

**FICTION****Adventure and Mystery****Black Ice (Sherlock Holmes: The Legend Begins series)**

by Andrew Lane

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-374-38769-3

Can the young Sherlock Holmes prove his brother, Mycroft, innocent after Mycroft is found in a locked room with a dead body? (11-13)

**Constable & Toop**

by Gareth P. Jones

(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$16.95) 978-1-4197-0782-7

A ghost and an undertaker's son who can talk to ghosts cooperate to combat The Black Rot, a spiritual infestation. (12-15)

**\*Doll Bones**

by Holly Black, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler

(Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon &amp; Schuster BFYR, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-6398-1

When Zach, Alice, and Poppy embark on a mission to give a spooky bone-china doll a proper burial, their friendship is tested and ultimately strengthened. Black-and-white illustrations. (11-14)

**Hostage Three**

by Nick Lake

(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$17.99)

978-1-61963-123-6

Seventeen-year-old Amy, her father, and her stepmother become hostages when Somalian pirates seize their yacht. (12-15)

**Impostor**

by Susanne Winnacker

(Razorbill/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-1-595-14654-0

An elite subgroup of the FBI—teenagers with special powers—investigates a group of serial killings to identify the murderer. (11-14)

**The Living**

by Matt de la Peña

(Delacorte Press/Random House, \$17.99)

978-0-385-74120-0

A Mexican American worker on a luxury cruise liner shares his observations about class, new vistas, and romance as he gets a larger view of the world following a disaster. (12-15)

**Nobody's Secret**

by Michaela MacColl

(Chronicle Books, \$16.99) 978-1-4521-0860-5

After fifteen-year-old Emily Dickinson meets a handsome, kind stranger, she gets involved in solving his murder and discovers town secrets in the process. (12-15)

**Parched**

by Melanie Crowder

(Harcourt Children's Books/HMH, \$15.99)

978-0-547-97651-8

Sarel and Musa use their knowledge of the land to survive after the violent deaths of family members and abuse by gang members brought on by a devastating drought. (11-14)

**The Rules for Disappearing**

by Ashley Elston

(Hyperion Books for Children/Disney, \$16.99)

978-1-4231-6897-3

Being in the witness protection program makes life difficult for high school student, Meg, who must move often and frequently change identities—until she moves to Louisiana. (11-14)

**The Screaming Staircase (Lockwood & Co. series)**

by Jonathan Stroud

(Hyperion Books for Children/Disney, \$16.99)

978-1-4231-6491-3

When England is infested with ghosts that only children are sensitive enough to see, Lockwood &amp; Co. take on their most terrifying case and solve a decades-old murder. (11-13)

**Adventure and Mystery, continued****The Tell-Tale Heart**

by Edgar Allan Poe, retold by Benjamin Harper,  
illustrated by Dennis Calero  
(Stone Arch/Capstone, \$26.65; P \$5.95)  
978-1-4342-3023-2; 978-1-4342-4261-7  
This chilling tale of paranoid obsession is retold in expressive graphic format with a simple, dark palette and striking, scary pictures. Includes study guide and glossary. (11-14)

**The Tragedy Paper**

by Elizabeth Laban  
(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$17.99)  
978-0-375-87040-8  
In two consecutive years, prep school seniors Tim and Duncan relate the tale of romantic relationships and tragedy—against the background of the school's famous assignment. (11-14) Mature Content.

**Animals****Call Me Amy**

by Marcia Strykowski  
(Luminis, \$24.95) 978-1-935462-76-7  
In a small Maine town in the '70s, shy thirteen-year-old Amy and two unlikely new friends care for a wounded seal pup. (12-16)

**Dogs of War**

by Sheila Keenan, illustrated by Nathan Fox  
(Graphix/Scholastic, P \$12.99) 978-0-545-12888-9  
In these three stories, dynamic graphics portray the tremendous role played by man's best friend during wartime. (12-15)

**Samphire Song**

by Jill Hucklesby  
(Albert Whitman, \$16.99) 978-0-8075-7224-5  
A difficult stallion helps horse-loving Jodie cope with her father's death and her brother's illness. (10-14)

