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American History

Davis, Kenneth C. *Don't Know Much About History: Everything You Need to Know About American History but Never Learned*. Crown 1990 E178.25.D37 1990

Questions and answers, in chronological order, about hidden American history. For older readers.


An account of the 1833 journey up the Missouri River to North Dakota made by the German Prince Maximilian and Swiss artist Karl Bodmer.


Read this book to know your rights and obligations.


Diaries, personal letters, and archival photographs chronicle the horrors experienced by the hundreds of thousands of "soldiers" between the ages of 12 and 16 who fought in the Civil War.


The Civil War comes alive in this vividly descriptive personal journal of a Union soldier.


Everyday life for early European settlers.


Examines the lethal legacy left by white European settlers that nearly decimated the North American Indian population during the last 500 years. For older readers.
Animals & Animal Stories

Vivid, poetic descriptions of animals' lives makes these creatures real to the reader's senses.

"In one pen alone lived 128 alligators, whose average age handlers estimated at sixty to ninety years. Some showed white calcium deposits on their tails, scar tissue from fights. Not only was it hard to tell where one began and another ended, they were for the most part lying as still as masonry.

'How would you know if one died?' I asked.

'You've got to look for flies around their eyes,' Kent said practically.

'When they die, do you bury them?'

'Burial's rough. A nine-hundred-pound alligator needs a big hole. We had a big old alligator die here once, and I weighed its head—just its head—at a hundred and fifty pounds!'"

—from The Moon by Whale Light

Portraits of endangered animals, with a humorous twist, by the author The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. For older readers.

Avi. Blue Heron. Bradbury 1992 TEEN FICTION
While spending August at the Massachusetts shore, almost-thirteen Maggie finds beauty and strength in a blue heron, even as her family unravels around her.

The dog family tree—color photos of wild and domestic dogs from around the world.

"Pig Latin," "It's raining cats and dogs," and black cat superstitions—what do these sayings have to do with animals?

A zoo that fights to preserve animals in the wild.

How to train your pup to be the perfect pet.

George, Jean Craighead. How to Talk to Your Cat. Warner 1986 SF446.5.G46 1986
Learn to interpret your cat's body language.
Hathorn, Libby. Thunderwith. Little, Brown 1991 TEEN FICTION
A mysterious dog helps Lara adjust to her new stepmother and life in Australia.

Need to force feed a mouse to your snake? This book will show you how, plus provide dictionary listings of snakes and plenty of photos.

Hundreds of ways to help animals, from tofu dog barbecues to reflections on dissections.

The inside view of animals, including whales and dinosaurs, that we usually see from the outside.

Smucker, Barbara Claassen. Incredible Jumbo. Viking 1990 J/FICTION
Captured as a young elephant in Africa, Jumbo is sent first to Paris, then to the London Zoo, and finally to P.T. Barnum’s circus in America.

A doctor whose patients include pandas, elephants, and a giraffe requiring acupuncture treatments.

**Around the World, Past & Present**

Conversations with teens in the Middle East show how the ongoing war has affected them. For older readers.

A ten-year-old girl travels with her family to the Galapagos to unravel the story of her father’s escape from the Nazis and his mysterious death. For older readers.

Drugs, deception, and murder—the full story of what led to the 1989 invasion of Panama by American troops. For older readers.

The history, culture, and politics that created the complex, volatile situation within the country and outlines its pivotal place in world politics. For older readers.
The spirituality of the Rastafarians, their racial struggles, Jamaican politics, and the rhythms of Africa are united in this telling history of Reggae. For older readers.

Raised in a Persian harem, she defied Moslem tradition and was arrested under the Ayatoilah's regime, branded as a "counter revolutionary." For older readers.

A beautifully illustrated reminiscence that provides insight into Jewish culture and the impact of the Holocaust on the author as a young teen.

Henry's wives come alive in these colorful, in-depth portraits that go far beyond the age-old history lesson of "Divorced, beheaded, died...divorced, beheaded, survived." For older readers.

The love story of an American anthropologist who lived with the Yanomama people in the Amazon for twelve years and married a Yanomama woman. For older readers.

What is it like for Palestinians living in Israel, "having my country at war with my people?"

A black American finds some startling differences between himself and African cultures when he goes in search of his "roots." For older readers.

Its history, rich cultural heritage, society, and political future.

From privileged school girl to embattled refugee, thirteen-year-old Tara and her Kurdish family struggle to survive the mountainous trek from their home in Iraq.

Folktales from around the world reflecting different aspects of war and peace.
Stories by black and white South African authors that portray the emotions and experiences of those living in a society torn apart by racial division and injustice.

A grand sweep of Russian history, from 1600s serfdom to glasnost of the 1990s. For older readers.

Hsun-Ching comes of age in his quest to find the Buddhist key to immortality. For older readers.

A fourteen-year-old boy in Damascus uses his journal to escape the corrupt and repressive dictates of Syrian society and pursue his dream of becoming a journalist.

The story of the disappearing Altiplano tribe in the Bolivian Andes, descendants of the “Aymara—the “sons of the moon” who created the first great pre-Columbian empire in South America.

Shabanu, a nomad’s daughter pledged to marry an older man, must face the consequences of defying her father’s wishes and her Pakistani traditions.

Art & Architecture

If you could slice a submarine, a castle, or a coal mine in half, what would you see? Incredible cross-sections show you everything from the periscope to the poop chute.

The design and construction of over sixty architectural wonders dating from the ancient to the modern world.

Mexican artist Kahlo incorporated struggles with her health (due to a bus accident in her teens), politics, and her difficult marriage to Diego Rivera into her stunning paintings. For older readers.
With only a pencil, eraser, and a straight edge, you can create amazing three-dimensional illustrations.

Learn to look at art through the “painter’s eye” as some of America’s most prominent contemporary artists discuss their lives and their work.

Surveys the history of art, from cave paintings through the modern era. Many color and black-and-white photos and illustrations.

Homer Simpson, Betty Boop, the Grinch, comic superheroes—they’re all here in this comprehensive guide to the world of animation.

The history of the funny pages.

The life and artistic legacy of the great painter whose artistic “temperament” cost him fame and fortune.

One of the best art galleries in the world is on the streets of New York City.

Their cartoon empire began with Tom and Jerry and spanned more than five decades. Brimming with color illustrations and historical photos.

As the author says, “welcome to the world of how to create monsters...not by assembling body parts, but by simply using paper, pencil and pen dipped in ink...never in blood!”

Art that fights for civil rights on T-shirts and in art galleries.
Insights into the life and art of the incredibly gifted Chinese teenager Wang Yani, who had her first formal exhibition at age four.

**Artificial Intelligence: The World of Computers**

Visit the cutting edge of crime and electronic exploration in the computer world. For older readers.

Ryan, Kenneth David. *Computer Anxiety? Instant Relief!: An Easy-to-Read Introduction to the IBM PCs, Compatibles and Clones*. Castle Mountain 1992 QA76.5.R93 1992
A primer of basic IBM computer information, for the beginning computer user.

A true-life thriller that starts when the author begins investigating a seventy-five cent mistake in his employer's computer and ends with his tracking down a German hacker spy ring. For older readers.

**Beating the Odds**

After twenty years of being misdiagnosed as schizophrenic, Marie decides to fight back. For older readers.

First-hand accounts of teenagers who overcame problems of poverty, abuse, pregnancy, drugs and alcohol, and cultural displacement in their desire to "be somebody."

The story of the San Francisco Special Olympics basketball program.

Twelve who battle pain, uncertainty, and changes in their lives due to serious illness.
Some saved lives, some fought for the rights of others.

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**Beyond the Horizon: Astronomy, Aviation & Space Exploration**

Women barnstormers broke both the sex and color barriers by taking to the skies in the early 1900s.

An astronaut’s vision of how to approach the exploration of Mars. For older readers.

Stories and sightings of UFOs—some false, some still unexplained.

Black holes, “the ultimate garbage recycler”: what they are and how we know they exist.

They “lived together, played together, worked together, and, in fact, thought together” in their shared pursuit of human flight. Original photos document their journey.

Who named the constellations and how to find them in the sky.

Explores the fascinating and marvelous discoveries of and on planetary moons.
Information about earth’s nearest neighbors—the planets—gathered from recent space missions, with fascinating color photos. For older readers.

Imagining travel in outer space—from the pulp novels of the 1900s to the dreams of the twenty-first century—plus a wealth of illustrations.

Support for the hypothesis that science will never completely explain the material world. For older readers.

A history of the space race, which began with a Russian schoolteacher’s plan to launch a rocket beyond earth.

Explores past myths about Mars and investigates speculations about humans living on Mars in the future. For older readers.

The possibilities of parallel universes, such as a superspace theater and zero-time ghosts.

### The Camera Eye:
**Film, Photography & Video**

Use everyday objects to make movies. You don’t even need a camera!

