Meyer, Stephanie	Things are heating up between Bella Swan and her vampire boyfriend, Edward Cullen, in this sequel to the immensely popular <i>Twilight</i> (2005). Bella is injured at her birthday party, and the Cullens' reaction to her blood sends Edward's family packing.

Nineteen Minutes	Picoult, Jodi	Sterling is an ordinary New Hampshire town where nothing ever happens--until the day its complacency is shattered by an act of violence. Josie Cormier, the daughter of the judge sitting on the case, should be the state's best witness, but she can't remember what happened before her very own eyes--or can she? As the trial progresses, fault lines between the high school and the adult community begin to show--destroying the closest of friendships and families. <i>Nineteen Minutes</i> asks what it means to be different in our society, who has the right to judge someone else, and whether anyone is ever really who they seem to be.
North River	Hamill, Pete	The North River is what real New Yorkers call the Hudson. Two blocks from its shore, Dr. James Finbar Delaney lives on Horatio Street in Greenwich Village. He is a GP, servicing the indigent poor. A wounded veteran of World War I, he is despondent that his wife, Molly, has deserted him and that his only child, Grace, has left her son, two-year-old Carlito, in his care. In the dead of winter in the Depression year of 1934, Dr. Delaney knows the cause of death was always life.
Nothing to Lose- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Flinn, Alex	This haunting novel from the acclaimed author of "Breathing Underwater" looks at one of the most devastating realities for teenagers today--domestic violence.
November Blues	Draper, Sharon M.	When November Nelson loses her boyfriend, Josh, to a pledge stunt gone horribly wrong, she thinks her life can't possibly get any worse. But Josh left something behind that will change November's life forever, and now she's faced with the biggest decision she could ever imagine. How in the world will she tell her mom? And how will Josh's parents take the news? She's never needed a friend more.
Of Sound Mind	Ferris, Jean	Jean Ferris gives the tried-and-true coming-of-age story an unusual and refreshing twist with this young adult novel about a high school senior who is the only "hearie" in his deaf family. Frustrated daily by his family's demands and depressed by the silence that dominates his house, Theo seeks solace with thoughtful, purple-haired Ivy. Ivy, also the hearing child of a deaf parent, understands better than anyone what Theo is going through. But after his dad suffers a stroke, Theo fears that his wants and needs, especially concerning Ivy and college, will be swallowed whole by the responsibility of caring for his egotistical artist mom and clingy younger brother.
One whole and perfect day	Clarke, Judith	Lily feels both love for and embarrassment about her eccentric family: a grandmother with an imaginary friend, an ax-brandishing grandfather, a mother who brings home patients from the elder-care facility where she works, and an estranged older brother, Lonnie, who still can't seem to get his life together.
Out Stealing Horses	Pettersen, Per	In this quiet but compelling novel, Trond Sander, a widower nearing seventy, moves to a bare house in remote eastern Norway, seeking the life of quiet contemplation that he has always longed for. A chance encounter with a neighbor—the brother, as it happens, of his childhood friend Jon—causes him to ruminate on the summer of 1948, the last he spent with his adored father, who abandoned the family soon afterward.
Peeled	Bauer, Joan	The orchard-growing community of Banesville, New York, is known as The Happiest Town in the Happy Apple Valley. But the sleepy town is stricken with hysteria and fear after a series of spooky happenings, and then a death occurs near the abandoned Ludlow House. As Pen Piedmont, the editor of the local paper, publishes fear-mongering headlines, high-school reporter Hildy determines to find the true story behind the incidents and settle her community's growing unrest.
Peeps	Westerfeld, Scott	Cal Thompson is a carrier of a parasite that causes vampirism, and must hunt down all of the girlfriends he has unknowingly infected.

Prom	Anderson, Laurie Halse	High school senior Ashley Hannigan doesn't care about prom, but she's the exception. It's pretty much the only good thing at her urban Philadelphia high school, and everyone plans to make the most of it—especially Ash's best friend, Natalia, who's the head of the committee. Then the faculty advisor is busted for taking the prom money, and Ash suddenly finds herself roped into putting together a gala dance out of absolutely nada. But she has help—from her large and loving (if exasperating!) family, from Nat's eccentric grandmother, from her fellow classmates. And in putting the prom together, Ash learns that she has choices about her life after high school.
Raiders Night	Lipstyle, Robert	This grim, disturbing story about high-school football centers on Matt, who is a co-captain of the Nearmont Raiders. With Division One schools aggressively recruiting him, Matt's future looks assured. His present, however, is a nightmare.
Rash	Hautman, Pete	In 2076 in the United Safer States of America, verbal abuse, obesity, and dangerous activities are against the law. Helmets and health food are de rigueur, and sports are either outlawed or radically changed (runners' track times have slowed appreciably because of the bulky safety equipment required). The penalty for breaking any of the rules is a lengthy prison term, and 24 percent of the population is incarcerated and responsible for doing much of the country's manual labor—without pay.
Red Glass	Resau, Laura	One night Sophie and her parents are called to a hospital where Pedro, 6-year-old Mexican boy, is recovering from dehydration. Crossing the border into Arizona with a group of Mexicans and a coyote, or guide, Pedro and his parents faced such harsh conditions that the boy is the only survivor. Pedro comes to live with Sophie, her parents, and Sophie's Aunt Dika, a refugee of the war in Bosnia. Sophie loves Pedro - her Principito, or Little Prince. But after a year, Pedro's surviving family in Mexico makes contact, and Sophie, Dika, Dika's new boyfriend, and his son must travel with Pedro to his hometown so that he can make a heart wrenching decision.
Red Rage	Blobel, Brigitte	Sometimes 15-year-old Mara loses control. She strikes out at people, then runs. Often, she can't recall what she's done. She knows losing control is dangerous, but she also feels that somehow the rage protects her, making her invincible.
Red Spikes	Lanagan, Margo	Lanagan's ten stories delve into the crevices of nightmare, temptation, and helplessness with a mixture of earthy dialect and inventiveness that makes this collection mesmerizing, sometimes horrifying, and occasionally funny.
Reposessed*	Jenkins, A. M.	Don't call me a demon. I prefer the term Fallen Angel. Everybody deserves a vacation, right? Especially if you have a pointless job like tormenting the damned. So who could blame me for blowing off my duties and taking a small, unauthorized break? Besides, I've always wanted to see what physical existence is like. That's why I "borrowed" the slightly used body of a slacker teen. Believe me, he wasn't going to be using it anymore anyway. I have never understood why humans do the things they do. Like sin—if it's so terrible, why do they keep doing it? I'm going to have a lot of fun finding out!
River Secrets	Mole, Shannon	Enna and Isi's friend Razo is small and bullied; he has always considered himself pretty useless, so he is thrilled to be chosen as one of a hundred Bayern soldiers accompanying an ambassador on a peacekeeping mission to the Tiran capital. Tirans lost the war with Bayern, largely due to Enna's forbidding ability to burn people, and their army was shamed.
Rooftop	Volponi, Paul	Still reeling from seeing police shot his unarmed cousin to death, seventeen-year-old Clay is dragged into the manipulation that follows.
Ruby's Imagine*	Anteau, Kim	Ruby is a child of nature, and she communes with sparrows, trees, and butterflies, even in the heart of her New Orleans neighborhood that her grandmother, Mammaloose, refuses to call a "ward." Ruby's animal friends let her know that "a Big Spin" is coming, but stubborn Mammaloose refuses to heed such fanciful communication, and she ignores her neighbors' evacuation and the media's escalating warnings. Then Hurricane Katrina arrives...

Rucker Park Setup*	Volponi, Paul	Rucker Park—a place where basketball’s greatest pro players go up against street legends. Best friends Mackey and J.R. have waited their whole lives to win the basketball tournament here. But when the day of an important game arrives, J.R. is fatally stabbed. While Mackey didn’t wield the knife, he feels responsible.
Runner	Deuker, Carl	Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat on Puget Sound has been hard on seventeen-year-old Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he quickly learns that the money is not worth the risk.
Runt	Caldwell, V. M.	Rejected by his aunts who take in three of his sisters following their mother's death, 13-year-old Robert Remick, nicknamed Runt, is offered a home by his estranged older sister, Helen, who lives in a trailer with her sinister boyfriend, Cole.
Sara's Face	Burgess, Melvin	Jonathon Heat is a fabulously wealthy rock superstar whose unhealthy penchant for plastic surgery has left him without a face (which would explain the mask he always wears). Teenage Sara is a pretty young thing who unreasonably hates her own face and body. When these two meet in hospital, each recognizes possibilities in the other.
School's Out - Forever	Patterson, James	This book picks up exactly where The Angel Experiment (Little, Brown, 2005) left off. The six genetically engineered bird children have escaped from the wolf-hybrid Erasers again, Max is still hearing The Voice in her head, and she is still reeling from the revelation that Ari, the most persistent of all the Erasers, is dead by her hand and that he might be her brother.
Secret Scribbled Notebooks	Horniman, Joanne	In three notebooks, 17-year-old bibliophile Kate O'Farrell records the events in her life the year before leaving for university.
Seek	Fleischman, Paul	Assigned to write his autobiography, high school senior Rob Radkovitz instead creates an oral portrait of his life, centering on the search for his missing father.
Seventeenth Summer	Daly, Maureen	A love story so honest that it has withstood the test of time, winning new fans for more than six decades.
Shadow of a Doubt*	Rottman, S. L.	For fifteen-year old Shadow Thompson, life ended seven years earlier-the night his older brother Daniel ran away from home, taking not only Shadow's piggy bank but also his trust. That's when Shadow stopped depending on other people and turned inward, relying only on himself. But now Daniel is back and he stands accused of murder. Shadow's anger at his brother, his parents' struggles to cope with the sudden return of their son, and Daniel's own feelings of guilt create an emotional undertow that threatens to consume the family once again.
Shift	Bradbury, Jennifer	Bradbury's keen details about the bike trip, the places, the weather, the food, the camping, and the locals add wonderful texture to this exciting first novel.
Sight	Vrettos, Adrienne Maria	Sixteen-year-old Dylan has a terrible psychic gift: she can see the last moments of murdered children’s lives. The sight doesn’t come to her until it’s too late to rescue the victims, and she has never shared her creepy “talent” with any of her friends. Then a new girl appears on the scene, just as a dangerous individual known as the Drifter comes back to the neighborhood.
Sisters of Isis: The Summoning	Ewing, Lynne	Sudi, Meri, and Dalila, three girls of high school age (and from very different backgrounds) discover that they are descendants of the divine pharaohs of ancient Egypt, and identified by their birthmarks as Sisters of Isis.
Skeleton Man*	Bruchac, Joseph	Ever since the morning Molly woke up to find that her parents had vanished, her life has become filled with terrible questions. Where have her parents gone? Who is this spooky old man who's taken her to live with him, claiming to be her great-uncle? Why does he never eat, and why does he lock her in her room at night?
Skin Hunger	Duey, Kathleen	In this darkly atmospheric fantasy, the first in a planned trilogy called A Resurrection of Magic, Duey weaves together the stories of two teens who live in a world in which the working of magic has a turbulent history.

Smack	Burgess, Melvin	With Smack, winner of the Carnegie Medal and the Guardian Prize for Fiction, Melvin Burgess brilliantly sketches a gradual descent into drug addiction. There is no preaching here, just the artful revelation of cold, hard facts.
Someone Like Summer*	Kerr, M.E.	A stirring teen romance . . . issues of race, class, and politics (including the war in Iraq) are a part of the contemporary Romeo-and-Juliet drama.
Spud	Van de Ruit, John	It's 1990. Apartheid is crumbling. Nelson Mandela has just been released from prison. And Spud Milton—thirteen-year-old, prepubescent choirboy extraordinaire—is about to start his first year at an elite boys-only boarding school in South Africa. Cursed with embarrassingly dysfunctional parents, a senile granny named Wombat, and a wild obsession for Julia Roberts, Spud has his hands full trying to adapt to his new home. Armed with only his wits and his diary, Spud takes readers of all ages on a rowdy boarding school romp full of illegal midnight swims, raging hormones, and catastrophic holidays that will leave the entire family in total hysterics and thirsty for more.
Stormbreaker*	Horowitz, Anthony	This graphic novel springs from the screenplay for the recent movie, which is based on the novel--which, itself, is a clever compilation of James Bond movies. If it's possible, this is even more rapidly paced than the novel. Alex remains an appealing hero here, and the idea of a heroic teen up against insidious adults continues to be an extremely powerful draw for readers.
Story of a Girl	Zarr, Sara	Deanna was 13 when her father caught her and 17-year-old Tommy having sex. Three years later, she is still struggling with the repercussions;; how the story became legend in her small town; how her father looked at her then--and now doesn't look at her at all.
Strays*	Koertge, Ronald	Sixteen-year-old Ted prefers animals to humans; animals "never lie," and unlike the kids at school, he understands them. When Ted loses his parents in a car accident, he particularly identifies with strays--after all, as a foster kid, that's what he is. Ted lands in a new home, where his basic needs are met by fair but semi-dysfunctional foster parents and where he coexists with Astin, his older roommate, and C. W., who has had 19 placements in six years.
Streams of Babel	Plum-Ucci, Carol	"They will drink in December and die like mangy dogs in April," reads the chilling chatter found by Pakistani hacker Shahzad, a prodigy who has been recruited to Long Island by American intelligence officials. There, the 16-year-old monitors chat rooms frequented by terrorists suspected of poisoning a water pipe in New Jersey, where two women have died and similar flulike symptoms have gripped three teens.
Taming the Star Runner	Hinton, S.E.	When rebellious adolescent Travis is sent to live on his uncle's farm, he forms an uneasy friendship with a young riding instructor and a strange kinship with her restless horse, Star Runner.
Territory	Bull, Emma	Territory retells the story of the 1881 shootout at Tombstone's O.K. Corral, but no writer has yet approached the event with the same compelling mix of history and fantasy as Emma Bull. She blends historical and fictional characters to great effect; although the story is packed with suspense, romance, violence, and action, the psychologically deep, larger-than-life characters drive the narrative.
Terrorist	Updike, John	John Updike's new novel is set in a New Jersey mill town that has fallen on hard times. Once home to energetic, white immigrants from Eastern Europe, this city, New Prospect, has decayed to the point where "those who occupy the inner city now are brown, by and large, in its many shades."

The Almost Moon: A Novel- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Sebold, Alice	In her highly anticipated second novel, after the groundbreaking <i>The Lovely Bones</i> (2002), Sebold strikes two notes: grim and grimmer. Within pages, Helen, a middle-aged, depressed divorcée, kills her elderly mother; she spends the next 24 hours reliving her miserable childhood and her attempts to break free of it, coming to the realization that she "had seen the yawning tide that was her mother's need and fallen in." It's not until Helen reaches high school that she realizes her mother is mentally ill, her father is emotionally absent, and her primary purpose is to be her mother's "proxy in the world and to bring that world back home."
The Amnesia Clinic	Scudamore, James	For two years, Anthony ("Anti"), 15, has lived with his British academic parents in Ecuador, where his best friend, Fabian, helps Anti see the real stuff behind the tourist stereotypes. The friends tell each other stories about their sexual prowess and local legends, eagerly believing the fictions they create. But why does Fabian never mention his mother, who was killed in a motor accident in the mountains?
The Appeal- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Grisham, John	The Appeal is a powerful, timely, and shocking story of political and legal intrigue, a story that will leave readers unable to think about our electoral process or judicial system in quite the same way ever again.
The Baptism	Moses, Shelia P.	This story is told by Buddy's 12-year-old cousin, Leon, who, with his twin, Luke, is preparing to be baptized. Slavery is gone, but racist oppression isn't: Papa was murdered by a white man, black people "still work for white folks and take their orders all day," and black children continue to leave school to pick tobacco and cotton. But then there's Ma's caring white brother, who helps her.
The Beautiful Miscellaneous: A Novel	Smith, Dominic	At 17, Nathan Nelson has no idea what he wants to be. His particle-physicist father, however, has already made up his mind: Nathan will be a genius! The boy, who considers himself only slightly above average, has his doubts. "Being less than brilliant with a genius parent," he notes, "is like being the bum who stares, midwinter, through the restaurant window." But things change dramatically when--as the result of an accident--Nathan develops synesthesia; he begins seeing, tasting, and feeling words.
The Big Game of Everything*	Lynch, Chris	Jock and his younger brother Egon—constantly at odds but nearly inseparable—spend a summer working at their grandfather's golf course. When two of Grampus' old marine buddies show up, throwing their money around and wowing young Egon by buying whatever they want, often simply so that no one else can have it, Jock begins to see Grampus in a new light, revealing a deeply sad man notching his self-worth against the yardstick of wealth.
The Camel Bookmobile	Hamilton, Masha	Fiona Sweeney, a 36-year-old librarian, from New York to Garissa, Kenya, on her sincere but naïve quest to make a difference in the world. Fi enlists to run the titular mobile library overseen by Mr. Abasi, and in her travels through the bush, the small village of Mididima becomes her favorite stop. There, Matani, the village teacher; Kanika, an independent, vivacious young woman; and Kanika's grandmother Neema are the most avid proponents of the library and the knowledge it brings to the community. Not everyone shares such esteem for the project, however.
The Declaration	Malley, G.R.	It's the year 2140 and Longevity drugs have all but eradicated old age. A never-aging society can't sustain population growth, however... which means Anna should never have been born. Nor should any of the children she lives with at Grange Hall. The facility is full of boys and girls whose parents chose to have kids—called surpluses—despite a law forbidding them from doing so. These children are raised as servants, and brought up to believe they must atone for their very existence. Then one day a boy named Peter appears at the Hall, bringing with him news of the world outside, a place where people are starting to say that Longevity is bad, and that maybe people shouldn't live forever.
The Disappeared	Whelan, Gloria	The Disappeared. Los desaparecidos. This is the name given to those who opposed Argentina's dictatorial government and were kidnapped to ensure their silence. With her hometown of Buenos Aires ensconced in the political nightmare, Silvia devises a plan to save her missing brother. She'll make Norberto, son of the general who arrests dissenters, fall in love with her-and he'll have his father set Eduardo free.

