

Explore New York: Build a Better World Elementary Level



Ain, Beth. Starring Jules, As Herself. New York: Scholastic Press, 2013.

Jules is just an ordinary 7-year-old when she meets with a casting director and has a chance to try out for a television commercial in New York City.

FICTION

Airgood, Ellen. Prairie Evers. New York: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012.

Ten-year-old Prairie is happy being home-schooled and raising her flock of chickens, so transferring to regular school is a big change. Fortunately, she meets a wonderful friend when she moves from North Carolina to New Paltz, New York, and faces big adjustments. First in a series.

FICTION

Amstel, Marsha. Sybil Ludington's Midnight Ride. Illus. Ellen Beier. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2000.

On April 26, 1777, in Patterson, NY (Putnam County), Colonel Ludington received word that the British were attacking and burning Danbury, CT. Ludington's 16-year-old daughter, Sybil, eagerly volunteered to spread the word and gather his troops to prevent the British from marching into New York.

NON-FICTION

Aretha, David. Bossing the Bronx Bombers at Yankee Stadium. Berkeley Heights, N.J.: Speeding Star, 2015.

A part of The Baseball Geeks Adventures series. After the owner of the New York Yankees invites the Baseball Geeks to New York to watch a game in the owner's suite, the Geeks start finding ways to help the Yankees win. But when people start finding out what's going on, the Geeks find themselves running for their lives through the Bronx.

FICTION

Aretha, David. A Hall Lot of Trouble of Cooperstown. Berkeley Heights, N.J.: Speeding Star, 2015

A part of The Baseball Geeks Adventures series. The Baseball Geeks find themselves in a tough situation when Kevin's dad tells the boys that he stole something very important from the baseball Hall of Fame. The boys must get from Ohio to New York and save Kevin's dad from getting in serious trouble.

FICTION

Ashton, Jean. When Did the Statue of Liberty Turn Green? & 101 Other Questions about New York City. New York: Columbia Univ. Press, 2010.

Presents over 100 questions and answers collected under various themes such as "First & Origins," "History & Politics," and "Curiosities & Wonders," providing interesting insights into the history, people, sites, neighborhoods, and culture of New York City.

NON-FICTION

Avi. Mayor of Central Park. New York: HarperCollins Publications, 2005.

Central Park is a city that is populated by a menagerie of animals. In 1900, Oscar is the Mayor of Central Park and the manager of its Green Sox baseball team. When jewel-thief rats plan to invade, all of the animals turn to Oscar. Can he save them and their precious park?

FICTION

Baron, Robert C., and Thomas Locker. Hudson: The Story of a River. Golden, Colorado: Fulcrum Publishing, 2004.

This book provides a lushly illustrated history of the Hudson River.

NON-FICTION

Bartone, Elisa. Peppe the Lamplighter. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1997.

Long ago, when the streetlights of Little Italy had to be lit by hand, Peppe lived in a tenement on Mulberry Street. His family was poor, so Peppe thought he needed a job in order to help.

1994 Caldecott Honor

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 09924

Audio Cassette by Scholastic (1994)

Bauer, Marion Dane and Canga, C.B. Celebrating New York: 50 States to Celebrate. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.

Mr. Geo explores New York State, examining the geography, history, and pop culture as well as maps and various learning activities about the state.

NON-FICTION

Birle, Pete. New York Knicks. La Jolla, CA: MVP Books, 2014.

A look at the close relationship between a city, its favorite team and its favorite sport.

NON-FICTION

Blume, Judy. Tales of a Fourth-Grade Nothing. New York: Dutton, 1972.

Fourth grader, Peter Hatcher, believes his younger brother Fudge is nothing but trouble. Grown-ups might think that two-year-olds are adorable, but Peter knows better. And that's proven by the havoc Fudges causes, including swallowing Peter's beloved Turtle.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 011471, BR 007203

Downloadable Format: DB 039643

Audio CD by Listening Library (2005)

Bonk, John J. Madhattan Mystery. New York: Walker & Co., 2012.

On her first day in New York City, twelve-year-old Lexi and her younger brother Kevin overhear thieves discussing where to hide stolen jewels. The siblings, along with their aunt's neighbor, Kim Ling, skip day camp to investigate "the crime of the century."

FICTION

Brasch, Nicolas. Triumphs of Engineering. New York: Rosen Publishing Group, 2013.

Readers explore some of the most captivating engineering marvels in the world. They also get an in-depth view of ten of the tallest, longest, and most ornate structures—New York is home to many aspiring engineers and builders can use their new knowledge to build their own amazing structures.

NON-FICTION

Bruchac, Joseph. Arrow Over the Door. New York: Puffin, 2002.

This historical novel set during the Revolutionary War tells about the intersecting lives of a Quaker and a Native American boy.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 046648

Bruchac, Joseph. Children of the Longhouse. NY: Puffin, 1998.