Spike Lee’s take on the making of “Malcolm X” and the screenplay of the film. For older readers.

What do famous people look like?
Monk, Lorraine. **Photographs That Changed the World.** Doubleday 1989  
TR654.M628 1989  
Decide for yourself if one photograph can truly influence world opinion.

Rosenberg, David, editor. **The Movie That Changed My Life.** Viking 1991  
Twenty-three prominent writers discuss the films that profoundly influenced them in their youth. For older readers.

Schwartz, Perry. **How to Make Your Own Video.** Lerner 1991  
J/TK6655.V5538 1991  
Covers all the technical basics of making a camcorder home video, focusing on elements of production, direction, and creative use of subjects and scripts.

TR721.S45 1992  
Breathtaking color photography of mountain climbing, windsurfing, and other daredevil feats, in fantastic settings.

### Careers & College

Beckett, Kathleen. **Fashion.** Peterson’s Guides 1992  
TT507.B414 1992  
Realistic view of jobs in the fashion industry—models, designers, and retail—which don’t require college degrees.

Editors of VGM Career Horizons. **VGM’s Careers Encyclopedia.** VGM 1991  
HF5382.5.U5C337 1991  
A basic overview of a wide variety of career choices.

Gelband, Scott et al. **Your College Application.** College Entrance Examination Board 1991  
LB2351.52.U6G45 1991  
A step-by-step guide to help you assemble everything you need to apply for college.

Greenwald, Ted. **Music.** Peterson’s Guides 1992  
ML3790.G76 1992  
The inside scoop on jobs in the music scene, including engineers, musicians, salespersons, and songwriters.

Kaplan, Andrew. **Careers for Artistic Types.** Millbrook 1991  
N8350.K26 1991  
Interviews with people employed in fields that value artistic talent, including a toy designer, a comic book publisher, and a fashion designer.

Kaplan, Andrew. **Careers for Wordsmiths.** Millbrook 1991  
HF5382.K29 1991  
What to do in life if you have a way with words.

LB2343.32.M67 1990  
New freedoms and responsibilities that come with college may change your work, your goals, and your social life.
Whether you want to play, coach, manage, publicize, or provide media coverage, this book has all the inside info.

The skills you need for one hundred jobs related to the world of TV and video, and what those jobs pay.

Celebrating Diversity: Our Multicultural Experience

Native Americans discuss how they've achieved success in the world at large while maintaining their strong cultural heritage.

The powerful tale of Ajeemah and his son, Atu, who were both snatched from their native Africa in 1807 and sold into slavery in Jamaica, never to see each other again.

What is it like to leave the country you've known all your life and start fresh in America? Eleven teens from around the world discuss their experiences.

Stories and environmental activities provide an interdisciplinary approach to teaching about the earth and Native American cultures.

The author describes her experiences as one of the first to break prestigious St. Paul’s Academy’s 125-year, all white, all male tradition. For older readers.

"...I found my own adolescence, in all its hormonal excess, waiting for me at St. Paul’s: old rage and fear, ambition, self consciousness, love, curiosity, energy, hate, envy, compulsion, fatigue. I saw my adolescence in my students, and I felt it burbling inside of me, grown powerful by long silence. I lost control of it one night when a black boy came to me nearly weeping because a group of white friends had told a racist joke in his presence. He hated himself, he said, because he hadn’t known how to react. 'It was like I couldn't move. I couldn’t do anything,' he said. I too had known that terrible paralysis, and when the boy left, I wept with remembering.”

—from Black Ice
Chan, Sucheng. **Asian Americans: An Interpretive History.** Twayne 1991 
E184.O6C47 1991
A panoramic social, political, and chronological history of Americans of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, and Asian Indian ancestry dating from the 1800s to the present.

Cisneros, Sandra. **The House on Mango Street.** Vintage 1991 TEEN FICTION
Brief short stories—only one or two pages long—create snapshots of Mexican-American families, and kids in the hood.

Cooper, J. California. **Family.** Doubleday 1991 FICTION
A family saga of former slaves told from beyond the grave.

A cookbook and celebration guide to the African-American holiday.

Davis, Ossie. **Just Like Martin.** Simon & Schuster 1992 J/FICTION
Even after the death of two classmates in the bombing of his Alabama church, thirteen-year-old Stone works to convince his militant father that nonviolence is the right way.

García, Cristina. **Dreaming in Cuban.** Knopf 1992 FICTION
Scenes shift continually from Brooklyn to Cuba and back again in this warm and comic story of the four strong-willed del Piño women. For older readers.

The role of Native American women in society and how it was changed by the European invasion.

These twelve African-American men and women overcame obstacles and succeeded, leaving behind a legacy of courage and excellence.

A study of famous black Americans that includes portraits of Elijah McCoy (the "real McCoy"); Garrett Morgan, the inventor of the gas mask; and Madame C.J. Walker and her cosmetics empire.

The author reminisces about the friends, family, and acquaintances who connect her to a rich cultural and spiritual heritage.
Young Native Americans speak of their identity, their families and communities, rituals, and the harsh realities of their lives.

The current face of injustice and prejudice experienced by the Cheyenne people, many of whom struggle with the dichotomy of living in both the white and traditional Cheyenne world.

This story of five contemporary Blackfoot Indians is interwoven with the mysterious comings and goings of four escapees from the funny farm, and trickster Coyote's pranks. For older readers.

Being the only Korean-American in a small town high school in Minnesota is not easy for seventeen-year-old Ellen, who must deal with racism while trying to find her place in the world.

Training in a New York City boxing ring helps Sonny Bear tame the inner rage to find his inner "hawk spirit."

A collection of tales, a history of the Hmong, and color illustrations of traditional art and dress.

A fictionalized account of the poignant and terrifying experience of a slave trying to escape from her master.

The story of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, "the first legitimate black union to win major concessions from a corporate giant."

An inspiring story of the members of Minneapolis' Boy Scout Troop 100, most of whom escaped war-torn Laos to begin a new life in America.
A realistic portrait of contemporary Asian-Americans.

Brief biographies are interwoven with narrative to bring African-American history to life.

O'Dell, Scott and Elizabeth Hall. **Thunder Rolling in the Mountains.** Houghton Mifflin 1992 J/FICTION
A fictionalized account of the tragic defeat of the Nez Percé Indians in the late 1800s, as seen through the eyes of Sound of Running Feet, daughter of Chief Joseph.

True stories of twelve illegal aliens who have come to “El Norte”—the United States—from South and Central America, and the Caribbean, to improve their lives.

Soto, Gary. **Baseball in April and Other Stories.** Harcourt Brace Jovanovich 1990 J/FICTION
Eleven short stories about everyday problems describe growing up Latino in central California.

Poems, prose, photographs, and paintings chronicle the African-American experience as seen through art and literature by blacks or about black subjects.

Tan, Amy. **The Joy Luck Club.** Putnam 1989 FICTION
A novel of two generations of Chinese-Americans as told through the experiences of the immigrant mothers and their American-born daughters. For older readers.

The best of the poetry and short fiction produced by the thriving community of Puerto Rican writers living in America. For older readers.

Native American contributions to technology, science, history, medicine, and even the naming of places in the Americas. For older readers.

Williams, Juan. **Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965.** Viking 1987 KF4757.W52 1987
A stunning and comprehensive history of the American civil rights movement from 1954 to 1965.
High school valedictorian Denzel Watson finds his “fast talk” won’t work at Princeton.

Traditional heritage versus American identity—Lee discovers it’s a challenge to be part of the first Chinese family to settle in Clarksburg, West Virginia in the 1920s.

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**Changing Technology**

What kinds of technological wonders await us in the near future?

Super materials, such as polymers, semiconductors, alloys, and insulations, explained in understandable language.

A guide explaining things like holography, microwave ovens, bar codes, and other confusing technology.

A fascinating journey through technological history from the host of “Newton’s Apple.” For older readers.

How technology has enhanced and improved the lives of the physically challenged.
Contemporary Issues

Imagine what you’d do if your family was kicked out of your house in New York City, with no place to go.

Life—and death—in South Central Los Angeles, where walking down the wrong street, wearing the wrong color, can be your death sentence. For older readers.

Teen couples from a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds share their experiences as partners in interracial and cross-cultural relationships.

Victims, rapists, police, doctors, and counselors—they all have a voice here.

A phenomenal basketball talent, Bias achieved his dream of becoming a top NBA draft pick, only to throw it all away when he snorted a fatal dose of cocaine at his celebration party. Why? For older readers.

For young Helen and Chris, that one time had felt so right; they never thought of the consequences. Helen’s letters to her unborn child chronicle their difficult choices and personal growth.

Shows how abuse of both prescription and street drugs harm the drug user and the neighborhood.

