



Annotated List of New Books at The Kaufman Silverberg Library

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Adult /High School

Judaic Non Fiction

Fodor's Israel. 7th edition. This full-color guidebook is perfect for first-time and return visitors who want to experience Israel's awe-inspiring historical and religious sites as well as its outdoor activities, beautiful landscapes, good food and wine, and vibrant modern culture.

The Hare with Amber Eyes: a family's century of art and loss, by Edmund de Waal. The story of a collection of tiny Japanese sculptures as they are passed down from one generation of a prominent Jewish family to the next. Along the way, the author narrates the story of the rise and fall of the family from the mid 19th century to contemporary times.

Inspired Jewish Leadership: practical approaches to building strong communities, by Erica Brown. An inspiring and insightful guide to leadership training in the Jewish community.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem: how the ancient city ignited our modern world, by James Carroll. Proposes that history shows how religion and violence fuel each other, with Jerusalem serving for centuries as the ground zero of the struggle.

The Jew is not my Enemy: unveiling the myths that fuel Muslim anti-Semitism, by Tarek Fatah. In this personal and provocative book, the author draws on extensive research to attempt to answer the question, 'why do Muslims hate Jews?'

Ten Days of Birthright Israel: a journey in young adult identity, by Leonard Saxe and Barry Chazan. Focuses on understanding young adults' religious and ethnic identities and the impact of educational experiences.

Where God was Born: a daring adventure through the Bible's greatest stories, by Bruce Feiler. Feiler's latest book weaves together strands of theology, biblical exegesis, physical exploration, history and personal reflection.

Judaic Fiction

The Dovekeepers, by Alice Hoffman. In 70 C.E., 900 Jews held out for months against armies of Romans on Masada, a mountain in the Judean desert. According to the ancient historian Josephus, two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic and iconic event, Hoffman's novel is a spellbinding tale of four extraordinarily bold, resourceful, and sensuous women, each of whom has come to Masada by a different path.

Sima's Undergarments for Women, by Ilana Stanger-Ross. In the comfort of her Brooklyn basement bra shop, Sima Goldner teaches other women to appreciate their bodies, but feels betrayed by her own.

General Non Fiction

In the Spirit of Humanity, by Ray Dirks, Manju Lodha with Isam Aboud. Includes book and CD. Documents the experiences of Manju Lodha, Ray Dirks, and Isam Aboud and their work in schools throughout Manitoba doing workshops that celebrated creativity, the spirit of human-kind, concern about social injustice, war, discrimination, and inequity.

Moonwalking with Einstein: the art and science of remembering everything, by Joshua Foer. Recounts the author's yearlong quest to improve his memory under the tutelage of top "mental athletes". Using methods that have been largely forgotten, he discovers that we can all dramatically improve our memories.

The Things they Carried: a work of fiction, by Tim O'Brien. A collection of interrelated short stories that are meditations on war, memory, imagination and the redemptive power of storytelling.

General Fiction

Foreign Bodies, by Cynthia Ozick. Presents a retelling of Henry James's "The Ambassadors" that follows the efforts of divorced school teacher Bea Nightingale to navigate a turbulent year spent with her estranged brother's family.

Girl in Translation, by Jean Kwok. A resolute yet naive Chinese girl confronts poverty and culture shock with equal zeal when she and her mother immigrate to Brooklyn in Kwok's affecting coming-of-age debut.

A Good Man, by Guy Vanderhaeghe. Set in the 1870s in the borderlands of Montana/Alberta, this historical novel tells interlinked stories of the Fenian incursions and the showdown between the Sioux and the U.S./Canadian governments.

The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake, by Aimee Bender. On the eve of her ninth birthday, unassuming Rose Edelstein bites into her mother's homemade lemon-chocolate cake and discovers she has a magical gift: she can taste her mother's emotions in the slice.

Revolution, by Jennifer Donnelly. An angry, grieving seventeen-year-old musician facing expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school travels to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French revolution by a young actress.

Books in Hebrew

Ha-bor: ha-sodot ha-afelim me'ahorei mashber ha-manhigut ha-hamur betoldot Zahal, by Dan Margalit and Ronen Bergman.

Ha-yad she-kaf'ah: maduah Israel chosheshet me-shalom yim Suriya yoter mi-milchamah yitah, by Uri Sagie.