The Double Bind: A Novel	Bohjalian, Christopher A.	The author of <i>Midwives</i> (1997) and <i>Before You Know Kindness</i> (2004) turns his attention to the plight of a 26-year-old woman grappling with the aftermath of terrible trauma. Laurel Estabrook, a caseworker at a homeless shelter, is haunted by the attack that changed her life in college. After Bobbie Crocker, a genial homeless man, dies, Laurel's boss suggests that Laurel go through his photographs and put together a gallery exhibition. As Laurel examines the images, she becomes obsessed with Bobbie's apparent connection to Daisy and Tom Buchanan and their neighbor Jay Gatsby (real characters in the world of Bohjalian's novel).
The Five People You Meet In Heaven	Albom, Mitch	From the author of the "New York Times" bestseller "Tuesdays with Morrie" comes a novel that explores the unexpected connections of listeners lives and the idea that heaven is more than a place--it's an answer.
The Girl With the Golden Shoes: A Novella	Channer, Colin	Set in 1942 on the imagined island of San Carlos, a cultural cocktail of Trinidad, Cuba, and Jamaica, this is the story of Estrella Thompson, a headstrong fourteen-year-old girl who's forced to fend for herself when she's banished from the isolated fishing village where she's lived all her life.
The Girls: A Novel	Lansens, Lori	Conjoined twins Rose and Ruby Darlen are linked at the side of the head, with separate brains and bodies. Born in a small town outside Toronto in the midst of a tornado and abandoned by their unwed teenage mother two weeks later, the girls are cared for by Aunt Lovey, a nurse who refuses to see them as deformed or even disabled.
The Good Man :A Novel	Lee, Edward Jaesuk	Soldier's story, one particularly timely amid the news of abuse in Iraq. It is the beautifully and poignantly told story of Gabriel Cuttman, an aging Korean War veteran, a good man who has done bad things and is struggling by a terrible secret.
The Grass Is Singing	Lessing, Doris	"The Grass is Singing" is at once a simple story and a complex psychological and social analysis. It is a commentary on race relations in imperial Rhodesia, and an exploration of the timeless dichotomy of culture and nature.
The Higher Power of Lucky* (Newbury Award Winner)	Patron, Susan	When Lucky's mother is electrocuted and dies after a storm, Lucky's absentee father calls his ex-wife, Brigitte, to fly over from France to take care of the child. Two years later, the 10-year-old worries that Brigitte is tired of being her guardian and of their life in Hard Pan (pop. 42) in the middle of the California desert. While Lucky's best friend ties intricate knots and the little boy down the road cries for attention, she tries to get some control over her life by restocking her survival kit backpack and searching for her Higher Power.
The Highest Tide	Lynch, Jim	The fertile strangeness of marine tidal life becomes a subtly executed metaphor for the bewilderments of adolescence in this tender and authentic coming-of-age novel, Lynch's first. As a precocious, undersized 13-year-old living on the shore of Puget Sound, in Washington State, Miles O'Malley has developed a consuming passion for the abundant life of the tidal flats.
The History of Love	Krauss, Nicole	But life wasn't always like this: sixty years ago, in the Polish village where he was born, Leo fell in love and wrote a book. And although he doesn't know it, that book also survived: it crossed oceans and generations, and changed lives.
The Homecoming: A Novel- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Schlink, Bernhard	A child of World War II, Peter Debauer grew up with his mother and scant memories of his father, a victim of war. Now an adult, Peter embarks upon a search for the truth surrounding his mother's unwavering--but shaky--history and the possibility of finding his missing father after all these years. The search takes him across Europe, to the United States, and back: finding witnesses, falling in and out of love, chasing fragments of a story and a person who may or may not exist. Within a maze of reinvented identities, Peter pieces together a portrait of a man who uses words as one might use a change of clothing, as he assumes a new guise in any given situation simply to stay alive.

The Hour I First Believed	Lamb, Wally	Lamb tells the story of 47-year-old English teacher Caelum Quirk and his third wife, Maureen, a nurse. After almost breaking up over Maureen's infidelity, the two move to Littleton, Colorado, hoping for a fresh start. There they take jobs at Columbine High School. That's where Maureen ends up cowering in a cabinet for hours while Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris methodically execute students in the library before taking their own lives.
The invention of Hugo Cabret	Selznick, Brian	Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy.
The Killing Jar: A Novel	Monaghan, Nicola	The thrills and horrors of life as a young drug dealer play out against a backdrop of suburban decay in Monaghan's sharp-edged debut. The narrator, Kerrie-Ann, nicknamed "Kez," lives in Nottingham public housing with her heroin-addicted mother. By the age of 10, Kez is working as a drug courier for her mother's dealer boyfriend. By 13, she's had an abortion and is dropping Ecstasy; when her mother leaves, she's making enough money on her own to take care of her younger brother, Jon, and to save money for a better life. In the meantime, she shacks up with another dealer, Mark, whose tenderness transforms into violent possessiveness as his heroin addiction gets the better of him.
The King of Torts	Grisham, John	The office of the public defender is not known as a training ground for bright young litigators. Clay Carter has been there too long and, like most of his colleagues, dreams of a better job in a real firm. When he reluctantly takes the case of a young man charged with a random street killing, he assumes it is just another of the many senseless murders that hit D.C. every week. As he digs into the background of his client, Clay stumbles on a conspiracy too horrible to believe.
The Kite Runner	Hosseini, Khaled	The Kite Runner follows the story of Amir, the privileged son of a wealthy businessman in Kabul, and Hassan, the son of Amir's father's servant. They spend idyllic days running kites and telling stories of mystical places and powerful warriors until an unspeakable event changes the nature of their relationship forever and eventually cements their bond in ways neither boy could have ever predicted.
The Last Summer of You and Me-Also available in audio format from LION	Brashares, Ann	Riley and Alice, two sisters now in their twenties, and as fiercely different as they are loyal, have spent every summer at their parents' modest beach house on New York's Fire Island. Each year, they return to the house they have known since they were children—and to Paul, the boy next door. But this summer marks a season of change: budding love and sexual interest, an illness, and a deep secret force all three to confront the increasing complexities of their lives and friendships.
The Legend of Bass Reeves	Paulsen, Gary	The true and fictional account of the most valiant marshal in the West.
The Lion Hunter	Wein, Elizabeth	This first title in a proposed series, the Mark of Solomon, draws on Wein's Arthurian-Aksamite cycle, which concluded with The Sunbird (2004). In the kingdom of Aksum (ancient Ethiopia), young Telemakos is severely wounded while playing with the emperor's pet lions, just as his mother gives birth to a girl, Athena. In the grief that follows, Telemakos' parents neglect the infant, and it's Telemakos who comforts Athena as his body heals.
The Long Run: A Novel	Furey, Leo	This winning first novel is set during the 1960s at a Newfoundland orphanage for boys run by the Christian Brothers. There's never enough food, the dorms are always freezing, and the discipline is harsh, but Aidan Carmichael and his band of cohorts, known as the Dare Klub, combat the grim atmosphere with their own brand of anarchy.
The Love We Share Without Knowing	Barzak, Christopher	In this haunting, richly woven novel of modern life in Japan, the author explores the ties that bind humanity across the deepest divides. Here is a Murakamiesque jewel box of intertwined narratives in which the lives of several strangers are gently linked through love, loss, and fate.
The Luxe	Godbersen, Anna	Beautiful sisters Elizabeth and Diana Holland rule Manhattan's social scene. Or so it appears. When the girls discover their status among New York City's elite is far from secure, suddenly everyone—from the backstabbing socialite Penelope Hayes, to the debonair bachelor Henry Schoonmaker, to the spiteful maid Lina Broud—threatens Elizabeth's and Diana's golden future.

The Memory Keeper's Daughter-Also available in audio format from LION	Edwards, Kim	My first daughter was born lifeless and gray-blue. "Like a seal," I remember thinking as the room went bright white and the doctor started suctioning her mouth. I pushed my wife's head back onto the pillow so she wouldn't be able to see the slick form down below. The oxygen tank hissed angrily. In the minutes that followed, as we waited and waited for my daughter to cry, all the hopes we'd stored up were suffocated under the weight of our new future that filled the room with fear.
The Missing Girl	Mazer, Norma Fox	"This well-crafted thriller with mythic undertones...offers readers rewards beyond sensationalism."
The Moon and Sixpence	Maugham, W. Somerset	A witty, compelling roman à clef...that mock[s] the way the world makes saints of the sinners who are often its best artists.
The Nature of Jade	Caletti, Deb	Seventeen-year-old Jade DeLuna suffers from panic attacks brought on by realizations of her own mortality. In addition to therapy and prescribed medication, she finds relief from her condition by taking care of elephants at a local zoo in Seattle. When she meets Sebastian, a handsome boy with a 15-month-old son, she falls in love with him and becomes immersed in his world.
The Notebook	Sparks, Nicholas	A man picks up a faded, well-worn notebook and begins reading to a frail elderly woman, his voice recalling the heartbreaking story of two star-crossed lovers and their poignant, bittersweet journey to happiness. So begins this touching novel that is a dual tale of love lost and found, and of a man's gentle battle to reach an aging woman who cannot remember the most cherished moments of her life.
The Orange Blossom Special	Carter, Betsy	A story about the relationships people develop in the face of loss, The Orange Blossom Special introduces us to a remarkable cast of characters, all of whom are tested - and transformed - by the changes in their midst.
The Orpheus Obsession	Lane, Dakota.	Anooshka Stargirl sometimes sees her life as a movie. But she can't escape the realities. At home there's a depressed mother who often won't emerge from bed. And a dad who's not in the picture. There are two best friends but a stifling pack of aspiring glamour girls.
The Other	Guterson, David	Neil Countryman and John William Barry meet at a high-school track event in the 1970s. Neil, a working-class boy constantly running races he knows he'll lose, and John William, a wealthy, misunderstood only child obsessed with Gnosticism, forge an unlikely friendship over trips into the wilds of Washington state.
The Poisonwood Bible	Kingslover, Barbara	Nathan Price's determination to convert the natives of the Congo to Christianity is, we gradually discover, both foolhardy and dangerous, unsanctioned by the church administration and doomed from the start by Nathan's self-righteousness. Fanatic and sanctimonious, Nathan is a domestic monster, too, a physically and emotionally abusive, misogynistic husband and father.
The Pox Party	Anderson, M. T.	The astonishing life of Octavian Nothing, traitor to the nation.
The Sunbird	Wein, Elizabeth	Wein once again takes her readers back to Aksum, Africa (present-day Ethiopia and Eritrea) during the sixth century as she continues the family saga that began with The Winter Prince (Puffin, 2003), followed by A Coalition of Lions (Viking, 2003). This third book is told through the eyes of Telemakos, the grandson of two noble men, one British and one Aksumite. When a deadly plague decimates Britain, Aksum's emperor declares a quarantine in order to keep the kingdom safe.
The Trap*	Smelcer, John E.	Johnny Least-Weasel worries that his grandfather hasn't returned home from checking his trap line. The elderly Indian packed ample supplies onto his snowmobile, but has been out far too long in the plummeting temperatures of the Alaskan winter.
The Treasure of Savage Island	Hart, Lenore	After Rafe, a runaway slave, stows away on a ship that wrecks off an island near the Eastern Shore, he is helped by thirteen-year-old Molly, and the two of them share an adventure involving pirates, spies, and a lost treasure.

The Unbinding	Kirn, Walter	Kent Selkirk is an operator at AidSat, an omni-present subscriber service ready to answer, solve, and assist with the client's every problem. Through the AidSat network Kent has a wealth of information at his fingertips—information he can use to monitor subscribers' vital signs, information he can use to track their locations, information he can use to insinuate himself into their very lives.
The Wednesday Wars	Schmidt, Gary D.	On Wednesday afternoons, while his Catholic and Jewish schoolmates attend religious instruction, Holling Hoodhood, the only Presbyterian in his seventh grade, is alone in the classroom with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, who assigns Shakespeare's plays for Holling to discuss during their shared afternoons. The author seamlessly knits together the story's themes: the cultural uproar of the '60s, the internal uproar of early adolescence, and the timeless wisdom of Shakespeare's words.
The Wild Girl: The Notebooks of Ned Giles, 1932 : A Novel	Fergus, Jim	From the award-winning author of "One Thousand White Women" comes a novel in the tradition of "Little Big Man," tracing one man's search for adventures and the wild Apache girl who invites him into her world.
The Winter War: A Novel*	Durbin, William	When the Soviet Union invades its tiny neighbor Finland in November 1939, Marko volunteers to help the war effort. Even though his leg was weakened by polio, he can ski well, and he becomes a messenger on the front line, skiing in white camouflage through the forests at night.
The Wolf	Herrick, Steven	"I'm not sure what hurts more / his ugly words, / his backhanders, / or watching Mum seeing it all / and doing nothing." Lucy, 16, is furious and afraid of her violent father. On the neighboring sheep farm in a remote part of the Australian outback, her classmate Jake is close with his dad, bonded through their work together. The terse, free verse in short, clear lines moves fast as Jake and Lucy take off together.
Thirteen reasons why: a novel	Asher, Jay	When Clay Jenson plays the cassette tapes he received in a mysterious package, he's surprised to hear the voice of dead classmate Hannah Baker. He's one of 13 people who receive Hannah's story, which details the circumstances that led to her suicide.
Throwing Stones	Collier, Kristi	It is Indiana in the 1920s—Prohibition is in effect and basketball is the sport to watch.
Tomorrow	Swift, Graham	This splendid novel by Booker Prize–winner Smith (for Last Orders) has its roots in the 1960s sexual awakening and takes place over the course of a sleepless night in June 1995. Paula Campbell Hook lies awake beside her sleeping husband, Mike, and worries about the shocking revelation that she and Mike will make to their 16-year-old twins tomorrow.
Total Constant Order	Chappell, Crissa-Jean	Likable characters and an intense pace
Touching Snow	Felin, Sindy M.	To those back in Haiti, "touching snow" means living in America. For seventh-grader Karina, however, life in suburban Chestnut Valley, NY, is far from easy. Her extended family struggles to survive in a world in which they are social and cultural outsiders, where food and shelter are still uncertain, and where a visit from the authorities can mean deportation to a much more desperate homeland. For Karina, though, the biggest threat is within her family.
Trouble	Schmidt, Gary D.	Henry Smith's father has made a mantra out of running from problems: "If you build your house far enough away from Trouble, then Trouble will never find you." Sure enough, the Smiths live in a mansion on Boston's North Shore that has housed the family for 300 years. But when Henry's older brother and prep-school rugby star, Franklin, is accidentally run down by a Cambodian classmate, Chay Chouan, and lies in a coma, Henry must reconcile the perfect older-brother image with the abusive, racist jock he might really have been.
Twice Told		Original stories inspired by original artwork.

Twilight- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Meyer, Stephanie	When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.
Two Parties, One Tux, and a Very Short Film About the Grapes of Wrath	Goldman, Steven	Mitchell Wells may not survive eleventh grade. He really only has one friend, his best friend, David. His normally decent grade point average is in limbo due to a slightly violent, somewhat inappropriate claymation film. And girls . . . well, does hanging out with his sister count?
Uglies (You can also read Pretties and Specials - Books 2 and 3 of the Uglies Trilogy)	Westerfeld, Scott	Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.
Undercover	Kephart, Beth	Intelligent, multilayered love story...Neatly balancing action and contemplation, Kephart offers a plethora of images, ideas about literature and even some well-known poems along with a plot that will speak to many teens.
Unresolved	Welsh, T. K.	On the day of her first kiss, June 15, 1904, Mallory Meer, 15, dies in the General Slocum steamship disaster. That historical blaze killed more than 1000 people from the part of New York City known as Kleindeutschland. Dustin Brauer, her Jewish boyfriend, had snuck aboard to be with her. Now, he is accused of setting the fire by the son of his fathers employer, a leader in the German neighborhood.
Waiting for Christopher: A Novel	Hawes, Louise	Feena Harvey's life changes dramatically when her baby brother, Christy, falls victim to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Not only does she grieve for the baby, but also for additional losses in her life: her father leaves the family, she and her mother move to Florida, and her mother retreats into alcohol and soap operas. One day the girl watches a toddler being abused both physically and verbally. When his mother follows through on a threat to abandon him, Feena rushes in and comforts him, taking him with her. Is she a rescuer or a kidnapper?
Walk In My Shoes	Evans, Alwyn	After a perilous and terrifying journey from war-torn Afghanistan, Gulnessa and her family find themselves in Australia, a place they know nothing about. They are exhausted and traumatized, yet so full of hope, but they soon discover that their struggle isn't over yet. They are imprisoned in a detention centre for illegal immigrants, and forced to prove their refugee status.
Water for Elephants- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Gruen, Sara	Life is good for Jacob Jankowski. He's about to graduate from veterinary school and about to bed the girl of his dreams. Then his parents are killed in a car crash, leaving him in the middle of the Great Depression with no home, no family, and no career. Almost by accident, Jacob joins the circus. There he falls in love with the beautiful performer Marlena, who is married to the circus' psychotic animal trainer. He also meets the other love of his life, Rosie the elephant. This lushly romantic novel travels back in forth in time between Jacob's present day in a nursing home and his adventures in the surprisingly harsh world of 1930s circuses.
What Happened	Johnson, Peter	"Believe, believe," the unnamed young narrator of this extraordinary first novel tells himself. But in what? His mother is dead, his father has abandoned both him and his older brother, Kyle, and now the two have been involved, as passengers, in a hit-and-run accident. Should they go to the police? Or should they obey the wealthy father of the boy who was driving and remain silent?
What I Saw and How I Lied	Blundell, Judy	In this sophisticated thriller, 15-year-old Evie grows up quickly when she discovers her adored parents are not the people she thought they were. While on vacation in Palm Beach in 1947, Evie's parents get involved in a shady business deal with another couple on holiday. Evie becomes involved with an ex-GI who served with her father, and whose presence is not a coincidence.