**Coming of Age****All My Noble Dreams and then What Happens**

by Gloria Whelan  
(Paula Wiseman Books/Simon & Schuster, \$15.99)  
978-1-4424-4976-3  
In India in 1920, Rosalind struggles to balance the world of Imperial Britain and of a colonized country fighting for independence under Gandhi's leadership. (11-14)

**Baygirl**

by Heather Smith  
(Orca, P \$12.95) 978-1-4598-0274-2  
Newfoundlander Kit copes with life with an alcoholic father but finds solace in a loving grandmother, comforting neighbors, and an understanding boyfriend. (12-15)

**The Beginning of Everything**

by Robyn Schneider  
(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99)  
978-0-06-221713-4  
An accident ends sports for Ezra, a popular senior and tennis star. Will his new friendship with Cassidy help him recover? (12-15)

**Beholding Bee**

by Kimberly Newton Fusco  
(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99)  
978-0-375-86836-8  
When life in the carnival becomes dangerous for her, Bee runs away to seek the home and family she's always wanted. (12-14)

**Below**

by Meg McKinlay  
(Candlewick Press, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-6126-7  
In an attempt to manage water problems, a town is flooded and a new one is created to replace it, but what are the secrets hidden below the surface? (12-15)

**Coming of Age, continued****The Color of Silence**

by Liane Shaw

(Second Story, P \$11.95) 978-1-926920-93-1

An emotionally shattered teenager becomes an aide in a hospital where she meets a handicapped patient unable to communicate. Will they find a way to help one another? (10-13)

**Formerly Shark Girl**

by Kelly Bingham

(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-5362-0

Jane, a high school senior recovering from the loss of her arm from a shark attack, discovers her special talents as well as her responsibilities to herself and others. Told in narrative verse. (Sequel to *Shark Girl*) (12-15)

**Going Vintage**

by Lindsey Leavitt

(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$16.99)

978-1-59990-787-1

When sixteen-year-old Mallory discovers her boyfriend's romantic computer-game activity, she gives up technology and uncovers surprises about adolescence. (12-16)

**Heaven Is Paved with Oreos**

by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$16.99) 978-0-547-62538-6

Fourteen-year-old Sarah has a grand adventure in Italy with her grandmother and an opportunity to leave an awkward relationship behind, but she also learns some disturbing family history during the trip. (12-15)

**Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace**

by Nan Marino

(Roaring Brook Press, \$16.99) 978-1-59643-753-1

Can eleven-year-old superstar Elvis hide out in a small town in the Pine Barrens long enough to recover from the major meltdown he had on national TV? (11-13)

**Jumped In**

by Patrick Flores-Scott

(Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-9514-2

Teenager Sam's mom left him with his grandparents. He lays low at school and at home—until he meets Luis, whose family has gang connections, which changes Sam forever. (13-15)

**\*Mira in the Present Tense**

by Sita Brahmachari

(Albert Whitman, \$16.99) 978-0-8075-5149-3

Keeping a diary helps twelve-year-old Mira deal with the many changes she is facing—losing her beloved Nana Josie and having her first boyfriend. (12-14)

**My Basmati Bat Mitzvah**

by Paula J. Freedman

(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$16.95) 978-1-4197-0806-0

Living in a bicultural world as a "Hin-Jew," Tara wrestles with her identity, her relationships, and her religious beliefs as she prepares for that special day. (12-14)

**\*Navigating Early**

by Clare Vanderpool

(Delacorte Press/Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-385-74209-2

Two teenage boys who have suffered profound losses set out on an extraordinary quest in the Maine wilderness. (11-14)

**\*Revenge of a Not-So-Pretty Girl**

by Carolita Blythe

(Delacorte Press/Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-385-74286-3

A misbehaving fourteen-year-old seeks redemption through a growing relationship with a former movie star, now grown old. (12-15)

**Rotten**

by Michael Northrop

(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-0-545-49587-5

After a summer in a juvenile detention, Jimmer tries to reconnect with his buddies and make friends with the Rottweiler his mother has rescued. (11-14)

