

# Best New Children's Books of 2013



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### Picture Books

Austin, Mike *MONSTERS LOVE COLORS*

Unp. HarperCollins 2013 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-06-212594-1

Becker, Aaron *JOURNEY*

Unp. Candlewick Press 2013 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6053-6

Blechman, Nicholas *NIGHT LIGHT*

Unp. Orchard Books (Scholastic) 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-46263-1

Braun, Sebasten *DIGGER AND TOM*

Unp. HarperCollins 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-207752-3

Butterworth, Chris *SEE WHAT A SEAL CAN DO*

Illus. by Kate Nelms 28p. Candlewick Press 2013 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6574-6

Cooper, Floyd *MAX AND THE TAG-ALONG MOON*

Unp. Philomel (Penguin) 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-399-23342-5

Cousins, Lucy *PECK, PECK, PECK*

Unp. Candlewick Press 2013 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6621-7

Daywalt, Drew *THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT*

Illus. by Oliver Jeffers unp. Philomel Books (Penguin) 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-399-25537-3

Dunrea, Olivier **JASPER & JOOP**

Unp. Houghton Mifflin 2013 \$9.99 ISBN 978-0-547-86762-5

Eaton, Jason Carter **HOW TO TRAIN A TRAIN**

Illus. by John Rocco unp. Candlewick Press 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6307-0

Foreman, Michael **OH! IF ONLY...**

Unp. Anderson Press (Lerner) 2013 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-4677-1213-2

Freedman, Deborah **THE STORY OF FISH AND SNAIL**

Unp. Viking 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-670-78489-9

Gaiman, Neil **CHU'S DAY**

Illus. by Adam Rex unp. HarperCollins 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-201781-9

Graham, Bob **THE SILVER BUTTON**

Unp. Candlewick Press 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6437-4

Helquist, Brett **GRUMPY GOAT**

Unp. HarperCollins 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-113953-6

Horowitz, Dave **TWENTY-SIX PIRATES**

Unp. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin) 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-399-25777-3

Jarman, Julia **TWO SHY PANDAS**

Illus. by Susan Varley unp. Anderson Press 2013 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-4677-1141-8

Kulka, Joe **MY CROCODILE DOES NOT BITE**

Unp. Carolrhoda Books (Lerner) 2013 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-7613-8937-8

Mahy, Margaret **THE GREEN BATH**

Illus. by Steven Kellogg unp. Arthur A. Levine Bks (Scholastic) 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-20667-9

Mortensen, Lori **COWPOKE CLYDE AND DIRTY DAWG**

Illus. by Michael Allen Austin unp. Clarion Books 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-547-23993-4

Oldland, Nicholas *UP THE CREEK*

Unp. Kids Can Press 2013 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-894786-32-4

Pinkney, Jerry (illus.) *THE TORTOISE & THE HARE*

Unp. Little, Brown 2013 \$18.00 ISBN 978-0-316-18356-7

Rockwell, Anne *TRUCK STOP*

Illus. by Melissa Iwai unp. Viking 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-670-06261-4

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse *EXCLAMATION MARK*

Illus. by Tom Lichtenheld unp. Scholastic 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-545-43679-3

Schmid, Paul *PERFECTLY PERCY*

Unp. HarperCollins 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-180436-6

Schmitt, Michel-Yves *YOUR PAJAMAS ARE SHOWING!*

Illus. by Vincent Caut 31p. Graphic Universe (Lerner) 2013 \$25.26 ISBN 978-1-4677-0769-5; \$6.95 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-4677-0871-5

Shannon, David *BUGS IN MY HAIR*

Unp. Blue Sky Press (Scholastic) 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-545-14313-4

Snicket, Lemony *THE DARK*

Illus. by Jon Klassen unp. Little, Brown 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-316-18748-0

Tuck, Pamela M. *AS FAST AS WORDS COULD FLY*

Illus. by Eric Velasquez unp. Lee & Low Books 2013 \$18.95 ISBN 978-1-60060-348-8

Wiesner, David *MR. WUFFLES!*

Unp. Clarion Books 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-618-75661-2