What They Found: Love On 145th Street	Myers, Walter Dean	A neighborhood beauty salon is the setting for lots of the fast, funny talk in these stirring contemporary stories, which nonetheless give a grim view of being "poor and black," whether on the streets of Harlem, in prison, or on the war front in Afghanistan. Rooted in the harsh realism of widespread unemployment, drug use, and trouble ("more brothers going to jail than going to college"), the teens' tender connections are heartbreaking.
Would You*	Jocelyn, Marthe	Would you rather lose all your hair or all your teeth? Those are the kinds of questions Natalie and her friends ask each other when they sit around their hangout, the Ding-Dong. Would you rather die or have everyone else die? That becomes more than a question when Natalie's beloved sister, Claire, is hit by a car.
Yellow Flag*	Lipsyte, Robert	Kyle Hildebrand comes from a family of legendary NASCAR drivers. His older brother, Kris, is the heir apparent to the family business and shows great promise. Kyle, meanwhile, is seemingly content to play trumpet in a brass quintet. After Kris is injured, Kyle takes his place behind the wheel and proves himself to be a skilled and savvy driver, and he questions if he should pursue his interest in music or turn to racing.
Your Eyes In Stars	Kerr, M. E.	In 1934, teenaged Jessie lives in a small upstate New York town where her father is the warden in the state prison. Her mother is a bit of a social climber, while her father has allowed himself to become overly friendly with a prisoner, Slater, a young Southerner with a heartbreaking background and a keen musical talent.
History and Historical Fiction		
A Useful Friend: A Companion To the Joshua Hempstead Diaries	Schaefer, Patricia	A Useful Friend is a combination of background information and tools for understanding this Colonial era diary set in New London, CT.
Baghdad Burning: Girl Blog from Iraq	Riverbend	In August 2003 a young Iraqi blogger began reporting her experiences as a civilian observer in Baghdad. Calling herself Riverbend, she has offered searing eyewitness accounts of daily life in the war zone and has garnered a worldwide audience hungry for unfiltered news and fresh analysis.
Bog Child	Dowd, Siobhan	While cutting peat in the Irish hills, Fergus McCann and his uncle discover a body preserved by the bog. Archaeologists and politicians fight over the find, while Fergus starts to dream about the past of the bog child he names "Mel." Dowd slowly reveals the story of Mel's mysterious death, an apparent murder, amid the 1980s troubles of Northern Ireland.
Bone By Bone By Bone	Johnston, Tony	Johnston, well known for her witty picture books, writes a compelling, sometimes harrowing coming-of-age story that explores racial tensions in small-town Tennessee during the early '50s. All his life, motherless David and the others in his family have longed to please his father, a doctor capable of such charm that "he could coax radishes to becoming roses on their way up through the soil."
Bread and Roses, Too	Patterson, Katherine	Paterson has drawn upon the facts of the famous 1912 Bread and Roses strike in the mills of Lawrence, MA, and the sympathetic response of the citizens of Barre, VT, to tell the story of two children enmeshed in complex events.
By a Slow River	Claudel, Philippe	A bestseller in France and winner of the Prix Renaudot, By a Slow River is a mesmerizing and atmospheric tale of three mysterious deaths in an oddly isolated French village during World War I.
Chasing Lincoln's Killer	Swanson, James L.	Based on Manhunt (2006), his New York Times adult best-seller, Swanson provides a fast-paced account of the assassination of the sixteenth president and the gripping 12-day hunt for John Wilkes Booth and his fellow conspirators that followed.
Coal Black Horse	Olmstead, Robert	When Robey Childs's mother has a premonition about her husband, a soldier fighting in the Civil War, she does the unthinkable: she sends her only child to find his father on the battlefield and bring him home.

Cold Mountain- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Frasier, Charles	Sorely wounded and fatally disillusioned in the fighting at Petersburg, Inman, a Confederate soldier, decides to walk back to his home in the Blue Ridge Mountains and to Ada, the woman he loved there years before. His trek across the disintegrating South brings him into intimate and sometimes lethal converse with slaves and marauders, bounty hunters and witches, both helpful and malign.
Come Back to Afghanistan: A California Teenager's Story	Akbar, Said Hyder and Burton, Susan	Said Hyder Akbar was living an ordinary suburban life in California when the shocking events of September 11, 2001, turned his world upside down. After the fall of the Taliban, Hyder's father, a scion of an Afghan political family, sold his business - a hip-hop clothing store in Oakland - and left for Afghanistan, where he became President Hamid Karzai's chief spokesman. Obsessed since youth with a country he had never even visited, seventeen-year-old Hyder convinced his father to let him join him during three successive summer vacations. In Afghanistan, Hyder witnessed a scarred country at a time of radical change, its hope for the future marred by blood feuds, poverty, and divided loyalties.
Come Juneteenth	Rinaldi, Ann	Sis Goose is a beloved member of Luli's family, despite the fact that she was born a slave. But the family is harboring a terrible secret. And when Union soldiers arrive on their Texas plantation to announce that slaves have been declared free for nearly two years, Sis Goose is horrified to learn that the people she called family have lied to her for so long. She runs away--but her newly found freedom has tragic consequences.
Declassified: 50 Top Secret Documents That Changed History	Allen, Thomas B.	Culled from archives around the world, the 50 documents in Declassified illuminate the secret and often inaccessible stories of agents, espionage, and behind-the-scenes events that played critical roles in American history.
Elijah of Buxton	Curtis, Christopher Paul	After his mother rebukes him for screaming that hoop snakes have invaded Buxton, gullible 11-year-old Elijah confesses to readers that "there ain't nothing in the world she wants more than for me to quit being so doggone fra-gile." Inexperienced and prone to mistakes, yet kind, courageous, and understanding, Elijah has the distinction of being the first child born in the Buxton Settlement, which was founded in Ontario in 1849 as a haven for former slaves.
First They Killed My Father	Ung, Loung	<u>First They Killed My Father</u> is a narrative of war, desperate actions, and the strength of a child and her family. Loung Ung lived in Phnom Penh, one of seven children of a government official. When Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge army stormed into the city in April 1975, Ung's family was forced to flee their home. Eventually, they dispersed in order to survive. Ung was trained as a child soldier while her siblings were sent to labor camps. Only after the Vietnamese destroyed the Khmer Rouge were Ung and her surviving siblings lowly reunited.
Forty -Seven (47)	Mosley, Walter	The life of a slave in Georgia.
Founding Brothers	Ellis, Joseph	Pulitzer Prize winning book on the Founders of our country.
From Baghdad, With Love: A Marine, The War, and A Dog Named Lava	Kopelman, Jay	In From Baghdad, With Love: A Marine, the War, and a Dog Named Lava, Jay Kopelman tells a story that is both tender and thought-provoking--candidly portraying the ugly conditions in wartime Iraq, while also describing his (and his fellow Marines') growing attachment to a scruffy stray puppy.
Geronimo	Bruchac, Joseph	The life of Geronimo an Apache warrior.
Half of a Yellow Sun	Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi	Based loosely on political events in nineteen-sixties Nigeria, this novel focuses on two wealthy Igbo sisters, Olanna and Kainene, who drift apart as the newly independent nation struggles to remain unified. Olanna falls for an imperious academic whose political convictions mask his personal weaknesses; meanwhile, Kainene becomes involved with a shy, studious British expat.

Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent	Allen, Thomas	This small book contains a lot of fascinating information on the network of slaves and free blacks who advanced the Union cause during the Civil War.
Hush: An Irish Princess' Tale	Napoli, Donna Jo	Melkorka is a princess and she is kidnapped and put on a slave ship. In order to survive she cannot speak. Since she does not talk her captor is captivated by Melkorka. This novel is based on an ancient Icelandic saga.
Imperial Life In the Emerald City: Inside Iraq's Green Zone	Chandrasekaran, Rajiv	Chandrasekaran, an assistant managing editor of the Washington Post and the former Post bureau chief in Baghdad, maintains that shocking American arrogance and blundering during the first year of the American occupation virtually destroyed any hope of a "successful" occupation. The Green Zone was the headquarters for the American occupation in Baghdad, but like the inhabitants of the Emerald City of Oz, the Americans entrusted with the task of rebuilding and transforming Iraq lived in an isolated fantasy world divorced from the reality outside their walled compounds.
Indestructible: The Unforgettable Story of a Marine Hero At Imo Jima	Lucas, Jack	World War II battle told through memories of those who were there.
Intrepid: The Epic Story of America's Most Legendary Warship	White, Bill	White and Gandt may encounter some flak for calling the preserved World War II aircraft carrier Intrepid "America's most legendary warship," but their book certainly offers a gripping narrative of the ship's distinguished career
John Washington's Civil War: A Slave Narrative	Washington, John	Washington, a contemporary of Frederick Douglass, was born a slave in Virginia, the son of a slave and a white man. Seven years after his emancipation in 1872, Washington wrote "Memories of the Past," recalling his life as a house slave, laborer, and servant on the eve of the Civil War, and his experiences as a slave under Union officers during the war.
Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis	Nelson, Peter	The story of the USS Indianapolis, the worst naval disaster in American history, is indeed true. So is the story of the shameful court-martial of the ship's captain, shameful because the loss of the ship was not his fault, and the Navy knew it. Hunter Scott became the catalyst for the survivors' efforts to clear their captain's name and set the record straight. This is the story of the ship, her brave sailors, their wronged captain, and a young man's crusade to right an old injustice.
Lovely Green Eyes	Lustig, Arnost	A Feldhure, or army prostitute, working in Feldbordell No. 232 Ost somewhere near the eastern front during World War II, Skinny is known to the German soldiers who frequent the camp brothel as Lovely Green Eyes. Managing to pass as a gentile and lying about her age the 15-year-old comes by her position after her entire family perishes at Auschwitz-Birkenau.
Manhunt	Swanson, James	The twelve-day chase for Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth.
Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War	Philbrick, Nathaniel	In the early 17th century, a small group of devout English Christians fled their villages to escape persecution, going first to Holland, then making the now infamous 10-week voyage to the New World. Rather than arriving in the summer months as planned, they landed in November, low on supplies. Luckily, they were met by the Wampanoag Indians and their wizened chief, Massasoit. In economical, well-paced prose, Philbrick masterfully recounts the desperate circumstances of both the settlers and their would-be hosts, and how the Wampanoags saved the colony from certain destruction.
My Detachment : A Memoir	Kidder, Tracy	My Detachment is a war story, an unromanticized portrait of a young man coming of age in the controversial war that defined a generation. In an account of his tour of duty in Vietnam, storyteller Tracy Kidder writes for the first time about himself." "Kidder was an ROTC intelligence officer, just months out of college and expecting a stateside assignment, when his orders arrived for Vietnam.

Normandy: The Real Story: How Ordinary Allied Soldiers Defeated Hitler	Whitaker, W. Denis	Now a definitive new history, coauthored by a highly decorated field commander, proves otherwise. Using archival data, oral histories, and exclusive new interviews, Normandy: The Real Story takes the reader deep into the minds, hearts, and souls of the allied armies to show how-despite the shortcomings of their superiors and the inferiority of their weaponry-they destroyed two well equipped German armies and won the war.
North By Night	Ayres, Katherine	The story of the Underground Railroad.
Operation Homecoming		Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Home Front in the words of U.S. troops and their families.
Paper Kisses	Kaiser, Reinhard	A true love story under the persecution of Nazi Germany.
Red Moon At Sharpsburg: A Novel	Wells, Rosemary	Award-winning author Rosemary Wells lays bare the senseless devastation of war in this stunning novel. As the Civil War breaks out, India, a young Southern girl, summons her sharp intelligence and the courage she didn't know she had to survive the war that threatens to destroy her family, her Virginia home, and the only life she has ever known.
Resistance	Graber, Janet	In German-occupied Normandy, France, fifteen-year-old Marianne worries that her mother is exposing the family, especially Marianne's deaf younger brother, to great danger by volunteering for more perilous assignments in the resistance movement.
Scottsboro: A Novel	Feldman, Ellen	Set in 1931's Jim Crow South, Feldman's dramatization of the infamous Scottsboro case makes for bleak reading. Alice Whittier, an ambitious, crusading journalist at the left-wing New York City publication The New Order, covers the arrest of nine young African-American men in Scottsboro, Ala., for the alleged rapes of two white prostitutes.
Semper Fi		Semper Fi collects into one volume the best, most compelling stories and eyewitness accounts from the vast literature about the elite few who call themselves United States Marines. The history of the Marine Corps is inextricably intertwined with that of the country it defends—from its formation during the American Revolution right up to its recent role in Afghanistan.
Slavery Today	Bales, Kevin	Authoritative and passionate, this small book by leaders of the antislavery movement is a horrifying account of contemporary slavery across the globe.
Sudden Sea	Scotti, R. A.	This account of the 1938 hurricane makes you feel as if you were there in Southeastern Connecticut and Rhode Island as the storm killed many people and did unforgettable damage.
Summer's End	Coulombis, Audrey	Three teenaged cousins worry about their uncle who is missing in Vietnam, their brothers--the one who was drafted and the two who are dodging the draft, and the effects of their absence on the four generations gathered at the family farm in the summer of 1965.
Sunrise Over Fallujah	Meyers, Walter Dean	Robin "Birdy" Perry, a new army recruit from Harlem, isn't quite sure why he joined the army, but he's sure where he's headed: Iraq. Birdy and the others in the Civilian Affairs Battalion are supposed to help secure and stabilize the country and successfully interact with the Iraqi people. Officially, the code name for their maneuvers is Operation Iraqi Freedom. But the young men and women in the CA unit have a simpler name for it: WAR .
Tamar	Peet, Mal	Tension mounts incrementally in an intricate wrapping of wartime drama and secrecy, in which Tamar finds her namesake and herself. Forming the backbone of the novel are intense, sometimes brutal events in a small Dutch town in Nazi-occupied Holland and the relationship between the girl's namesake, a member of the Dutch Resistance; Dart, a code operator assigned to help him; and Marijke, the love of his life. Peet's plot is tightly constructed, and striking, descriptive language, full of metaphor, grounds the story.

Testament: A Soldier's Story of the Civil War	Bobrick, Benson	Civil War buffs will relish this extraordinary new history from Bobrick, based on a collection of letters written by his great-grandfather, Benjamin "Webb" Baker. The letters date from 1861, when the 19-year-old enlisted in the Union army, to 1864, when he was honorably discharged a corporal.
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	In his first book for young adults, bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, <i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i> , which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by acclaimed artist Ellen Forney, that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live.
The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation The Pox Party	Anderson, M.T.	He is a boy dressed in silks and white wigs and given the best of classical educations. Raised by a mysterious group of rational philosophers known only by numbers, the boy and his mother—a princess in exile from a faraway land—are the only people in their household assigned names. As the boy's regal mother, Cassiopeia, entertains the house scholars with her beauty and wit, young Octavian begins to question the purpose behind his guardians' fanatical studies. Only after he dares to open a forbidden door does he learn the hideous nature of their experiments—and his own chilling role in them
The Civil War 100: The Stories Behind the Most Influential Battles, People and Events In the War Between the States	Lanning, Michael Lee	The Civil War has a hold on the American mind unequalled by any other event—and for good reason: it is, after all, the most bloody and brutal war in which America has ever been involved. Brilliant politicians and soldiers on both sides played instrumental roles, on the battlefield and off. Which causes were the most important? Which events most influenced the wars outcome? Which soldiers and generals truly deserve to be remembered as legends, and which actually had exaggerated roles? For armchair historians and Civil War buffs alike. <i>The Civil War 100</i> answers these questions and many more.
The Falconer's Knot	Hoffman, Mary	The award-winning author of the <i>Stravaganza</i> series has done it again with this atmospheric adventure set in Renaissance Italy. Chiara and Silvano come from different worlds, but when they fall in love while living in exile and posing as religious novices, they are powerless to reveal their feelings to one another. And a few suspicious murders don't make their love lives any simpler! These intertwining stories unfold in a fantastic and completely entertaining romp that is marvelously engaging and filled with swirling intrigue.
The Gift of Valor	Phillips, Michael	Personal narratives of those serving in the war in Iraq.
The Heretic's Daughter, A Novel	Kent, Kathleen	A family's conflict becomes a battle for life and death in this gripping and original first novel based on family history from a descendant of a condemned Salem witch.
The King's Arrow	Cadnum, Michael	When the king is killed by Tirel's arrow during the course of the hunt, Simon must join Tirel in fleeing for their lives. Accident or murder? Based on real events, this heart-pounding tale from acclaimed author Michael Cadnum reconstructs one of the most fascinating mysteries of English history.
The Long Road Home: A Story of War and Family	Raddatz, Martha	Violent resistance in post-invasion Iraq kicked into high gear on April 4, 2004, when American troops in Sadr City faced a massive assault that claimed eight soldiers' lives and wounded more than 70 others.
The River Between Us	Peck, Richard	Within a page-turning tale of mystery, adventure, and the civilian Civil War experience, a master of stories about people in transition paints a portrait of the lifelong impact that one person can have on another.

The Road of Lost Innocence	Mam, Somaly	Sold into slavery as a young girl—first as an indentured servant to a surly, violent older man, then, at 16, to a brothel—Mam could have lived a life of misery and defeat. Instead, she found freedom and security while keeping her remarkable spirit intact.
The Uncertain Hour: A Novel	Browner, Jesse	a.d. 66: Having been falsely implicated in a plot to assassinate the emperor Nero, Titus Petronius has a choice: await the executioner at dawn, or die a noble Roman death by his own hand. Deciding that his will be a suicide like no other the world has ever seen, he summons a small circle of intimate friends to his magnificent villa on the enchanting Tyrrhenian coast of southern Italy. There, over the course of a balmy autumn's night, Petronius throws the party of a lifetime.
The Wanderer: The Last American Slave Ship and the Conspiracy That Set Its Sails	Calonius, Erik	In 1858, a trio of pro-slavery radicals calling themselves "the fire-eaters" transformed a smuggling boat and used the vessel to carry 400 captured slaves from Africa to the sales block at Jekyll Island, GA. The federal government captured the fire-eaters, uncovering a plot led by New York businessmen and Southern operatives not only to continue the slave trade, but also to split apart the country.
These Is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine 1881-1901	Turner, Nancy	This novel in diary format parallels the early history of the Arizona Territories as Sarah and her family travel from the New Mexico Territory and settle down to carve out a new life on a ranch near Tucson in the 1880s. Sarah's diary, based on the author's family memoirs, is a heartwarming and heartbreaking fictional account of a vibrant and gifted young woman.
To bear any burden	FitzGibbon, Daniel	A Green Beret's letters from Vietnam.
Twelve Tales of Civil War Soldiers: War's Relentless Hand	Dunkelman, Mark H.	Dunkelman, long a fan and student of the 154th New York Volunteer Infantry, recounts the stories of 12 of its members, using, besides sparse official records, letters, diaries, and other primary sources, many graciously lent by descendants. Each man's story is different, and the war marked each man permanently.
Underground*	Ferris, Jean	In 1839, visitors from miles around come to Kentucky to tour Mammoth Cave. But sixteen-year-old Charlotte, the maid at Mammoth Cave Hotel, doesn't understand its appeal. As a slave, she is already trapped, and she doesn't see the point in risking being trapped underground as well. Still, she's curious when Stephen Bishop, another slave who is the cave's expert guide and chief explorer, makes some big discoveries underground, and she's interested in Stephen himself, with his quick mind and kind ways.
Understanding the Holy Land	Frank, Mitch	The author tackles the complex subject of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, making it comprehensible, if not any less horrific; in some ways, the plain recitations of the facts make the hatred, death, and destruction even more shocking.
Why Marines fight	Brady, James	The reasons are almost as numerous as the Marine combat veterans quoted and profiled in this engaging collection of reminiscences. Many cite the training and discipline drilled into recruits and the determination not to let down one's buddies. Others are motivated by vengeance after a friend is killed.
World War II On the Air: Edward R. Murrow and the Broadcasts That Riveted a Nation	Bernstein, Mark	As CBS Radio's overseas news director during World War II, Edward R. Murrow supervised a team of reporters that covered the war from capitals and battlefields across Europe, Africa, and Asia. This text focuses on the reporting of the "Murrow Boys" from the Nazi Anschluss in 1938 through the Allied invasion of Germany.
Yellow Star	Roy, Jennifer	Family life as a Jew in Poland during the Holocaust.