**Coming of Age, continued****Under Shifting Glass**

by Nicky Singer

(Chronicle Books, \$16.99) 978-1-4521-0921-3

An antique desk left to Jess by her beloved aunt reveals secrets that comfort and challenge her as she copes with her infant twin brothers' health crisis. (12-15)

**\*Written in Stone**

by Rosanne Parry

(Random House Children's Books, \$16.99)

978-0-375-86971-6

In the 1920s, an orphaned girl in a Pacific Northwest Native American tribe struggles to preserve the traditions of her people. Extensive author's notes. (9-11)

**Fantasy****City of a Thousand Dolls**

by Miriam Forster

(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-212130-1

Abandoned at the gates of a fantasy city created for orphan girls, sixteen-year-old Nisha is challenged to solve a murder mystery. (12-15)

**A Corner of White**

by Jaclyn Moriarty

(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-39736-0

Madeleine, of modern-day Cambridge, England, exchanges letters with Elliot through a crack into the parallel world of Cello, where magic brings danger. (11-15)

**Dr. Frankenstein's Daughters**

by Suzanne Weyn

(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-0-545-42533-9

When the seventeen-year-old twin daughters of the infamous Doctor Frankenstein inherit his castle on a remote Scottish island, they discover dark secrets of the past. (12-16)

**House of Secrets**

by Chris Columbus and Ned Vizzini, illustrated by Greg Call

(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$17.99)

978-0-06-219246-2

When the Walker family buys the really underpriced Kristoff mansion in San Francisco, weird and very threatening things start to happen. Black-and-white spot illustrations. (10-14)

**The Neptune Project**

by Polly Holyoke

(Disney-Hyperion Books, \$16.99) 978-1-4231-5756-4

In a future world, altered teens learn to survive under the ocean, with each team member bringing talents to the group's mission. (12-15)

**\*The Real Boy**

by Anne Ursu

(Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins, \$16.99)

978-0-06-201507-5

Eleven-year-old Oscar, an orphan, struggles to understand and express himself while working as an apothecary's assistant in a town experiencing strange illnesses. (11-14)

**Shadow Breakers**

by Daniel Blythe

(Chicken House/Scholastic, \$16.99) 978-0-545-47979-0

Adjusting to a new home and school, fifteen-year-old Miranda finds herself included in a group of genius "weirdos" working to solve a menacing supernatural mystery. (10-14)

**Spirit and Dust**

by Rosemary Clement-Moore

(Delacorte Press/Random House, \$17.99)

978-0-385-74080-7

In this engrossing detective story involving a kidnapped girl, Daisy, psychic skills are employed to solve a complicated mystery. (12-15)

**Fantasy, continued****Splintered**

by A.G. Howard

(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$17.95) 978-1-4197-0428-4  
Alyssa, approaching her sixteenth birthday, rediscovers her family's entanglements with a Lewis-Carroll-like wonderland. (12-15)

**Through the Skylight**

by Ian Baucom, illustrated by Justin Gerard  
(Atheneum Books/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)  
978-1-4169-1777-9

Three siblings find themselves in a magical Venice, where stone lions fly and creatures walk out of paintings. Pencil drawings. (10-13)

**Tides**

by Betsy Cornwell  
(Clarion/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-92772-5  
Eighteen-year-old Noah and his sister confront the meaning of identity when they discover their grandmother's relationship with a selkie woman. (12-15)

**Historical Fiction****A Bag of Marbles**

by Joseph Joffo, adapted by Kris, illustrated by Vincent Bailly, translated from the French by Edward Gauvin  
(Graphic Universe/Lerner, \$29.27) 978-1-4677-0700-8  
Ten-year-old Joseph and his older brother Maurice flee occupied Paris after they are beaten up because they are Jewish. Can they make it safely to the free zone? Detailed watercolor illustrations. (12-16)