Israel neged Iran: milchemet tzlalom, by Yoaz Hendel and Yaakov Katz.

Books in Spanish

El psico analista, by John Katzenbach.

La sombra de la catedral, by Milos Urban.

Teacher Resource

We want you to know: kids talk about bullying, by Deborah Ellis. Uncensored stories aimed at students in grades 4 to 9 form the crux of this sobering book. Each of the book's five sections begins with a brief commentary by Ellis and concludes by posing several questions to guide and foster thoughtful discussion.

DVD's

Everything is Illuminated. Written for the screen and directed by Liev Schreiber. Based on the novel of the same title by Jonathan Safran Foer, a young Jewish man wants to learn how his grandfather escaped from the Nazi incursions into Russia.

When do we eat? My big fat Jewish Seder. A Salvador Litvak moving picture. Ira Stuckman (Michael Lerner) tries to hurry things up when he gathers his unique dysfunctional family together for what he declares will be 'the fastest Seder', but it turns out to be everything but.

CD's

Chazak amenu: We stand as one, Voices for Israel. Produced by Jordan B. Gorfinkel. This compilation features the all-star anthem, "Chazak Amenu: We stand as one" plus over 30 hit songs relating to Israel, Jewish unity, and the enduring hope for peace.

For Middle Years Students and Younger Readers

Judaic Books for Young Readers

On Sukkot and Simchat Torah, by Cathy Goldberg Fishman. Brings together and explains three holidays associated with the fall festival season, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah as celebrated by a traditional family.

Sukkot, by Reagan Miller. Explains Sukkot including its history and customs to students in grades 1 through 3.

DVD's for Younger Viewers

Shabbat Shalom, Grover! Shalom Sesame. Volume 3. Guest appearance by Cedric the Entertainer. Grover can't seem to figure out why everyone is so busy just before a day of rest. Join Grover as he learns all about Shabbat, and sing along with Avigail's favorite Shabbat song.

General Non Fiction

I Spy a Butterfly: riddles: by Jean Marzollo. Easy to read sentences along with pictures to aid the reader in finding the clues as they play I Spy.

I Spy a Dinosaur's Eye: riddles, by Jean Marzollo. Simple text challenges the reader to find objects hidden in the photographs.

I Spy Funny Teeth: riddles, by Jean Marzollo. Simple text challenges the reader to find objects hidden in the photographs.

I Spy Lightning in the Sky: riddles, by Jean Marzollo. Simple text challenges the reader to find objects hidden in the photographs.

I Spy a Scary Monster: riddles, by Jean Marzollo. Easy to read sentences along with pictures to aid the reader in finding the clues as they play I Spy.

Janis Joplin: rise up singing, by Ann Angel. Joplin's story told here by author Ann Angel is one of a girl who struggled against rules and limitations, yet worked diligently to improve as a singer.

Marcel Marceau: Master of Mime, by Gloria Spielman. We learn of Marceau's early inspiration, the silent film star Charlie Chaplin, as well as his childhood growing up as the son of a Jewish kosher butcher in Strasbourg, France, close to the German border. Marceau and his older brother Alain fled to Limoges when, on September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland and the French government ordered the people of Strasbourg to leave their city.

Queen of the Falls, by Chris Van Allsburg. Chronicles the courageous journey of Annie Edson Taylor, a retired charm school instructor, who decided to do something that no one in the world had ever done before - she would go over Niagara Falls in a wooden barrel.

What is Adoption? Helping non-adopted children understand adoption, by Sofie Stergianis and Rita McDowall. Helps family, friends, educators and people in the community who have not personally experienced adoption, but have been touched by it, talk positively with the children in their lives about adoption.

Middle Years Fiction

The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents, by Terry Pratchett. A talking cat, intelligent rats, and a strange boy cooperate in a Pied Piper scam until they try to con the wrong town and are confronted by a deadly evil rat king.

The Boy who couldn't sleep and never had to, by D.C. Pierson. Fifteen-year-old Darren, a social misfit who spends his time at school trying not to be noticed while drawing characters for a planned film series and book tie-ins, befriends Eric, another outcast who reveals that he never sleeps.

