

New Books Received in the ERC Main Library of Durham Tech

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June through September 2009

For this period, the library has received new materials in our non-fiction, reference, and video sections. This list is grouped by section, and each section is alphabetized by title.

NON-FICTION

Age of wonder: How the romantic generation discovered the beauty and terror of science

Richard Holmes

Biography and history merge with science in this title, which focuses on prominent British scientists of the late 18th and early 19th centuries, including astronomer William Herschel and his assistant and sister, Caroline; Humphrey Davy, a leading chemist and amateur poet; and Joseph Banks, noted journal writer.

Alif Baa with DVDs: Introduction to Arabic letters and sounds

Kristen Brustad

This book teaches how to read and write the Arabic alphabet and introduces about 150 basic vocabulary words, including conventional forms of politeness and greetings.

Al-Kitaab fii Ta callum Al-cArabiyya Part 1: A textbook for beginning Arabic

Kristen Brustad

With new video material and revised and updated text and exercises, this text develops Arabic skills, including material in both colloquial and classical Arabic.

The American housing crisis

Susan Hunnicutt

This is one of Greenhaven Press's At Issue series, which offers eyewitness accounts, governmental views, scientific analysis, newspaper and magazine accounts, and more, on current topics. This book focuses on the current housing crisis in the U.S.

Arabic-English, English-Arabic dictionary and phrasebook

Mahmoud Gaafar

Containing 4,000 total entries, this dictionary uses a standard Arabic recognized throughout the Middle East and provides basic grammar and cultural information.

Arabic verbs and essentials of grammar

Jane Wightwick

This book offers a solid foundation of major verbal and grammatical concepts of the language, from pronouns to idioms and expressions and from irregular verbs to expressions of time and features a verb Index of the most common verbs.

Art of Maya: An introduction to 3D computer graphics

Autodesk Maya Press

This unique, full-color visual exploration of the theory of Maya has diagrams and illustrations that demonstrate the critical concepts of 3D time and space and helps explain the principles of 3D modeling, animation, dynamics and rendering. The accompanying CD-ROM includes Maya Personal Learning Edition.

Baby signing

Jane Jarvis

This book can help you learn to communicate with children through enjoyable signing exercises and games.. The accompanying CD-ROM allows you to fully understand the movements and practice baby signing.

Baby smarts: Games for playing and learning

Jackie Silberg

Filled with developmental games based on the latest brain research, *Baby Smarts* helps you build your baby's brain power. Its four chapters each represent a three-month period (0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-9 months, and 9-12 months).

Beginning XNA 2.0 game programming: From novice to professional

Alexandre Lobao

Would you like to create your own games, but never have the time to dig into the details of multimedia programming? Now you don't have to! XNA makes it simple to create your own games, which will run on your PC and Xbox 360 console.

Being with babies: Understanding and responding to the infants in your care

Beverly Kovach

Being with Babies is a great resource for both beginning and experienced caregivers. Each chapter includes information on the developmental stages of babies and describes issues that caregivers face every day. The book offers scenarios that illustrate these challenges, then suggests solutions caregivers can use to address the issues while still meeting the needs of the babies. It concludes with a review of key points.

Book of rhymes: The poetics of hip hop

Adam Bradley

Examining rap history's most memorable lyricists and their inimitable techniques, literary scholar Adam Bradley argues that we must understand rap as poetry or miss the vanguard of poetry today. He explores America's least understood poets, unpacking their surprisingly complex craft, and according rap poetry the respect it deserves.

Child care today: Getting it right for everyone

Penelope Leach

Leach, author of the wildly popular *Your Baby and Child*, delivers another parenting tome that will likely become the standard by which all other child-care books are measured. This thoroughly researched, heavily footnoted compendium evaluates the state of child care in the Western world in the context of caring for children.

Complete learning center book

Rebecca Isbell

Wake up your classroom with these unique learning centers and new ideas for energizing traditional learning centers. Completely revised, each learning center now has assessment tools and updated literacy components. A CD-ROM is also included.

Cystic fibrosis

Jacqueline Langwith

This Greenhaven Press title is part of their Perspectives on Diseases and Disorders series. Each volume explores a particular disease or disorder in detail, focusing on controversies and first-person accounts.

Embryonic and adult stem cells

Margaret Haerens

This is one of Greenhaven Press's At Issue series, which offers eyewitness accounts, governmental views, scientific analysis, newspaper and magazine accounts, and more, on current topics. This title explores the debate on cell stem use in the U.S.