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## **Beginning Readers & Early Chapter Books**

Daley, Michael J. *PINCH AND DASH AND THE TERRIBLE COUCH*

Illus. by Thomas F. Yezerski 48p. Charlesbridge 2013 \$12.95 ISBN 978-1-58089-379-4

DiCamillo, Kate & Alison McGhee ***BINK & GOLLIE, BEST FRIENDS FOREVER***  
Illus. by Tony Fucile 31p. Candlewick Press 2013 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-3497-1

Egan, Tim ***DODWORTH IN TOKYO***  
Unp. Houghton Mifflin 2013 \$14.99 ISBN 978-547-87745-7

Haas, Jesse ***BRAMBLE AND MAGGIE: Give and Take***  
Illus. by Alison Friend 52p. Candlewick Press 2013 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-5021-6

Henkes, Kevin ***PENNY AND HER MARBLE***  
48p. HarperCollins 2013 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-06-208203-9

Lin, Grace ***LING & TING SHARE A BIRTHDAY***  
43p. Little, Brown & Co. 2013 \$15.00 ISBN 978-0-316-18405-2

Schneider, Josh ***THE MEANEST BIRTHDAY GIRL***  
48p. Clarion Books (Houghton Mifflin) 2013 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-547-83814-1

## **Nonfiction Picture Books**

Curtis, Jennifer Keats ***SEAHORSES***  
Illus. by Chad Wallace unp. Henry Holt & Co. 2012 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8050-9239-4

Ferris, Jeri Chase ***NOAH WEBSTER & HIS WORDS***  
Illus. by Vincent X. Kirsch unp. Houghton Mifflin 2012 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-547-39055-0

MacLachlan, Patricia & Emily MacLachlan Charest ***CAT TALK***  
Illus. by Barry Moser Unp. Katherine Tegen Bks (HarperCollins) 2013 \$17.99  
ISBN 978-0-06-027978-3

Markle, Sandra ***THE LONG, LONG JOURNEY: The Godwit's Amazing Migration***  
Illus. by Mia Posada unp. Millbrook Press (Lerner) 2013 \$26.60 ISBN 978-0-7613-5623-3

Pinborough, Jan ***MISS MOORE THOUGH OTHERWISE***  
Illus. by Debby Atwell unp. Houghton Mifflin 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-547-47105-1

## **Fiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)**

Black ,Holly ***DOLL BONES***

244p. Margaret K. McElderry Books (Simon & Schuster) 2013 \$ 16.99 ISBN 978-1-4169-6398-1

DiCamillo, Kate ***FLORA & ULYSSES: The Illuminated Adventures*** ✓

Illus. by K. G. Campbell 231p.Candlewick Press 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6040-6

English, Karen ***NIKI & DEJA: Substitute Trouble***

Illus by Laura Freeman 108p. Clarion Bks 2013 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-547-61565-3

Fry, Michael ***THE ODD SQUAD: Bully Bait***

214p. Disney • Hyperion 2013 \$12.99 ISBN 978-142316924-6

Gaiman, Neil ***FORTUNATELY, THE MILK*** ✓

Illus. by Skottie Young 113p. HarperCollins 2013 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-06-222407-1

Giff, Patricia Reilly ***GINGERSNAP***

147p. Random House 2013 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-375-83891-0; \$18.99 (PLB) ISBN 978-0-375-93891-7

Grimaldi ***WELCOME TO THE TRIBE***

Illus. by Bannister 48p. Graphic Universe 2013 \$26.60 (PLB) ISBN 978-1-4677-1297-2; \$6.95 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-4677-1522-5

Hicks, Betty ***THE WORM WHISPERER***

Illus. by Ben Hatke 186p. Roaring Brook Press 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-59643-490-5

MacLachlan, Patricia ***THE TRUTH OF ME***

114p. Katherine Tegen Books (HarperCollins) 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-199859-1

McKay, Hilary ***LULU AND THE DOG FROM THE SEA***

Illus. by Priscilla Lamont 108p. Albert Witman & Co. 2013 \$13.99 ISBN 978-0-8075-4820-2