From Around the World

Across a Hundred Mountains	Grande, Reyna	Juana loses her baby sister in a flood, and the death sets off a chain of tragic events: her money-strapped father heads north from their small Mexican town for el otro lado; Juana's newborn baby brother is claimed by the town money lender; and Juana's mother descends into alcoholism and violence. At 14, Juana leaves to look for her father, from whom they have heard nothing. On her painstaking journey, she meets Adelina Vasquez, an American runaway working as a prostitute in Tijuana, who takes Juana in. The narrative switches off between young Juana's viewpoint, and that of Adelina, now 31 and a Los Angeles social worker.
Anila's Journey	Finn, Mary	Set in late eighteenth-century India, this layered, atmospheric debut follows a girl's archetypal search for her own history. At 14, Anila finds herself alone in Calcutta. After her Indian mother's death and her guardians' move to Madras, Anila chooses to stay behind, hoping that her father, an Irishman who disappeared years earlier, will return.
Beneath My Mother's Feet	Qamar, Amjed	Growing up in a working-class neighborhood in Karachi, Pakistan, Nazia has always been a dutiful daughter. She works hard in school, helps her mother at home, and prepares for her upcoming marriage to a cousin. Then Nazia's father loses his job and his will to work, her dowry is stolen, and the family descends swiftly into poverty.
Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two	Bruchac, Joseph	After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.
De Niro's Game	Hage, Rawi	East meets West in this stunning first novel yielding a totally fresh perspective on war-torn Beirut. Bassam and George have been best friends since childhood, when they roamed the ruined streets of their hometown, making a game out of collecting empty bullets and cannon shells to trade for cigarettes. Now, years into the civil war, "ten thousand bombs had landed," and the two have lost their parents and many neighbors to them, growing hard and cynical in the process.
Does My Head Look Big In This?	Abdel-Fattah, Randa	As soon as sixteen-year-old Amal makes the decision to start wearing the hijab full-time, everyone has a reaction. Her parents, her teachers, her friends, people on the street. But she stands by her decision to embrace her faith and all that it is, even if it does make her a little different from everyone else. Can she handle the taunts of "towel head" and the prejudice of her classmates—and still hang out with the cutest boy in school? Brilliantly funny and poignant, Randa Abdel-Fattah's debut novel will strike a chord in all teenage readers, no matter what their beliefs.
Folktales from Iraq	Campbell, C. G.	Tales from Arab tribes
Fools Crow	Welch, James	A portentous dream seems to overshadow the Lone Eaters clan of the Blackfeet Indians in the post-Civil War years. The slow invasion of the Napikwans, or whites, is inevitable and coincidental, however. As we follow White Man's Dog (later renamed Fools Crow), we see how some of his people try to follow the Napikwan ways, others rebel against them, and many ignore them.
Ines of My Soul	Allende, Isabel	Born into a poor family in Spain, Ines, a seamstress, finds herself condemned to a life of hard work without reward or hope for the future.

Kabul Beauty School: an American woman goes behind the veil- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Rodriguez, Deborah	Soon after the fall of the Taliban, in 2001, Deborah Rodriguez went to Afghanistan as part of a group offering humanitarian aid to this war-torn nation. Surrounded by men and women whose skills—as doctors, nurses, and therapists—seemed eminently more practical than her own, Rodriguez, a hairdresser and mother of two from Michigan, despaired of being of any real use. Yet she soon found she had a gift for befriending Afghans, and once her profession became known she was eagerly sought out by Westerners desperate for a good haircut and by Afghan women, who have a long and proud tradition of running their own beauty salons. Thus an idea was born.
Keeping Corner	Sheth, Kashmira	As a member of the Brahman caste, the highest, twelve-year-old Leela doesn't notice the hardships of lower castes. Engaged at two and married at nine, Leela is soon to have her "anu," when she will move into the home of her husband.
Koyal dark, mango sweet	Sheth, Kashmira	Warmly descriptive of life in Mumbai (formerly Bombay), this love story has a rich sense of place. Sixteen-year-old Jeeta's mother is consumed with the problems of arranging marriages for her three daughters and is sure that Jeeta's dark skin and smart mouth will turn off prospective grooms.
Love Medicine	Erdrich, Louise	<u>Love Medicine</u> , set on and around a North Dakota reservation in the years 1934-1984, tells the story of the intertwined fates of two families. Black humor mingles with magic, injustice bleeds into betrayal, and through it all, bonds of love and family marry the elements together in a tightly woven whole that pulses with the drama of life.
Mismatch	Namioka, Lensey	When her Chinese-American parents move to an affluent suburb of Seattle, 15-year-old Sue Hua, a viola player, joins the school orchestra in hopes of finding a niche among her mostly white classmates. Although Sue wants them to consider her an American, she is frustrated that many think all Asians are members of a single ethnic group, without distinct cultural differences.
Mountains Beyond Mountains	Kidder, Tracy	At the center of Mountains Beyond Mountains stands Paul Farmer. Doctor, Harvard Professor, renowned infectious-disease specialist, anthropologist, the recipient of a MacArthur "genius" grant, world-class Robin Hood, Farmer was brought up in a bus and on a boat, and in medical school found his life's calling: to diagnose and cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most.
Paula	Allende, Isabel	Allende is a mesmerizing novelist (<i>The House of the Spirits</i> ; <i>The Stories of Eva Luna</i>) who here takes on a double challenge. Writing nonfiction for the first time, she interweaves the story of her own life with the slow dying of her 28-year-old daughter, Paula.
Prizefighter en Mi Casa	Charlton-Trujillo	Twelve-year-old Chula is frightened by the arrival of an unusual houseguest, a scarred prizefighter from Mexico. Her father has brought El Jefe, his childhood friend, to their South Texas town and risks the family savings to back him in a black-market fight against Golden Gloves, a local white boxer.
Purple Hibiscus	Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi	Fifteen-year-old Kambili and her older brother, Jaja, live a regal life in impoverished Nigeria. Their father is a very powerful man who owns many factories, lavishes money on his church and the local schools, and publishes a newspaper that is outspokenly critical of the country's repressive regime. But their marble palace often feels like a prison because the children are terrified of their father's temper; at home, he is a religious tyrant who exerts a fanatical control.
Refugees	Stine, Catherine	Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Dawn, a sixteen-year-old runaway from San Francisco, connects by phone and email with Johar, a gentle, fifteen-year-old Afghani who assists Dawn's foster mother, a doctor, at a Red Cross refugee camp in Peshawar.

Revolution is not a Dinner Party	Compestine, Ying Chang	Eight-year-old Ling, the spunky daughter of two doctors, lives in Wuhan, China; dreamy and idealistic, she often describes her world in metaphor (about her neighbor, Ling notes, Mrs. Wong was fragrant and warm like a red peony, which always welcomed visitors). But the lives of Ling and her family are disrupted when Comrade Li, an officer of the Communist Party, moves into their apartment. Difficulties mount as friends and neighbors disappear, Ling's father is arrested and she endures vicious tormenting at school because of her bourgeois background.
Song for Night: A Novella	Abani, Christopher	Trained as a human mine detector, an Igbo boy soldier in West Africa witnesses and takes part in unspeakable brutality. His clipped, dispassionate narrative tells of mutilation, rape, massacre.
Sounds of the River	Chen, Da	Teenager Da Chen takes his first train ride away from the farm he was raised on to his new university life in Beijing. He soon faces a host of ghastly challenges, including poor living conditions, lack of food, and suicidal roommates. Undaunted by these hurdles, and armed with a dogged determination to learn English and "all things Western," he competes to win a chance to study in America - a chance that rests in the shrewd and corrupt hands of his almighty professors.
Spring Moon: A Novel of China	Lord, Bette	The interwoven fates of five generation...Murder, passion, betrayal, incest and intrigue...and the conflict of generations.
Sweetgrass Basket	Carvell, Marlene	In alternating free verse, two Mohawk sisters tell of their lives at the Carlisle Indian School near the turn of the 20th century. Carvell uses the experiences of her husband's family, and research from the Cumberland County Historical Society, to relate the stories of Mattie and Sarah. After their mother's death, their father sadly dispatches them to the boarding school, where the siblings cling to their language and a few precious items as the rest of their culture is stripped away from them.
The Black Tattoo	Enthaoven, Sam	A fight to save the world from an evil presence; magical creatures; and three teen protagonists (two boys and girl) . . . : sound familiar? Esme has trained all her life to help her father and the Brotherhood defeat the Scourge, an evil entity that plans to end the world.
The House of Djinn	Staples, Suzanne Fisher	"Eloquently written...Staples skillfully draws readers into the complicated web of relationships in the fictional Amirzai family in this fascinating tale of the conflict between tribal tradition and modernization in contemporary Pakistan." —Starred, Kirkus Reviews
The Known World	Jones, Edward P.	Henry Townsend, a black farmer, boot maker, and former slave, has a fondness for Paradise Lost and an unusual mentor - William Robbins, perhaps the most powerful man in antebellum Virginia's Manchester County. Under Robbins's tutelage, Henry becomes proprietor of his own plantation - as well as of his own slaves.
The Meaning of Consuelo	Ortiz Cofer, Judith	Puerto Rican novelist, essayist and poet Cofer (The Latin Deli, etc.) chronicles the childhood and young adulthood of Consuelo, a bookish girl growing up in a San Juan suburb in the 1950s. Cofer's novel is richly descriptive of the shifting mores of Puerto Rican culture and the historical particularities of the era (especially the growing American presence on the Caribbean island), but its deeper elements-Consuelo's growth into maturity; her sister's developing schizophrenia; and the demise of her parents' marriage-lack originality and are plagued by an overabundance of foreshadowing.
The Sound of Language: A Novel	Malladi, Amulya	In this luminous story of bravery, tradition, and the power of language, an Afghan woman and Danish widower form an unexpected alliance.

The Space Between Us	Umrigar, Thrity N.	Poignant, evocative, and unforgettable, <i>The Space Between Us</i> is an intimate portrait of a distant yet familiar world. Set in modern-day India, it is the story of two compelling and achingly real women: Sera Dubash, an upper-middle-class Parsi housewife whose opulent surroundings hide the shame and disappointment of her abusive marriage, and Bhima, a stoic illiterate hardened by a life of despair and loss, who has worked in the Dubash household for more than twenty years.
Tracks	Erdrich, Louise	Set in North Dakota at a time in this century when Indian tribes were struggling to keep what little remained of their lands, <i>Tracks</i> is a tale of passion and deep unrest. Over the course of ten crucial years, as tribal land and trust between people erode ceaselessly, men and women are pushed to the brink of their endurance-yet their pride and humor prohibit surrender.
Twilight People	Houze, David	On man's journey to find his roots.
Useful Fools	Schmidt, C.A.	As a journalist, Schmidt reported from Peru for many years. Her groundbreaking novel is disturbing and complex, not only because it is told from alternating viewpoints but also because the politics and savage brutality change its characters profoundly.
Weedflower	Kadohata, Cynthia	When Pearl Harbor is attacked, the lives of a Japanese-American girl and her family are thrown into chaos. Sumiko, 12, and her younger brother, Tak-Tak, live with their aunt and uncle, grandfather Jiichan, and adult cousins on a flower farm in Southern California.
White Ghost Girls	Greenway, Alice	For all its dreamy lyricism, this debut novel about two teenaged American sisters growing up in Hong Kong one summer boasts a satisfyingly complicated plot and a devastating conclusion. While their father is away photographing the war in Vietnam for <i>Time</i> magazine, 13-year-old Kate, the book's now adult narrator, and her big sister, Frances, revel in the simple life of Pok Fu Lam village.
Mysteries/Crime		
4.50 From Paddington	Christie, Agatha	Elspeth McGillicuddy was not a woman usually given to hallucinations. But when she witnesses what appears to be a woman being strangled on a train and no-one else sees it, no-one reports it and no corpse is found she turns to her old friend Jane Marple to help solve the puzzle. Marple asks her highly efficient and intelligent young acquaintance, Lucy Eyelesbarrow to infiltrate the Crackenthorpe family, who seem to be at the heart of the mystery, and help unmask a murderer.
A Deadly Paradise	Brophy, Grace	Commissario Alessandro Cenni, on the outs with his superiors, has a chance to escape the hinterlands and return to Perugia, in the heart of his beloved Umbria, but only if he can solve the murder of retired German diplomat Jarvinia Baudler. The game plan is to arrest the young African woman who was Baudler's lover, but Cenni quickly sees that the case is more complicated than that: Baudler was a multitasking blackmailer, putting the sting on a plethora of former lovers, neighbors with secrets, and even her employers at the German embassy.
Angels and Demons	Brown, Dan	World-renowned Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is summoned to a Swiss research facility to analyze a cryptic symbol seared into the chest of a murdered physicist. What he discovers is unimaginable: a deadly vendetta against the Catholic Church by a centuries-old underground organization, the Illuminati.
Billy Boyle	Benn, James R.	What's a twenty-two-year-old Irish cop from Boston doing at Beardsley Hall having lunch with Haakon, King of Norway, and the rest of the Norwegian government in exile? Billy Boyle himself wonders. Back home, he'd just made detective (with a little help from family and friends) when war was declared. Unwilling to fight-and perhaps die-for England, he was relieved when his mother wangled a job for him on the staff of a general married to her distant cousin, Mamie. But the general turns out to be Dwight D. Eisenhower; his headquarters are in London, which is undergoing the Blitz; and Uncle Ike has a special assignment for Billy: He wants Billy to be his personal investigator.

Black Rabbit Summer	Brooks, Kevin	It's supposed to be a last meet-up before everyone scatters. But everything changes on that Saturday night. Pete, the son of a cop, goes to the old hideout at the request of a former girlfriend. When one of the kids spikes the drinks with a hallucinogenic drug, the evening turns into a nightmare, complete with a missing person, a dead body, and a secret relationship disclosed. Pete tries to solve the mystery of who has done what to whom, but uppermost in his mind is locating kind Raymond, his closest pal, who is not quite right in the head—and has disappeared.
Bleeders	Pronzini, Bill	A simple case gets murderously complicated when "Nameless," Bill Pronzini's seasoned private-eye, exposes a nasty scam that involves junior account executive Jay Cohalan, his unhappy wife, and a mistress with a serious drug problem.
Couldn't keep to myself: testimonies from our imprisoned sisters	Lamb, Wally, ed.	For the past several years, Lamb has taught writing to a group of women prisoners at York Correctional Institution. At first mistrustful of Lamb, one another, and the writing process, over time these students let down their guard, picked up their pens, and discovered their voices. In this unforgettable collection, the women of York describe in their own words how they were imprisoned by abuse, rejection, and their own self-destructive impulses long before they entered the criminal justice system.
Dead Connection	Price, Charlie	Nikki is dead----and she's angry that her killer has hidden her where she won't be found. Enter Murray, a high-school student who likes to sit in the cemetery and listen to what the dead have to say.
Death in a Prairie House	Drennan, William R.	Death in a Prairie House is a compelling argument in support of the theory that the Taliesin tragedy profoundly affected not only the future lives of those directly involved (not the least of whom was considered to be the most influential and gifted architect of the time), but likely, the whole course and development of modern architecture.
Desperate Ground	Benn, James R.	Allied agents and GIs race to stop a Nazi plan to start World War III as American and Soviet units approach each other in the last days of the Second World War, while a German officer and his fiancée work against the plan from within the crumbling, desperate Third Reich.
Eye of the Crow	Peacock, Shane	Sherlock Holmes, just thirteen, is a misfit. His highborn mother is the daughter of an aristocratic family, his father a poor Jew. Their marriage flouts tradition and makes them social pariahs in the London of the 1860s; and their son, Sherlock, bears the burden of their rebellion. Friendless, bullied at school, he belongs nowhere and has only his wits to help him make his way. But what wits they are! His keen powers of observation are already apparent, though he is still a boy. Partly for fun, he focuses his attention on a sensational murder to see if he can solve it. But his game turns deadly serious when he finds himself the accused — and in London, they hang boys of thirteen.
First Shot	Sorrells, Walter	Two years ago, David Crandall's mother was murdered—and with little evidence, no witnesses, and no motive, the crime was left unsolved. Now a high school senior, David is unable to shake the sense that someone knows more than they're letting on. His suspicion deepens as he uncovers clues to a scandalous family secret involving embezzlement.
Ghosts of Albion: Accursed	Benson, Amber	Siblings William and Tamara Swift are the Protectors of Albion, imbued with supernatural powers and the ability to see ghosts, most notably the spectral trio who aids them--Bodicea, Lord Byron, and Admiral Nelson. A new threat is rising, one so powerful that even Oblis, the demon possessing the Swifts' father, senses it.
Judgment Ridge: The True Story Behind the Dartmouth Murders	Zuckoff, Mitchell	In January, 2001, Half and Susanne Zantop, popular professors at Dartmouth College, were murdered in their home in New Hampshire. Clever detective work linked knife sheaths found at the scene to a pair of teen-agers, Robert Tulloch and Jim Parker, who lived in an isolated Vermont town thirty miles away. Confronted by police, the boys fled; eventually, they were tracked down in Indiana. Parker, the sidekick, struck a plea bargain that may free him in sixteen years, but Tulloch pleaded guilty and received a sentence of life without parole. Zuckoff and Lehr, who covered the case for the Boston Globe, examine in fascinating detail the ordinariness of the boys' grudges—typical high-school controversies about the student council and the debate team—and how, in Tulloch's twisted mind, the idea of random killing became an obsession.