Fox, Paula. Monkey Island. Orchard 1991 J/FICTION
Abandoned by his mother, homeless and hungry, eleven-year-old Clay is befriended by two street-wise men who help him survive and temporarily become his family.

Interviews with thirteen young fathers cover their varied experiences.

Explores the dangers of city gangs through the experiences of Brooklyn boys Butch Young, who once belonged to a gang and then left it, and Gino Mercado, who resisted gang involvement.
The drug, crime, and gang-infested "other America" as seen through the eyes of two young brothers fighting to grow up and beyond their bleak surroundings. For older readers.

A study of the tragic disparity in the quality of education between the wealthy and poor, caused largely by the way public schools in America are funded. For older readers.

Defines the basic fundamental rights of all people and describes ten ways you can speak out against human rights abuse.

Teens describe in their own words their experiences with pregnancy, from the point of discovery to their ultimate (and varied) final choices.

What triggers teen violence? How do racism, sexism, and group participation affect teen acts of violence? Should minors serve adult sentences for vicious crimes?

Do guns kill people or do people kill people?

A veritable who’s who of American hate groups, tracing their history from the 1800s to the present. For older readers.

Counseling, first aid, child care, and community service are just a few of the ways you can make a difference.

Americans discuss their feelings about one of the most controversial and taboo subjects today: race. For older readers.
Pro-life to pro-choice—this book explores the controversies on both sides.

Coping

An active rape prevention book for females, which covers self defense and how to deal with an attack after its aftermath.

The essential “Twenty-Five Lessons for Life,” for anyone traveling the difficult path to adulthood. For older readers.

Worry is cut down to size in this book of practical solutions and tips for living with problems that can’t be solved.

There’s more to marriage than the wedding cake. Here’s information on budgeting, in-laws, having children, and more.

How to make them in a variety of situations. For older readers.

Learn to feel good about yourself.

The teasing, tormenting, fighting, showing off, the pressure to conform, the pressure to have sex—it’s all here, but also how to handle it.

Levit, Rose. With Secrets to Keep. Shoe Tree 1991 TEEN FICTION
Thirteen-year-old Adrianna, overweight and dreamy, is helped when she becomes friends with popular Jenny, but her abusive home life brings problems less easily solved.

Starting with “Ten Tips on How to Survive High School,” this book, written with the help of thousands of teens, covers the many choices and challenges faced during the high school years.
What is incest? What can you do when sexual boundaries are ignored?

The social graces for young adults.

Schneider, Meg F. *Popularity Has Its Ups and Downs*. Messner 1991 HQ784.F7536 1991
Do you know the ten popularity myths? Find out in this guide to developing positive relationships with yourself and others.

**Dance**

The life and achievements of the gifted and unconventional African-American dancer and choreographer. For older readers.

The graceful art of ballet, from the five basic positions to the most intricate and expert techniques of the dance.

Agnes de Mille “did not have a dancer’s body and was the worst student in her [dance] class,” yet she persevered to become both a professional dancer and a world famous choreographer.

The spirited and passionate autobiography of the innovative genius whose career has spanned three quarters of a century. For older readers.

From “dancing the slaves” in colonial times to modern dance today, this comprehensive history examines the profound influence black dance has had on American culture.

**Ecology & the Environment**

Chilling tales of radiation told by Japanese journalists. For older readers.
Plant a tree, write a letter, grow a garden. Things you can do to save the earth.

What areas in the U.S. are the most polluted? Where does cancer strike most often? An amazing atlas of the dangers lurking in our own backyards. For older readers.

Recycle organic wastes into food for your garden.

Tackles problems of pollution on land, air, and water and offers possible solutions.

Color photos of Yellowstone as a flaming inferno when, in 1988, forest fires swept through the park, providing a chance for the forest’s ecosystem to renew itself through its own destruction.

An unforgettable account of the world’s worst nuclear disaster. Ultimately, only bands of radioactive dogs were left to roam the streets. For older readers.

“Around eleven o’clock, our next-door neighbor, Mikhail Vasilyevich Metelev, an electrical assembly man with Gidroelektromonotazh, went up onto the roof and stretched out on a rubber mattress to work on his tan. At one point he came down for a drink and said how easy it was to get a tan that day, he had never seen anything like it. He said his skin gave off a smell of burning right away. And he was tremendously jolly, as if he [had] just been boozing. He invited me to join him, but I did not go. He said, “Who needs to go to the beach?’ And you could see the reactor burning, in the background, quite clearly, against the blue sky.”

From The Truth About Chernobyl

How scientists discovered the threat of global warming and the destruction of the ozone layer—and how companies fought to discredit them. For older readers.

Vanilla, coffee, gum, medicines, and vitamins are all things we harvest from rainforests. Vivid black-and-white comics help tell the story of why we need to save them.
Extraordinary People

A comprehensive biography of the man who knew at seventeen, when he shook the hand of John F. Kennedy, that he would someday be President of the United States.

Anne of Green Gables led a very different life from Lucy Maud Montgomery, her creator.

Was she or wasn’t she? Calamity Jane had a life and became a legend—especially to herself. This book sets the record straight.

A candid look at the life and history of the complex man who inspired a generation of Americans.

From her first day at a new school to her first love, twelve-year-old Latoya Hunter provides a totally honest account of the changes and challenges that occur during this important year.

The autobiography of the nationally known news correspondent who played an historic role in desegregating the University of Georgia during the civil rights era. For older readers.

A biography of the famous newswoman, who, as a child, practiced doing interviews using a vacuum cleaner tube as a microphone.

At the age of eighteen, Malcolm Little was a street hustler. When he died, he was known worldwide as the black Muslim leader, Malcolm X. What made him change?
Games, Crafts, Hobbies & Cooking

A student-run coffee house shares its delicious recipes for things like chocolate banana bread, curried vegetables, and double chocolate brownies.

Fast feasts, prepared in a microwave, with no meat.

Instructions on how to tie dye and batik (using wax resist) your own clothes.

Beaded jewelry you can make, in rainbow colors.

Native American crafts and technologies. Learn to build a tepee, find food in the wild, and start a fire without matches.

Winning strategies for the top 100 games.

Embroidery, applique, batik, tie dyeing, and other fabric crafts from around the world.

Learn chess playing skills so that you’ll be saying “checkmate” more often.
Gay Pride

Coming out in high school—a true story about being gay.

Annie and Liza find love and happiness together in this tender and bittersweet tale.

Greene, Bette. The Drowning of Stephan Jones. Bantam 1991 TEEN FICTION
When her boyfriend and his “in” crowd escalate their gay bashing to a senseless act of violence, Carla is forced to choose between silent complicity and moral conscience.

Kids speak honestly about the joys and hardships of being young and gay.

Homes, A.M. Jack. Macmillan 1989 TEEN FICTION
Jack learns his father is gay.

McHugh, Maureen F. China Mountain Zhang. Tor 1992 SCIENCE FICTION
A gay hero contends with a futuristic twenty-second century dominated by Chinese Marxism. For older readers.

Famous gay people—nuns, soldiers, politicians—who weren’t afraid to come out, even when it endangered their careers, and sometimes their lives.

Thirty-eight children of lesbians, ranging in age from five to forty, discuss their personal and societal experiences.

A straightforward and compassionate guide for teens with information on being gay, relationships with friends and family, societal and religious attitudes, and guidelines for “coming out.”

A chronicle of gay history, from the 1969 Stonewall riots through 1990.
Siman, Ken. **Pizza Face, or, The Hero of Suburbia.** Grove Weidenfeld 1991 FICTION Although Andy has been labeled a “nerd” by his peers, he triumphantly travels the road from self-consciousness to self-acceptance as he learns to accept his homosexuality. For older readers.

Steffan, Joseph. **Honor Bound: A Gay American Fights for the Right to Serve His Country.** Villard 1992 VB324.G38S74 1992 Despite his all-American record, Joe Steffan was stripped of his rank and denied his degree from the Naval Academy at Annapolis—all because he refused to deny his homosexuality.

### Health & Medicine

Abel, Ernest L. **America’s 25 Top Killers.** Enslow 1991 RA407.3.A59 1991 Introduces the reader to the human body’s systems and its top health threats.

Ford, Michael Thomas. **100 Questions and Answers About AIDS: A Guide for Young People.** New Discovery 1992 RC607.A26F65 1992 Answers the most common questions teens ask about AIDS and interviews four young people living with AIDS.


Little, Marjorie. **Sexually Transmitted Diseases.** Chelsea House 1991 RC200.L57 1991 Discusses the symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and complications of a variety of STDs.

How humans have battled viruses, from smallpox to AIDS. For older readers.

Why do we get hiccups? What happens to a body after death? Why do we laugh?

Working in an emergency room in New York City can mean treating AIDS, rape, and illness—all in the same night. For older readers.

Explains what steroids are, why people use them, and how they can cause more damage than good for future athletes.

What fitness regimen works best for you?