Eleven-year-old Ohkwa'ri and his twin sister must make peace with a hostile gang of older boys in their Mohawk village during the late 1400s.

FICTION

Bruchac, Joseph. The Winter People. New York: Penguin Group USA, 2002.

As the French and Indian War rages, Saxso, a fourteen-year-old Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his village and taken his mother and sisters hostage.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 056646

Audio CD and Cassette by Recorded Books (2003)

Burack, Emile Christie. The Runaway's Gold. New York: Amulet Books, 2015.

The protagonist of this historical novel, set in the Shetland Islands and New York City around 1840, is Christian Robertson, a crofter and son of a crofter (small, struggling tenant farmer). When Christian's brother frames him for the theft of a bag of coins, Christian must leave home and embark on a journey to return the coins and clear his name.

FICTION

Burg, Ann E. Rebekkah's Journey: A World War II Refugee Story. Chelsea, Mich.: Sleeping Bear Press, 2006.

In 1944, a vacant army base in upstate New York became the temporary home of over 900 men, women and children who fled Europe toward the end of World War II. With little more than the clothing on their backs, Rebekkah and her mother are just two of the many refugees who come to live in the camp. Adjusting to a strange new world and a new language, Rebekkah puts aside her own fears to try and re-create tiny bits of home for her mother.

FICTION

Burleigh, Robert. George Bellows: Painter with a Punch! New York: Harry N. Abrams, 2012.

George Bellows spent most of his adult life in New York City and left behind an extraordinary body of work that captures life in this dynamic city. Art reproductions and photographs from his youth, round out the book.

NON-FICTION

Carson, Mary Kay. Why Couldn't Susan B. Anthony Vote? New York: Sterling Children's Books, 2015.

From the first women's rights convention at Seneca Falls, N.Y., to the enactment of the 19th Amendment, this lively chronicle introduces Anthony and the American suffragist movement.

NON-FICTION

Castrovilla, Selene. By the Sword: A Young Man Meets War. Illus. William Farnsworth. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2007.

School teacher Benjamin Tallmadge's emotions are tested when he joins George Washington's army and participates in the Revolutionary War and the Battle of Long Island.

NON-FICTION

Corey, Shauna. The Secret Subway. New York : Schwartz & Wade Books, 2016.

In 1870, Alfred Ely Beach invents New York's first underground train.

NON-FICTION

Crawford, Laura. Postcards from New York City: Postales Desde New York City. McHenry, IL: Raven Tree Press, 2008.

Anna sends postcards to her family and friends and describes the places she visits while on vacation in New York City.

Presented in English and Spanish.

NON-FICTION

Curlee, Lynn. Brooklyn Bridge. New York: Atheneum Books, 2001.

The Brooklyn Bridge is celebrated as one of the greatest landmarks and grandest sights in New York City. Curlee describes the planning, construction, and history of the bridge and includes full-color illustrations. *2002 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Honor*

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR 014028

Curlee, Lynn. Liberty. New York: Atheneum, 2003.

One of the nation's symbols of freedom and liberty--the Statue of Liberty--is celebrated in this "biography" that looks at the statue's creation by two Frenchmen in the 19th century. Illustrated.

NON-FICTION

Downey, Tika. New York: The Empire State. New York: Rosen Publishing Group, 2010.

Originally called the "Empire State" due to its vast wealth and resources, New York has more than lived up to its name.

Readers will learn about New York's history and how it became a state. They will also take a closer look at the Empire State Building and many other symbols and key features of the state.

NON-FICTION

Dunham, Montrew. Abner Doubleday: Boy Baseball Pioneer. Indianapolis: Patria Press, 2005.

Childhood adventures of the famous Civil War general Abner Doubleday, best known for his contribution to the game of baseball.

NON-FICTION

Edmonds, Walter D. The Matchlock Gun. Illus. Paul Lantz. New York: Putnam Juvenile, 1998.

During the French and Indian War, a young boy living in New York must protect his mother and sister with his father's gun. This stirring tale of a small boy, his mother and younger sister, and an antique matchlock gun, is based on a true story.

1942 Newbery Medal

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 015077, BR 006718

Downloadable Format: DB 057031, DB 010418

Elish, Dan. New York (It's My State!). Tarrytown: Benchmark Books, 2010.

Surveys the history, geography, government, and economy of the Empire State, as well as the diverse ways of life and its people. Illustrations and photographs.

NON-FICTION

Englar, Mary. The Iroquois: The Six Nations Confederacy. Bloomington: Capstone Press, 2000.

Includes information on the longhouse; food (with a recipe for a strawberry drink!); roles of men and women; and effects of European contact. Also lists internet sites and places to visit, including two within New York State.

NON-FICTION

Friedman, Laurie B. Mallory and Mary Ann Take New York. Minneapolis: Darby Creek, 2013.