Looking for JJ	Cassidy, Anne	Three children walked away from the cottages on the edge of town toward Berwick Waters. Later that day, only two of them came back. . . .Alice Tully knows exactly what happened that spring day six years ago, though it's still hard for her to believe it. She'll never be able to forget, even though she's trying to lead a normal life--she has a job, friends, and a boyfriend whom she adores. But Alice's past is dangerous, and violent, and sad . . . and it's about to rip her new life apart. A gripping and emotionally searing novel by accomplished British author Anne Cassidy, Looking for JJ infuses a terrifying subject with humanity and hope.
Lulu Dark and Summer of the Fox	Madison, Bennett	Once again Lulu Dark, reluctant girl detective, finds herself in the middle of an increasingly complicated Halo City mystery.
Madapple	Meldrum, Christina	Aslaug lives in isolation; the flowers and plants that her mother, Maren, uses to make their lives possible are more real to her than the outside world. Then Maren dies, and Aslaug makes her way to the nearby Maine town, where she finds her aunt Sara and teenage cousins Susanne and Rune.
Me, the Missing, and the Dead	Valentine, Jenny	Lucas feels surrounded by the missing: his sister avoids home, his mother is absorbed in a midlife crisis, his grandfather has dementia, and his journalist father went missing years ago. With so many ghostlike family members, it's not surprising that Lucas begins to sense a connection with the dead. While waiting in a London office lobby, a funeral urn draws his attention, and he feels an overpowering urge to know the person inside. A string of ensuing coincidences tie him—and his father—to the deceased, Violet, a famous pianist.
Murder on Bank Street: A Gaslight Mystery	Thompson, Victoria	In the four years since her husband's death, midwife Sarah Brandt has become an angel of mercy in the tenements of turn-of-the-century New York. Now, Detective Sergeant Frank Malloy has taken up the task of solving the murder of Dr. Tom Brandt. But the shocking revelation he discovers may destroy Sarah—and Malloy's hopes for any future with her.
Mystic River	Lehane, Dennis	Back in the seventies, two boys from the Flats, wily Jimmy Marcus and sad-eyed Dave Boyle, hung around with Sean Devine, who lived twelve blocks away in what passed for a better neighborhood. This Chanderlesque novel really starts when their paths cross again: Sean's a cop, Jimmy's daughter is dead, and Dave's a suspect. Lehane's theme is inevitability: once fate has its markers in place, it doesn't fool around. A sense of foreboding provokes the book's best heart-in-your-mouth effects, but the assignment of blame is clear long before the final pages.
No Choirboy: Murder, Violence, and Teenagers on Death Row	Kuklin, Susan	No Choirboy takes readers inside America's prisons, and allows inmates sentenced to death as teenagers to speak for themselves. In their own voices—raw and uncensored—they talk about their lives in prison, and share their thoughts and feelings about how they ended up there. Susan Kuklin also gets inside the system, exploring capital punishment itself and the intricacies and inequities of criminal justice in the United States.
Not Quite Dead	Gray, John	A deep streak of black humor and an imaginative plot make for another rich read from the talented Gray.
Paranoid Park	Nelson, Blake	In a compelling voice, the 16-year-old narrator tells how he got into the mess he is in. He is heavy into skateboarding, so when he gets a chance to visit sketchy Paranoid Park, where the rougher element skates, he is so there.
Rat Life	Arnold, Tedd	Readers will sympathize with Todd, a creative, sensitive boy who helps his parents run a motel in upstate New York and dreams of becoming a writer. When he crosses paths with Rat, a moody young Vietnam veteran, he gets a job at the drive-in theater where Rat works, and finds himself fascinated by the young man, who is compelling but possibly dangerous.

Scorpia	Horowitz, Anthony	After being told that his father was an assassin for a criminal organization, fourteen-year-old Alex goes to Italy to find out more and becomes involved in a plan to kill thousands of English schoolchildren.
Sunflower	Powers, Margaret	In this riveting debut, a female detective and single mother in a small Wisconsin town pursues a serial killer of little girls, only to discover that he intends "her" to be his last victim.
The Angel of Death	Ferguson, Alane	Cameryn Mahoney, the teenaged forensic detective from <i>The Christopher Killer</i> (Viking, 2006), continues her adventures as assistant to her father, the county coroner of Silverton, CO. Her latest case involves the death of a favorite teacher, whose body is found by her classmate Kyle.
The Christopher Killer	Ferguson, Alane	When aspiring forensic pathologist Cameryn Mahoney convinces her father, the county coroner of Silverton, CO, to hire her as his assistant, she has no idea that one of the first deaths she will investigate will be that of her friend, Rachel Geller.
The Circle of Blood: A Forensic Mystery	Ferguson, Alane	Back in her third Forensic Mystery, Cameryn, 17, is still helping out her father as coroner's assistant, observing all the gruesome procedural details in preparation for a career as medical examiner. As in previous books, Cameryn and readers will learn multiple facts about dead people and forensic medicine, but this time Cammie's attention is divided: her mother may be involved in the murder of a 14-year-old girl. Cameryn definitely isn't the warmest of characters, though readers can't help but respect her dedication.
The Da Vinci Code- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Brown, Dan	While in Paris on business, Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon receives an urgent late-night phone call: the elderly curator of the Louvre has been murdered inside the museum. Near the body, police have found a baffling cipher. While working to solve the enigmatic riddle, Langdon is stunned to discover it leads to a trail of clues hidden in the works of Da Vinci -- clues visible for all to see -- yet ingeniously disguised by the painter.
The Devil's Right Hand	Rhoades, J D	When H&H is required to track down a lifelong loser for jumping bail on a routine burglary collar, Keller has no idea how gravely events are about to spiral out of his control.
The Edge: A Superintendent Mike Yeadings Mystery	Curzon, Clare	Awoken in the middle of the night by a banging barn door, farm manager Ned Barton braves the storm to investigate. Inside, he finds the mutilated body of a woman displayed like a sacrificial trophy on bales of straw.
The First Wave	Benn, James R.	Lieutenant Billy Boyle reluctantly accompanies Major Samuel Harding, his boss, in the first boat to land on the shores of Algeria during the Allied invasion. Their task is to arrange the surrender of the Vichy French forces. But there is dissension between the regular army, the local militia, and De Gaulle's Free French. American black marketers in league with the enemy divert medical supplies to the Casbah, leading to multiple murders that Billy must solve while trying to rescue the girl he loves, a captured British spy.
The Floating Girl	Massey, Sujata	Rei Shimura thinks she'll have the column of a lifetime if she interviews a hot new comic book artist--until the artist and his best friend turn up dead. The situation is anything but comic as Shimura's search for the killer takes her through the sleazy parts of Tokyo.
The Husband	Koontz, Dean	A suspenseful kidnapping as only Koontz can capture our imaginations.

The Keeper of Dreams	Ford, Peter Shann	Australia's ancient Aboriginal traditions and myths prove to be both powerful and real in <i>The Keeper of Dreams</i> , a deeply involving and evocative thriller in which contemporary greed confronts age-old taboos. Deep in the central desert of the Australian Outback, a sacred stone that contains codes and carvings of an Aboriginal group's most powerful creation stories is stolen. If the stone is not recovered and the thieves not punished, Aboriginal elders know their people will die. And so, one by one, the three men who carried out the theft fall victim to an ancient justice, a ritual in which the victim is literally "sung" to death.
The Lighthouse	James, P.D.	Combe Island off the Cornish coast has a bloodstained history of piracy and cruelty but now, privately owned, it offers respite to over-stressed men and women in positions of high authority who require privacy and guaranteed security. But the peace of Combe is violated when one of the distinguished visitors is bizarrely murdered.
The Savage Detectives	Bolano, Roberto	In this dazzling novel, the book that established his international reputation, Roberto Bolaño tells the story of two modern-day Quixotes--the last survivors of an underground literary movement, perhaps of literature itself--on a tragicomic quest through a darkening, entropic universe: our own. <i>The Savage Detectives</i> is an exuberant, raunchy, wildly inventive, and ambitious novel from one of the greatest Latin American authors of our age.
The Thief Lord	Funke, Cornelia Caroline	Prosper and Bo are orphans on the run from their cruel aunt and uncle. The brothers decide to hide out in Venice, where they meet a mysterious character who calls himself the "Thief Lord." Brilliant and charismatic, the Thief Lord leads a ring of street children who dabble in petty crimes. Prosper and Bo relish being part of this colorful new family. But the Thief Lord has secrets of his own. And soon the boys are thrust into circumstances that will lead them, and readers, to a fantastic, spellbinding conclusion.
True Notebooks	Salzman, Mark	When Mark Salzman is invited to visit a writing class at Central Juvenile Hall, a lockup for Los Angeles's most violent teenage offenders, he scrambles for a polite reason to decline. He goes -- expecting the worst -- and is so astonished by what he finds that he becomes a teacher there himself. <i>True Notebooks</i> is an account of Salzman's first years teaching at Central. Through it, we come to know his students as he did: in their own words.
While They Slept: An Inquiry Into the Murder of a Family	Harrison, Kathryn	Kathryn Harrison has clearly done her research. She gained the trust of both Billy and Jody, which resulted in multiple interviews and access to their personal papers. The narrative fairly buzzes with warmth and concern for the siblings. However, some critics, deeming it intrusive and pompous, took issue with Harrison's frequent habit of inserting her own painful past into the story.

Nonfiction – Expand Your Knowledge!

America's Song: the Story of "Yankee Doodle"	Murray, Stuart	A fascinating and stirring study of "Yankee Doodle" from its inception during the 17th century when the Dutch settled in the New Netherlands (New York) to the Civil War. The tune's title joins a corruption of the Dutch word "Jankee," which means Johnny, with the term "Doodle," for fool. Thus, what began as verse of ridicule against the English evolved into a vigorous refrain sung by Colonists during the American Revolution as an anthem of bravado.
Animal, Vegetable, Miracle- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Kingsolver, Barbara	Barbara Kingsolver describes her family's adventure as they move to a farm in southern Appalachia and spend a year on a locally-produced diet, realigning their lives with the local food chain. In that year, they find themselves eager to move away from the typical food scenario of American families: a refrigerator packed with processed, factory-farmed foods transported long distances using nonrenewable fuels, and in their search for another way to eat and live, they begin to recover what Kingsolver considers our nation's lost appreciation for farms and the natural processes of food production.
Chasing Science at Sea: Racing Hurricanes, Stalking Sharks, and Living Undersea with Ocean Experts	Prager, Ellen, J.	Going into the field is an exciting, challenging, and inspiring part of doing ocean science; it is also essential,' writes Prager, currently chief scientist of the undersea research station Aquarius Reef Base. Using anecdotes from colleagues and from her own career, she succeeds in showing the reader that doing science can be both fun and thrilling, especially when it involves work in and on the ocean.
Dog Talk: Lessons Learned from a Life with Dogs	Forbes, Harrison	Beginning with Lex, a German Shepherd that attacked its owner's wife, Forbes chronicles the challenges and victories of rehabilitating and living with aggressive dogs that others would have given up on. Forbes doesn't offer a program for dog training, but readers will benefit from his insights on the importance of a consistent training regimen and his approach to managing aggression.
Einstein 1905 : The Standard of Greatness	Rigden, John S	For Albert Einstein, 1905 was a remarkable year. It was also a miraculous year for the history and future of science. In six short months, from March through September of that year, Einstein published five papers that would transform our understanding of nature.
Fast Food Nation	Schlosser, Eric	Fast Food Nation is a groundbreaking work of investigation that will show you how one industry has changed the face of America and the world. It works in a multitude of courses from history, sociology and business to composition, health and nutrition - and beyond.
Freakonomics- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Levitt, Steven D. & Dubner, Stephen J.	We think we know how the world operates, but we really don't. Freakonomics uses the science of economics and concrete data to challenge our assumptions about everything. You'll walk away with not only a few good party tidbits, but also a more critical eye to many things presented as fact.
Gone Tomorrow : The Hidden Life of Garbage	Rogers, Heather	After completing her 2002 documentary film of the same name, Rogers realized there was much more to garbage than would fit on the screen. She focuses on household waste--rather than industrial, agricultural and so on--because that is the interface with average people. Her topics include the waste stream, rationalized waste, the sanitary landfill, waste and environmentalism, and the corporatization of garbage.
Guinea Pig Scientists : Bold Self-Experimenters in Science and Medicine	Dendy, Leslie and Mel Boring	Stories of ten men and women, from the 1770s to the present, who devoted their lives, and sometimes risked them, to answer some of the big questions in science and medicine.

Guitar: An American life	Brooks, Tim	Brookes, a regular commentator on National Public Radio, traces the history of the guitar in America, from its arrival with the conquistadors to the present day. He also considers the instrument's cultural role as a symbol for ideals such as freedom, youthful sexuality, and protest. Interspersed with the historical narrative are essays describing step-by-step the creation of the author's custom Vermont cherry "dream guitar" by luthier Rick Davis.
Hell and High Water	Romm, Joe	A scathing critique of our current climate policy and a passionate call to demand action on global warming now - before it is too late.
Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution and How It Can Renew America-Also available in audio format from LION	Friedman, Thomas L.	Friedman has explored the perils and potential of our increasingly globalized world with a prophet's fervor and insight. In Hot, Flat, and Crowded, he's taking on one of Earth's most pressing problems the climate crisis and arguing that in saving the world, America can also save itself.
How to Read Literature Like a Professor	Foster, Thomas C.	What does it mean when a fictional hero takes a journey? Shares a meal? Gets drenched in a sudden rain shower? Too many students come to college unprepared to read literature. They've only skimmed the surface of a novel so they can pass a quiz or write a simple book report. Many don't understand that there is much more going on between the lines. Through this lively and entertaining guide to literature, you will start to get more out of reading, simply by learning to read literature with the eyes of the ultimate professional reader, you - the college professor.
I'll Fly Away: Further Testimonies from the Women of York Prison	Lamb, Wally, ed.	Excellent anthology of writing by women in prison who took part in Wally Lamb's writing classes. Several of the most touching pieces are by young women serving long sentences for crimes committed at very young ages. Great reading for anyone interested in social justice issues.
Invisible Allies : Microbes That Shape Our Lives	Farrell, Jeanette	Farrell now offers a fascinating, broad-ranging and imminently readable book on the beneficial roles of microbes. After stating some amazing facts about microbes and advising readers against "running, somewhat futilely, for a bar of soap," the introduction provides a vivid picture of Antony van Leeuwenhoek's discovery of microorganisms in 1676. The chapters that follow consider beneficial microbes in the production of bread, cheese, and chocolate as well as their vital role in the gut, where they break down certain foods, kill harmful microbes, and enable certain genes in the intestines to maximize digestion.
Letters to a young teacher	Kozol, Jonathan	Forty years ago, Death at an Early Age catapulted Kozol into national prominence as a compassionate yet clearheaded observer of the rotten state of American education. His latest book reviews many of the basic issues he has spent his life exploring through teaching and writing. Here, he cleverly weaves his observations—as well as a thinly disguised biographical memoir—into a series of 16 letters written to Francesca, a first-grade teacher at an inner-city public school in Boston.
Life of Pi-Also available in audio format from LION	Martel, Yann	Yann Martel's imaginative Life of Pi is a magical reading experience, an endless blue expanse of storytelling about adventure, survival, and ultimately, faith. The precocious son of a zookeeper, 16-year-old Pi Patel is raised in Pondicherry, India, where he tries on various faiths for size, attracting "religions the way a dog attracts fleas." Planning a move to Canada, his father packs up the family and their menagerie and they hitch a ride on an enormous freighter. After a harrowing shipwreck, Pi finds himself adrift in the Pacific Ocean, trapped on a 26-foot lifeboat with a wounded zebra, a spotted hyena, a seasick orangutan, and a 450-pound Bengal tiger named Richard Parker.

Ophelia Speaks: Adolescent Girls Write About Their Search for Self	Shandler, Sara	At age sixteen, Sara Shandler read Mary Pipher's Reviving Ophelia, the national bestseller that candidly explored the unique issues that challenge girls in their struggle toward womanhood. Moved by Pipher's insight yet driven to hear the unfiltered voices of today's adolescent girls, Shandler yearned to speak for herself, and to provide a forum for other Ophelias to do so as well. A poignant collection of original pieces selected from more than eight hundred contributions, Ophelia Speaks culls writings from the hearts of girls nationwide, of various races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds.
Pencil: A History of Design and Circumstance	Petroski, Henry	In this age of the computer, Petroski's delightful, elegant history of the lowly pencil is a mind-sharpener, a revelation. The pencil's slow evolution from metallic-lead stylus paralleled the growth of engineering prior to the Industrial Revolution.
Spelling Love With An X: A Mother, A Son, and the Gene That Binds Them	Dunsford, Clare	Clare Dunsford is the mother of a twenty-one-year old son with Fragile X syndrome, the most common inherited cause of mental retardation. Spelling Love with an X is the first literary memoir about living with Fragile X, which affects the lives of over a million people in the U.S., including those with the full mutation, their families, and treatment professionals.
Split	Chin, Ava	Today's hottest Gen X writers share their personal reflections on growing up as children of divorce An anthology of intimate personal accounts by hip young journalists and writers in their 20s and 30s, Split will be a source of insight, comfort, and healing for all those who were children of divorce.
Starbucked: A Double Tall Tale of Caffeine, Commerce, and Culture	Clark, Taylor	<i>Starbucked</i> will be the first book to explore the incredible rise of the Starbucks Corporation and the caffeine-crazy culture that fueled its success. Part Fast Food Nation, part Bobos in Paradise, STARBUCKED combines investigative heft with witty cultural observation in telling the story of how the coffeeshop movement changed our everyday lives, from our evolving neighborhoods and workplaces to the ways we shop, socialize, and self-medicate.
Stiff	Roach, Mary	The curious lives of human cadavers.
Switching Time: A Doctor's Harrowing Story of Treating a Woman With 17 Personalities	Baer, Richard K.	One afternoon in 1989, Karen Overhill walks into psychiatrist Richard Baer's office complaining of vague physical pains and depression. Odder still, she reveals that she's suffering from a persistent memory problem. Routinely, she "loses" parts of her day, finding herself in places she doesn't remember going to or being told about conversations she doesn't remember having. Her problems are so pervasive that she often feels like an impersonator in her own life.
Tales from the Morgue: Forensic Answers To Nine Famous Cases Including the Scott Peterson & Chandra Levy Cases	Wecht, Cyril H	Pathologist Wecht and communications counsel Curriden, with help from freelance publicist Angela Powell, take readers along on the job with a forensic pathologist, from examining the body at the death scene and into the morgue to recognize, collect, and analyze all that may ultimately lead to the conviction of the assailant and the exoneration of the wrongly accused. Other famous cases they cover are John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe.
Tell Me Where It Hurts: A Day of Humor, Healing, and Hope In My Life As an Animal Surgeon	Trout, Nick	Considering becoming a veterinarian. Trout, a staff surgeon at Boston's Angell Animal Medical Center, has exactly the traits that any pet owner would wish to find in a vet: he's smart, sensitive .
The Dangerous Book for Boys-Also available in audio format from LION	Iggulden, Conn	The Dangerous Book is a guide book for dads as well as their sons, as a reminder of lore and technique that have not yet been completely lost to the digital age. Recall the adventures of Scott of the Antarctic and the Battle of the Somme, relearn how to palm a coin, tan a skin, and, most charmingly, wrap a package in brown paper and string. The book's ambitions are both modest and winningly optimistic: you get the sense that by learning how to place a splint or write in invisible ink, a boy might be prepared for anything, even girls (which warrant a small but wise chapter of their own).

