

## Summer Reading List 2010

### Fiction

**Anderson, Laure Halse.** *Wintergirls*. Penguin/Viking Books. Lia is haunted by her best friend's death from bulimia, as she struggles with her own eating disorder.

**Bradley, Alan.** *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*. Dell Publishing/Delacorte Press. Flavia de Luce is delighted with the discovery of a dead snipe on her doorstep and considers it a bonus when a human body is found in her cucumber patch.

**Collins, Suzanne.** *Catching Fire*. Scholastic/ Scholastic Press. After winning the Hunger Games, Katniss is preoccupied with the government's expectations for her romantic life. She soon has more important worries—including revolts in the Districts and new Game rules.

**Davies, Jacqueline.** *Lost*. Marshall Cavendish.

Essie, 16, sews all day for pennies at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory to help feed her fatherless family and now to forget her little sister's death. Then the fire happens.

**Davis, Tanita.** *Mare's War*. Random House/Alfred A. Knopf. Sisters Octavia and Tali embarks on a road trip with their grandmother over the summer. During this road trip, Octavia and Tali learn that there's more to their grandmother than what they have seen.

**Dessen, Sarah.** *Along For the Ride*. Penguin/Viking.

Auden's summer becomes one of second chances, not just for her but for her family and friends as well. The more chances she takes, the more she discovers about herself.

**Frost, Helen.** *Crossing Stones*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux/Frances Foster Books. Muriel's itching for a life outside her family's Vermont farm, but bigger changes await her in 1917 as first her neighbor and then her brother enlist to fight in Europe.

**Kelly, Jacqueline.** *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*. Henry Holt. In 1899, eleven-year-old Calpurnia bonds over science and nature with her grandfather even as she becomes increasingly aware that she may not be able to pursue those interests as an adult.

**Levine, Kristine.** *The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had*. Penguin/G.P. Putnam's Sons. 1917 Alabama, 12-year-old Dit's life in rural Moundville becomes complicated and tragic by his friendship with Emma, the African American daughter of the new postman.

**McCormick, Patricia.** *Purple Heart*. HarperCollins Publisher/Balzer + Bray. Private Matt Duffy receives the Purple Heart, but he cannot remember the incident that left him with a traumatic brain injury and an image of an Iraqi boy's death.

**Napoli, Donna Jo.** *Alligator Bayou*. Random House / Knopf. Fourteen-year-old Calogero emigrates to Louisiana in 1899, where his tiny Sicilian community faces discrimination and worse in a small town where they're considered neither black nor white.

**Stead, Rebecca.** *When You Reach Me*. Random House / Wendy Lamb Books. The year they are twelve, Sal begins to ignore Miranda and breaks her heart. But Miranda's attention is diverted when she begins to receive urgent, anonymous notes in unexpected places.

**Westerfeld, Scott.** *Leviathan*. Simon & Schuster/Simon Pulse. Steampunk novel that is a strange mixture of Victorian times with mechanical inventions. Bio-society countries are at war with mechanical countries in this extremely fresh novel.

## Nonfiction

**Fleming, Candace.** *The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum.* Random House/Schwartz and Wade Books. The AMAZING and THRILLING life of the GREAT P.T. Barnum is laid bare in this STUPENDOUS biography. Come one, come all and learn about this truly AMERICAN icon.

**Gray, Theodore.** *The Elements: A Visual Exploration of Every Known Atom in the Universe.* Black Dog & Leventhal.

The 118 elements of the periodic table are photographed and described with humor, style and authority.

**Heiligman, Deborah.** *Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith.* Henry Holt and Company. This lively biography of Charles Darwin focuses on the family life of one of the world's most famous scientists, including the impact differing religious beliefs had on the family's relationships.

**Hoose, Phillip M.** *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice.* Farrar, Straus & Giroux. As a teen, Claudette Colvin sparked the protest that led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott and desegregation of public facilities by refusing to relinquish her seat to a white woman.

**Mann, Charles C.** *Before Columbus: The Americas of 1491.* Simon & Schuster/Atheneum. Well before the arrival of Columbus, there were highly advanced civilizations in the Americas. More native people died from their germs than at the hands of the Europeans.

**Murphy, Jim.** *Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting.* Scholastic. Bored and miserable after months in the trenches along Europe's Western Front during WWI, German and Allied soldiers brought fighting to a halt to celebrate Christmas together in 1914.

**Partridge, Elizabeth.** *Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary.* Penguin Group/Viking. In a tense, day-by-day account of the Freedom March of 1965, teen voices are crucial to the spirit and drive of the march.

**Small, David.** *Stitches: A Memoir.* W.W. Norton & Co.

In stunning graphic memoir format, Caldecott-winning artist David Small tells the story of his difficult childhood and his journey into adolescence and adulthood.

**Stone, Tanya Lee.** *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream.* Candlewick.

The story of the "Mercury 13" women who paved the way for females in space and aeronautics by challenging the political and social culture behind NASA's unwritten rule that astronauts must be male.

**Swanson, James L.** *Chasing Lincoln's Killer.* Scholastic Press. Much more than just Lincoln's killing went on that night of the Ford Theater assassination, this book will inform and entertain you with the gory details.

**Walker, Sally M.** *Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland.*

Lerner/Carolrhoda Books. This book offers an incredible look at how ancient bones can reveal the details about the daily lives of colonial Americans.