



Annotated List of New Books at The Kaufman Silverberg Library

September 2011

Adult

Judaic Non Fiction

Album of my Life, by Ann Szdelecki. Ann Szdelecki was fourteen-years-old when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939. She fled from Lodz to the Soviet Union with her brother and spent the next six years in a remote Siberian outpost.

The All New Jewish Quiz Book, by Barbara Spector. Includes forty one challenging and entertaining brain-teasers to test your knowledge on various Jewish topics.

Facts about Israel, edited by Ruth Ben-Haim. Explores different aspects of life in contemporary Israel and provides historical perspective on the history of Jewish people.

In the Garden of Beasts: love, terror, and an American family in Hitler's Berlin, by Erik Larson. The time is 1933, the place, Berlin, when William E. Dodd becomes American ambassador to Hitler's Germany in a year that proved to be a turning point in history.

Jewish Choices, Jewish Voices, edited by Elliot N. Dorff and Louis E. Newman. A new six volume series from JPS within which Jews of different ages and life experiences reflect on issues and ethical dilemmas. Topics covered include the body, money, power, sex and intimacy, war and national security and social justice.

Mordecai: the life & times, by Charles Foran. Takes readers from the 1930's and 1940's old world Montreal to the 1950's in Paris, to the early 1960's in London and back to Montreal to trace the richness and uniqueness of Richler's life.

The World According to Itzik: selected poetry and prose, by Itzik Manger. This anthology of Manger's work seeks to display the full range of his genius in poetry, fiction and criticism.

Judaic Fiction

Memories from the Abyss, but I had a happy childhood, by William Tannenzapf. Describes the systematic destruction of Stanislawow, Poland and its Jewish inhabitants.

The Midwife of Venice, by Roberta Rich. Hannah Levi is known throughout sixteenth-century Venice for her skill in midwifery. When a Christian count appears at Hannah's door in the Jewish ghetto imploring her to attend his labouring wife, who is nearing death, Hannah is forced to make a dangerous decision.

General Non Fiction

Homo Erectus: and other popular tales of true romance, by Joel Yanofsky. Why is it that only women are writing about love and sex in the nineties? What women really want to know is what men are thinking. Well, it's time for a male perspective on the subject, and Joel Yanofsky is the man for the job.

What do you do if you don't die? the Steven Fletcher Story, by Linda McIntosh. Reveals a story of Steven Fletcher, the world's first C4 quadriplegic to win a seat in the national legislature.

General Fiction

The Girl who played with Fire, by Stieg Larsson. *Millennium* trilogy, #2. This time, Lisbeth is implicated in a murder: her fingerprints are found on the weapon used to kill two journalists the night before their explosive story is published.

Our Town: a play in three acts, by Thornton Wilder. First produced and published in 1938, this Pulitzer Prize winning drama of life in the small village of Grover's Corners has become an American classic and is Wilder's most renowned and most frequently performed play.

DVD's

Conviction: the incredible true story of Betty Anne Waters. A Longfellow Pictures production in association with Oceana Media Finance and Prescience; directed by Tony Goldwyn. A young woman's world is shattered when her beloved brother is convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Teacher Resource

Best Jewish books for Children and Teens, by Linda R. Silver. A top librarian picks the best in writing, illustration, reader appeal, and authentically Jewish content in picture books, fiction, and non-fiction, for early childhood through the high school years.

The Cay by Theodore Taylor, *a novel study*. Fran Van Vorst's teacher guide includes story summary, author biography, chapter questions and whole-book and vocabulary activities for students in Grades 7-8.

Grades 6 Social Studies Canada: A country of change (1867 to Present). A Foundation for Implementation 2006. Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth.

Kids + Money, a film by Lauren Greenfield. This short film is a conversation with young people from diverse Los Angeles communities about the influence of money on their lives. From rich to poor, Pacific Palisades to East L.A., kids discuss how they are shaped by a culture of consumerism.