The Daring Book for Girls	Buchanan, Andrea J.	The Daring Book for Girls is the manual for everything that girls need to know—and that doesn't mean sewing buttonholes! Whether it's female heroes in history, secret note-passing skills, science projects, friendship bracelets, double Dutch, cats cradle, the perfect cartwheel or the eternal mystery of what boys are thinking, this book has it all.
The Gatekeepers	Steinberg, Jacques	Inside the admissions process of a premier college.
The Immortal Game	Shenk, David	A history of chess or how 32 carved pieces on a board illuminated our understanding of war, art, science and the human brain.
The Lightness of Being: Mass, Ether, and the Unification of Forces	Wilkes, Frank	In this excursion to the outer limits of particle physics, Wilkes explores what quarks and gluons, which compose protons and neutrons, reveal about the manifestation of mass and gravity.
The Living Planet	Attenborough	An excellent book regarding the awe of nature's wildlife in a range of habitats from polar wastes to pristine jungle to the deep sea. For those interested in nature, biology, ecology or botany.
The New Brain: How the Modern Age Is Rewiring Your Mind	Restack, Richard	Once a mysterious, hidden organ locked within our skulls, modern brain science now provides us with insights about the brain that only a few decades ago would have been considered the stuff of science fiction. We can now study the brain in "real time," witnessing how it functions while taking a test, practicing a craft, experiencing an emotion, or making a decision. Brain tests can even indicate when we're telling the truth or when we're lying. Dr. Richard Restack reports from the frontiers of modern brain science and asks the relevant questions such as, is Attention Deficit Disorder the brain syndrome of the future?
The Scent of Desire: Discovering Our Enigmatic Sense of Smell	Hers, Rachel	The first and definitive book on the psychology of smell, <i>The Scent of Desire</i> traces the importance of smell in our lives, from nourishment to procreation to our relationships with the people closest to us and the world at large. Smell was the very first sense to evolve and is located in the same part of the brain that processes emotion, memory, and motivation. To our ancestors, the sense of smell wasn't just important, it was crucial to existence and it remains so today. Our emotional, physical, even sexual lives are profoundly shaped by both our reactions to and interpretations of different smells.
The World Is Flat- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Friedman, Thomas L.	The World Is Flat is a timely and essential update on globalization, its successes and discontents.
Understanding Comics	McCloud, Scott	Already a favorite in such varied courses as writing and film edition, <u>Making Comics</u> shows students the ins and outs of narrative thinking. Every medium should be lucky enough to have a taxonomist as brilliant as McCloud. The follow-up to his pioneering <i>Understanding Comics</i> ... isn't really about how to draw comics: it's about how to make drawings become a story and how cartooning choices communicate meaning to readers.
You Are a Dog: Life Through the Eyes of Man's Best Friend	Bain, Terry	A hilarious, captivating commentary that gives us--finally--a true dog's-eye view of the world.
Science Fiction and Fantasy		

A Great and Terrible Beauty	Bray, Libber	After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gamma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.
A Hat Full of Sky	Pritchett, Terry	Tiffany Aching, a young witch-in-training, learns about magic and responsibility as she battles a disembodied monster with the assistance of the six-inch-high Wee Free Men and Mistress Weather wax, the greatest witch in the world.
A War of Gifts: An Ender Story	Card, Orson Scott	Card has taken the venerable SF concepts of a superman and an interstellar war against aliens, and, with superb characterization, pacing, and language, combined them into a seamless story of compelling power."--Booklist on Ender's Game
Air Apparent	Anthony, Piers	When the Good Magician Humphrey's son Hugo suddenly vanishes, his disappearance sets in motion a series of madcap misadventures that send a collection of colorful characters on a perilous pair of parallel quests. Among them are Debra, a pretty young girl beset by an obnoxious curse; Hugo's beloved wife Wire, whose sightlessness is balanced by a talent for sensitivity, Happy and Fray, a pair of sprightly storm-spirits; Nimbus, the Demon Xanthus own son; and the mysterious outlaw known as the Random Factor.
Airborne-Also available in audio format from LION	Opel, Kenneth	Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.
Basilisk	Brown, N. M.	Two teens who discover they are sharing the same dream of dragons fight to stop the evil dictator from bringing their dreams to life in the form of a terrible basilisk with the power to literally scare people to death.
Black Water	Machala, DÉJÀ.	Just when fifteen-year-old Bobby thinks he understands his purpose as a Traveler--to protect the territories of Halle from the evil Saint Dane--he is faced with an impossible choice.
Book of a thousand days	Hale, Shannon	When Dash, a maid, and Lady Saran, her mistress, are shut in a tower for seven years for Saran's refusal to marry a man she despises, the two prepare for a very long and dark imprisonment. As food runs low and the days go from broiling hot to freezing cold, it is all Dash can do to keep them fed and comfortable. But the arrival outside the tower of Saran's two suitors - one welcome, and the other decidedly less so-brings hope and great danger, and Dash must make the desperate choices of a girl whose life is worth more than she knows.
Bruising, or, The Seven Promises of Aragon Shades layer and Sapphire Bjartskular	Paolini, Christopher	The much-anticipated third book in Paolini's Inheritance Cycle continues to rely heavily on classic fantasy tropes. The novel launches with magician and Dragon Rider Eragon, his cousin Roran and the dragon Saphira on a quest to rescue Roran's betrothed. The cousins soon split up, and Roran undergoes his own series of heroic tests, culminating in a well-choreographed and intense fight against an Urgal (a ram-human hybrid).
Coraline	Gaiman, Neil	Coraline lives with her preoccupied parents in part of a huge old house--a house so huge that other people live in it, too. Coraline contents herself for weeks with exploring the vast garden and grounds. But with a little rain she becomes bored--so bored that she begins to count everything blue (153), the windows (21), and the doors (14). And it is the 14th door that--sometimes blocked with a wall of bricks--opens up for Coraline into an entirely alternate universe.
Crossroads of twilight (Or any title in Wheel of Time series including Winter's Heart and Knife of Dreams)	Jordan, Robert	In the tenth book of the Wheel of Time the world and the characters stand at a crossroads, and the world approaches twilight, when the power of the Shadow grows stronger. Fleeing from Ebou Dar with the kidnapped Daughter of the Nine Moons, whom he is fated to marry, Mat Cauthon learns that he can neither keep her nor let her go, not in safety for either of them, for both the Shadow and the might of the Seanchan Empire are in deadly pursuit.

Crusade	Anderson, Taylor	The second adventure of Lieutenant Commander Matthew Reddy and the good crew of Asiatic Fleet destroyer Walker—swept from World War II into an alternate world as violent as the one they left—is even better than the excellent <i>Into the Storm</i> (2008). They and their catlike Lemurian allies sail to rescue a nearby kingdom threatened by the lizard like Grik.
Dragon fire	McCaffrey, Anne	The story is set in the same time period as <i>Dragon's Kin</i> (Del Rey, 2003), the second Interval after landing, but has a different focus. The colonists are preparing for the next 50-year pass of the Red Star and the start of Thread, a mindless killer that falls from the skies destroying all organic material in its path. To combat this threat, the dragons must chew firestone to burn Thread from the sky. However, the mining of the firestone is difficult-any drop of moisture makes it explode, and it has killed countless dragons and miners.
Dragon's Keep	Carey, Janet Lee	Far away on Wilde Island, Princess Rosalind is born with a dragon claw where her ring finger should be. To hide this secret, the queen forces her to wear gloves at all times until a cure can be found, and Rosalind can fulfill the prophecy that will restore her family to its rightful throne. But Rosalind's flaw cannot be separated from her fate. When she is carried off by the dragon, everything she thought she knew falls apart ...
Eldest- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Paolini, Christopher	The land of Alagaesia is suffering under the Empire of the wicked Galbatorix, and Eragon and his dragon Saphira, last of the Riders, are the only hope. But Eragon is young and has much to learn, and so he is sent off to the eleven forest city of Ellesmera, where he and Saphira are tutored in magic, battle skills, and the ancient language by the wise former Rider Oromis and his elderly dragon Glaedr. Meanwhile, back at Carvahall, Eragon's home, his cousin Roran is the target of a siege by the hideous Ra'zac, and he must lead the villagers on a desperate escape over the mountains.
Epic	Kostick, Conor	On New Earth, society is governed and conflicts are resolved in the arena of a fantasy computer game, Epic. If you win, you have the chance to fulfill your dreams; if you lose, your life both in and out of the game is worth nothing. When teenage Erik dares to subvert the rules of Epic, he and his friends must face the Committee. If Erik and his friends win, they may have the key to destroying the Committee's tyranny. But if they lose ...
Eragon- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Paolini, Christopher	Beautifully written and taut with suspense, Eragon is the first installment in an epic fantasy trilogy about a 15-year-old farm boy who discovers his destiny as a Dragon Rider.
Extras	Westerfeld, Scott	It's a few years after rebel Tally Youngblood took down the uglies/pretties/specials regime. Without those strict roles and rules, the world is in a complete cultural renaissance. "Tech-heads" flaunt their latest gadgets, "kickers" spread gossip and trends, and "surge monkeys" are hooked on extreme plastic surgery. And it's all monitored on a bazillion different cameras. The world is like a gigantic game of <i>American Idol</i> . Whoever is getting the most buzz gets the most votes. Popularity rules.
Feed	Anderson, M. T.	This brilliantly ironic satire is set in a future world where television and computers are connected directly into people's brains when they are babies. The result is a chillingly recognizable consumer society where empty-headed kids are driven by fashion and shopping and the avid pursuit of silly entertainment-even on trips to Mars and the moon-and by constant customized murmurs in their brains of encouragement to buy, buy, buy.
Firestorm	Klass, David	The story is set in the same time period as <i>Dragon's Kin</i> (Del Rey, 2003), the second Interval after landing, but has a different focus. The colonists are preparing for the next 50-year pass of the Red Star and the start of Thread, a mindless killer that falls from the skies destroying all organic material in its path. To combat this threat, the dragons must chew firestone to burn Thread from the sky. However, the mining of the firestone is difficult-any drop of moisture makes it explode, and it has killed countless dragons and miners.

Foxmask	Marillier, Juliet	The Norseman, Eyvind, a fierce and loyal Wolfskin, came to a new land on top of the world to find his destiny. With his priestess bride, Nessa, he saved the land and weathered the treachery that was caused by Eyvind's blood-sworn friend, Somerled. After much pain and sorrow the two lovers have created a society where the Norse warriors and the gentlefolk of the Orkney Isles live and thrive in contentment at last. A decade and more has passed since the settlement, and Eyvind and Nessa have watched their children grow and thrive in peace. But not all on the islands are content or at peace.
Freaks	Klause, Annette	Set in a turn-of-the-century carnival, this new work from the author of "Blood and Chocolate" tells the story of a normal boy whose parents perform with other "abnormalities of nature." Determined to make a life for himself outside the freak show, Abel Dandy finds fortune and romance in the most unexpected places.
Freewalker	Foon, Dennis	In this evocative, mythic, and powerful second novel in The Longlight Legacy, Dennis Foon again displays his great originality and unstoppable imagination. One year has passed since Roan, Alandra, and the children escaped from the Brothers.
Graceling	Cashore, Kristin	Feared as a killer since her childhood, Lady Katsa uses her unusual Grace (superhuman gift) in the service of her uncle, King Randa. She is beginning to rebel against his orders to kill or maim his more disloyal subjects when her path crosses that of Po. A young foreign prince with a mysterious Grace as well as wisdom beyond his years, Po convinces Katsa that she can stand up to the brutal king and put her gift to better uses.
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows		The seventh and final book in J.K. Rowling's magical Harry Potter series, was released on July 21, 2007. Enjoy it as one of your summer reading selections!
Igraine the Brave	Funke, Cornelia Caroline	The author of Princess Knight (2004) offers a longer tale along the same lines, here in its first English translation. Uninterested in becoming a magician like her parents and older brother, Igraine delights in feats of arms.
Ink Exchange	Marr, Melissa	The new peace between the Summer King and the Winter Queen isn't good for everyone: those of the Dark Court, who feed on faeries' destructive emotions, are dangerously weakened. Irial, King of the Dark Court, needs a solution, and he finds one in the Summer Queen's mortal friend Leslie. Tormented by memories of abuse, Leslie wants nothing more than to reclaim her body by getting a tattoo, but the enchanted design she selects provides Irial with a direct link to mortals' emotions.
Inkheart-Also available in audio format from LION		Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.
Invincible	Denning, Troy	No war can last forever. Now, in the long and punishing battle between the defiant champions of the New Jedi Order and the juggernaut that is the Galactic Alliance, the endgame is finally at hand. With so much lost—and nothing less than the course of the future still at stake—there can be no turning back. No matter the consequences.
Ironside: A Modern Faery's Tale	Black, Holly	Finding your place in the world is no picnic at the best of times, but pixie changeling Kaye finds it tougher than most. And no wonder: her boyfriend has been crowned king of the Unseelie Court and her best friend suffers from a faery's curse.
Jumper: A Griffin's Story	Gould, Steven	"The theme of Steven Gould's Jumper is, quite literally, escape. The first half of Jumper has a charm and bounce that carry the reader past the implausibilities inherent in the premise—imagine a Holden Caulfield with the power of life or death over the jerks and phonies." --The New York Times Book Review

Keturah and Lord Death	Leavitt, Martine	The romance is intense, the writing is startling, and the story is spellbinding--and it is as difficult to turn away from as the tales beautiful Keturah tells to the people of her village, Tide-by-Rood. But one day Keturah must use her storytelling skills with quite a different audience. Lost and hungry after following a stately harp through the forest, Keturah encounters Lord Death, who is ready to take her.
Knife of Dreams	Jordan, Robert	The dead are walking, men die impossible deaths, and it seems as though reality itself has become unstable: All are signs of the imminence of Tarmon Gai'don, the Last Battle, when Rand al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn, must confront the Dark One as humanity's only hope. But Rand dares not fight until he possesses all the surviving seals on the Dark One's prison and has dealt with the Seanchan, who threaten to overrun all nations this side of the Aryth Ocean and increasingly seem too entrenched to be fought off. But his attempt to make a truce with the Seanchan is shadowed by treachery that may cost him everything. Whatever the price, though, he must have that truce. And he faces other dangers.
Lords of Grass and Thunder	Benjamin, Curt	In this well-told fantasy set in the same Mongolia-like world as Benjamin's Seven Brothers trilogy (The Prince of Shadow, etc.), the brave yet modest Prince Tayyichiut returns home a hero from a terrible war between the gods and demons.
Magic or Madness	Larbalestier, Justine	From the Sydney, Australia home of a grandmother she believes is a witch, fifteen-year-old Reason Cansino is magically transported to New York City, where she discovers that friends and foes can be hard to distinguish.
Melusine	Monett, Sarah	Melusine - a city of secrets and lies, pleasure and pain, magic and corruption - and destinies lost and found. Felix Harrowgate is a dashing, highly respected wizard. But his aristocratic peers don't know his dark past - how his abusive former master enslaved him, body and soul, and trained him to pass as a nobleman. Within the walls of the Mirador - Melusine's citadel of power and wizardry - Felix believed he was safe. He was wrong.
Mother of Lies	Duncan, Dave	The past fifteen years have not been kind to Celebre, the greatest city on Dodec. Its security was threatened and its Doge humiliated by the evil Bloodlord Stralg Hragson. The Doge's children were kidnapped and taken over the Edge to Vigaelia. And if you think Stralg is bad, wait until you meet his sister Saltaja, a fanatic who sees no human cost as too great to keep her family in power and her goddess, the Mother of Lies, appeased.
Next-Also available in audio format from LION	Crichton, Michael	Through fake tongue-in-cheek headlines and imaginative creations like transgenic (TG) dachshund-sized pet cockroaches, Permapuppies, and deviant cacti growing human hair, Crichton gives listeners a satirical thriller with plenty to think about and more than a few giggles. Are your cells subject to eminent domain? Is genetic engineering already tinkering with transgenic animals and hybridizations? Through several stories that intersect, Dylan Baker gives one of those magical performances in which the narrator disappears and a world appears, populated by amoral biogeneticists, bounty hunters, bullies, and lawyers.
Patrimony: A Pip & Flinx Adventure	Foster, Alan Dean	In this new Pip & Flinx thriller, Alan Dean Foster displays the brilliance that has made him one of the brightest lights in science fiction. In Patrimony, fans will learn more about their favorite redhead—with emerald eyes, uncanny powers, and a poisonous minidrag—than they ever dreamed possible.
Powers	Le Guin, Ursula K.	Young Gav can remember the page of a book after seeing it once, and, inexplicably, he sometimes “remembers” things that are going to happen in the future. As a loyal slave, he must keep these powers secret, but when a terrible tragedy occurs, Gav, blinded by grief, flees the only world he has ever known. And in what becomes a treacherous journey for freedom, Gav's greatest test of all is facing his powers so that he can come to understand himself and finally find a true home.

