
**FP:** *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse,* by Joseph Marshall III


**FP:** *A Diamond in the Desert,* by Kathryn Fitzmaurice

Murphy, Jim, and Alison Blank. *Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure* (Clarion, 2012). The authors follow the science and history of a centuries-old medical menace that continues to elude a permanent cure, as ineffective and sometimes dangerous treatments have given way to drugs that have created antibiotic-resistant superbugs.

**FP:** *River Runs Deep,* by Jennifer Bradbury


**FP:** *Lily and Dunkin,* by Donna Gephart


**FP:** *One Came Home,* by Amy Timberlake

Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk. *Last Airlift: A Vietnamese Orphan’s Rescue from War* (Pajama Press, 2012). This accessible, unflinching account of one young girl’s journey transports readers from an orphanage in Vietnam, through the plane ride on the final airlift of children out of Saigon, and to a loving family in Canada.

**FP:** *Listen, Slowly,* by Thanhha Lai

Stone, Tanya Lee. *Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickels, America’s First Black Paratroopers* (Candlewick, 2013). Heroic soldiers fought for their country as equals in spite of the segregation back home.

**FP:** *Invasion,* by Walter Dean Myers

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* (Abrams, 2015). Mexican artist José Guadalupe Posada popularized images of skeletons and skulls—now associated with Día de los Muertos—to comment on politics and social movements of the day, including the Mexican Revolution.

**FP:** *The Tequila Worm,* by Viola Canales


**FP:** *Gone Crazy in Alabama,* by Rita Williams-Garcia

Fiction Pairing: Life on Mars, by Jennifer Brown

Bausum, Ann. Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of World War I’s Bravest Dog (National Geographic, 2014). Using a dog as a lens through which to view and humanize the brutality of early-twentieth-century combat, Bausum chronicles the compelling story of Private Robert Conroy and Stubby the dog, from their army enlistment to their service as an army mascot in France.

FP: Dogs of War, by Sheila Keenan

Brown, Don. The Great American Dust Bowl (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013). Told in a comics format, this vivid depiction of the Dust Bowl offers insight into its causes, as well as the experiences of those who lived through it.

FP: Out of the Dust, by Karen Hesse


FP: Toviver’s Secret, by Esther Wood Brady

Close, Chuck. Chuck Close: Face Book (Abrams, 2012). Chuck Close writes answers to kids’ questions about his life, his work, and the many techniques he uses to create his art.

FP: My Life as a Cartoonist, by Janet Tashjian

Crump, Marty. The Mystery of Darwin’s Frog (Boyds Mills, 2013). Frog scientist Marty Crump tells the story of a male frog full of surprises that was discovered by Charles Darwin in 1834.

FP: The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate, by Jacqueline Kelly

Hopkinson, Deborah. Titanic: Voices from the Disaster (Scholastic, 2012). Get the story of the ill-fated Titanic voyage from the witnesses and survivors themselves.

FP: I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912, by Lauren Tarshis

Kelly, David A. Miracle Mud: Lena Blackburne and the Secret Mud That Changed Baseball (Millbrook Press, 2013). Find out how mud from a swamp helped change the way the game of baseball was played.

FP: Strike Three, You’re Dead, by Josh Berk


FP: Night on Fire, by Ronald Kidd

Macy, Sue. Roller Derby Rivals (Holiday House, 2014). Midge “Toughie” Brasuhn and Gerry Murray went head-to-head in a 1948 high-speed Roller Derby match, one of the first televised sports games in history.

FP: Roller Girl, by Victoria Jamieson

Markle, Sandra. The Case of the Vanishing Little Brown Bats: A Scientific Mystery (Millbrook Press, 2014). Little brown bats, nature’s insect eaters, have been mysteriously dying. Scientists have searched caves and mines to determine the cause and are now exploring ways to help these small mammals survive hibernation.

FP: Silverwing, by Kenneth Oppel

McClefferty, Carla Killough. Fourth Down and Inches: Concussions and Football’s Make-or-Break Moment (Carolrhoda Books, 2013). Football is a dangerous game, and new brain research reveals the hazards of America’s favorite sport.

FP: Fantasy League, by Mike Lupica

Preus, Margi. The Only Road, by Alexandra Diaz

Hoose, Phillip. The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015). Ashamed of Denmark’s meek acceptance of German occupation, a group of teenage schoolmates joined together to sabotage the Nazi occupiers and helped spark the resistance in their homeland.

FP: Shadow on the Mountain, by Jim Murphy


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