O'Connor, Jane ***NANCY CLANCY, SECRET ADMIRER***

Illus. by Robin Preiss Glasser 112p. HarperCollins 2013 \$9.99 ISBN 978-0-06-208295-4

Pastis, Stephan ***TIMMY FAILURE: Mistakes Were Made***  
294p. CCandlewick Press 2013 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6050-5

Resnick, Jacqueline. ***THE DARING ESCAPE OF THE MISFIT MENAGERIE***  
Illus. by Matthew Cook 308p. Razorbill 2012 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-59514-588-8

Selfors, Suzanne ***THE SASQUATCH ESCAPE***  
Illus. by Dan Santat 201p. Little, Brown 2013 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-316-20934-2

Selfors, Suzanne ***THE LONELY LAKE MONSTER***  
Illus. by Dan Santat 205p. Little, Brown 2013 \$16.0 ISBN 978-0-316-22567-0

Tashjian, Janet ***MY LIFE AS A CARTOONIST***  
Illus. by Jake Tashjian 259p. Henry Holt & Co. 2013 \$13.99 ISBN 978-0-8050-9609-5

TenNapel, Doug ***TOMMYSAURUS REX***  
139p. Graphix (Scholastic) 2013 \$10.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-545-48383-4

Watson, Tom ***STICK DOG***  
189p. HarperCollins 2013 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-06-211078-7

Watson, Tom ***STICK DOG WANTS A HOT DOG*** ✓  
220p. HarperCollins 2013 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-06-211080-7

### **Nonfiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)**

Castrovilla, Selene ***REVOLUTIONARY FRIENDS: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette*** ✓  
Illus. By Drazen Kozjan inp. Boyds Mills Press 2013 \$16.95  
ISBN 978-1-59078-880-6

Coy, John ***HOOP GENIUS: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball*** ✓  
Illus. by Joe Morse unp. Carolrhoda Books 2013 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-7613-6617-1

Downer, Ann ***WILD ANIMAL NEIGHBORS: Sharing Our Urban World*** ✓  
64p. Twenty-First Century Books 2013 \$33.27 ISBN 978-0-7613-9021-3

Flood, Nancy Bo ***COWBOY UP!: Ride the Navajo Rodeo***  
Photos by Jan Sonnenmair 40p. WordSong (Highlights) 2013 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-59078-893-6

Kelly, David A. ***MIRACLE MUD: Lena Blackburne and the Secret Mud That Changed Baseball***  
Illus. by Oliver Dominguez unpag. Millbrook Press (Lerner) 2013 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-7613-8092-4

Lewis, J. Patrick ***FACE BUG***  
Photos by Frederic B. Siskind illus. by Kelly Murphy 35p. Boyds Mills Press 2013 \$16.95  
ISBN 978-1-59078-925-4

Rockwell, Anne ***HEY, CHARLESTON!: The True Story of the Jenkins Orphanage Band*** ✓  
Illus. by Colin Bootman unpag. Carolrhoda Books 2013 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-7613-5565-6

Skead, Robert ***SOMETHING TO PROVE: The Great Satchel Paige VS Rookie Joe DiMaggio*** ✓  
Illus. by Floyd Cooper unpag. Carolrhoda Books 2013 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-7613-6619-5

## New Titles in Popular Series

### Picture Books:

Schachner, Judy ***SKIPPYJON JONES, CIRQUE DE OLÉ***  
Unpag. Dial Books 2012 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-3782-2

Watt, Mélanie ***SCAREDY SQUIRREL GOES CAMPING***  
Unpag. Kids Can Press 2013 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-894786-86-7

Watt, Mélanie ***SCAREDY SQUIRREL PREPARES FOR HALLOWEEN***  
Unpag. Kids Can Press 2013 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-894786-87-4

Yolen, Jane ***HOW DO DINOSAURS SAY I'M MAD?***  
Illus. by Mark Teague unpag. Blue Sky Press (Scholastic) 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-14315-8

### Fiction for Grades 2 – 5 or so:

Green, Tim ***PERFECT SEASON***  
390p. HarperCollins 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-220869-9