**Beauty's Daughter: The Story of Hermione and Helen of Troy**

by Carolyn Meyer  
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$16.99) 978-0-544-10862-2  
Did Paris take beautiful Helen from Menelaus, or did she go willingly? Did her departure start the Trojan War? Find out as you accompany Hermione, Helen's daughter, through Ancient Greece, peopled by gods, demigods, and mortals. (11-14)

**\*Belle Epoque**

by Elizabeth Ross

(Delacorte Press/Random House, \$17.99)  
978-0-385-74146-0

In the late 1800s, a sixteen-year-old French runaway secures an unusual job and discovers class discrimination, women's rights, and her own identity. (12-16)

**\*Boxers****\*Saints**

written and illustrated by Gene Luen Yang, color by Lark Pien  
(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan)  
Boxers- P \$18.99, ISBN# 978-1-59643-359-5  
Saints - P \$15.99, ISBN# 978-1-59643-689-3  
A rebel leader's and a Chinese Christian's opposing views of the Boxer Rebellion convey the emotions of an impossible conflict. Told in two volumes. (12-15)

**The Fire Horse Girl**

by Kay Honeyman

(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-40310-8  
In 1923, seventeen-year-old Jade Moon and her father leave China for America. Detained on Angel Island (near San Francisco), she must devise a way to get to the mainland. (12-15)

**Hattie Ever After**

by Kirby Larson

(Delacorte Press/Random House, \$16.99)  
978-0-385-73746-3

When seventeen-year-old Hattie leaves the prairie in 1919, she seeks a reporting career in San Francisco. (Sequel to *Hattie Big Sky*) (12-15)

**Hero on a Bicycle**

by Shirley Hughes

(Candlewick Press, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-6037-6

In 1944 in Florence, Italy, thirteen-year-old Paolo, his mother, and his sister struggle to survive and bravely aid the Partisans during the Second World War. (12-15)

**Historical Fiction, continued****\*The Lightning Dreamer: Cuba's Greatest Abolitionist**

by Margarita Engle

(Harcourt Children's Books/HMH, \$16.99)

978-0-547-80743-0

This fictionalized history of Cuba's great abolitionist and feminist poet, Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda, a.k.a. Tula, is told in simple, powerful verse. (11-14)

**The Lost Kingdom**

by Matthew J. Kirby

(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-0-545-27426-5

Billy Bartram joins his botanist father, John, in an expedition in a giant airship to search for the Welsh prince, Madoc, in the colonial wilderness. (12-15)

**The Most Excellent and Lamentable Tragedy of Romeo & Juliet**

by William Shakespeare, adapted and illustrated by Gareth Hinds

(Candlewick Press, \$21.99) 978-0-7636-5948-6

The bard's tragedy, set in Venice in the 1600s, is made visual with graphic illustrations that effectively show gestures and expressions. (12-15)

**Muckers**

by Sandra Neil Wallace

(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-375-86754-5

In 1950 in Hatley, Arizona, the mine is about to close. Can Red lead the town's high school football team to victory against the odds in the Muckers very last season? (12-15)

**One Came Home**

by Amy Timberlake

(Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-375-86925-9

In 1871 Wisconsin's western frontier during a mass wild pigeon migration, feisty thirteen-year-old Georgie sets out to find her older sister, presumed dead by everyone else. During the search, Georgie faces down a cougar and foils a gang of counterfeiters with her uncanny aim with a rifle. (11-14)

**Palace of Spies: Being a True, Accurate, and Complete Account of the Scandalous and Wholly Remarkable Adventures of Margaret Preston Fitzroy, Counterfeit Lady, Accused Thief, and Confidential Agent at the Court of His Majesty, King George I**

by Sarah Zettel

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$16.99) 978-0-544-07411-8

Disowned for refusing to marry a cad, Peggy lands a job impersonating an attendant to the Princess of Wales and spying—but why, and for whom? (13-15)

**Prisoner B-3087**

by Alan Gratz

(Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-0-545-49501-3

After the Nazis deport his family from Kraków, Yanek Gruener spends his adolescence in ten concentration camps and on two death marches, fighting to survive against the odds. (12-14)

**Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War**

by Helen Frost

(Frances Foster Books/Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-374-36387-1

Two twelve-year-old friends, Native American Anikwa and European American James, are caught in the growing conflict between their communities during the War of 1812. Written in blank verse. (11-14)

**Victoria Rebels**

by Carolyn Meyer

(Paula Wiseman Books/Simon &amp; Schuster BFYR, \$16.99)

978-1-4169-8729-1

From the time she was young, the future queen had strong opinions, and she continued to have them throughout her life. Based on actual diaries. (12-14)



**Science Fiction****Across a Star-Swept Sea**

by Diana Peterfreund

(Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$17.99)

978-0-06-200616-5

Socialite Persis travels in disguise as The Wild Poppy to neighboring Galatea to rescue aristocrats incapacitated by revolutionaries. An homage to *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. (12-14)

**Fox Forever**

by Mary E. Pearson

(Henry Holt BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-0-8050-9434-3

In a dystopian future, bioengineered Locke has been saved by the resistance. Now he's on a perilous mission to help them. Will he succeed? (12-15)

**Paradox**

by A.J. Paquette

(Random House Children's Books, \$17.99)

978-0-375-86962-4

Landing on a distant planet, with an unknown mission but evidently prepared, can teenaged Ana save Earth from an epidemic? (12-15)

**Tandem**

by Anna Jarzab

(Delacorte Press/Random House, \$17.99)

978-0-385-74277-1

Sasha is abducted and brought through the Tandem to a parallel universe. Forced to impersonate the princess, she has to confront her feelings about two boys from different worlds. (12-14)

**The Testing**

by Joelle Charbonneau

(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$17.99) 978-0-547-95910-8

Sixteen-year-old Cia faces moral and intellectual challenges when she participates in the tests that will determine her future in society. (12-15)

**Unremembered**

by Jessica Brody

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-374-37991-9

Rescued from the wreckage of a plane, a young girl struggles to discover her forgotten past in this fast-paced thriller. (12-14)

**Sports****Next**

by Kevin Waltman

(Cinco Puntos Press, P \$11.95) 978-1-935955-65-8

Derrick has the makings of an NBA star, but Coach won't play him at point guard. Should he transfer to the elite prep school trying to recruit him? (12-15)

**Swagger**

by Carl Deuker

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$17.99) 978-0-547-97459-0

With his basketball scholarship on the line, Jonas must decide whether to expose what he has learned of the evil nature of his once-idolized coach. (11-14)

**Today****\*45 Pounds (More or Less)**

by K. A. Barson

(Viking/Penguin, \$16.99) 978-0-670-78482-0

Emotional eater Ann has allowed her weight to control her life, until she is faced with her aunt's wedding. She then acquires a greater understanding of her family. (13-15)

**\*After Iris**

by Natasha Farrant

(Dial BFYR/Penguin, \$16.99) 978-0-8037-3982-6

Twelve-year-old Blue is constantly working on a video diary as she copes with the death of her twin. Is she recording the disintegration of her family? (11-15)

**Today, continued****Golden Boy**

by Tara Sullivan

(G.P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin, \$16.99)

978-0-399-16112-4

Habo, a despised African albino, must flee from his family when a talisman hunter threatens his life and the family's safety. (12-15)

**Lauren Yanofsky Hates the Holocaust**

by Leanne Lieberman

(Orca, P \$12.95) 978-1-4598-0109-7

Lauren doesn't want to be Jewish any more, but when she witnesses her friends playing war games, she must choose between ignoring the games or reporting the students. (12-15)

**Marco Impossible**

by Hannah Moskowitz

(Roaring Brook Press, \$15.99) 978-1-59643-721-0

Two best friends attempt to break into the high school prom so one of them can confess his love for Benji, the bass player in the prom band. (13-14)

**\*Picture Me Gone**

by Meg Rosoff

(G.P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin, \$17.99)

978-0-399-25765-0

When her father's best friend goes missing, twelve-year-old Mila uses her intuition and investigative skills to help determine his whereabouts. (12-14)