Fundamentals of the stem cell debate: The scientific, religious, and political issues

Monroe, Kristen R.

This even-handed, lucidly written volume is an essential tool for understanding the complex issues--scientific, religious, ethical, and political--that currently fuel public debate about stem cell research. It provides a comprehensive overview for a wide audience, bringing together leading scientists, ethicists, political scientists, and doctors to explain this new scientific development and explore its ramifications.

Game development essentials: Game simulation development

William Muehl

This title offers professional and aspiring game developers a comprehensive resource that goes beyond the entertainment-focused aspects of game simulation to delve into its escalating impact on the outside worlds of business, education, and training.

Game maker's apprentice: Game development for Beginners

Jacob Habgood

The Game Makers Apprentice shows you how to create nine exciting games using the wildly popular Game Maker game creation tool. This book covers a range of genres, including action, adventure, and puzzle games complete with professional quality sound effects and visuals. It discusses game design theory and features practical examples of how this can be applied to making games that are more fun to play.

Game programming for teens

Maneesh Sethi

This book uses a hands-on approach to the fundamental principles and techniques of game programming, covering such topics as graphics, BlitzMax, audio, and special effects as it takes readers step-by-step through the process of creating a simple game.

George Orwell: Animal Farm and Nineteen Eighty Four

Kevin Boon

This biography of writer George Orwell describes his era, his major works--the novels *Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*--his life, and the legacy of his writing.

Giant encyclopedia of lesson plans: More than 250 lesson plans created by teachers for teachers

Kathy Charner

Written and created by teachers, The GIANT Encyclopedia of Lesson Plans has more than 250 complete lesson plans that cover topics from colors and numbers to seasons and nursery rhymes. Each lesson plan is complete with: a learning objective; a circle or group time activity; book suggestions; snack ideas; five learning center activities; assessment strategies; plus related songs, poems, and finger plays.

Introducing Microsoft Expression Studio: Using design, web, blend, and media to create professional digital content

Greg Holden

This book focuses on using Microsoft Acrylic, a new professional graphics tool. Readers will learn everything from the basics of the application to how to work with and edit vectors, apply image filters, and prepare images for the web and for print. Skills are taught using clear, step-by-step instructions and real-world examples and projects illustrate the key features of the software

Learning Autodesk Maya 2008: The modeling & animation handbook

Autodesk Maya Press

This book allows users to follow clear, step-by-step tutorials to understand the modeling and animation stages of production using artwork from the LAIKA short film *Moongirl*. Learn to build models with a variety of surface types and then make them move with a wide range of animation techniques. A DVD is included.

Leukemia

Adrienne Wilmoth Lerner

This is part of the Greenhaven Press Perspectives on Diseases and Disorders series. Each volume in this series explores a particular disease or disorder in detail (the focus of this one is leukemia), beginning with an overview chapter that covers symptoms, causes and effects, treatments, cures, and medical advances; a chapter presenting numerous pro/con essays on the controversies surrounding the disease or disorder; and a final chapter containing first-person accounts from people coping with the disease.

Long time coming: the inspiring, combative 2008 campaign and the historic election of Barack Obama

Evan Thomas

In his compelling narrative, *Newsweek* shares the inside stories from one of the most exciting elections in recent history, illuminating the personalities and events that influenced the outcome, and taking stock of the key players and key issues for the new administration. This will be an absorbing read for anyone interested in American politics.

Microsoft Office Access 2007 inside out

John L. Viescas

This book packs hundreds of time-saving solutions, troubleshooting tips, and workarounds for using Office Access 2007--all in concise, fast-answer format. You will learn how to design more-efficient databases, streamline data entry, work with tools to produce effective forms, reports, and queries, and more. CD ROM included.

Microsoft Office Access 2007 plain & simple

Curtis D. Frye

This full color no-nonsense guide helps you learn the easy way to navigate Office Access 2007 with numbered steps and concise, straightforward language that show the most expedient ways to learn a new skill or solve a problem. It covers common tasks, such as creating databases, sorting and filtering information, and running queries

Microsoft Office Project 2007 inside out

Teresa S. Stover

Learn everything you need to know for working with Microsoft Office Project 2007 with this book, which packs hundreds of time-saving solutions, troubleshooting tips, and workarounds. Includes CD ROM with tools, eBooks, and more.

