

Best Books of 2010

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Fiction for Older Teens

Brewer, Heather *TWELFTH GRADE KILLS*
325p. Dutton 2010 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-525-42224-2

Black, Holly & Ted Naifeh *KITH*
115p. Graphix 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-439-85563-1

Collins, Susanne *MOCKINGJAY*
390p. Scholastic 2010 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-439-02351-1

Fisher, Catherine *INCARCERON*
442p. Dial 2010 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-3396-1

Hoffman, Alice *GREEN WITCH*
135p. Scholastic 2010 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-545-14195-6

Mechner, Jordan *SOLOMON'S THIEVES*
Illus. by LeUyrn Pham & Alex Puvilland 132p. First Second 2010 \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-59643-391-5

Volponi, Paul *RIKER'S HIGH*
246p. Viking 2010 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-670-01107-0

Non-Fiction for Teens

Burns, Loree Griffin *THE HIVE DETECTIVES: Chronicles of a Honey Bee Catastrophe*
Photos by Ellen Harasimowicz 66p. Houghton Mifflin 2010 \$18.00 ISBN 978-0-547-15231-8

Jarrow, Gail *LINCOLN'S FLYING SPIES: Thaddeus Lowe and the Civil War Balloon Corps*
107p. Calkins Creek (Boyd's Mills Press) 2010 \$18.95 ISBN 978-1-59078-719-9

Krull, Kathleen *ALBERT EINSTEIN*
Illus. by Boris Kulikov 141p. Viking 2009 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-670-06332-1

Montgomery, Sy *KAKAPO RESCUE: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot*
Photos by Nic Bishop 74p. Houghton Mifflin 2010 \$18.00 ISBN 978-0-618-49417-0

Pollan, Michael *THE ONMIVORE'S DILEMNA* (Young Readers Edition)
298p. Dial 2009 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-3415-9; \$9.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-8037-3500-2

Reef, Catherine *ERNEST HEMINGWAY: A Writer's Life*
151p. Clarion Books 2009 \$20.00 ISBN 978-0-618-98705-4

Walker, Sally *FROZEN SECRETS: Antarctica Revealed*
104p. Carolrhoda Books 2010 \$20.95 ISBN 978-1-58013-607-5

Woolridge, Connie Nordhielm *THE BRAVE ESCAPE OF EDITH WHARTON: A Biography*
184p. Clarion Books 2010 \$20.00 ISBN 978-0-547-23630-8

Fiction for Younger Teens

Boyce, Frank Cottrell *COSMIC*
311p. Walden Pond Press (HarperCollins) 2010 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-183683-1

Buckingham, Royce *THE DEAD BOYS*
201p. Putnam 2010 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-399-25222-8

Crilley, Mark *BRODY'S GHOST* (Bk 1)
89p. Dark Horse Books 2010 \$6.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-59582-521-6]

Delaney, Joseph *A COVEN OF WITCHES*
195p. Greenwillow 2010 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-196038-3; \$17.89 (PLB) 978-0-06-196039-0

Draper, Sharon *JUST ANOTHER HERO*
280p. Atheneum 2009 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-4169-0700-8

Garcia, Kami & Margaret Stohl *BEAUTIFUL CREATURES*
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Green, Tim *THE BIG TIME*
277p. HarperCollins 2010 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-168619-1-0

Horowitz, Anthony & Anthony Johnston *SKELETON KEY: The Graphic Novel*
Illus. by Kanako Damerum & Yuzuri Takasaki Philomel Books 2009 \$14.99 (pap)
ISBN 978-0-399-25418-5

Jay, Stacey *UNDEAD MUCH?*
306p. Razorbill 2010 \$8.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-59514-273-3

Koertge, Ron *SHAKESPEARE MAKES THE PLAYOFFS*
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Lore, Pittacus *I AM NUMBER FOUR*
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246p. Philomel Books 2010 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-399-25000-2

Meyer, Stephanie *TWILIGHT: The Graphic Novel, Vol. 1*
Art by Young Kim unp. Yen Press 2010 \$19.99 ISBN 978-0-7595-2943-4