When Mallory wins a design contest, she and Mary Anne get to go to New York City! But only Mallory gets to appear on the fashion show, even though she promised Mary Anne that they'd both go on. Will this ruin the trip of a lifetime--and their friendship?

FICTION

Fritz, Jean. Traitor: the Case of Benedict Arnold. Paradise, CA: Paw Prints, 2008.

A study of the life and character of the brilliant Revolutionary War general Benedict Arnold who deserted to the British for money.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 018436

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Pictures of Hollis Woods. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2002.

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 017398

Downloadable Format: DB 056220

Audio CD by Listening Library

Gitlin, Marty. Carmelo Anthony. New York: Bearport Publishing, 2015.

Carmelo Anthony shines playing for the New York Knicks. And when he's not sinking shots, Carmelo is helping those in need through the Carmelo Anthony Foundation.

NON-FICTION

Glaser, Linda. Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2010.

The story of Emma Lazarus, who despite her life of privilege, became a tireless advocate for the immigrants who arrived in New York City in the 1880s and wrote a famous poem for the Statue of Liberty.

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR 019046

Greene, Jacqueline Dembar. Secrets at Camp Nokomis: A Rebecca Mystery (American Girl Mysteries). Middleton, WI: Pleasant Company Publications, 2010.

When Rebecca attends summer camp in the country because of the spreading polio epidemic in New York City, she is troubled by a bully in her tent and another fellow camper who is strangely secretive.

FICTION

Grimes, Nikki. Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2009.

Spunky third-grader Dyamonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood in Brooklyn, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home in the bustling New York City neighborhood located on 147th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 072700

Audio CD by Full Cast Audio (2010)

Grimly, Gris, and Tod Smith. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007.

A graphic novel version of the original Washington Irving story about the headless horseman.

FICTION

Gunderson, Jessica. The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire (Graphic History). North Mankato: Capstone Press, 2006.
In graphic novel format, tells the story of the Shirtwaist factory fire of 1911.
GRAPHIC NON-FICTION

Gutman, Dan. Willie & Me. New York: HarperCollins, 2015.
Joe “Stosh” Stoshack uses his power to time travel using baseball cards to go back to 1951, when a young rookie, Willie Mays, was just about to make his name known.
FICTION

Hatkoff, Juliana, et. al. Leo the Snow Leopard: The True Story of an Amazing Rescue. New York: Scholastic Press, 2010.
When Leo was less than seven weeks old, he became orphaned in the snowy Himalayan Mountains in Pakistan. He was rescued by a kind shepherd and his family. This eventually led to finding a permanent home for Leo at the Bronx Zoo in New York.
NON-FICTION
Braille Format: BR 19608

Hazen, Lynn E. The Amazing Trail of Seymour Snail. New York: Henry Holt and Co., 2009.
Seymour Snail hopes to become a famous artist, so he takes a job in a New York City art gallery. Soon, everyone is buzzing about the new mystery artist.
FICTION

Herman, Gail. Who Is Derek Jeter? New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2015.
Derek Jeter earned the attention of major league scouts in high school and was drafted to the New York Yankees in 1992. Named Rookie of the Year, he helped the Yankees win the World Series five times, and became team captain in 2003.
NON-FICTION

Hest, Amy. When Jessie Came Across the Sea. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2003.
A thirteen-year-old Jewish orphan reluctantly leaves her grandmother and immigrates to New York City, where she works for three years sewing lace and earning money to bring her grandmother to the United States, too.
FICTION

Hiscock, Bruce. Ookpik – The Travels of a Snowy Owl. Honesdale: Boyd Mills Press, 2008.
The book depicts the first year in the life of a snowy owl. It follows its trip from Baffin Island in Canada to the Adirondacks in New York State and its struggles to survive.
NON-FICTION

Hochain, Serge. Building Liberty: A Statue is Born. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2004.
The Statue of Liberty is one of the greatest landmarks in America. Through the eyes of four boys, readers observe the Statue of Liberty as it is designed, built, shipped to the United States, and reassembled on an island in New York Harbor.
FICTION

Holub, Joan. What Is the Statue of Liberty? New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2014.
Describes the history of the Statue of Liberty, including its origins as a gift from France and its construction, and explores the landmark's enduring symbolism of freedom, democracy, and friendship.
NON-FICTION

Hopkinson, Deborah. Knit Your Bit: A World War I Story. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2013.
When his father leaves to fight in World War I, Mikey joins the Central Park Knitting Bee to help knit clothing for soldiers overseas.
FICTION

Howell, Brian. New York Yankees. Minneapolis: SportsZone, 2015.

Presents a history of the New York Yankees, profiling legends and star players of today, and details team facts and statistics.

NON-FICTION

Hyman, Zachary. The Bambino and Me. Plattsburgh, N.Y.: Tundra Books, 2014.

For his birthday, George gets tickets to see his favorite team, the New York Yankees, play the Boston Red Sox, but George is horrified when his mother makes him wear the Boston Red Sox baseball jersey and cap his uncle gave him to the game.