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**Indivisible: Poems for Social Justice**

edited by Gail Bush and Randy Meyer, illustrated by Matthew T. Bush

(Norwood House, \$10.95) 978-1-60357-417-4

The America of high ideals and harsh realities is depicted in diverse poetic styles. Line drawings. (12-17)

**INFORMATION BOOKS****Biography****Etched in Clay: The Life of Dave, Enslaved Potter and Poet**

written and illustrated by Andrea Cheng

(Lee &amp; Low, \$17.95) 978-1-60060-451-5

The personal injustices and final triumphs experienced by a slave who was an artist are told through different voices in free verse. Woodcut illustrations; references. (12-15)

**Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World**

by Tracy Kidder, adapted for young people by Michael French

(Delacorte Press/Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-385-74318-1

Dr. Farmer began by working in a remote Haitian village and wound up founding one of the world's most effective healthcare organizations dedicated to serving the poor. (11-15)

**Ecology****\*The Great American Dust Bowl**

written and illustrated by Don Brown

(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$18.99) 978-0-547-81550-3

Engaging text and striking, evocative pen and ink and digital drawings explain the history and science of one of America's greatest environmental disasters. (11-15)





## Health

### **What If?: Answers to Questions about What It Means to Be Gay and Lesbian**

by Eric Marcus

(Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99)

978-1-4424-8298-2

Many young people have questions about their sexual identity. This book provides reassuring information.

(11-14)

## History

### **Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers**

by Tanya Lee Stone

(Candlewick Press, \$24.99) 978-0-7636-5117-6

The little-told story of Black paratroopers provides a fascinating glimpse into the integration of the American military. Archival photographs throughout. (11-15)

### **Darkness Everywhere: The Assassination of Mohandas Gandhi**

by Matt Doeden

(Twenty-First Century/Lerner, \$31.93)

978-0-7613-5483-3

Gandhi's nonviolent civil disobedience helped a divided India achieve independence and, even after his death at the hands of radical Hindu nationalists, influenced the fight for freedom worldwide. Archival photographs.

(10-14)

### **\*Emancipation Proclamation: Lincoln and the Dawn of Liberty**

by Tonya Bolden

(Abrams BFYR, \$24.95) 978-1-4197-0390-4

This nuanced look at the events and motivations that led Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation is illustrated with archival images. (11-14)



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### **March: Book One**

by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, illustrated by Nate Powell

(Top Shelf Productions, P \$14.95) 978-1-60309-300-2

Activist and Congressman John Lewis provides an intimate portrayal of the American Civil Rights movement, powerfully told in comic-book style illustrations. (12-15)

### **\*"The President Has Been Shot!": The Assassination of John F. Kennedy**

by James L. Swanson

(Scholastic Press, \$18.99) 978-0-545-49007-8

Follow the events from the triumphal trip to Dallas to the murder of President Kennedy and the killing of Lee Harvey Oswald. Black-and-white archival photographs. (12-15)

## Religion



### **\*With a Mighty Hand: The Story in the Torah**

adapted by Amy Ehrlich, illustrated by Daniel Nevins  
(Candlewick Press, \$29.99) 978-0-7636-4395-9

The five books of the Torah are beautifully adapted in free verse. Oil on wood paintings. Well referenced. (11-18)



## Science

### **Fourth Down and Inches: Concussions and Football's Make-or-Break Moment**

by Carla Killough McClafferty

(Carolrhoda/Lerner, \$20.95) 978-1-4677-1067-1

Graphic technical details describe head and brain traumas that have plagued the game of football since the nineteenth century. Photos and diagrams. Sources, web sites, and bibliography. (12-17)

### **Stronger Than Steel: Spider Silk DNA and the Quest for Better Bulletproof Vests, Sutures, and Parachute Rope (Scientists in the Field series)**

by Bridget Heos, photographs by Andy Comins

(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$18.99) 978-0-547-68126-9

Imagine implanting goats, silkworms, and alfalfa with the DNA of golden orb weaver spiders to develop a more useful quality of silk. Black-and-white and full-color photographs. References. (11-14)