Myers, Walter Dean *LOCKDOWN*
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O'Connor, George ***ZEUS: King of the Gods***

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Prineas, Sarah ***FOUND***

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Sachar, Louis ***THE CARDTURNER: A Novel About a King, a Queen, and a Joker***

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Shan, Darren ***BIRTH OF A KILLER***

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Smith, Alexander Gordon ***ESCAPE FROM FURNACE: LOCKDOWN***

273p. Farrar, Strauss, & Giroux 2009 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-374-32491-9

Springer, Nancy ***THE CASE OF THE GYPSY GOOD-BYE***

166 p. Philomel Books 2010 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-399-25236-5

Telgemeier, Raina ***SMILE***

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TenNapel, Doug ***GHOSTOPOLIS***

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Haddix, Margaret Peterson ***INTO THE GAUNTLET*** (Book 10)
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Yolen, Jane ***FOILED***

Illus. by Mike Cavallaro 160p. First Second 2010 \$28.15 (PLB) ISBN 978-0-606-14452-0; \$15.99
(pbk) ISBN 978-1-59643-279-6

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Connor, Leslie ***CRUNCH***

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DiCamillo, Kate ***THE MAGICIAN'S ELEPHANT***

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D'Lacey, Chris ***GRUFFEN***

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D'Lacey, Chris ***GAUGE***

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Draper, Sharon M. ***OUT OF MY MIND***

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Illus by Laura Freeman 91p. Clarion Bks 2010 \$15.00 ISBN 978-0-547-22247-9

French, Vivian *THE HEART OF GLASS*
244p. Candlewick Press 2010 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-4814-5

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Illus. by Brett Helquist 117p. HarperCollins 2009 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-06-167173-9

Hurwitz, Johanna *AMAZING MONTY*
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Kibuishi, Kazu *COPPER*
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Kibuishi, Kazu *THE STONEKEEPER'S CURSE*
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Kibuishi, Kazu *THE CLOUD SEARCHERS*
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Klise, Kate & M. Sarah Klise *OVER MY DEAD BODY*
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LaFevers, R L. *FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX*
Illus. by Kelly Murphy 134p. Houghton Mifflin 2009 \$16.00 ISBN 978-0-547-23865-4

LaFevers, R L. *THE BASILISK'S LAIR*
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Pilkey, Dav ***THE ADVENTURES OF OOK AND GLUK: Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future***

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Schlitz, Laura Amy ***THE NIGHT FAIRY***

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Scieszka, Jon ***SPACEHEADZ***

Illus. by Shane Prigmore 163p. Simon & Schuster 2010 \$14.99 ISBN 978-1-4169-7951-7

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Vernon, Ursula *DRAGONBREATH: Curse of the Were-Wiener*
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Winkler, Henry & Lin Oliver *A BRAND-NEW ME!*
155p. Grosset & Dunlap 2010 \$4.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-448-45210-4

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Sidman, Joyce ***UBIQUITOUS: Celebrating Nature's Survivors***
Illus. by Beckie Prange unpub. Houghton Mifflin 2010 \$17.00 ISBN 978-0-618-71719-4

Simon, Seymour ***TROPICAL RAINFORESTS***
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Illus. by José Masse unpub. Dutton 2010 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-525-47901-7

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Unpub. Candlewick Press 2010 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-3224-3

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Illus. by Jim Burke unpub. Philomel Books 2010 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-399-24661-6

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Illus. by Tom Lichtenheld Little, Brown 2010 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-316-00762-7

Becker, Bonnie ***A BEDTIME FOR BEAR***
Illus. by Kady MacDonald Denton unpub. Candlewick Press 2010 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-4101-6

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Illus. by Michael Emberley unpub. Knopf 2010 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-375-84682-3; \$20.99 (PLB)
ISBN 978-0-375-94682-0

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Scotton, Rob ***SCAREDY-CAT, SPLAT!***

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Buckley, Carol ***TARRA & BELLA: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends***

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George, Jean Craighead ***THE BUFFALO ARE BACK***

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Jenkins, Steve ***NEVER SMILE AT A MONKEY***

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