FICTION

Irving, Washington. Rip Van Winkle. Originally published in 1819.

A man who sleeps for twenty years in the Catskill Mountains wakes to a much-changed world.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 007918, As part of a collection of stories: BR 018287

Downloadable Format, as part of a collection of stories: DB 016731, DB 051748

Jenkins, Emily. Invisible Inkling. New York: Balzer + Bray, 2011.

When Hank Holowitz from Brooklyn runs into trouble with a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an ally in pumpkin-loving Inkling.

FICTION

Audio by Harper Audio

Jenkins, Emily. The Whoopie Pie War. New York: Balzer & Bray, 2013.

Hank Wolowitz and Inkling, his invisible bandapat friend, try to save the family's Brooklyn, NY ice-cream store's business from a whoopee pie food truck parked outside.

FICTION

Jerome, Kate Boehm. Rochester and the State of New York: Cool Stuff Every Kid Should Know. Mount Pleasant, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2012.

Collects information about the land, history, and people of Rochester and the state of New York.

NON-FICTION

Kamma, Anne and Pamela Johnson. If You Lived When Women Won Their Rights. New York: Scholastic, 2008.

A collection of short biographies: Lucy Stone, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman Catt.

NON-FICTION

Katz, John. Meet the Dogs of Bedlam Farm. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 2011.

On Bedlam Farm, dogs Rose, Izzy, Frieda, and Lenore all have jobs to do. Find out how they came to be there and what their roles are on this working farm in West Hebron, N.Y.

NON-FICTION

Kerley, Barbara. What to Do About Alice? New York: Scholastic, 2008.

Theodore Roosevelt's daughter Alice proved a handful to her father. She was hungry to go places, meet people, do things, but her father called it running riot. Alice called it eating up the world.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018047

Kientz, Chris & Steven Hockensmith. The Wrong Wrights. Washington: Smithsonian Books, 2016.

Eric, Dominique, Ajay, and Josephine are the four winners of their school's science fair and are excited for their field trip to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. When they get there, they all feel sick, and after they recover, they realize that the museum's planes have been replaced with massive balloon structures. They meet Al, the only one who acknowledges the change. Al gives the group talking bracelets that provide historical context and sends them back to 1909 to the Hudson-Fulton Celebration in New York City. The kids realize that something is amiss and follow the people they think are behind the time line shift. They discover that these men, the Barrises, are using holographic disguises to change history and become wealthy in the future. It's up to the four of them to save the day.

FICTION

Kinsinger, Mary Ann. Life With Lily. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Revell, 2012.

In this first book in "The Adventures of Lily Lapp" series, we meet Lily, a young Amish girl in upstate New York. Follow her story as she finds blessings, laughter, learning and mischief.

FICTION

Kloepfer, John. Empire State of Slime. New York: HarperCollins, 2013.

When millions of zombies come to life during his class trip to New York City, Zack Clarke and his famous Zombie Chaser friends race against time to escape the city and find a new antidote. Part of the *Zombie Chasers* series.

FICTION

Knobel, Andy. New York Mets. Minneapolis: ABDO Publishing, 2011.

Presents a history of the New York Mets, profiling legends and star players of today, and details team facts and statistics.

NON-FICTION

Konigsburg, E.L. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. New York: Aladdin, 2007.

When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she knows she doesn't just want to run "from" somewhere, she wants to run "to" somewhere -- to a place that is comfortable, beautiful, and preferably, elegant. She chooses the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. *Newbery Medal*

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 009549

Downloadable Format: DB 022914

Audio CD by Listening Library (2004)

Krensky, Stephen. The Great Moon Hoax. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 2011.

Two newsboys in 1830s New York City sell copies of the *New York Sun* reporting that a powerful telescope has found exotic animals and structures on the moon. Based on a true story.

FICTION

Kuhlman, Evan. Brother from a Box. New York: Antheum Books for Young Readers, 2012.

Sixth-grade Matt Rambeau gets a new brother when his computer genius father creates a robot kid named Norman. Norman shares his feelings and ideas, plays, does chores, and has to fight for his life in and around New York City when he is chased by spies.

FICTION

Lackey, Jennifer. Jacques Cartier: Exploring the St. Lawrence River. New York: Crabtree Pub. Co., 2006.

Series: In the Footsteps of Explorers.

This colorful book describes the explorer's life; provides a look at the political climate that made Cartier venture out into the unknown; and examines life on the high seas and in the encampment. Contains colorful maps and images showing the areas explored.

NON-FICTION

Lang, Heather. Fearless Flyer: Ruth Law and Her Flying Machine. Honesdale, Pennsylvania: Calkins Creek, An Imprint of Highlights, 2016.