A boy’s own story of his fight with AIDS and the prejudice directed against him.

Historical Fiction

In the early years of the Civil War, Kansan farm boy Lije Tulley becomes a Jayhawker (an abolitionist raider freeing slaves) and an undercover spy.

A fictional account of young Joan of Arc who, while growing up in the French countryside, hears voices prophesying her destiny to reunite France during the One Hundred Years War.

Holland, Isabelle. The Journey Home. Scholastic 1990 TEEN FICTION
Maggie and Ann Lavin were two of the thousands of children in the late 1800s who left the slums of New York via the “orphan trains” to find new families and new lives out west.

Young Regina, captured in 1755 by the Delawares, adapts so well she becomes “Tskinnak.” How can her real German American mother, nine years later, reconnect with the rescued teenager?
Paterson, Katherine. **Lyddie.** Dutton 1991 J/FICTION
Lyddie survived abandonment, near starvation, and indentured slavery to become a factory girl in the mid-1800s. You may not like Lyddie, but you'll never forget her.

Paton Walsh, Jill. **Grace.** Farrar Straus Giroux 1992 TEEN FICTION
After a young girl helps her father rescue survivors of a shipwreck off the coast of England in 1838, she learns the tragic reality of the negative side of fame. Based on a true historical incident.

Rinaldi, Ann. **Wolf by the Ears.** Scholastic 1991 TEEN FICTION
Harriet Hemmings grew up at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello home. She was rumored to be the daughter he had fathered by one of his slaves. What was the truth?

Robson, Lucia St. Clair. **The Tokaido Road: A Novel of Feudal Japan.** Ballantine 1991 FICTION
Cat has vowed revenge for her father's suicide-execution and uses both her Samurai training and her wits to pursue her goal. Based on a true historical incident. For older readers.

Wisler, G. Clifton. **Red Cap.** Lodestar 1991 J/FICTION
The real Ransom J. Powell, thirteen years old and just four feet tall, ran away to enlist in the Union Army. The drummer boy's courage through battles and the horrors of imprisonment made him a legend.

**Horror**

Cadnum, Michael. **Saint Peter's Wolf.** Carroll & Graf 1991 FICTION
When psychologist Benjamin Byrd is given an ancient set of silver fangs, he embarks on a metamorphic journey from human to werewolf. A different kind of love story. For older readers.

A collection of real stomach-churners from some of today's best horror writers.

King, Stephen. **The Dark Half.** Viking 1989 FICTION
George Stark, writer Thad Beaumont's pseudonymous other half, has risen from his mock grave with a vengeance, threatening harm to Beaumont's family unless he is resurrected in print again.

King, Stephen. **Needful Things.** Viking 1991 FICTION
There's something for everyone at the "Needful Things" shop, but at what price?

Klause, Annette Curtis. **The Silver Kiss.** Delacorte 1990 TEEN FICTION
Zoé recognizes her own aching despair in Simon, whose tragic tale dates back centuries, to the time his evil brother condemned him to eternal life—as a vampire.
The best of horror master H.P. Lovecraft, along with further interpretations of his macabre world by other well-known authors including Colin Wilson and Stephen King. For older readers.

Don’t read these before bed on a stormy night—you might never get to sleep. Well told, these would be great to read aloud around a campfire.

Masterton, Graham. The Burning. Tor 1991 FICTION
How could Lloyd Denman’s fiancé calmly enter a coffee shop, douse herself with gasoline, light a match, and then walk right by Lloyd soon after he’s identified her charred remains? For older readers.

Pike, Christopher. The Season of Passage. Tom Doherty 1992 SCIENCE FICTION
The horrible nightmares preceding Dr. Lauren Wagner’s mission to Mars lead to the discovery of an ancient war’s chilling legacy. For older readers.

Angelina discovers her fiancé’s favorite “uncle” is really Count Dracula.

The Academy, an exclusive school for gifted students, seems perfect for ten-year-old Josh MacCallum—until he realizes the evil intentions of the school’s headmaster.

Simmons, Dan. Children of the Night. Putnam’s Sons 1992 FICTION
What do you do when the sick and abandoned Romanian child you’ve adopted turns out to be Dracula’s chosen successor? For older readers.

Chilling and thrilling stories from twenty-two masters of the macabre including Ruth Rendell, Clive Barker, and Stephen King. For older readers.

Westall, Robert. Yaxley’s Cat. Scholastic 1992 TEEN FICTION
When Rose and her children rent a seaside cottage they find jars of possible human specimens, a cryptic journal, and a mysterious cat—all somehow connected to a deadly village secret.

Where can you find vampires these days? Try your local shopping mall for starters.
The Lighter Side

Undaunted by his second stint in seventh grade, Arnold continues to misbehave and land in detention with "Old Apeface." Now there's a new kid in class who wants to take care of "Old Apeface" for good.

"Pint A' Catnip!" "Soda, Bra, Bottle, Belt: To Barbados." Read them backwards, what do they spell?

Long before he played a detective on the TV series "Homicide," Belzer was knocking audiences dead as a stand-up comedian. He shows you how you can too.

Gilmore, Kate. Enter Three Witches. Houghton Mifflin 1990 TEEN FICTION
Bren struggles to keep his new girlfriend from meeting his mother and grandmother—two bona fide witches.

More crazy cartoon madness featuring Akbar and Jeff and big-eared bunnies—by the artist responsible for "The Simpsons."

All Gabriel wanted was a nice normal father, not someone who talked to people through a puppet.

Under the inspired leadership of Douglas Fairchild and Commando, the after school counseling group of misfits—known as the Twinkie Squad—create wild mayhem at Thaddeus G. Little Middle School.

Manes, Stephen. Comedy High. Scholastic 1992 TEEN FICTION
Ivan Zellner's new hometown of Carmody, Nevada, which he quickly christens "The Toilet Bowl," is made more bearable when he majors in the College of Comedy program at the new local high school.

Paulsen, Gary. The Boy Who Owned the School. Orchard/Watts 1990 J/FICTION
Jacob has survived high school by blending into the woodwork until the most beautiful girl in school falls for him—literally!
The madcap history of *Mad Magazine* and its creative founders and contributors. Packed with examples of their work through the decades.

Familiar fairy tales with a twist. Read about “The Really Ugly Duckling,” “The Tortoise and the Hair,” and “Jack’s Bean Problem.”

Zindel’s own “pigman” helped him cope with the neighborhood zombies and his mother’s favorite discipline technique—threatening suicide.

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**Look Your Best**

Coen, Patricia and Joe Maxwell. *Beautiful Braids.* Prince 1984 TT975.C64 1984
Tired of the same old hair? Enhance your head with French, Dutch, and English braids.

Discusses the problem of being young and overweight in a society where “thin is in.”

Zap your zits and rid yourself of rashes.

Questions and answers about your body, your feelings, your sexuality, and your health.

Easy—and quick—hairstyles for all lengths and types of hair.

Advice on skin care, make-up, and hairstyling for Asian women.
A reassuring and insightful guide to the truth about height and growth patterns, and how to make peace with yourself regardless of size.

African hairstyles for men and women, including cornrows and hair threading, plus instructions.

An informative guide to healthy skin that emphasizes techniques of self care.

Three teen stars share their beauty tips for both black and white girls.

Learn what’s in the products you use to look good.

**Minnesota on the Literary Map**

A warm and gentle memoir of life in the largely black Rondo neighborhood of St. Paul in the 1940s.

In the Twin Cities, everyone knows where to find a giant cherry in a spoon, but what about a stone buffalo, snow sculptures, or gigantic puppets?

A young boy is sent to stay with his grandmother, the cook for a northern Minnesota road crew, when his father joins the army.

For a rugged outdoorsman and his family, life in northern Minnesota is a wild experience involving wolves, deer, and sled dogs that make their way of life possible.

Minnesotans Wood and Chee have created a handsome, lyrical fable about the nature of God and saving of our earth.
Music—Then & Now

Lester Bangs created the slash and burn style of music reviewing, which most musiczines now imitate. Check out his essay “The White Noise ‘Supremacists’”—a courageous attack on racism in rock music. For older readers.

Bios of the mighty kings and queens of rap.

The biography of a woman you’ve got to R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

“I wasn’t supposed to be James, I wasn’t supposed to be Brown, and I wasn’t supposed to be alive.”—James Brown tells his own story about his life as a musician.

A history of the rock and roll that led to punk, and the punk that led to grunge. Includes mention of Minneapolis greats Husker Du, the Replacements, and others. For older readers.

From soul to grunge, women make music too! For older readers.

The rise and fall of Berry Gordy’s record company. Chronicles the early years of some of the motor city’s best performers, including the Supremes, the Temptations, the Jackson Five, and Diana Ross.

The Grateful Dead’s drummer traces the history of drumming, from ancient to present times. For older readers.