Shaping Canada: our history: our beginnings to the present: Teacher's Resource, by Linda Connor, et al. The teacher's resource for [Shaping Canada](#) is designed not only to help teachers in developing critical thinking and integrating historical thinking concepts, but also assist in covering the entire Manitoba Grade 11 History of Canada course in 71 lessons of about 70 minutes each.

Supporting the Novel: Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr, by Shelley Davidson. Adapted and modified materials for writing output enabling special students to complete tasks in chunks they can handle in an organized format.

Supporting the Novel: Charlotte's Web by E.B. White - Adapted / modified materials for writing output, by Rhona Davies. These materials have been used successfully with slow learners, learning disabled students, hyperactive and E S L students and those with organizational problems.

Supporting the Novel: Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner - Adapted / modified materials for writing output, by Shelley Davidson. These materials have been used successfully with slow learners, learning disabled students, hyperactive and E S L students and those with organizational problems.

Videos

Anastasia, directed by Anatole Litvak. From the play by Marcelle Maurette as adapted by Guy Bolton.

Canada: the undiscovered land: Atlantic to the St. Lawrence. Good Earth Productions Inc. Viewers will explore Canada's Eastern coast, including Bay of Fundy, Cape Breton, fjords of Newfoundland, Saguenay River and more.

Canada: the undiscovered land: Rockies to the far north.. Good Earth Productions Inc. Takes viewers on a tour through the Canadian Rockies and High Arctic regions and explores Jasper, Ivvavik and Banff National Parks.

Books in Spanish

5,000 años de pensamiento judío, by Jaime Barylko.

Amanecer blanco, by James Houston.

Arte menor, by Betina González.

El angel de la oscuridad, by Caleb Carr.

El cuatro azul, by Rosamunde Pilcher.

El inquilino, by Gretchen Travis.

Israel, mi amor, by Richard Llewellyn.
El nombre de la rosa, by Umberto Eco.
Tres caramelos de menta, by Robert Sabatier.

For Students and Younger Readers

Judaic Books for Young Readers

Black Radishes, by Susan Lynn Meyer. Inspired by her father's experiences as a Jewish child living in France during World War II, Susan Lynn Meyer tells the story of a family's day-to-day struggles in a country that may not be able to keep its promise of "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity".

Checkpoints, by Marilyn Levy. The Passover suicide bombing in Netanya changes sixteen-year-old Noa's family forever and transforms her faith, politics, and friendships.

A Drastic Turn of Destiny, by Fred Mann. An account of one family's efforts to stay one step ahead of the Nazi death machine and the story of a boy's coming of age in the chaos of war.

Inconvenient, by Margie Gelbwasser. Growing up in a Russian Jewish community in suburban New Jersey, fifteen-year-old Alyssa gets advice from her best friend about how to fit in with the popular high-school crowd.

Nathan blows out the Hanukkah Candles, by Tami Lehman-Wilzig. Jacob loves his autistic brother Nathan, but when Hanukkah comes, Jacob worries that Nathan might embarrass him in front of his new friend.

To Hope and Back: the journey of the St. Louis, by Kathy Kacer. Told through the eyes of two children, this is a tragic, true story of the St. Louise ship full of Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Europe.

Under the Yellow & Red Stars, by Alex Levin. A remarkable story of the survival, coming of age and homecoming of Alex Levin, who was only ten years old when he ran deep into the forest after the Germans invaded his hometown of Rokitno.

Whispers from the Camps, by Kathy Kacer and Sharon E. McKay. Presents stirring accounts of children who endured capture and imprisonment in Nazi concentration camps.

Zayda was a Cowboy, by June Levitt Nislick. When a Jewish grandfather comes to live with his son's family, he relates his experiences fleeing Eastern Europe for America, his adventures as a cowboy, and his assimilation into American culture.

General Non Fiction

100 Most Awesome Things on the Planet, by Anna Claybourne. Your ultimate guide to awesome things like tallest buildings, coolest creatures, and levitating trains that includes details you need to picture being there yourself.

Cities of Gold: a collection of poems written by young Canadians, edited by Rachelle McCallum. Features the very best works from students across Canada in grades seven through twelve that were presented at the National Student Poetry Contest in 2010/2011.