Greenwald, Tommy **CHARLIE JOE JACKSON'S GUIDE TO SUMMER VACATION**  
Illus. by J.P. Coover 223p. Roaring Brook Press 2013 \$14.99 ISBN 978-1-59643-757-9

Gutman, Dan **YOU ONLY DIE TWICE**  
289p. HarperCollins 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-182770-9

Klise, Kate **HOLLYWOOD, DEAD AHEAD**  
Illus. by M. Sarah Klise 131p. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2013 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-547-85283-6

Korman, Gordon **HIDEOUT**  
256p. Scholastic 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-44866-6

McCranie, Stephen **MAL & CHAD: Belly Flop!**  
224p. Philomel 2012 \$9.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-399-25658-5

Vernon, Ursula **DRAGONBREATH: The Case of the Toxic Mutants - #9**  
201p. Dial Press 2013 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-3847-8

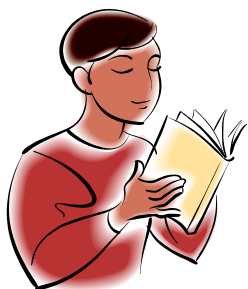
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# Best New Teen Books of 2013



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### Fiction for Younger Teens

Barnes, Jennifer Lynn ***NOBODY***

400p. Egmont USA 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-60684-321-5

Berk, Josh ***STRIKE THREE YOU'RE DEAD***

256p. Knopf 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-375-87008-8

Blackwood, Sage ***JINX***

360p. HarperCollins 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-212990-1

Bodeen, S. A. ***THE RAFT***

231p. Feiwel & Friends (an imprint of Macmillan) 2012 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-312-65010-0

Carriger, Gail ***ETIQUETTE & ESPIONAGE***

320p. Little, Brown 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-316-19008-4

Flake, Sharon ***PINNED***

228p. Scholastic 2012 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-545-05718-9

Gansworth, Eric ***IF I EVER GET OUT OF HERE***

350p. Arthur A. Levine Books (Scholastic) 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-545-41730-3

Gratz, Alan ***PRISONER B-3087***

260p. Scholastic 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-45901-3

Greenwald, Tommy ***CHARLIE JOE JACKSON'S GUIDE TO SUMMER VACATION***  
Illus. by J.P. Coovert 223p. Roaring Brook Press 2013 \$14.99 ISBN 978-1-59643-757-9

Koertge, Ron ***COALTOWN JESUS*** ✓  
122p. Candlewick Press 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6228-8

Korman, Gordon ***THE HYPNOTISTS***  
232p. Scholastic 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-50322-8

Meyer, Marissa ***SCARLET***  
452p. Feiwel & Friends 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-312-64296-9

Nielsen, Jennifer A. ***THE RUNAWAY KING***  
331p. Scholastic 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-545-28415-8

Paulsen, Gary and Jim ***ROAD TRIP***  
128p. Wendy Lamb Books (Random House) 2013 \$ ISBN 978-0-385-74191-0

Shusterman, Neal ***SHIP OUT OF LUCK***  
291p. Dutton (Penguin group) 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-525-42226-6

Vanderpool, Clare ***NAVIGATING EARLY***  
300p. Delacorte Press (Random House) 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-385-74209-2

West, Kasie ***PIVOT POINT***  
343p. HarperCollins 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-211737-3

## **Nonfiction for Teens**

Bascomb, Neal ***THE NAZI HUNTERS***  
219p. Arthur A. Levine (Scholastic) 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-43099-9

Jenks, Andrew ***ANDREW JENKS: My Life as a Young Filmmaker***  
223p. Scholastic 2013 \$19.99 ISBN 978-0-545-41727-3

Johnson, Rebecca L. **ZOMBIE MAKERS: True Stories of Nature's Undead**  
48p. Millbrook Press (Lerner) 2013 \$30.60 (PLB) ISBN 978-0-7613-8633-9

Plain, Nancy **LIGHT ON THE PRAIRIE: Solomon D. Butcher, Photographer of Nebraska's Pioneer Days** 102p. University of Nebraska Press 2012 \$16.95 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-8032-3520-5