Aaron seeks escape from his troubled family life and his famous rock star father by “disappearing” to a small town in Maine. Lots of rock and roll trivia.
Go beyond three-chord rock; learn to arrange in blues, funk, country, metal, and folk.

An “a-b-c-darium” of the history and happenings in hip-hop and rap. Includes bios on Queen Latifah, L.L. Cool J, Ice-T, and more.

A demo tape is your band’s calling card. Learn how to make it work for you.

The biography of a young violinist who says of learning classical music, “Reading music is like solving a mystery.”

Two, four, six, eight, learn cool ways to percussionate.

Biographies of black female opera singers, from the 1800s to the present, and their professional struggles against racism.

How do composers create? Swados describes how she and other musicians visualize music.

Hip hop culture, from its African roots to its present global influence as both a commercially successful art form and a voice of social and political rage.

Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms—all the great ones.

**Mystery, Suspense & The Supernatural**

Bennett, Jay. *Coverup.* Watts 1991 TEEN FICTION
Hung over and sick, Brad can’t shake the feeling that the car he was in the night before hit something—or someone—even though the driver insists nothing happened.
Buffie, Margaret. **The Warnings.** Scholastic 1991 *TEEN FICTION*
Rachel has experienced the “warnings” of future events all her life, but they become more frightening when she is abandoned by her mother and sent to live with her mysterious Aunt Irene.

Chetwin, Grace. **Collidescope.** Bradley 1990 *TEEN FICTION*
An exciting time travel novel in which three civilizations collide: present day Manhattan, pre-colonial America, and the future.

Is love—sometimes unrequited, sometimes betrayed—stronger than death?

Cross, Gillian. **Wolf.** Holiday House 1991 *TEEN FICTION*
Cassy discovers her missing father may be involved in a dangerous plot.

French, Michael. **Split Image.** Bantam 1990 *TEEN FICTION*
Could Clarence’s father be training him to be an enemy spy?

Gee, Maurice. **The Fire-Raiser.** Houghton Mifflin 1992 *TEEN FICTION*
Kitty and her friends know who is terrorizing their town with a plague of fires, but they have to trap him in the act to prove it.

Gripe, Maria. **Agnes Cecilia.** Harper 1990 *TEEN FICTION*
A haunting, invisible presence and a strange, lifelike doll that seems able to communicate in thought present an intricate supernatural mystery for Nora to unravel.

Hayes, Daniel. **The Trouble with Lemons.** Godine 1991 *TEEN FICTION*
Tyler, a self-proclaimed “lemon,” and his friend Lymie sneak out for a forbidden midnight swim at the local quarry, but get more than they bargained for when they find a dead body in the water.

Higgins, Jack. **The Eagle Has Flown.** Simon & Schuster 1991 *FICTION*
Liam Devlin is recruited to rescue Colonel Kurt Steiner, being held prisoner in the Tower of London, in this exciting sequel to *The Eagle Has Landed.* For older readers.

Hillerman, Tony. **Coyote Waits.** Harper & Row 1990 *MYSTERY FICTION*
Navajo detective Jim Chee relies on his police skills and knowledge of Native American culture to solve a murder on the reservation. For older readers.

Hotze, Sollace. **Acquainted With the Night.** Clarion 1992 *TEEN FICTION*
Molly and her cousin Caleb help solve the mystery of a ghost while resisting the attraction they feel for each other.
Levin, Betty. **Mercy’s Mill.** Greenwillow 1992 *TEEN FICTION*
While trying to deal with her new life with a stepfather and young foster sister, Sarah encounters a strange boy who claims to have traveled forward in time from the nineteenth century.

Mahy, Margaret. **Dangerous Spaces.** Viking 1991 *J/FICTION*
Flora has always known her house was haunted, but when her orphaned cousin Althea moves in, the haunting turns sinister and threatening.

Mahy, Margaret. **Underrunners.** Viking 1992 *J/FICTION*
Tris and Winola find the underrunners, a vast network of tunnels, the ideal place to escape their unhappy lives—that is, until a dangerous stranger finds it too.

Mazzio, Joann. **The One Who Came Back.** Houghton Mifflin 1992 *TEEN FICTION*
No one will believe Alex when he says his friend, Eddie Chavez, has disappeared in the mountains of New Mexico. In fact, they even begin to suspect him of murder.

Pullman, Philip. **The Tiger in the Well.** Knopf 1990 *TEEN FICTION*
Life has been going well for financier and sometime detective Sally Lockhart in 1881 London, but now someone claims to be her husband and threatens to rob her of everything, including her daughter.

Reiss, Kathryn. **Time Windows.** Harcourt Brace Jovanovich 1991 *J/FICTION*
Mandy loves the dollhouse she’s found in her new home, until she sees the house’s evil history unfold through its windows. Can she find the key to the past that will avert tragedy in the present?

**Novels & Short Stories**

Barry, Lynda. **The Good Times Are Killing Me.** Real Comet 1988 *FICTION*
Cartoonist Barry writes stories about growing up that are as funny and moving as her comics.

Block, Francesca Lia. **Witch Baby.** HarperCollins 1991 *TEEN FICTION*
Witch Baby comes to live with Weetzie Bat and My-Secret-Agent-Lover-Man and has wild adventures in Los Angeles as she tries to understand where she belongs.

Brooks, Bruce. **What Hearts.** HarperCollins 1992 *TEEN FICTION*
After his mother divorces his father and remarries, Asa’s sharp intellect and capacity for forgiveness help him deal with the instabilities of his new world.

Cannon, A.E., **Amazing Gracie.** Delacorte 1991 *TEEN FICTION*
When her mother, a victim of depression, remarries, Gracie must adjust to her new stepbrother, a new city, and her mother’s recurring illness.
Cooney, Caroline. **Flight #116 is Down.** Scholastic 1992 TEEN FICTION
Seventeen-year-old Heidi Landseth, lonely and out of place in her new school, is the only person present when a jumbo jet crashes in any icy ravine behind her home.

Cormier, Robert. **Tunes for Bears to Dance To.** Delacorte 1992 TEEN FICTION
Eleven-year-old Henry escapes his family’s problems by watching the delicate woodcarving of an elderly Holocaust survivor. When Henry is manipulated into betraying his friend, he comes to know true evil.

Covington, Dennis. **Lizard.** Delacorte 1991 TEEN FICTION
They called him Lizard at the Louisiana School for the Retarded because of his deformed face. When he’s told the father he knows is dead is visiting, he grabs his chance to escape and find adventure.

Crichton, Michael. **Jurassic Park.** Knopf 1990 FICTION
Out of the DNA from insects trapped in amber, scientists bring back dinosaurs for a prehistoric theme park, where all the creatures are monitored on computer—at least until some of them escape. For older readers.

Crutcher, Chris. **Athletic Shorts.** Greenwillow 1991 TEEN FICTION
Although the main characters in each of these stories are athletes, these tales focus on “love and death, bigotry and heroism...real people doing their best even when that best isn’t very good.”

Dale, Mitzi. **Round the Bend.** Delacorte 1991 TEEN FICTION
Her mother is anorexic and her father is distant. The only place thirteen-year-old Dierdre is happy is on her imaginary ranch—which she retreats to more and more often.

Davis, Jenny. **Checking on the Moon.** Orchard 1991 TEEN FICTION
Cab helps her grandmother run a restaurant in a decaying and dangerous neighborhood, where she becomes involved in a crime watch formed after her brother’s girlfriend is raped.

Ehrlich, Amy. **The Dark Card.** Viking 1991 TEEN FICTION
Unable to get over her mother’s death, Laura escapes into the anonymous world of casino gambling where the facade of glamour quickly fades, drawing her into a deep, dark world of deception.

Ferry, Charles. **Binge.** DaisyHill 1992 TEEN FICTION
A young alcoholic awakens to find himself a police prisoner in a hospital, unable to remember why.
What happened during those three years Heathcliff was gone from Wuthering Heights? For older readers.

Hall, Barbara. *Fool's Hill*. Bantam 1992 TEEN FICTION
For Libby, there are only two kinds of people: Fallers (like her) and Laughers (at those who fall). When two new girls offer some excitement, Libby learns that things aren’t always what they seem.

Cammy often wished her too-perfect cousin elsewhere, but could she cope with Patty Ann’s death?

A murder investigation leads police officer Julian Cashman and obituary writer Lucy Rosen to danger for themselves and the murder victim’s daughter. For older readers.

Honeycutt, Natalie. *Ask Me Something Easy*. Orchard/Watts 1991 TEEN FICTION
A poignant story of a bitter family break-up and the toll it takes on parents and children.

After Gram’s death, Flora’s sadness is deepened by the arrival of family she didn’t know she had—and didn’t want.

The author creates an alternative childhood for himself in this whimsical and funny portrait of Peter Leroy, growing up on Bolotomy Bay, “the Clam Capital of America.” For older readers.