On November 19, 1916, at 8:25 a.m., Ruth Law took off on a flight that aviation experts thought was doomed. She set off to fly nonstop from Chicago to New York City. Sitting at the controls of her small bi-plane, exposed to the elements, Law battled fierce winds and numbing cold. When her engine ran out of fuel, she glided for two miles and landed at Hornell, New York. Even though she fell short of her goal, she had broken the existing cross-country distance record. And with her plane refueled, she got back in the air and headed for New York City where crowds waited to greet her.

NON-FICTION

Lin, Grace. Year of the Dog. New York: Little, Brown and Co., 2006.

Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl, living in New Hartford, New York, applies the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog--those of making best friends and finding oneself--to her own life.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 016624

Downloadable Format: DBC 00713

Lin, Grace. The Year of the Rat. New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2008.

The Year of the Rat means change, and for Pacey the biggest change is her best friend moving from New York to California. She also must face her own flaws and decide if she really can become the writer and illustrator she hopes to be.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 017688

Lombard, Jenny. Drita, My Homegirl. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2006.

When ten-year-old Drita and her family, refugees from Kosovo, move to New York, Drita is teased about not speaking English well, but after a popular student named Maxine is forced to learn about Kosovo as a punishment for teasing Drita, the two girls soon bond.

FICTION

MacRae, Sloan. Carmelo Anthony. New York: Rosen Publishing Group, 2012.

New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony started out as a top high-school player before going on to help Syracuse University win the 2003 NCAA Championship. His talent and athleticism helped him get drafted by the Denver Nuggets. This book employs accessible text to explore Anthony's life from his childhood to his successful skyrocket to the NBA. Action-packed photographs take readers courtside to see Carmelo in action.

NON-FICTION

MacRae, Sloan. The New York Giants. New York: Rosen Publishing Group, 2011.

The New York Giants are one of the NFL's longest competing teams. They have an endearing, proud history that extends more than seventy-five years. Fans of Big Blue will love this book, which is full of great moments, such as the Giant's inspiring win in Super Bowl XLII. Exciting photographs and valuable information will let football fans walk with the Giants.

NON-FICTION

Maestro, Betsy. The New Americans: Colonial Times, 1620-1689. Illus. Guilio Mastro. Paradise, CA: Paw Prints, 2008.

Within 60 years of the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth, America's first cities were thriving seaports, public education had begun, books were printed, coins were minted, and the postal service was launched. The New Americans tells the exciting story of the origins of our rich multicultural heritage. Full color.

NON-FICTION

Maestro, Betsy. Struggle for a Continent: The French and Indian Wars, 1689-1763. Illus. Giulio Maestro. New York: HarperCollins, 2000. Series: The American Story Series

Discusses the relations between the European colonists and the Native Americans, the disputes between settlers from France, England, and Spain, and the role these conflicts played in the history of North America.

NON-FICTION

Malaspina, Ann. What's Great About New York? Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Co., 2015.

Details many of the attractions that the state has to offer, from Broadway and the Statue of Liberty to the Erie Canal and Niagara Falls.

NON-FICTION

Maltbie, Priscilla. Bambino and Mr. Twain. Massachusetts: Charlesbridge Publishing, 2012.

After the death of his wife, Mark Twain shuts himself up in his Fifth Avenue house and abandons his writing. Only his daughter's cantankerous cat, Bambino, seems to understand Twain and his moods.

FICTION

Mann, Elizabeth. The Brooklyn Bridge: The Story of the World's Most Famous Bridge and the Remarkable Family that Built It. New York: Mikaya Press, 2006.

This book documents and illustrates the design, step-by-step construction, multiple setbacks and ultimate completion of the Brooklyn Bridge, all presented in a readable manner and supported by diagrams and dramatic illustrations.

NON-FICTION

Margolis, Leslie. Girl's Best Friend (Maggie Brooklyn Mystery). New York: Bloomsbury, 2010.

In Brooklyn, New York, twelve-year-old dog-walker Maggie, aided by her twin brother Finn and best friend Lucy, investigates someone she believes is stealing pets.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 072802

Markel, Michelle. Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909. New York: Balzer & Bray, 2013.

An illustrated account of immigrant Clara Lemlich's role in the 1909 women laborer's strike describes how she worked grueling hours to acquire an education and support her family before organizing a massive walkout to protest the unfair working conditions in New York's garment district.

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020036

Marsh, Carole. The Mystery in New York City. Peachtree City, GA: Gallopade International; Teacher's Guide Edition, 2003.

Christina, Grant, Benjamin, and Katherine become gridlocked in a mystery that takes them on a hair-raising history tour of New York City's most famous landmarks to find a priceless missing part of history.

FICTION

Martin, Ann M. Ten Rules for Living With My Sister. New York: Feiwel & Friends, 2011.

Nine-year-old Pearl and her popular, thirteen-year-old sister Lexie do not get along very well, but when their grandfather moves in to their Greenwich Village apartment, the girls have to share a room and find common ground.