Roach, Mary **GULP: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal**  
348p. W.W. Norton & Co. 2013 \$26.95 ISBN 978-0-393-08157-2

Sheinkin, Steve **BOMB: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon**  
266p. Roaring Brook Press 2012 \$19.99 ISBN 978-1-59643-487-5

Wittenstein, Vicki Oransky **FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND?: The Shameful History of Human Medical Experimentation** 94p. Twenty First Century Books 2013 \$35.93 (PLB)  
ISBN 978-1-4677-0659-9

Yolen, Jane & Heidi E.Y. Stemple **BAD GIRLS: Jezebels, Murderesses, Thieves & Other Female Villains** I.us. by Rebecca Guay 164p. Charlesbridge 2013 \$18.95 ISBN 978-1-58089-185-1

## **Fiction for Older Teens**

Black, Holly **THE COLDEST GIRL IN COLDTOWN**  
419p. Little, Brown 2013 \$ 19.00 ISBN 978-0-316-21310-3

Bray, Libba **THE DIVINERS**  
578p. Little, Brown 2012 \$19.99 ISBN 978-0-316-12611-3

Bruchac, Joseph **KILLER OF ENEMIES** ✓  
361p. Tu Books (Lee & Low) 2013 \$19.95 ISBN 978-1-62014-143-4

Cass, Kiera **THE ELITE**  
323p. HarperCollins 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-205996-3

Condie, Ally **REACHED**  
512p. Dutton 2012 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-525-42366-9

- Lyga, Barry **GAME**  
517p. Little, Brown & Co. 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-316-12587-1
- McDowell, Beck **THIS IS NOT A DRILL**  
216p. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin) 2012 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-399-25794-0
- McGinnis, Mindy **NOT A DROP TO DRINK**  
309p. Katherine Tegen Books (HarperCollins) 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-219850-1
- Morgan, Kass **THE 100**  
323p. Little, Brown 2013 \$18.00 ISBN 978-0-316-23447-4
- Myers, Walter Dean **ALL THE RIGHT STUFF**  
213p. Amistad (HarperCollins) 2012 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-196087-1
- Myers, Walter Dean **INVASION**  
212p. Scholastic 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-545-38428-5
- Rowell, Rainbow **ELEANOR & PARK**  
325p. St. Martin's Griffin 2013 \$18.99 ISBN 978-1-250-01257-9
- Rowell, Rainbow **FANGIRL**  
433p. St. Martin's Griffin 2013 \$18.99 ISBN 978-1-250-03095-5
- Smith, Andrew **WINGER** ✓  
439p. Simon & Shuster 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-4424-4492-8
- Stiefvater, Maggie **THE DREAM THIEVES**  
437p. Scholastic 2013 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-545-42494-3
- Wein, Elizabeth **ROSE UNDER FIRE**  
346p. Hyperion 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-4231-8309-9
- Yancey, Rick **THE 5<sup>TH</sup> WAVE**  
457p. G.P. Putnam's Sons (Penguin) 2013 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-399-16241-1

Zadoff, Allen ***BOY NOBODY***  
337p. Little, Brown & Co. 2013 \$18.00 ISBN 978-0-316-19968-1

## **New Titles in Popular Series**

Carter, Ally ***PERFECT SCOUNDRELS***  
328p. Disney Hyperion 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-4231-6600-9

Delaney, Joseph ***SLITHER***  
Illus. by Patrick Arrasmith 380p. HarperCollins 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-219234-9

Delaney, Joseph ***I AM ALICE***  
Illus. by Patrick Arrasmith 432p. HarperCollins 2013 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-171513-6

Flanagan, John ***THE HUNTERS*** (The Brotherband Chronicles, Book 3)  
432p. Philomel (The Penguin Group) 2012 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-399-25621-9

Korman, Gordon ***HIDEOUT***  
275p. Scholastic 2013 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-44866-6

Smith, Alexander Gordon ***EXECUTION***  
320p. Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2012 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-374362249

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