When Mama takes off, leaving Journey and his older sister Cat with their grandparents, Grandfather’s wisdom and his new hobby put the family together again—with love.

Seventeen-year-old Rose has been evacuated with her sisters to the British coast during World War II. There she finds the secret diaries of “Mad Hilda” and develops relationships that change her life.

Homeboys from the gritty streets of Oakland learn that trying to be “way past cool” sometimes leaves you dead, and cold.
Myers, Walter Dean. *Somewhere in the Darkness.* Scholastic 1992 TEEN FICTION
Jimmy and his father Crab, who has recently escaped from prison, discover painful and important truths about each other in a cross-country journey.

Nelson, Theresa. *The Beggars’ Ride.* Orchard 1992 TEEN FICTION
Twelve-year-old Clare tries to survive on the streets of San Francisco with a group of homeless friends.

Okimoto, Jean Davies. *Molly by Any Other Name.* Scholastic 1990 TEEN FICTION
Asian-American adoptee Mary Jane Fletcher solves the mystery of her heritage and identity.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *All But Alice.* Atheneum 1992 J/ FICTION
Seventh grader Alice tries to stave off personal and social disasters by joining the “in” crowd, no matter how boring and potentially difficult.

A stepbrother she never knew about and evidence that her Haitian mother might be alive make Ginny suspicious of the father she had always trusted.

Set in the 1960s, this novel presents thirteen-year-old Maggie’s coming to terms with sexual awakenings, changing friendships, and growing tensions within her family. For older readers.

Life in the South Bronx means you have to grow up fast, but a life of guns, crack, and recklessness loses its meaning when Miguel meets Cristalena. For older readers.

Summer lived happily with Aunt May and Uncle Ob until May died. Ob and Summer are lost without her until weird classmate Cletus helps them find a spiritualist—and the will to go on living.

Preschoolers Molly and Beth were adopted by different families after their parents died. When they meet again eight years later, an innocent question leads to an emotional confrontation.

Skip, new to the Bronx and desperate to be accepted by charismatic Jean Persico, willingly plays Jean’s “dares” game—until it threatens her retarded sister.

Daniel, eleven and dying of cancer, finds reassurance and comfort in visits with friends and family and in conversations with a beautiful blue bird.
What a choice! Should Chester opt to stay in Iowa with his divorced mother who "needs" him, or go to his father in Santa Fe, where he knows he'll be happy?

Tolan, Stephanie S. Plague Year. Morrow 1990 TEEN FICTION
A reporter tracks Bran Slocum to his new home and reveals his identity as the son of a notorious serial killer. When David and Molly befriend him they learn painful lessons about human nature.

Towne, Mary. Their House. Atheneum 1990 J/FICTION
There's something strange about the elderly Warrens from whom Molly and her parents have bought the beautiful old stone house. Are they planning sabotage—or suicide?

Despite all the problems she faces at home, Tiny Lambert's experiences at Black Gap High School help her begin to feel good about herself—until the day she is raped by her stepfather.

Poetry

Rhymes and proverbs that dance to the rhythm of Jamaica.

Poems written by the author before the age of twenty-two, about love, life, drugs, and life in New York City.

Five days a week, Mr. Candler, the guidance counselor, tries to solve the problems of high school students and their parents. Told through black-and-white photos and individual poems.

Poets share their poems and talk about why they write and where poetry originates.

---From The Place My Words Are Looking For

When It Is Snowing
Siv Cedering
When it is snowing
the blue jay
is the only piece of
sky
in my
backyard.
Through poetry, a soda jerk observes the life and secrets of the small town where he works.

Prophets and prophecies through the ages, particularly those dealing with the end of the world.

The intricate details of life through the ages. Crammed with color illustrations, photos, maps, and eyewitness accounts.

Where was the Garden of Eden? What’s so bad about the badlands? Who killed the Dead Sea? This humorous work proves geography can be fun.

The book that finally tells us (among many other things) what the YKK on your zipper stands for and what happens to your social security number after you die.

*How In the World?* Reader’s Digest Association 1990 T47.H725 1990
The mysteries of technology and the natural world: how were the pyramids built? How does a ballpoint pen work? How does cement set under water?

Where is your memory? In your brain, or can the rest of your body “remember” too? Is memory a philosophical concept or just a bunch of chemicals? For older readers.
Tons of addresses of sports teams, rock bands, movie stars, etc., so you can write to Metallica, Taco Bell, or Marvel Comics and let them know how you feel.

A biography of Elvis after his death, analyzing his appearances on velvet wall hangings, in shopping malls, in the "National Enquirer, and his influence on punk music and art.

Journey through history with this fascinating tuber.

Discover the lives behind the trade names that grace products like Hires Root Beer, Barbie dolls, and Betty Crocker cakes.

Quiz yourself: in what decade were the Mouseketeers famous? Was Marion Morrison male or female? Who wrote the Nancy Drew books?

Sick of work? Check out the disgruntled toy store employee who sold a peg-leg Barbie, and other methods of job revenge.

Where else can you find the addresses for UFO contacts, X-Ray specs, and punkzines?

How humans use myth, legend, superstitions, ritual, science, and technology to explain the unknown. For older readers.

Can you really make yourself smarter? This simple, step-by-step guide—complete with self-assessment tests—helps you achieve the proper care and feeding of your mind.
Science Facts

In 1845, Sir John Franklin set out to explore the Arctic. More than a century later, the author discovered frozen mummies that ultimately explain the crew’s mysterious disappearance.

Learn about the fine spray of germs that coats everything in your bathroom every time you flush and other amazing microscopic happenings indoors.

How living things pass on their traits to future generations.

Home experiments that cover a broad spectrum of animal and plant life, including training honeybees and mapping the taste centers of your tongue.

A science smorgasbord of topics such as why the night sky is dark, what makes people dream, and how your sex affects your brain. For older readers.

How life on earth blossomed from a one-celled organism into the diverse plants and animals that inhabit the world.

Comics to help you comprehend the basic theories of physics.

Excellent black-and-white photos reveal the small enlarged, and explain why hypodermic needles and bee stings hurt so much.

Fun, easy experiments explore the basic principles of science. Good color photos.
An easy-to-understand overview of complex modern science, from quarks to evolution.

Should scientists experiment on animals? Is it dangerous to release genetically altered organisms into the environment?

The story of human evolution, beginning with the origin of the universe and touching on each ancient ancestor that donated “traits” to what we are now. For older readers.

Science with a sense of humor. Stone examines oddball patents for mousetraps, the fear of dentists, and modern mummification.

A new vision of the microworld of atoms.

**Science Fiction & Fantasy**

Barron, T.A. *Heartlight*. Philomel 1990 J/FICTION
Kate loves her astrophysicist grandfather. When an otherworldly visitor nearly destroys his lab and Grandfather disappears, Kate must search both for him and the secret that can save the earth.

What’s Ian to do? Just because he’s sprouted a pair of wings on his back, he’s become the class joke and a shameful disappointment to his parents.

Brust, Steven. *Cowboy Feng’s Space Bar and Grille*. Ace 1990 SCIENCE FICTION
Billy just wants to have fun and play his banjo at Cowboy Feng’s, but the bar has the disconcerting habit of “bouncing” through time and space and Billy has to find out why. For older readers.

Card, Orson Scott. *The Memory of Earth*. Tor 1992 SCIENCE FICTION
The planet Harmony’s computer “God” needs reprogramming and sends a spiritual vision to Wetchik and his sons to help it make the journey back to earth. For older readers.
Chalker, Jack L., Mike Resnick, and George Alec Effinger. **The Red Tape War.** Tor 1991 **SCIENCE FICTION**
The cosmic adventures of a scoutship captain with lots of cliffhanger chapter endings. For older readers.

Cherryh, C.J. **Yvgenie.** Ballantine 1991 **SCIENCE FICTION**
Eveshka, freed from life as a rusalka (devouring ghost), tries to guard her daughter, Ilyana, from the evils of wizardry, unaware the girl has fallen in love with a wizard returned from the dead.

Clarke, Arthur C. **The Ghost From the Grand Banks.** Bantam 1990 **SCIENCE FICTION**
The race is on between two corporate giants in the early part of the twenty-first century attempting to raise the Titanic in time for the centennial of its sinking.

Cochran, Molly and Warren Murphy. **The Forever King.** Tor 1992. **SCIENCE FICTION**
King Arthur, his knights, and the loyal Merlin continue their quest for the Holy Grail in present day England where they all fulfill their final destinies.

Cooper, Louise. **The Sleep of Stone.** Atheneum 1991 **TEEN FICTION**
When the man she secretly loves brings his betrothed to his great house, Ghysla, a creature from the race of "Old Folk" that disappeared when man entered the world, exacts a terrible revenge.