Raven's Gate	Horowitz, Anthony	Horowitz ratchets things up a notch with the first in the Gatekeepers series about five young people who must save the world from evil. He focuses on 14-year-old Matt, a troubled orphan who is in with the wrong crowd. As punishment for being present during an assault, Matt must choose between life with off-putting Mrs. Deverill in a remote Yorkshire village, or jail. As Matt soon learns, Lesser Malling is much worse than jail, because strange and dangerous things are occurring there.
Rise of a Hero	Bell, Hilari	Although the Hrum believe their war against Farsala is nearly over, Soraya has strategic information that will help if she can reach Jiaan and Kavi and their separate resistance movements, but discord and Time's Wheel seem destined to keep them apart.
Shadow of the Giant- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Card, Orson Scott	Bean's past was a battle just to survive. He first appeared on the streets of Rotterdam, a tiny child with a mind leagues beyond anyone else's. He knew he could not survive through strength; he used his tactical genius to gain acceptance into a children's gang and then to help make that gang a template for success for all the others. He civilized them, and lived to grow older. Then he was discovered by the recruiters for the Battle School." "For Earth was at war - a terrible war with an inscrutable alien enemy.
Sir Thursday	Nix, Garth	On the fourth day there was war... Following their adventures in the Border Sea, Arthur and Leaf head for home. But only Leaf gets through the Front Door. Arthur is blocked because someone . . . or something . . . has assumed his identity and is taking over his life. Before Arthur can take action, he is drafted by Sir Thursday and forced to join the Glorious Army of the Architect. While Leaf tries to banish Arthur's doppelganger on earth, Arthur must survive his basic training, avoid getting posted to the Front and work out how he can free Part Four of the Will...
Soarer's Choice	Modesitt, L.E.	The civilization of the Alectors, which has farmed and developed all life on Corus to produce sustaining life force for their vampiric civilization, must move wholesale from one planet to another every few thousand years as it exhausts the life force of another world. This time, two worlds have been prepared, and the time is at hand for the great move.
Star wars. Allegiance- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Zahn, Timothy	Never before has the incendiary mix of action, politics, and intrigue that has become Timothy Zahn's trademark, been more evident than in this new Star Wars epic. On the heels of the stunning events chronicled in Star Wars: A New Hope, the newly minted heroes of the Rebellion—fledgling Jedi Luke Skywalker, smuggler turned reluctant freedom-fighter Han Solo, and Princess Leia Organa, a bold leader with a world to avenge—must face the harsh realities of the cataclysmic conflict into which they have so bravely plunged. From this point forward, legends will grow, treachery will abound, and lives will be irrevocably altered, in the long, hard fight to counter the fist of tyranny and restore hope to a galaxy too long in darkness.
Tender Morsels	Lanagan, Margo	After a horrific upbringing, 15-year-old Liga and her two daughters are magicked away into another world, which differs in one crucial aspect: it is utterly safe and free from surprise. In time, though, the old world intrudes upon their quiet heaven, and Liga and her daughters must face a painful reunion with reality.
The Book Without Words	Avi	Avi's name on the cover of a new novel is enough to provoke shivers of anticipation in many readers, and in this "Fable of Medieval Magic" set in eleventh-century England, shivers are certainly warranted.
The Crow	Croggon, Alison	Hem is a weary orphan whose struggle for survival ends when he is reunited with his lost sister, Maerad. But Maerad has a destiny to fulfill, and Hem is sent to the golden city of Turbansk, where he learns the ways of the Bards and befriends a mysterious white crow. When the forces of the Dark threaten, Hem flees with his protector, Saliman, and an orphan girl named Zelika to join the Light's resistance forces. It is there that Hem has a vision and learns that he, too, has a part to play in Maerad's quest to solve the Riddle of the Treesong. As THE CROW continues the epic tale begun with THE NAMING and THE RIDDLE, Alison Croggon creates a world of astounding beauty overshadowed by a terrifying darkness, a world where Maerad and Hem must prepare to wage their final battle for the Light.

The Devil's Eye	McDevitt, Jack	McDevitt fills the fourth far-future Alex Benedict adventure (after 2005's Nebula-winning Seeker) with historical details and thrilling stunts as well as sharp political allegory. When famous horror writer Vicki Greene leaves antiquities dealer Alex a desperate message and then voluntarily has her memory erased, he and his pilot companion, Chase Kolpath, follow clues literally to the end of the galaxy, where Vicky had been researching her next novel.
The Diary of Pelly D	Adlington, L. J.	When Toni V, a construction worker on a futuristic colony, finds the diary of a teenage girl whose life has been turned upside-down by holocaust-like events, he begins to question his own beliefs.
The Door Within	Batson, Wayne	When his family moves to Colorado to care for his ailing grandfather, Aidan thinks his life is ruined until he discovers three ancient scrolls in the man's basement. They tell of a world where the knights of Alleble fight to keep the warriors of Paragory from gaining dominion over the Realm.
The Dragons of Babel	Swanick, Michael	In this triumphant return to the universe of The Iron Dragon's Daughter (1994), Hugo-winner Swanick introduces Will le Fey, an orphan of uncertain parentage. After defeating an evil mechanical war dragon who has enslaved him and his village, Will finds himself displaced by war, first imprisoned in an internment camp and then transported to the many-miles-high city of Babel.
The Eternal Flame	Barron, T. A.	The magic and wizardry of Avalon.
The Execution Channel	MacLeod, Ken	In a post-9/11 world just around the corner, attacks on American soil have been followed in horrific succession by a flu pandemic, war against Iran, and an escalating wave of executions throughout the world that are televised daily on a pirate channel. Now what is apparently a tactical nuclear weapon has been detonated on an American-occupied air base in Scotland.
The Final Storm	Batson, Wayne	Still staggering under Paragor's relentless attacks, Alleble's remaining allies flee from the four corners of The Realm to safety within the Kingdom's walls. Once there they find chaos, the forces of Alleble grieving a fallen hero, and the Kingdom's citizens clinging to an ancient legend about Three Witnesses who can bring victory. But who are they? Where are they?
The Golden Cord	Genesse, Paul	The Golden Cord is book one in Paul Genesse's new The Iron Dragon Series due for release on April 16th through Five Star. The story follows Drake, a hunter and village guardian in the treacherous Thornclaw Forest. When two Drobin--dwarves known for their enslavement of humans and hated by the villagers--show up in Clifton, dragging with them a wicked Aevian Wyvern, Drake is thrust into a journey that threatens to destroy him and his family.
The Hobbit	Tolkien, J. R. R.	The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien's first and best-loved book, is set in the imaginary world of Middle-earth -- home to many strange beings, the most appealing of which are the hobbits themselves.
The Hunger Games	Collins, Suzanne	This is a grand-opening salvo in a new series by the author of the Underland Chronicles. Sixteen-year-old Katniss poaches food for her widowed mother and little sister from the forest outside the legal perimeter of District 12, the poorest of the dozen districts constituting Panem, the North American dystopic state that has replaced the U.S. in the not-too-distant future.

The Knife of Never Letting Go	Ness, Patrick	Chased by a madman preacher and possibly the rest of his townsfolk as well, young Todd Hewitt flees his settlement on a planet where war with the natives has killed all the women and infected the men with a germ that broadcasts their thoughts aloud for all to hear. This cacophonous thought-cloud is known as Noise and is rendered with startling effectiveness on the page.
The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Lewis, C. S.	When four children pass through a special wardrobe closet, they discover the kingdom of Narnia, a land of talking animals and mythical creatures.
The Minister's Daughter	Hearn, Julie	In 1645 in England, the daughters of the town minister successfully accuse a local healer and her granddaughter of witchcraft to conceal an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, but years later during the 1692 Salem trials their lie has unexpected repercussions.
The Name of the Wind	Rothfuss, Pat	From his childhood as a member of a close-knit family of the nomadic Edema Ruh to his first heady days as a student of magic at a prestigious university, humble bartender Kvothe relates the tale of how a boy beset by fate became a hero, a bard, a magician, and a legend. Rothfuss's first novel launches a trilogy relating not only the history of humankind but also the tale of a world threatened by an evil whose existence it desperately denies. The author explores the development of a person's character while examining the relationship between a legend and its reality and the truth that lies at the heart of stories.
The Ordinary	Grimsley, Jim	The Twil Gate links two very different realms. On one side of the portal is Senal, an advanced technological civilization of some thirty billion inhabitants, all cybernetically linked and at war with machine intelligences many light-years away. On the other side is Irion, a land of myth and legend, where the world is flat and mighty wizards once ruled.
The Phoenix Unchained	Lackey, Mercedes	After a thousand years of peace, much Magick has faded from the world. The Elves live far from humankind. There are no High Mages, and Wild Mages are seen only rarely. Bisochim, a powerful Wild Mage, is determined to reintroduce Darkness to the world, believing that it is out of Balance.
The Pilgrims of Rayne	MacHale, D. J.	When Bobby Pendragon first arrives on the tropical world of Ibara, he finds paradise. As he works to uncover clues about the turning point this seemingly idyllic territory will soon face, all he can determine is that the people of Ibara are blissfully happy. It's not long before Bobby discovers, however, that they are also blissfully...oblivious.
The Princess, the Crone, and the Dung-Cart Knight	Morris, Gerald	Ever since the night when her mother and guardian were murdered, Sarah has been living on her own and searching for the knight who was responsible. Her quest for revenge leads to an even greater adventure when she witnesses Queen Guinevere being kidnapped. Soon Sarah finds herself accompanying Sir Gawain and Squire Terence on a remarkable journey to rescue the Queen. In their travels they meet a mystery knight traveling incognito in a dung cart, a fairy who becomes Sarah's first friend in a long time, a reclusive monk who plans to spend the rest of his life building a tomb for Sir Lancelot, and a princess who might have a little more gumption than she appears to.
The Quest for the Trilogy: A Rover Novel of Three Adventures	Odom, Mel	The secret to protecting the civilized world from an ancient threat may lie in the pages of three books...and it is up to master librarians of the past and present to secure these pages of knowledge. Set in the years after Lord of the Libraries, young halfer Juhg is still growing into his job as Grandmagister when an ally from the past, the wizened wizard Craugh returns with warnings of an ancient threat that may resurface--the so-called "Kharrion's Wrath" which endangers the existence of the world.
The Rise of the Wyrn Lord	Batson, Wayne	The sequel to The Door Within opens a few weeks after Aidan Thomas has returned from the kingdom of Alleble, located in The Realm, where he trained to be a knight to fight the minions of the evil Paragor the Betrayer, King Eliam's nemesis.

The Sea of Trolls	Farmer, Nancy	Jack is an apprentice to the local bard, and his little sister, Lucy, believes she's a princess who will soon be rescued and returned to her castle. But it's the year 793, and fierce warriors come pillaging their village and carry the two away. Jack and Lucy must embark on a perilous journey through lands filled with trolls, dragons, giant spiders, and talking crows to get back home.
The Secret Under My Skin	McNaughton, Janet	In the year 2368, humans exist under dire environmental conditions and one young woman, rescued from a work camp and chosen for a special duty, uses her love of learning to discover the truth about the planet's future and her own dark past.
The Silver Ship and the Sea	Cooper, Brenda	Cooper's first solo novel is an engrossing tale of six young outsiders growing up on a colony planet. They were left behind as young children, descendants of a group of "altered" (genetically modified) people who landed on the planet and ultimately fought with its original colonists. Now 12 years have gone by, the "altered" children are teens, and many members of the colony are profoundly uneasy about them.
The Starry Rift: Tales of Tomorrows: An Anthology of Original Science Fiction	Strahan, Jonathan	...a feast of provocative, fully imagined science-fiction microcosms--in turn reflective, political, action-packed, and mind-bending--that do justice to the genre. -- Horn Book
The Talisman	King, Stephen	The first (1984) collaboration between horror/fantasy writers King and Straub, this book has been reissued in multiple formats to coincide with the publication of its sequel, Black House. In The Talisman, 12-year-old Jack Sawyer takes on a quest in this a quest in this and a parallel world, the Terroritories, to acquire a mystical talisman that will save the life of his dying mother and her "twiner", the Queen of the Territories.
The Tenth Power	Constable, Kate	In the final installment of this trilogy, Calwyn, who once had several of the nine singing magic powers (called chantments), has lost all of her extraordinary gifts. Bitterly, she returns to Antaris with hopes of recuperation, but instead finds that a number of the chanters have been affected with a deadly snow-sickness.
The Titan's Curse- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Riordan, Rick	Just after finding Bianca and Nico, two newly discovered half-bloods, Percy, Grover, Annabeth, and Thalia end up trapped between a helicopter and a mantichore. Artemis and her Hunters save the day, but Annabeth disappears over a cliff; then Artemis rushes off to hunt a dangerous monster. Back at Camp Half-Blood, the Oracle foretells that Artemis must be rescued and makes a prediction that bodes ill for one of their number—but which one? Percy, who is supposed to remain behind while others pursue the quest, follows in search of the missing Annabeth. Their adventures range widely across the U.S., taking them to locales that include Washington, D.C., and the deserts of the Southwest and pitting them against the usual assortment of colorful adversaries.
The Unnatural Inquirer	Green, Simon R.	John Taylor has another one of those days, beginning with a showdown at the defunct Nightside carnival between the Voodoo Apostate, the gods he tried to dominate, and Taylor. Next, a call from the editor of the Unnatural Enquirer asking Taylor to find a man who disappeared en route to deliver an afterlife recording he had just sold the rights to. Teamed with a half-succubus demon-girl reporter, Taylor visits the Nightside's key players and politics as people jockey to replace the recently destroyed authorities.
The Warrior Heir	Chima, Cinda	An apparently ordinary 16-year-old boy turns out to have magical powers that make him a target of a covert society of wizards, enchanters, and warriors called the Weir.
The Wheel of Time--any book in the series	Jordan, Robert	The Wheel of Time turns and Ages come and pass. What was, what will be, and what is, may yet fall under the Shadow. Let the Dragon ride again on the winds of time.

The Wizard	Wolfe, Gene	A novel in two volumes, <i>The Wizard Knight</i> is in the rare company of those works which move past the surface of fantasy and drink from the wellspring of myth. Magic swords, dragons, giants, quests, love, honor, nobility—all the familiar features of fantasy come to fresh life in this masterful work.
The Wizard Heir	Chima, Cinda Williams	Sixteen-year-old orphan Seph McCauley is a wizard, one of the Weir, an underground magical society first introduced in companion novel <i>The Warrior Heir</i> (2006). But Seph has had no wizard training, and magical mishaps occur wherever he goes. When one such accident causes a death, Seph is sent to the Havens, an exclusive boys' school in rural Maine, where he finds the Alumni—a student group of wizards led by Headmaster Leicester. Seph is excited to explore his gifts, but when Leicester attempts to initiate him with a terrifying blood ritual, the teen realizes that this training may cost his soul.
Touching Darkness	Westerfeld, Scott	In the town of Bixby, anyone born at midnight has access to a secret hour. The hour is also inhabited by dark creatures that prey on man. The first volume ended as one young midnighter discovers her midnighter power as a Lightbringer. It is now two weeks later. Now that the Midnighters have a powerful new weapon to use against the darklings trouble arises from a completely different direction.
Tracing the shadow	Ash, Sarah	Homeless denizens of Seattle's Pioneer Square are turning up dead and sometimes mutilated, but the police have no sense of urgency, given the victims' status. Which leaves PI Harper Blaine to investigate. Having returned from the dead, she isn't quite as human as she once was.
Trickster's Choice	Pierce, Tamora	Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy.
Unwind	Shusterman, Neal	In a society where unwanted teens are salvaged for their body parts, three runaways fight the system that would "unwind" them. Connor's parents want to be rid of him because he's a troublemaker. Risa has no parents and is being unwound to cut orphanage costs. Lev's unwinding has been planned since his birth, as part of his family's strict religion. Brought together by chance, and kept together by desperation, these three unlikely companions make a harrowing cross-country journey, knowing their lives hang in the balance. If they can survive until their eighteenth birthday, they can't be harmed -- but when every piece of them, from their hands to their hearts, are wanted by a world gone mad, eighteen seems far, far away.
Voices	LeGuin, Ursula	The year Memer was born, a foreign army overthrew her city's elected government, declared the written word demonic, and destroyed every book it could find. Seventeen years later, possession of books is still punishable by death, and Memer and her mentor, the Waylord, are the protectors of a hidden library and the intermediaries of an oracle within it.
Wildwood Dancing	Marillier, Juliet	High in the Transylvanian woods, at the castle Piscul Draculi, live five daughters and their doting father. It's an idyllic life for Jena, the second eldest, who spends her time exploring the mysterious forest with her constant companion, a most unusual frog. But best by far is the castle's hidden portal, known only to the sisters. Every Full Moon, they alone can pass through it into the enchanted world of the Other Kingdom. There they dance through the night with the fey creatures of this magical realm.
Sports		
A Home On the Field	Cuadros, Paul	How one soccer championship team inspires hope for revival in a small town.