Microsoft Office Word 2007 inside out

Katherine Murray

This information-packed complete reference shows you how to get the most out of Office Word 2007. You will learn how to create custom forms and publish Web pages; make use of research and reference tools; format documents using templates, wizards, add-ins, and XML; collaborate with others by using shared workspaces; and more! The companion CD ROM includes the complete eBook and many extras

Microsoft Silverlight graphics

Oswald Campesato

This book will help you quickly become productive in Silverlight, teaching you how to use this program to create stunning graphics and animations. You'll learn how to create Silverlight applications using graphics, animation, audio, and video.

Microsoft XNA game studio creator's guide

Stephen Cawood

Create complete 3D games using Microsoft XNA Game Studio Express and this hands-on guide. Written by experienced game developers, this guide details the fundamentals of great game programming and offers detailed examples.

The official guide to the TOEFL test

Educational Testing Service

Written by ETS, the makers of the test, this 2009 book includes two real full-length TOEFL tests for practice, as well as explanations of every section of the test and information on what is expected of you for every speaking and writing task. The accompanying CD-ROM provides on-screen interactive versions of both real TOEFL tests in the book, just like the one you will encounter on test day.

Polygamy

Ronald D. Lankford

This is one of Greenhaven Press's At Issue series, which offers eyewitness accounts, governmental views, scientific analysis, newspaper and magazine accounts, and more, on current topics. This focuses on the social and religious practice of polygamy.

Sexual harassment in the workplace

Mary L. Boland

This comprehensive, practical guide shows how to identify sexual harassment and to understand its causes in the workplace. It discusses the effect of sexual harassment as it relates to the victim, other personnel and the company. The harassment of men and the constantly changing standards for proving harassment are also addressed.

Should the legal drinking age be lowered?

Stefan Kiesbye

This is one of Greenhaven Press's At Issue series, which offers eyewitness accounts, governmental views, scientific analysis, newspaper and magazine accounts, and more, on current topics. This grapples with the issue of teenagers and alcohol use.

Simple signing with young children: a guide for infant, toddler, and preschool teachers

Carol Garboden Murray

This introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) was written for teachers of hearing children from birth to age six. Information is organized by age, including chapters for infants, toddlers, and preschool children, with age-appropriate signs. Signs for children with special needs are also included. Each sign is illustrated with a caption and photos. Each sign is illustrated with a caption and one or more photos of a young child or adult practicing the sign, so the signs are easy to understand and execute.

Something for the pain: One doctor's account of life and death in the ER

Paul Austin

In this riveting memoir, an ER doctor reveals how his high-stress career of helping others led to a struggle to save himself. This is the 2009 choice for "Durham Reads Together", whose mission is to strengthen the community through a celebration of reading the same book. NOTE: The author will be speaking and signing books on Thursday October 22 at 11 a.m. in Durham Tech's ERC auditorium.

Special edition using Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007

Patrice-Anne Rutledge

This book offers the reference material needed to acquire PowerPoint proficiency and use of more advanced features to create more polished, dynamic presentations.

Special edition using Microsoft Office Project 2007

QuantumPM

Authored by a group of experts, this book shows readers what they need to become proficient in Microsoft Office Project 2007 and use its advanced features.

Strategic business letters and e-mail

Sheryl Lindsell-Roberts

In a handsomely laid-out format, this author "walks you through" her program for making sure you and yours write business letters (which here include letters, faxes, e-mail messages, and memos) that help put your best business foot forward. Her program encompasses a six-step process, from basic groundwork to proofreading.

Taking back God: American women rising up for religious equality

Leora Tanenbaum

This author recounts the stories of women across the United States who love their religion but hate their second-class status within it, relating the experiences of Catholics, evangelical and mainline Protestants, Muslims, and observant Jews.

We the students: Supreme Court decisions for and about students

Jamin B. Raskin

This unique book has introduced countless students to the field of legal studies by studying Supreme Court issues that directly affect young people. For this third edition, CQ Press worked directly with educators to retain the best features of the previous editions while updating and further refining the material, including a significantly expanded treatment of Equal Protection and discrimination.

Wikipedia revolution: How a bunch of nobodies created the world's greatest encyclopedia

Andrew Lih

A Wikipedia expert tells the inside story of the trailblazing--and incredibly popular--open source encyclopedia, tracing the evolution of Wikipedia from its beginning to its expansion to international editions.