Undersized Jeremy, running from one of his pursuing nemeses, stumbles into a mysterious magic shop where he purchases a strangely shining, multicolored ball that changes his life forever.

De Camp, L. Sprague and Catherine Crook de Camp. **The Pixilated Peeress.** Ballantine 1991 **SCIENCE FICTION**
A humorous adventure set in a fantastical Middle Ages where Thorolf Zigramson encounters evil wizards, trolls, and damsels in distress as he attempts to rescue the feisty Yvette. For older readers.

DeLint, Charles. **The Dreaming Place.** Atheneum 1990 **FICTION/TEEN FICTION**
When a manitou, a winter earth spirit that is withering and in need of blood, fastens upon Nina, her sixteen-year-old cousin Ash enters the Otherworld to stop the spirit.

Eddings, David. **The Sapphire Rose.** Ballantine 1992 **SCIENCE FICTION**
Sparhawk travels back to Cimmura to release Queen Ehlana from an evil spell and ultimately takes part in the final fight between the forces of good and evil. The last in the "Elenium" trilogy.
What if the computer had been invented a century earlier? This altered history of Victorian England explores a parallel universe where conspiracy, intrigue, and treachery thrive. For older readers.

Gould, Steven. *Jumper*. Tor 1992 SCIENCE FICTION
Davy is a “jumper,” he can teleport himself wherever he imagines. Using his gift to escape a violently abusive father, he goes to New York City in search of others like him.

Dr. Gravity has discovered the cure for all the world’s ills. A mere sprinkle of his Formula #2 frees the citizens of Avebury from their earthly ties—literally.

Sixteen-year-old Tanaquil reconstructs a unicorn which, brought to life, lures her away from her distant fortress home and her sorceress mother to find the way to a perfect world.

Lichtenberg, Jacqueline. *Dreamspy*. St. Martin’s 1989 SCIENCE FICTION
Two powerful governments are in the midst of a terrible galactic war that threatens the space-time continuum. Can Kyllikki, a telepath, and her companions risk their lives to save the universe?

Aracco doesn’t want to be a goldsmith like his father, but his future seems inevitable until the supply of gold is threatened and he’s chosen to find a way to the legendary city where streets are paved with gold.

Weird Uncle Borgel, Melvin, and his dog Fafner are off for no ordinary road trip in Borgel’s 1937 Dorbzeldge sedan.

Robinson, Frank M. *The Dark Beyond the Stars*. Tor 1991 SCIENCE FICTION
The spaceship Astron is commanded by a captain obsessed with exploring the Dark, a one hundred generation journey through empty space, in this suspenseful tale. For older readers.

This Minneapolis author creates a world where runaway elf punks live in anarchistic splendor in the half-human, half-magic city of Bordertown.

Roy Coulton, a research project participant, has been sent in spirit form back in time, into the subconscious mind of Prince Ram, heir to the throne of Atlantis.
A post nuclear holocaust Huck Finn and crew travel up and down the toxic Mississippi.

Tarr, Judith. **Alamut.** Doubleday 1989  **SCIENCE FICTION**
Prince Aidan, born of a human father and an immortal sorceress, has sworn to avenge his nephew’s murder, unaware that the powerful assassin would touch his heart as no other could.

Tepper, Sheri S. **Beauty.** Doubleday 1991  **SCIENCE FICTION**
A different version of Sleeping Beauty. This time she avoids the evil spell by traveling forward in time, to places both imaginary and real, in search of love and beauty.

Wilhelm, Kate. **And the Angels Sing.** St. Martin’s 1992  **SCIENCE FICTION**
From the harrowing to the humorous, these twelve stories reflect the full range of one of science fiction’s “grandes dames.”

Williams, Walter Jon. **Days of Atonement.** Tor 1991  **SCIENCE FICTION**
When the same car crash victim dies in Police Chief Hawn’s arms for the second time in twenty years, the Chief begins an investigation that changes life in this quiet twenty-first century town forever. For older readers.

Wilson, Robert Charles. **The Divide.** Doubleday 1990  **SCIENCE FICTION**
Because John Shaw, the scientifically generated “perfect” man, longs to be “normal,” he creates Benjamin, his opposite persona, whose increasing dominance threatens both their lives. For older readers.

Wolfe, Gene. **Storeys from the Old Hotel.** Tom Doherty 1992  **SCIENCE FICTION**
A masterful collection of thirty-five short stories ranging from historical fantasy to futuristic science fiction. For older readers.

When the King of the Dragons dies, a replacement must be found, but doing that in the Enchanted Forest and the Mountains for Morning isn’t that easy, especially with miscreant wizards around.

The wizards are at it again as King Mandenbar and Princess Cimorene try to find a kidnapped Kazul in the Enchanted Forest.

Yolen, Jane. **Wizard’s Hall.** Harcourt Brace Jovanovich 1991  **J/FICTION**
What’s in a name, anyway? Thornmallow (prickly on the outside and squishy on the inside) saves the day for Wizard’s Hall by finding out exactly what is in Nettle’s name.
Sex & Sexuality


A good sourcebook for kids about sex, with clear information about the physical and emotional changes that occur in adolescence.


Basic information about sex in an easy to understand question and answer format.


A kissing dictionary, from pecks to smooches.


Detailed and comprehensive information on the physical, emotional, and ethical aspects of sex.


Stuff you might want to know about sex, birth control, and VD, but don’t know who to ask.

Sports


The powerful biography of the great home run hitter whose thrilling odyssey covers both his many successes and the ugly instances of racism that have plagued him throughout his career.
A comprehensive guide to peak performance from this two-time Superbowl veteran and all-pro linebacker.

The story of the powerful home-run hitter who, despite frequent anti-semitic remarks and attacks leveled at him, became the first Jewish player elected to the baseball Hall of Fame.

Female athletes have struggled throughout the 1900s for recognition and equal rights.

Daly, Chuck with Alex Sachare. **America’s Dream Team: The Quest for Olympic Gold.** Turner 1992 GV885.7.D35 1992
The once-in-a-lifetime basketball dream team that competed in the 1992 Olympics. With many color photos.

Deford, Frank. **Casey on the Loose.** Viking 1989 FICTION
Why did Casey strike out on that fateful day in Mudville?

It can be done! Simple, clear explanations and preparation tips, along with numerous diagrams and illustrations, show you how.

He transformed himself from a short, skinny, and shy young man into a defined and muscular competitive body builder, but still found the ninety-eight pound weakling cowering within. For older readers.

The transformation of basketball over the last century parallels the history of race relations and integration as blacks have earned a dominant place in the multimillion dollar sport. For older readers.

Tae Kwon Do—the Korean martial art—explained and taught in step-by-step instructions and photos.
Describes, in text and black-and-white photos, the hard work, discipline, and skill that go into training for a karate competition as demonstrated by thirteen-year-old Nick Armitage.

Impossible comebacks and miraculous triumphs—every picture tells a story that has now become sports legend.

A clear, systematic approach for learning and mastering the fundamental techniques of Nordic skiing. For older readers.

Clear cut, step-by-step illustrations, explanations, and coaching tips highlight this guide to training for competition. Written for both male and female competitors.

Forced to create a third Hall of Shame "because America’s national pastime provides...a never-ending supply of wacky moments, the authors provide a plethora of major league goofs and blunders."

How to get recruited at the right college for you.

Skating techniques for in-line blades to keep you up and rolling.

What separates the good quarterback from the great one?

A biography of the basketball star—already labeled a legend—that focuses not only on his career, but also his family, personal history, business ventures, and charitable works.

Spinelli, Jerry. *There’s a Girl in My Hammerlock.* Simon & Schuster 1991 TEEN FICTION
And she’s determined to stay there as the first girl to compete on her school’s all-male wrestling team—no matter how difficult her teammates and fans make it for her.
A book covering all the skateboarding moves to keep you beautiful, because, as *Thrasher Magazine* writer Don Redondo says, “ugly catches wind.”

Dave Winfield proves his professional expertise in word as well as deed as he and some of his all-star friends discuss everything you need to know to play the game.

## Tales of Adventure

How can Holly Vesper, intrepid girl adventurer, foil dastardly Dr. Helvitius’ plot to kidnap two young Brazilian children visiting Philadelphia and the Centennial Exposition of 1876?

Tongue-in-cheek humor enlivens the perilous quest of a pampered prince who searches for the secret of ruling a happy realm and finds instead love and courage.

Byars, Betsy C. *Coast to Coast.* Delacorte 1992 J/FICTION
For Birch, a ride with her grandfather in his soon-to-be-sold plane is the adventure of a lifetime that provides the answer to a family secret.

Kidnapped from their honeymooning parents in Spain, feuding Felicia and her new stepsister Amy and stepbrother Phillip must learn to get along, or they may not survive.

The long, hard journey across Canada taken by two men and a dog; a two-year trek of canoeing, backpacking, and travel by dogsled. For older readers.

Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school abandon their adult leader, hijack his boats, and try to run the dangerous Grand Canyon white water on their own.

A thrilling Landrover exploration of the people and wildlife of Africa. For older readers.
Mountain climbing, barnstorming, going over Niagara Falls in a barrel, and wheelchair racing—all done by women!

An international team of men and huskies brave windchills of -150° to cross Antarctica on foot. A great book to read at the beach!

Voigt, Cynthia. *On Fortune’s Wheel*. Atheneum 1990. TEEN FICTION
Faced with the prospect of an unhappy life in the Kingdom, fourteen-year-old Birle accompanies a young runaway nobleman and falls into slavery in the citadel of a cruel prince.

**True Crime**

More than a tale of a triple murder and suicide, this book traces the countless disastrous policies enacted by the U.S. government that ultimately brought independent farmer Dale Burr and others like him to ruin. For older readers.

An account of the shocking and blatantly racist murder that triggered explosive confrontations and repercussions for years to come. For older readers.

“The true story of a mother’s search for her daughter’s murderer” involving psychic “detectives,” and the author’s growing awareness that she had eerily “foretold” details of the murder in several of her novels.

Why do they do it?

“A violent death, a vicious cover-up, and a father’s relentless search for the truth.”

What happens to kids under eighteen when they go to jail?

He murdered mom. Can Preston learn to forgive him? Based on a true story.
How do DNA, dental records, and spectrophotometers help corner the true criminal?

Nineteen-year-old Ross Michael Carlson murdered his parents and, with the help of his team of attorneys, spent years evading justice through manipulation of the court system. For older readers.

They got away with murder in these ten true tales.

Prison “lifers” make life behind bars graphically real for teens already in trouble with the law through the controversial Juvenile Awareness Program.

**War & Remembrance**

A soldier’s diary of World War II recounts the emotional and psychological experience of war.

But Mam, Teeda and Joan D. Criddle. **To Destroy You is No Loss: The Odyssey of a Cambodian Family.** Atlantic Monthly 1987 DS554.83.T44A3 1987
Life became a nightmare for fifteen-year-old Teeda But when the Khmer Rouge marched into Phnom Penh and began a massive campaign of repression and genocide.

Choi, Sook Nyul. **Year of Impossible Goodbyes.** Houghton Mifflin 1991 J/FICTION
A moving, fictionalized account of ten-year-old Sookan’s experiences, first under the Japanese occupation and then during her flight from the Russian invaders to South Korea.

Farish, Terry. **Flower Shadows.** Morrow 1992 FICTION
Women in the combat zone during the Vietnam War. For older readers.

The story of the millions of non-Jews labeled “undesirables” and “defectives,” including Gypsies, Christians, homosexuals, the handicapped, and blacks, who were persecuted and murdered by the Nazis.
Powerful, not only for its text, but also its hauntingly beautiful paintings. Hamaka puts a face on those Americans imprisoned by their ancestry during World War II.

When Tomiko Higa first saw the famous photograph of a barefoot girl waving a white flag in war-torn Okinawa, she recognized the six-year-old she had been and remembered her remarkable tale of courage and survival.

Americans often assume the fight against fascism was confined to World War II, but from 1936 to 1939, despite a U.S. government ban, thousands of Americans volunteered to fight in the Spanish Civil War.

Sixty testimonials of survivors, resistance workers, and liberators powerfully convey the magnitude of atrocity, suffering, and heroism that define this tragic chapter of mass genocide in human history.

“On Channel 2 they had a film, ‘Breaking the Silence.’ They had children of survivors blaming their parents for ‘silencing’ the Holocaust. My children, if they wanted to know about the Holocaust, they knew! They had to wake me up during the night, screaming, from a nightmare! The Holocaust should be shown. It should be taught. And it should never be forgotten, not just for the Jews but for mankind. We are all born with an Eichmann in us.”

---From *Witnesses to the Holocaust: An Oral History*

As told through the testimony of six Jewish women who knew her during that time and survived the hell from which Anne never returned.

A sweeping history of the Vietnam conflict, from the country’s earliest conflicts in ancient times to the massive U.S. involvement that deeply divided American society. For older readers.

Part two of the author’s cartoon story of his father’s horrifying tales from the death camps during the Holocaust.
An examination of the surprise attack from both the American and Japanese political and military perspectives.

A respected children’s author describes growing up as a Nisei in California and living through her family’s internment in a World War II Utah concentration camp.

Watkins, Paul. **Night over Day over Night.** Knopf 1988 FICTION
In 1944, after serving five years in the Hitler Youth, vulnerable Sebastian Westland joins the SS and comes face to face with true evil. For older readers.

Zyskind, Sara. **Struggle.** Lerner 1989 D804.3.Z97 1989
The story of Luzer, a young boy who survived Nazi persecution and imprisonment in Auschwitz, losing every other member of his family either to “selection” or illness during those years.

Fantasy cars of the past and future.

Magliozzi, Tom and Ray Magliozzi with Terry Bison. **Car Talk with Click and Clack, the Tappet Brothers.** Dell 1991 TL152.M33 1991
National Public Radio’s car talk show hosts share tips to keep car repairs simple and cheap.

Care and repair for your mountain bike.

Sections on the basic systems of the automobile, and photos with clear directions, to help you do your own car repairs.
Raw muscle power runs these kayaks, bikes, and planes.

**When the World Was Young:**
*Archaeology, the Early World & Ancient History*

An authoritative, highly visual survey of one of the great world civilizations and the way in which archaeology has brought its achievements back to life.

New evidence seems to indicate modern humans came from Asia, not Africa, as scientists previously thought.

Archaeological evidence indicates that, despite the brutality of their lives, early slaves used their Old World skills to pioneer a new way of life. For older readers.

Collected essays on natural history covering kiwi birds, dinosaurs, and planets, among other things. For older readers.

Who looted the ancient Peruvian pyramid, smuggling priceless artifacts to America? Archaeologist Dr. Walter Alva attempted to find out while excavating the tomb for further treasures, despite threats on his life. For older readers.

New dinosaur discoveries include the gargantuan seismosaurus—over 100 feet long—and dino relatives that are living today—as birds! For older readers.

Alternating essays and short stories combined with monstrous color pictures explore facts and fantasies about dinosaurs.
In the 1960s, an archaeologist discovered a network of grand architectural structures, complete with sophisticated plumbing, that may very well have been the fabled “lost continent.” For older readers.

Reeves, Nicholas with Nan Froman. *Into the Mummy’s Tomb: The Real-Life Discovery of Tutankhamun’s Treasures*. Scholastic 1992 J/DT87.5.R44 1992
In 1922, Howard Carter discovered what had eluded him in five previous tries—the Tomb of Tutankhamen and its many treasures, buried for 3,000 years. Lots of color photos.

Explore lost cities, ancient mysteries, sunken ships, and forgotten treasure.

The history of Native Americans as interpreted from archaeological discoveries.

**Women in the Forefront**

Three separate biographies told through letters, journals, and personal accounts of struggles for women’s rights to contraception, voting, and fair working conditions.

Major Cornum made headlines when she was shot down behind enemy lines in the Persian Gulf War. Despite broken bones, a bullet wound, brutality, and sexual assault, she never lost sight of her responsibility as senior in command. For older readers.

The story of the determined young Omaha who, in the late 1800s, became the first Native American woman to graduate from medical school.

Pesticide companies, farmers, and professors were furious when Carson’s book, *Silent Spring*, first exposed the unintended effects of pesticides on the environment. For older readers.
Recognized today as one of the foremost African-American writers, Hurston was largely ignored and criticized during her lifetime—often by other black authors.

Hang gliders, the “Snugli” baby carrier, and a self-cleaning house—all were invented by women.

The autobiography of Rosa Parks, civil rights fighter against discrimination.

Quotations from American women’s diaries, letters, and speeches from the past 300 years vividly illustrate women’s struggle for equal rights.

The true story of Emma Edmonds who, disguised as a man, served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

An excellent introduction to the techniques involved in writing fiction—ideal for the aspiring young writer.

Tales of batter-fried rats and spiders in hairdos—you may have heard ‘em through the grapevine.

Words of wisdom from one of the best in the field.

Why do we buy?
The Zen path to writing and being.

The experiences of ex-Marine LouAnne Johnson, who successfully takes on the challenge of the “time-servers”—students considered too difficult and unreachable to teach.

“Auto Repair Service. Free Pickup and Delivery. Try Us Once and You’ll Never Go Anywhere Else Again,” and more amazing language bloopers.

What television giveth and what television taketh away.

Collected memoirs of the author of *Fat Men from Space*, which describe Pinkwater’s adventures in art school and the events that were the source of many of the zany ideas found in his books.

An entertaining, learn-by-doing guide for young authors full of fun activities, practical exercises, and useful information.