A Race Like No Other: 26.2 Miles Through The Streets of New York	Robbins, Liz	Robbins, who covers sports for the New York Times, offers a vivid, winning portrait of the New York City Marathon, now the largest in the world with nearly 40,000 participants. “It’s like a Cecil B. DeMille movie because it’s on such a huge, epic scale,” said one former winner. Taking the 2007 race mile by mile, Robbins profiles each of the principal elite runners, including their training regimens and personal stories.
All Around the Track: Oral Histories of Drivers, Mechanics, Officials, Owners, Journalists and Others In Motorsports Past and Present	Jones, Anne B.	From authors Anne Jones and former NASCAR champion Rex White, here are oral histories of over 50 individuals from stock car and drag racing’s not-so-distant past and present. Rich with original interviews and previously unpublished material, it includes drivers such as David Pearson, Junior Johnson, Bobby Allison, Bob Glidden and Hubert Platt; mechanics and builders; track crew; sportswriters; and owners such as Joe and J.D. Gibbs.
Atlas	Atlas, Teddy	From the streets of the ring, the struggle to be a boxer.
Babe and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure	Gutman, Dan	A boy and his father zip back in time to discover whether Babe Ruth actually predicted his home run in Game Three of the 1932 World Series. Gutman’s account of Joey’s strained relationship with his divorced father and his portrait of the intriguing, revered slugger against the backdrop of Depression-era New York are equally skillful.
Babe: The Legend Comes To Life	Creamer, Robert W.	Babe Ruth is without a doubt the most famous character ever produced by the sport of baseball. A legendary player, world-famous for his hitting prowess, he transcended the sport to enter the mainstream of American life as an authentic folk hero.
Boost	Mackel, Kathryn	Savvy Christopher and her family have just moved to a sheep ranch in Rhode Island in the wake of her father’s crippling accident. Thirteen years old, and already six foot two inches tall, Savvy plays basketball well enough to earn a place on an 18-and-under squad, The Fire.
Can I keep My Jersey?: 11 Teams, 5 Countries, and 4 Years In My Life As a Basketball Vagabond	Shirley, Paul	He’s been called a journeyman. Even Paul wouldn’t dispute that classification. Regardless, Bill Simmons, ESPN.com’s “The Sports Guy,” has said of Paul Shirley, “We could finally have an answer to the question ‘What would it be like if one of our friends was an NBA player?’” There’s no denying that Paul Shirley is the closest thing pro basketball’s got to Odysseus. In Homeric fashion, he has logged time practically everywhere in the roundball universe, from six NBA cities to pro leagues in Spain and Greece to North America’s pro ball Siberia, the minor leagues. Hell, he’s even played in the real Siberia. And in Can I Keep My Jersey?, Shirley finally puts down roots long enough to deliver one of the great locker-room chronicles of the modern age.
Cheer!: Three Teams On a Quest for College Cheerleading’s Ultimate Prize	Torgovnick, Kate	College cheerleaders are extreme athletes who fly thirty feet in the air, build pyramids in which a single slip can send ten people crashing to the ground, and compete in National Championships that are won by hundredths of a point. <i>Cheer!</i> is a year-long odyssey into their universe, following three squads from tryouts to Nationals.
Counting Coup	Colton, Larry	A true story of basketball and honor on Little Big Horn.
Crazy '08: How a Cast of Cranks, Rogues, Boneheads, and Magnates Created the Greatest Year In Baseball History	Murphy, Cait	From the perspective of 2007, the unintentional irony of Chance’s boast is manifest—these days, the question is when will the Cubs ever win a game they have to have. In October 1908, though, no one would have laughed: The Cubs were, without doubt, baseball’s greatest team—the first dynasty of the 20th century.

Driving With the Devil	Thompson, Neal	With the birth of NASCAR stock car racing has become a cult unto its own.
Edenville Owls	Parker, Robert B.	There is something evil in the air ; Bobby senses it. Who is that man he saw arguing with his pretty new English teacher? Bobby knows he should mind his own business, but times are confusing. World War II just ended, and the world is changing—Bobby’s world, especially. There’s Joanie, for one—why does being her friend feel awkward? And then there are his buddies, the junior varsity Edenville Owls—basketball players in need of a leader. Can they help each other off the court as well as they can on it? They will need to.
Faithful to Fenway	Borer, Michael Ian	Maybe it says something about the sterile, shopping-mall feel of so many new sports stadiums that Chicago’s Wrigley Field and Boston’s Fenway Park have become as valued as any star player in those cities and as much an attraction as the teams themselves.
Four Days to Glory: Wrestling With the Soul of the American Heartland	Kreidler, Mark	Somewhere beyond the circle of money, glitz, drugs, and controversy that characterizes professional sports in America, remnants of an ideal exist. In Iowa, that ideal survives in the form of high school wrestling. Each a three-time state champion, Jay Borschel and Dan LeClere have a chance in their senior year to join the sport’s most elite group: the "four-timers," wrestlers who win four consecutive state titles. For Jay, a ferocious competitor who feeds off criticism and doubt, a victory would mean vindication over the great mass of skeptics waiting for him to fail. For Dan, who carries on his back the burdens of his tiny farming community, the dreams of his hard-driving coach and father, and his own personal demons, another title is the only acceptable outcome.
Game of shadows	Fainaru-Wada, Mark	Barry Bonds, BALCO, and the steroids scandal that rocked professional sports.
Game*	Myers, Walter Dean	Harlem teen Drew Lawson thinks that he has “the big-money skills” for the NBA. Now a senior, he plans to play his best game, attract scouts, and earn a scholarship that will, he hopes, lead to the pros. Then his coach begins to favor a new, white player, and Drew struggles to overcome his anger and to maintain his drive.
Heat- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Lupica, Mike	Michael Arroyo grows up in the shadows of hallowed Yankee Stadium, a boy forever on the outside looking in. His only chance to see his field of dreams? Pitch his Bronx all-star team to the district.
How Soccer Explains the World	Foer, Franklin	You don't have to be a soccer fanatic to appreciate this book. Franklin Foer merely uses the world's most popular sport as a lens to dramatically illuminate the religious, economic, political and ethnic divisions around the world. From Brazil to Bosnia, and from Italy to Iran, this book chronicles how a sport and its rabid followers highlight such societal fault lines as terrorism, poverty, anti-Semitism, and radical Islam.
Keeper	Peet, Mal	In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rain forest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.
Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX: The Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America	Blumenthal, Karen	Just a few decades ago, opportunities for girls were very limited, not because they weren't capable of playing or didn't want to become doctors or lawyers, but because they weren't allowed to. Then quietly, in 1972, something momentous happened: Congress passed a law called "Title IX," forever changing the lives of American girls.
Love Me, Hate Me	Pearlman, Jeff	Barry Bonds and the making of an antihero.

Major: A Black Athlete, a White Era, and the Fight To Be the World's Fastest Human Being	Balf, Todd	At the turn of the 20th century, hundreds of handsome, lightning-fast racers won the hearts and minds of a bicycling-crazed public. Scientists studied them, newspapers glorified them, and millions of dollars in purse money was awarded to them. Major Taylor aimed to be the fastest of them all. A prominent black man at a time when such a thing was deemed scandalous, his mounting victories, high moral virtue, and bullet like riding style made him a target for ridicule from the press and sabotage by the white riders who shared the track with him.
Moving the Chains	Pierce, Charles	Tom Brady and the pursuit of winning the Superbowl.
My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins & Fenway	Kluger, Steve	In his first novel for young readers, Kluger revisits themes in his adult titles: baseball, romantic sparring, and social activism.
One Good Punch*	Wallace, Rich	Michael Kerrigan is about to begin his senior season on the track team, and he's never been in better shape. His unwavering dedication to writing (he types obits for the local newspaper, and hilarious reverse-obits of those living around him) and his athleticism keep him out of trouble, until a friend stashes four joints in his locker, which are promptly found during a random drug sweep.
Pedro Martinez*	Lashnits, Tom	Martinez is packed with statistics and play-by-play baseball action from the beginning of the athlete's American career through the 2004 and 2005 Red Sox seasons. The conversational text and sidebars are accurate and engaging.
Rebound	Krech, Bob	Ray Wisniewski loves basketball. However, at his New Jersey high school, the Polish boys are expected to excel at wrestling while basketball is left to the black kids.
Seabiscuit : An American Legend	Hillenbrand, Laura	Gifted sportswriter Hillenbrand unearths the rarefied world of thoroughbred horse racing in this captivating account of one of the sport's legends. Though no longer a household name, Seabiscuit enjoyed great celebrity during the 1930s and 1940s, drawing record crowds to his races around the country.
Six Good Innings: How One Small Town Became A Little League Giant	Kreidler, Mark	Six Good Innings is the biography of a relationship, the relationship between Toms River and some of its youngest baseball players. Since the 1990s, when the town unexpectedly advanced three teams to the Little League World Series in a five-year span (and famously won it all in 1998), Toms River has been associated with runaway success in the sport.
Soccerhead: An Accidental Journey Into the Heart of the American Game	Haner, Jim	Soccer coaching and the joys and perils associated with winning.
Ted Williams: the biography of an American hero	Montville, Leigh	Still a gangly teenager when he stepped into a Boston Red Sox uniform in 1939, Williams had a boisterous personality and penchant for towering home runs that earned him adoring admirers (the fans) and venomous critics (the sportswriters). In 1941, the entire country followed Williams' stunning .406 season, a record that has not been touched in over six decades. At the pinnacle of his prime, Williams left Boston to train and serve as a fighter pilot in World War II, missing three full years of baseball. He was back in 1946, dominating the sport. Williams left baseball again in 1952 to fight in Korea, where he flew thirty-nine combat missions - crash-landing his flaming, smoke-filled plane in one famous episode. Ted Williams' personal life was equally colorful.

The Assist: Hoops, Hope, and the Game of Their Lives	Swidey, Neil	Jack O'Brien, the impossibly demanding basketball coach at Charlestown High School in Boston, has led his team to five state championship titles in six years. Less talked about is O'Brien's other winning record: Nearly every one of the players who stuck with his program—poor kids growing up in high-crime neighborhoods and saddled with the lousy educational system available in urban America—managed to get to college. But O'Brien is no saint. Saints give without expecting anything in return. O'Brien needs his players and their problems as much as they need him.
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The Greatest Game: The Yankees, the Red Sox, and the Playoff of '78	Bradley, Richard	In this spellbinding book, Richard Bradley tells the story of what was surely the greatest major league game of our lifetime and perhaps in the history of professional baseball. That game, played at Fenway Park on the afternoon of October 4, 1978, was the culmination of one of the most tense, emotionally wrought seasons ever, between baseball's two most bitter rivals, the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. Both teams finished this tumultuous season with identical 99-64 records, forcing a one-game playoff. With a one-run lead and two outs, with the tying run in scoring position in the bottom of the ninth, the entire season came down to one at-bat and to one swing of the bat.
The Off Season	Murdock, Catherine Gilbert	Life is looking up for D. J. Schwenk, star of Dairy Queen. She's made it to eleventh grade, she's reconnecting with her best friend, and she's got a thing going with Brian Nelson. But best of all, she's playing for the Red Bend High School football team—as the first female linebacker in northern Wisconsin. But then the season goes suddenly, horribly wrong: her brother Win is put into the hospital after getting a devastating injury during a game. Once again, D.J. is forced to step up and be there for her family. It's a heavy burden, even for D.J.'s strong shoulders. She'll have to dig deeper than she's ever had to before.
The Old Ball Game: How John McGraw, Christy Mathewson, and the New York Giants Created Baseball	Deford, Frank	At the turn of the twentieth century, Christy Mathewson was one of baseball's first superstars. Over six feet tall, clean cut, and college educated (at a time when only a tiny fraction of Americans had even finished high school), he didn't pitch on the Sabbath and rarely spoke an ill word about anyone. He also had one of the most devastating arms in baseball.
The Physics of NASCAR: How To Make Steel + Gas + Rubber = Speed	Leslie-Pelecky, Diandra L.	The author, a physicist and devoted NASCAR fan, explains in clear, simple terms what goes into making a NASCAR vehicle, from design to development to construction to test-driving. Along the way, she introduces us to some of the sport's key players and teaches us (painlessly) more about the physics of speed racing than we ever thought we needed to know. NASCAR fans will flock to this book.
The Tour de France: A Cultural History	Thompson, Christopher S.	In this highly original history of the world's most famous bicycle race, Christopher S. Thompson, mining previously neglected sources and writing with infectious enthusiasm for his subject, tells the compelling story of the Tour de France from its creation in 1903 to the present.
They Don't Play Hockey In Heaven	Baker, Ken	Hockey exerts a mesmerizing hold on its participants and fans, as exploits like Baker's attest. Once a highly touted high-school player, considered a strong possibility for the U.S. Olympic team, goalie Baker's pro hockey aspirations were forestalled during college by a brain tumor. After his recovery, the allure of the fast-paced hockey world surged within him again.
True Fans : A Basketball Odyssey	Austin, Dan	Three friends. Three bicycles. Forty-eight hundred miles. One NBA-issue basketball.
War Without Death: A Year of Extreme Competition in Pro Football's NFC East	Maske, Mark	Noted Washington Post sports reporter and columnist Mark Maske has written the Moneyball of professional football, a behind-the-scenes account of a year in the life of the on- and off-field competition between four of the NFL's bitterest rivals: the New York Giants, Washington Redskins, Philadelphia Eagles, and Dallas Cowboys. The NFL's NFC East is perhaps the most storied division in all of professional sports. The rivalries are ancient and bitter, the markets are sports mad, media saturated, and very impatient with failure, and the owners, coaches, and players include many of the most outsized egos in the game. How better, then, to understand the big competition and big business of pro football today than by spending a year with a behind-the-scenes pass in the cockpits of all four organizations, chronicling the strategy and tactics employed over the course of an unrelenting four-season struggle?

Warrior Girls: Protecting Our Daughters Against the Injury Epidemic in Women's Sports	Sokolove, Michael Y.	Amy Steadman was destined to become one of the great women's soccer players of her generation. "The best of the best," Parade magazine called her as she left high school and headed off to the University of North Carolina. Instead, by age twenty, Amy had undergone five surgeries on her right knee. She had to give up the sport she loved.
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Teacher and Student Recommendations

A Game of Thrones	Martin, George R.R.	Here is the first volume in George R. R. Martin’s magnificent cycle of novels that includes A Clash of Kings and A Storm of Swords. As a whole, this series comprises a genuine masterpiece of modern fantasy, bringing together the best the genre has to offer. Magic, mystery, intrigue, romance, and adventure fill these pages and transport us to a world unlike any we have ever experienced. Already hailed as a classic, George R. R. Martin’s stunning series is destined to stand as one of the great achievements of imaginative fiction.
Ascent: How One Quadriplegic Fought for a Full Life and Soared	McGhie, Bruce	As one follows McGhie through the years, his disability quickly blends into the background as his accomplishments mount. The book helps to defuse the fear and awkwardness others feel in the presence of the disabled while simultaneously inspiring every person to make the most out of his or her life.
Durable Goods	Berg, Elizabeth	On the hot Texas army base she calls home, Katie spends the lazy days of her summer waiting: waiting to grow up; waiting for Dickie Mack to fall in love with her; waiting for her breasts to blossom; waiting for the beatings to stop. Since their mother died, Katie and her older sister, Diane, have struggled to understand their increasingly distant, often violent father. While Diane escapes into the arms of her boyfriend, Katie hides in her room or escapes to her best friend’s house—until Katie’s admiration for her strong-willed sister leads her on an adventure that transforms her life.
Go Ask Alice	Anonymous	It started when she was served a soft drink laced with LSD in a dangerous party game. Within months, she was hooked, trapped in a downward spiral that took her from her comfortable home and loving family to the mean streets of an unforgiving city. It was a journey that would rob her of her innocence, her youth -- and ultimately her life. Read her diary.
Marley & Me	Grogan, John	The heartwarming and unforgettable story of a family and the wondrously neurotic dog who taught them what really matters in life
One Shot	Child, Lee	Jack Reacher has been doing his best to live off the grid, but his past as a military policeman keeps coming back to bite him. This time the biter is a former Gulf War sniper accused of killing six civilians in an unnamed Heartland city. Despite mountains of evidence, the accused claims he's innocent and says enigmatically, "Get Reacher." But why? Reacher, it turns out, has every reason to want the man convicted.
Persuader	Child, Lee	The ultimate loner. An elite ex-military cop who left the service years ago, he’s moved from place to place...without family...without possessions...without commitments. And without fear. Which is good, because trouble—big, violent, complicated trouble—finds Reacher wherever he goes. And when trouble finds him, Reacher does not quit, not once...not ever.
Pride and Prejudice- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Austen, Jane	The life of the English country gentry at the turn of the nineteenth century is made as real to us as our own, not only by Jane Austen’s wit and feeling but by her subtle observation of the way people behave in society and how we are true or treacherous to each other and ourselves.
Savage Inequalities	Kozol, Jonathan	National Book Award-winning author Jonathan Kozol presents his shocking account of the American educational system. Kozol believes that minority and poor children are cheated out of educational opportunity by "slotting" them into lower educational "tracks." His book attempts to prove the inequalities in American education range from inadequate instruction to toxic environments in run-down schools.
The Choice- <i>Also available in audio format from LION</i>	Sparks, Nicholas	Travis Parker has everything a man could want: a good job, loyal friends, even a waterfront home in small-town North Carolina. In full pursuit of the good life - boating, swimming , and regular barbecues with his good-natured buddies -- he holds the vague conviction that a serious relationship with a woman would only cramp his style. That is, until Gabby Holland moves in next door.

The Futurological Congress: From the Memoirs of Ijon Tichy	Lem, Stanislaw	The futurologists of the world have gathered at their Eighth World Congress at the Costa Rica Hilton to discuss the problem of overpopulation. Their deliberations, however, are interrupted by a revolution which the government attempts to quell with chemical weapons. The air and water are laden with "benignimizers" and other exotic drags which send futurologist Tichy careening into a hallucinatory tomorrow. Lem's view of the overcrowded future is original and disturbing.
The Teeth of the Tiger	Clancy, Tom	A man named Mohammed sits in a café in Vienna, about to propose a deal to a Colombian. Mohammed has a strong network of agents and sympathizers throughout Europe and the Middle East, and the Colombian has an equally strong drug network throughout America. What if they were to form an alliance, to combine all their assets and connections? The potential for profits would be enormous--and the potential for destruction unimaginable.
Twilight	Meyer, Stephenie	Bella's life changes when she moves to perpetually rain-soaked Forks, Washington. She is instantly drawn to a fellow student, Edward Cullen, beautiful beyond belief and angrily aloof.
Velocity	Koontz, Dean	Billy Wiles tends bar in a tavern in his small California hometown, from which he has never moved despite the horrific night when he became an orphan at 14 and its equally horrific aftermath. Some 15 years later, he published a well-received book of stories and met Barbara. They were about to be married when botulism in canned vichyssoise put her in a coma, and Billy more or less on hold, living on the hope that she will revive some day. Some five years further on, Billy finds, under the windshield wiper of his car, a note offering him a hideous decision. If he doesn't go to the police, "a lovely blond schoolteacher" will be killed; if he does, "an elderly woman" will be murdered.
Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together In the Cafeteria?	Tatum, Beverly	An insightful exploration of the varieties of Americans' experience with race and racism in everyday life. Tatum, a developmental psychologist (Mt. Holyoke Coll.) with a special interest in the emerging field of racial-identity development, is a consultant to school systems and community groups on teaching and learning in a multicultural context.