A Hat full of Sky, by Terry Pratchett. Tiffany Aching, a young witch-in-training, learns about magic and responsibility as she battles a disembodied monster with the assistance of the six-inch-high Wee Free Men and Mistress Weatherwax, the greatest witch in the world.

Fight for Justice, by Lori Saigeon. When Charity is attacked by the school bullies, her brother Justice decides to take matter into his own hands.

One Foot Ashore, by Jacqueline Dembar Greene. Sequel to *Out of Many Waters*. Arriving alone and destitute in Amsterdam in the spring of 1654, sixteen-year-old Maria Ben Lazar finds refuge and friendship in the household of the artist Rembrandt and continues to pursue her desperate search for her parents and her younger sister.

Out of Many Waters, by Jacqueline Dembar Greene. Kidnapped from their parents during the Portuguese Inquisition and sent to work as slaves at a monastery in Brazil, two Jewish sisters attempt to make their way back to Europe to find their parents.

The Son of Neptune: Book 2 in the series *The Heroes of Olympus*, by Rick Riordan. Demigod Percy Jackson, still with no memory, and his new friends from Camp Jupiter, Hazel and Frank, go on a quest to free Death, but their bigger task is to unite the Greek and Roman camps so that the Prophecy of Seven can be fulfilled.

True Blue, by Deborah Ellis. Casey was more than just a dependable camp counselor dedicated to her little buddies in Cabin Three. As the events surrounding the final weeks of August are slowly unveiled, readers will begin to question the very nature of friendship and how one finds the moral courage to be loyal, no matter what the consequences.

The Whole Truth, by Kit Pearson. It is 1932. Polly, almost ten, and her older sister, Maud, travel by train and boat from Winnipeg to an island between Vancouver and Victoria to live with their grandmother, who is their guardian. Will the dark secret the sisters share threaten their newfound happiness and the bonds of family love?

Books in Hebrew

Bilbi gerev berekh, by Astrid Lindgren.

Easy Readers

The Big Leaf Pile, adapted by Josephine Page. Cleo and Clifford, the big red dog, can't resist jumping into the pile of leaves they helped T-Bone gather, but the leaves scatter and they try to get them all back before T-Bone returns.

Clifford's Best School Day, adapted by Quinlan B. Lee. Emily Elizabeth is very talented, but Clifford, the big red dog, wants to show her all the things he can do, too.

Clifford's Loose Tooth, adapted by Wendy Cheyette Lewison. Clifford, the big red dog, is anxious for his loose tooth to fall out because he is hoping for a treat from the Tooth Fairy.

The Dog who cried "Woof!" adapted by Bob Barkly. Because Cleo had fooled them twice before, Clifford and T-Bone ignore her cries for help.

If You Hold my Hand, by Jillian Harker. To a small rabbit like Oakey, the big wide world seems a scary place. But with Mom holding his hand, he finds it can offer all sorts of exciting adventures.

Picking Apples and Pumpkins, adapted by Liz Mills. Emily Elizabeth's class goes on a field trip to a farm at harvest time and Clifford comes along. Find out how helpful a big red dog can be!

The Show-and-Tell Surprise, adapted by Teddy Margulies. Emily Elizabeth can't find anything special enough for show-and-tell, until Clifford, the big red dog, gives her an idea.

The Snow Champion, by Carol Pugiano-Martin. After the first snowstorm, it's time for a big snowball fight among Clifford and his friends but T-bone is not as excited as his friends.

The Teacher from the Black Lagoon, by Mike Thaler. On the first day of school, a young boy expects only the worst when he discovers that his new teacher is the "monstrous" Mrs. Green.

Time for School, by Gail Herman. All summer long, Emily Elizabeth and Clifford, the big red dog, play together. But what will happen when the school year starts?

The Very Friendly Firefly, by Jack Tickle. Young readers will enjoy the pop-up animals of the night and rhyming text in this playful book.

What's so terrible about swallowing an apple seed? by Harriet Lerner and Susan Goldhor. When Rosie swallows an apple seed, her sister Katie tells her that an apple tree will grow out of her ears.

Winnie the Witch, by Valerie Thomas. Because Winnie the Witch lives in a house where everything is black, she cannot see her black cat until she comes up with a brilliant, and colorful, idea.