REFERENCE (library use only)

A dictionary of modern written Arabic

Hans Wehr

This book is a basic tool for the study of modern Arabic. Its scholarship, accuracy and reliability make it one of the most significant contributions to Arabic lexicography.

New from the INFORMATION PLUS Series:

This series provides statistical data on today's most controversial and most studied social issues. Each title is a compilation of current and historical statistics -- with analysis -- on aspects of one contemporary social issue. The text provides a clear and comprehensive summary of up-to-date research on the topic and is interspersed with the statistical tables, charts, and graphs. New topics in this series for 2009 recently received include:

American economy

Kimberly Masters Evans

Child abuse and domestic violence,

Melissa J. Doak

Electronic America

Laurie DiMauro

Energy supplies, sustainability, and costs

Sandra M. Alters

Gambling: what's at stake?

Melissa J. Doak

Gun control: restricting rights or protecting people?

Sandra M. Alters

Health care system

Barbara Wexler

National security

Kimberly Masters Evans

MLA handbook for writers of research papers (2009)

Modern Language Association of America

In summer 2008, the Modern Language Association released its third edition of the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing*, which publicly unveiled modifications to MLA Style for the upcoming year. These changes go into effect April 2009 with the release of *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th edition). General paper formatting (margins, headings, etc.) and in-text citations will remain the same, but all Works Cited style entries will be different from the 6th edition guidelines.

Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (2010)

American Psychological Association

This new edition has been revised and updated to include: the latest guidelines and examples for referencing electronic and online sources; new and revised guidelines for submitting papers electronically; improved guidelines for avoiding plagiarism; simplified formatting guidelines for writers using up-to-date word-processing software; all new guidelines for presenting case studies; improved guidelines for the construction of tables; updates on copyright and permissions issues for writers; and more.

VIDEOS

Dreams of Obama

Michael Kirk

This DVD tells the story of how a little known state senator rose from obscurity to the White House in just over four years, drawing on interviews with those closest to Obama to provide insight into how he might lead the country. A personal and political biography, the film examines the key moments that shaped Obama, asks what his election says about America, and examines how Obama's life experiences made him uniquely suited to launch his successful campaign to become the country's first black president.

Earth, the Biography: the story of our world

Jonathan Renouf

This DVD uses breathtaking footage and special imaging to tell the story of the great forces that shape the planet -- volcanoes, the ocean, the atmosphere and ice-- traveling from Ethiopia's unique lava lake to an ice cave under a glacier in Greenland. This was originally broadcast on the BBC in 2007.

Lake of Fire

Tony Kaye

This film offers a look at the subject of abortion where there can be no absolutes, Equal time is given to both sides, covering arguments from either extreme of the spectrum, as well as those at the center.

Motorcycle diaries

Walter Salles

This inspirational adventure is based on the true story of two young men whose thrilling and dangerous road trip across Latin America becomes a life-changing journey of self-discovery. Film is in Spanish with optional subtitles in English or French.

Murderball

Henry Alex Rubin

This film is about tough, highly competitive quadriplegic rugby players. These men have been forced to live life sitting down, but in their own version of the full-contact sport, they smash each other in custom-made gladiator-like wheelchairs. In addition to smashing chairs, it will smash every stereotype you ever had about the disabled.

The official story/La historia oficial *Note: this video is currently on reserve.*

Luis Puenzo

When an Argentine teacher attempts to unearth the truth about a murdered political prisoner, her investigation reveals political corruption that shatters her illusions. An Academy Award, Cannes Film Festival, and Golden Globe winner.

Pan's labyrinth

Guillermo del Toro

A good versus evil fantasy set in 1944 Spain, this Academy Award winner is set against the backdrop of the anti-Franco guerrilla warfare. In Spanish, English subtitles.

Rosewood

John Singleton

The true story of the 1923 razing of a black town in Florida, many of its people murdered over a lie. But some escaped and survived because of the courage and compassion of a few extraordinary people.

Sea inside

Alejandro Amenábar

This is a biography of Spaniard Ramón Sampedro, who fought a 30-year campaign to win the right to end his life. In Spanish, English subtitles.

Story of India

Michael Wood

Historian Michael Wood chronicles the history of the Indian subcontinent, the richness and diversity of its peoples, and its continuing relevance in today's world. This was originally broadcast on the BBC in 2007.