How to Write your Life Story, by Ralph Fletcher. Teaches would-be auto biographers about the style and organization of a biography.

The Iron Horse: a collection of short stories written by young Canadians, edited by Rachelle McCallum. Features the very best works from students across Canada in grades seven through twelve that were presented at the National Student Short-Story Contest in 2010/2011.

The Shark God, by Rafe Martin. In this legend from Hawaii, a brother and sister free a shark caught in a net. The fearsome shark god then rescues them from the cruel king's imprisonment and helps them find a new, peaceful kingdom across the sea.

The Three Little Wolves and the big bad pig, by Eugene Trivizas. In this up-ended tale of a traditional story, a big bad pig is after the three little wolves. He blows all three of the wolves' houses down. What can the little wolves do?

Middle Years Fiction

Ally the Dolphin Fairy, by Daisy Meadows. Ally is one of the Ocean Fairies who keep all the sea creatures safe and happy. But when the goblins shatter their enchanted conch shell, seven magical sea creatures leave to search for the pieces.

Bernadette in the Doghouse, by Susan Glickman. Bernadette's friendship with Annie, Keisha, and Megan also known as "the Lunch Bunch" continues to blossom.

The Dark Pond, by Joseph Bruchac. After he feels a mysterious pull drawing him toward a dark, shadowy pond in the woods, Armie looks to old Native American tales for guidance about the dangerous monster lurking in the water.

Dragon's Egg, by Sarah L. Thomson. Mella, a young girl trained as a dragon keeper, learns that the legends of old are true when she is entrusted with carrying a dragon's egg to the fabled Hatching Grounds.

Manatee Blues, by Laurie Halse Anderson. Brenna, Maggie, and Zoe go to Florida to visit a manatee rescue center, where they learn about these endangered marine mammals.

Marcelo in the Real World, by Francisco X. Stork. Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.

Perfect Puppy, by Jenny Dale. Lucky is a beautiful puppy hiding a dangerous secret.

Books in Hebrew

Ma'aseh bemelekh ehad veharbeh tzva'yim, by Datia Ben-Dor. Includes CD.

Mishley Aesopus: hochmat ha-dorot le-yeladim, by Helen Ward.

Mutar Lehitba'esh, by Mitch Golant and Amy C Bahr.

Yi hamatmon, by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Yomano shel khnun: ha-bit'on shel Greg Heffley, by Jeff Kinney.

Yomano shel khnun: ha-kash ha-aharon, by Jeff Kinney.

Yomano shel khnu: Rodrick sholet, by Jeff Kinney.

Easy Readers

Badger's New House, by Robin Muller. Badger feels lonely when he moves into a big, new house, so he is happy to visit his old cottage and do some repairs for the new tenant.

Chester's Way, by Kevin Henkes. Chester and Wilson share the same exact way of doing things, until Lilly moves into the neighborhood and shows them that new ways can be just as good.

Claire's Gift, by Maxine Trottier. The entire village of Che'ticamp, Nova Scotia, looks forward to the arrival of Tante Marie's great-great-niece, seven-year-old Claire.

The Gypsy Princess, by Phoebe Gilman. Cinnamon can tell fortunes and dance with a bear, but she dreams of being a princess.

Ian's Walk: a story about autism, by Laurie Lears. Conveys a complex family relationship and demonstrates the ambivalent emotions Julie feels about her autistic brother.

But Michael makes me Laugh, by Lori Stetina. Provides basic information and encourages discussion on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders for young children in the classroom.

Mikissuk's Secret, by Isabelle Lafonta. Mikissuk dreams of going hunting on a big dogsled, but her brother says she is too small and not tough enough.

A Monster wrote me a Letter, by Nick Bland. A boy accidentally receives a letter from a monster, inviting himself over to play.

DVD's

Alice in Wonderland: what's the matter with hatter? adapted by Sean Catherine Derek; directed by Ric Machin. In this new animated version of the much loved story, Alice follows the white rabbit down a rabbit hole and finds herself in a strange land filled with the most unusual characters.