FICTION

McDonough, Yona Zeldis. The Cats in the Doll Shop. New York: Viking, 2011.

With World War I raging in Europe, eleven-year-old Anna is thrilled to learn that her cousin Tania is coming from Russia to stay with Anna's family on the lower East Side of New York City, and although Tania is shy and withdrawn when she arrives, her love of cats helps her adjust to her new family.

FICTION

McDonough, Yona Zeldis. The Doll Shop Downstairs. New York: Viking, 2009.

When World War I breaks out, Anna thinks of a way to save her family's beloved New York City doll repair shop.

FICTION

McKinley, Rosemary. The Wampum Exchange. Self-published, 2012.

A twelve-year-old boy in 1650 Southold, New York, has a chance meeting with a Native American boy and their worlds connect in a most interesting way.

FICTION

Monroe, Tyler. The Statue of Liberty. North Mankato, Minnesota: Capstone Press, 2014.

The Statue of Liberty is a reminder of freedom and the friendship between two countries. Read the fascinating story about how this all came about.

NON-FICTION

Moore, Christopher. Champlain. Plattsburgh, NY: McClelland & Stewart Ltd., 2004.

A biographical portrait of the explorer and cartographer, Samuel de Champlain, known as the "father of New France" examines his many accomplishments in the colonial settlement of Canada as well as his many personal disappointments.

NON-FICTION

Morley, Jacqueline. You Wouldn't Want to Meet Typhoid Mary! A Deadly Cook You'd Rather Not Know. New York: Franklin Watts, 2013.

Here's the story of Mary Mallon, an Irish immigrant cook who became known as "Typhoid Mary" when she infected many New Yorkers with the deadly disease.

NON-FICTION

Murphy, Jim. On Enemy Soil: Journal of James Edmond Pease, a Civil War Union Soldier. New York: Scholastic, 2012.

16-year-old James enlists in the Union Army during the Civil War and is assigned to be the historian for G Company of the 122nd Regiment, New York Volunteers. Through his journal recordings, readers learn about the fear, death and disillusionment associated with the lives of Civil War soldiers.

FICTION

Murphy, Jim. The Giant and How He Humbugged America. New York: Scholastic Press, 2012.

When a 10-foot tall purported "petrified man" is unearthed from a backyard in upstate New York in 1869, the discovery immediately turns into a spectacle of epic proportions. News of the giant spreads like wildfire, and well over a thousand people come to view him in the first five days alone!

NON-FICTION

O'Neill, Alexis. The Kite That Bridged Two Nations: Homan Walsh and the First Niagara Suspension Bridge. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2013.

This soaring and poetic picture book is based on the true story of Homan J. Walsh, an ordinary boy born in Ireland and raised in Niagara Falls, NY. In 1848, Homan entered a kite-flying contest. The winner's kite string would span Niagara Falls and bridge the United States and Canada. Despite biting cold and strong winds and against tremendous odds, Homan Walsh won the contest, earning him a place in history. His successes also lead to the building of the first suspension bridge across the Falls, linking the two neighboring countries. The book includes author's note, timeline, bibliography and further resources.

FICTION

Orgill, Roxane. Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2016.

When Esquire magazine planned an issue to salute the American jazz scene in 1958, graphic designer Art Kane pitched a crazy idea: how about gathering a group of beloved jazz musicians and photographing them? He didn't own a good camera, didn't know if any musicians would show up, and insisted on setting up the shoot in front of a Harlem brownstone. Could he pull it off? In a captivating collection of poems, Roxane Orgill steps into the frame of Harlem 1958, bringing to life the musicians' mischief and quirks, their memorable style, and the vivacious atmosphere of a Harlem block full of kids on a hot summer's day. Francis Vallejo's vibrant, detailed, and wonderfully expressive paintings do loving justice to the larger-than-life quality of jazz musicians of the era. Includes bios of several of the fifty-seven musicians, an author's note, sources, a bibliography, and a foldout of Art Kane's famous photograph

NON-FICTION

Park, Linda Sue. Keeping Score. New York: Clarion Books, 2008.

In Brooklyn in 1951, a special friendship is created when a die-hard Giants fan teaches nine-year-old Maggie, a "Bums" (Dodgers) fan, how to use a special technique to keep score of a baseball game.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 067449

Pascal, Janet. Where Is the Empire State Building? New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2015.

Introduces the Empire State Building, the third tallest structure in New York City, describing the construction process, the rise of skyscrapers in the United States, and the effect the building continues to have today.

NON-FICTION

Peck, Richard. Secrets at Sea. New York: Dial, 2011.

In 1887, the nouveau riche Cranstons leave New York on a cruise ship for Europe – and their mice stow along. The mice meet intriguing cosmopolitan mice onboard and help the human Cranston daughters find love.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2011)

Pringle, Laurence. Ice! The Amazing History of the Ice Business. Honesdale, PN: Calkins Creek, 2012.