Volver

Esther García

Starring Penelope Cruz, this humanistic melodrama revolving around family relationships was a Cannes Film Festival Award winner. In Spanish, English subtitles.

When kids get life

Ofra Bikel

Originally broadcast on the television program Frontline, this profiles the cases of five juveniles sentenced in Colorado to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Whose life is it anyway?

Ray Cooney

Gifted sculptor Ken Harrison is involved in a car accident, and is paralyzed from his neck down. All he can do is talk, and he wants to die. In the hospital he makes friends with the staff, and they support him when he goes to trial to be allowed to die.

May 2009

NON-FICTION

101 Ways to Turn Your Business Green: The Business Guide to Eco-Friendly Profits

Rich Mintzer

Green experts and business owners show you more than 100 ways to quickly and cost-effectively elevate your business from good to green.

American Housing Crisis

Susan Hunnicutt, editor

This book about the current housing crisis in the United States is one of Greenhaven Press's At Issue series, which provides a wide range of opinions on individual social issues, including eyewitness accounts, governmental views, scientific analysis, newspaper and magazine accounts, and more.

Creating a Presentation in Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007 for Windows

Tom Negrino

The author takes readers through the steps of creating a single basic presentation, offering an overview of the redesigned Office interface and highlighting the tools readers will use as they create their project.

Embryonic and Adult Stem Cells

Margaret Haerens, editor

This book about stem cell research is one of Greenhaven Press's At Issue series, which offers a wide range of opinions on individual social issues, from eyewitness and news accounts to governmental views to scientific analysis and more.

Foreclosure of America: The Inside Story of the Rise and Fall of Countrywide Home Loans, the Mortgage Crisis, and the Default of the American Dream

Adam Michaelson

With an insider's knowledge, this author not only examines the morality of a career involved in the market forces that destroyed a company, but also addresses these important questions: can corporations serve the public good and profit at the same time, and how can we keep this kind of crisis from happening again?

Jury of Her Peers: American Women Writers from Anne Bradstreet to Annie Proulx

Elaine Showalter

This literary landmark is the first comprehensive history of American women writers from 1650 to 2000. It includes not only famous names like Flannery O'Connor and Toni Morrison, but once acclaimed authors who are not so well known now, such as early American novelist Catherine Sedgwick and playwright Susan Glaspell.

Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands: The Bestselling Guide to Doing Business in More Than 60 Countries

Terri Morrison

This book covers the protocols of appointments, business entertaining, greetings, forms of address, gestures, dress, and gifts in 60 of the nations you're most likely to be doing business.

Leukemia

Adrienne Lerner, editor

This is part of a series on diseases and disorders. Focusing on leukemia, this volume offers primary and secondary viewpoints, bibliographies, detailed indexes, and lists of organizations to contact for additional information.

Maya (seventh edition, revised and expanded)

Michael D. Coe

Coe's updating of his classic synthesis of Maya civilization offers readers an understanding of this intellectually sophisticated and aesthetically refined culture.

Michelle: A Biography

Liza Mundy

Washington Post writer Liza Mundy paints a revealing and intimate portrait of first lady Michelle Obama, drawing upon interviews with more than one hundred people to give us a glimpse inside the marriage of the most dynamic couple in politics today.

Microsoft Office Excel 2007 Plain & Simple

Curtis D. Frye

This book shows readers the simplest ways to get things done with Excel 2007 from formulas and functions to graphic effects to sharing data with colleagues, and more.

Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007 Plain & Simple

Nancy Muir

This book shows readers easy ways to get things done with Office PowerPoint 2007, from creating presentations to using animation to printing slides, and more.

My Guantanamo Diary: The Detainees and the Stories They Told Me

Mahvish Rukhsana Khan

Law school graduate and journalist Mahvish Khan offers insight into the lives of Afghan detainees illegally held in Guantanamo Bay.

New Paradigm for Financial Markets: The Credit Crisis of 2008 and What It Means

George Soros

Financier George Soros here explores the origins of America's current economic crisis, the United States' most serious financial upheaval in decades.

Obama's Challenge: America's Economic Crisis and the Power of a Transformative Presidency

Robert Kuttner

Robert Kuttner offers his ideas about what Barack Obama will need to do to overcome the multiple crises facing America today and how Obama, like past leaders such as Lincoln and FDR, may become a transformative president.