Pringle describes the history of the ice business that flourished in New York State during the 1800s, focusing on Rockland Lake, the Knickerbocker Ice Company, and the role of icemen.

NON-FICTION

Regan, Lisa. Broadway Star. New York: Windmill Books, 2013.

Many aspire to be great actors from childhood, and New York becomes home to the majority of them. Readers will get into character for the stage with tips found in this exciting and engaging volume. The basics of a New York Broadway performance are covered with informative text and colorful photographs.

NON-FICTION

Robbins, Dean. Two Friends: Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass. New York: Orchard Books, 2016

This story imagines what it was like when Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass got together for a cup of tea and discussed their struggle for civil rights.

FICTION

Robertson, Robbie. Hiawatha and the Peacemaker. Illus. David Shannon. New York : Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2015.

Hiawatha, a Mohawk, is plotting revenge against the Onondaga chief for the murder of his family. He meets the Great Peacemaker who convinces Hiawatha to join him in helping to unite the five warring Iroquois tribes.

FICTION

Audio CD by Recorded Books (2015)

Rodkey, Geoff. The Tapper Twins Go to War (With Each Other). New York: Little, Brown & Co., 2015.

An oral history that reports, through transcribed recordings, text messages, photographs, illustrations, screenshots, and more, an epic prank war between twelve-year-old twins Reese and Claudia Tapper of New York City. First in a series.

FICTION.

Audio CD by Blackstone Audio (2015)

Roeder, Annette. 13 Buildings Children Should Know. Munich: Prestel, 2011.

This book looks at 13 classic structures that you're sure to recognize. Includes The Guggenheim Museum and The Chrysler Building in New York City.

NON-FICTION

Rossi, Ann. Cultures Collide: Native Americans and Europeans, 1492-1700. Washington, DC: National Geographic, 2004. Series: Crossroads America

Paintings, maps, and engrossing text create a vivid portrait of Native Americans' early encounters with the European settlers who colonized the "New World," describing their differences in farming, socialization, and values, which often created negative relations.

NON-FICTION

Roy, Ron. Runaway Racehorse. New York: Random House, 2002. Series: A to Z Mystery

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose investigate the disappearance of a valuable racehorse that Dink's uncle and his friend, Forest Evans, have just bought and entered in a race at Saratoga.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 014966

Scieszka, Jon. Seen Art? New York: Viking Juvenile, 2005.

While looking for his friend, Art, the narrator accidentally ends up in New York's Museum of Modern Art. As he searches inside MoMA, he finds well-known pieces of art.

FICTION

Shalant, Phyllis. When Pirates Came to Brooklyn. Bloomington: iUniverse. Paperback, 2010.

Lee Bloom, a ten-year-old Jewish girl living in 1960s Brooklyn, becomes aware of the prejudices the people around her have towards those of different religions and races.

FICTION

Somervill, Barbara. The Story Behind Glass. Chicago: Heinemann Library, 2012.

Find out how glass is made, when safety glass was invented, and other interesting facts and figures about a substance we all use daily. Suggested places to visit include The Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y., which features regular glassblowing exhibitions.

NON-FICTION

Spenser, Octavia. The Sweetest Heist in History. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2015.

On a trip to New York City to visit Randi's aunt, the ninja detective trio explores Randi's old neighborhood in Brooklyn, where they uncover an art heist involving Faberge eggs. Part of a series.

FICTION

Audio CD by Simon & Schuster

Spiegelman, Nadja. Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure. New York: TOON Books, 2015.

After getting separated from his teacher, his classmates, and his trip partner during an outing to the Empire State Building, Pablo, the new kid in school, learns to navigate the New York City subway system as well as his own feelings towards making new friends and living in a big city.

FICTION

Stewart, Mark. The New York Rangers. Chicago: Norwood House Press, 2014.

Chronicles the history and accomplishments of the New York ice hockey team.

NON-FICTION

Swain, Gwenyth. Hope and Tears: Ellis Island Voices. Pennsylvania: Calkins Creek, 2012.

An original collection of voices, filled with hope and tears, chronicles the history of Ellis Island and the people it served. Native Americans, settlers, immigrants, inspectors, doctors, nurses, cooks, and social workers all played important roles in the history of the island.

NON-FICTION

Sweet, Melissa. Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White. Boston: Hmh Books for Young Readers, 2016

“SOME PIG,” Charlotte the spider’s praise for Wilbur, is just one fondly remembered snippet from E.B. White’s Charlotte’s Web. In *Some Writer!*, the two-time Caldecott Honor winner Melissa Sweet mixes White’s personal letters, photos, and family ephemera with her own artwork to tell his story.

NONFICTION

Tavares, Matt. Crossing Niagara: the Death-Defying Tightrope Adventures of the Great Blondin.

Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2016

When the Great Blondin announced that he was going to walk from America to Canada across the Niagara River on a rope that was more than 1,100 feet long and just 3 inches wide, hanging 160 feet above the raging river, people came from everywhere. Some came to watch him cross. Some came to watch him fall. Some thought he wouldn't show up at all. But he did show up. And he did walk across the river.

NONFICTION

Taylor, Gaylia. George Crum and the Saratoga Chip. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2011.

Describes chef George Crum's childhood as a part-Native-American, part-African-American boy in rural 1830s New York; his adventures cooking at Moon's Lake House restaurant in Saratoga Springs; and his accidental invention of one of America's most beloved snacks.

FICTION

Taylor, Sydney. All-of-a-Kind Family. New York, Dell Publishing, 1987, c1951.

This timeless story of a close knit family follows the adventures of five Jewish daughters living with their parents in New York’s Lower East Side during the early 1900s.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 07868

Downloadable Format: DB 25019

Audio available from Listen & Live Audio, Inc. (2006)

Taylor, Sydney. All-of-a-Kind Family Uptown. New York: Taylor Productions, 2001.

The happy and anxious times of the five girls from All-of-a-Kind Family as they live through the troubled period of World War I.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 08727

Uhlberg, Myron. Dad, Jackie, and Me. Atlanta: Peachtree Publishers, 2010.

In Brooklyn, New York, in 1947, a boy learns about discrimination and tolerance as he and his deaf father share their enthusiasm for baseball and the Dodgers' first baseman, Jackie Robinson.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 016354

Uhlberg, Myron. The Sound of All Things. Atlanta: Peachtree Publishers, 2016.

Set in 1930s Brooklyn, this remembrance by the author provides a sentimental view of a hearing child growing up with deaf parents. The story describes one day at Coney Island when the family rides a roller-coaster and the father begs his son to tell him how the wheels of the coaster sound. As they walk along the boardwalk, the father also asks about the sound of the ocean waves, and the boy tries his best to describe the sounds, but his answers feel too simplistic. He longs to express sounds to his father and mother but lacks the words. It is after a thoughtful librarian introduces the boy to poetry and "every word I would ever need" (author's note) that the boy feels he can capture the sounds that his parents would never hear.

Valentine, Sally. Theft at the George Eastman House: A New York State Adventure. Utica, NY: North Country Books, 2009.

Mrs. Levine's fifth grade students take a field trip to learn about photography and end up solving a great mystery.

FICTION

Ventura, Marne. Astrophysicist and Space Advocate: Neil DeGrasse Tyson. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Company, 2014.

Neil DeGrasse Tyson is known for his work as an astrophysicist and his ability to communicate scientific ideas. This book explores his life including his childhood in the Bronx, his academic career, and his status as a scientific expert.

NON-FICTION

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Farmer Boy. Illus. by Garth Williams. New York: Harper Collins 2004.

In the late 1800's, on a large farm in northern New York (Franklin County), 9-year-old Almanzo helps his family with the daily chores and longs for his own colt. Based on stories the author's husband told her about growing up on the family homestead in Malone, NY.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 009408, BR 004262

Downloadable Format: DB 021019

Audio CD by Harper's Children's Audio (2004)

Williams-Garcia, Rita. P.S. Be Eleven. Augusta, Kansas: Amistad Publishing, 2013

The Gaither sisters return to Brooklyn after their revolutionary experiences in One Crazy Summer (HarperCollins, 2010). Armed with poetry and Black Panther pride, the girls contend with Big Ma's rules, Uncle Darnell's homecoming from Vietnam, and Pa's lady friend. Authentic details bring late-1960s Brooklyn to vivid life, while laugh-out-loud drama delights.

School Library Journal Best Books 2013 Fiction

2014 Coretta Scott King Book Award

2014 ALA Notable Children's Book

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB77013

Winter, Jonah. Here Comes The Garbage Barge! New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2010.

Based on incredible true events from 1987, Jonah Winter brings us the flavorful story that starts in a little town on Long Island that has a big problem: 3,168 tons of garbage and nowhere to put it! Enter the garbage barge, who hauls the junk down the coast of North America looking for a place to dump it.

FICTION

Wyner, Zach. Brooklyn Nets. La Jolla, Calif.: MVP Books, 2014.

Discusses the basketball team, from their beginnings in 1967 to their current standing in the NBA.

NON-FICTION

Zappa, Marcia. New York Giants. Edina, Minn.: ABDO Publishing, 2015.

A concise history of the professional football team, including its founding in 1925, most memorable players, and Super Bowl championships, with a timeline of significant events in team history.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format – Included in a collection of 8 stories: DB080196

Zappa, Marcia. New York Jets. Minneapolis: ABDO Publishing, 2015.

Explores the teams background and history, most memorable wins, star players, and important coaches. Readers will also learn when the NFL began and what conference and division the Jets play in.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format – Included in a collection of 8 stories: DB080707