Penguin Atlas of Women in the World

Joni Seager

(REFERENCE)

In this completely revised and updated fourth edition of her groundbreaking atlas, Joni Seager provides comprehensive and accessible analysis of up-to-the-minute global data on the key issues facing women today.

Physician's Desk Reference (2009)

(REFERENCE)

The *PDR* has been the authoritative source of FDA-approved information on prescription drugs for more than 62 years. No medical reference is more comprehensive, more current, more user-friendly, or more recognized and respected.

Polygamy

Ronnie Lankford, editor

This book about polygamy in North America today is one of Greenhaven Press's At Issue series, which offers a wide range of opinions on individual social issues, from news accounts to governmental views to scientific analysis and more.

Stuffed: An Insider's Look at Who's (Really) Making America Fat

Hank Cardello

When Cardello, a former food and beverage executive, was initially diagnosed with leukemia (lab tests later disproved it), he began looking closely at the relationship between public health and corporate health. Here he argues that the obesity epidemic is connected to food businesses that control almost everything the average American eats.

Teach Yourself Visually Excel 2007

Nancy Muir

Visual learners who prefer how-to instructions over long-winded explanations will delight in this book, which offers clear, step-by-step screen shots that show you how to tackle more than 150 Excel 2007 tasks.

Two Billion Cars: Driving Toward Sustainability

Daniel Sperling

This book looks at the global automobile industry, discussing how such a staggering number of autos came to be, and how we can sustain them all and the planet at the same time, offering statistical data, charts, graphs, and erudite analysis of the issues.

World Almanac and Book of Facts (2009)

C. Alan Joyce
(REFERENCE)

The almanac is a classic source for essential and authoritative facts for entertainment, reference and learning, containing thousands of facts and statistics which are sourced and double-checked by the staff of World Almanac experts.

March 2009

NON-FICTION

Coming Clean: Breaking America's Addiction to Oil and Coal

Michael Brune

Political activist and straight-talker Michael Brune, director of the Rainforest Action Network, challenges average citizens to join him in the fight for clean energy.

Smithsonian at the poles: contributions to international polar year science

Ira Rubinoff (Foreword), editors Igor Krupnik , Michael A. Lang, and Scott E. Miller

This is the proceedings from the Smithsonian Institution's polar science symposium May 3-4, 2007, one of the inaugural U.S. contributions to celebrate the International Polar Year 2007-2009.

February 2009

FICTION

Midnight: A Gangster Love Story

Sister Souljah

The long awaited follow-up to Souljah's bestselling *The Coldest Winter Ever*, this book picks up the story of Midnight, a young Sudanese who struggles to reinvent his life in Brooklyn after leaving a life of privilege in Africa.

NON-FICTION

The Lost History of Christianity: The Thousand-Year Golden Age of the Church in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia - and How It Died

Philip Jenkins

Penn State professor Jenkins here offers the story of Christianity's decline in Asia and Africa and reveals that for centuries Christianity's center was actually in the Middle East. This "lost history" provides a new context for understanding our collective religious past.

January 2009

FICTION

Ball Don't Lie

Matt de la Pena

Street lingo and basketball jargon give voice to the story of a talented teen who sees basketball as the way out of a dead end life.

Fire to Fire: New and Selected Poems

Mark Doty

This 2008 National Book Award winner includes both new poems and a selection from the seven previous collections of this contemporary American poet and memoirist.

King Dork

Frank Portman

A high school student's life changes forever when he reads *Catcher in the Rye* in this mystery/social satire.

Lemonade Mouth

Mark Peter Hughes

Underdog teens find both friendship and empowerment when they form quirky band Lemonade Mouth.

Monsters of Templeton

Lauren Groff

This original debut novel combines elements of fantasy with the idea of coming home again to find out who you really are, as Willie Upton searches for the truth of her past to find more than one monster.

Narrows

Ann Petry

A biracial love affair in 1950s Connecticut offers a window from the past into race, class, and love.

Serena

Ron Rash

Set in 1929 in the mountains of North Carolina, this tale of greed and betrayal centers around George and Selena Pemberton, a couple who build a logging empire but ultimately destroy each other.

Shadow County: A New Rendering of the Watson Legend

Peter Matthiessen

This 2008 National Book Award winner is a reworking of Matthiessen's epic Watson trilogy that reimagines the legend of the Everglades sugar planter and notorious outlaw E. J. Watson.

Small Steps

Louis Sachar

This sequel to Sachar's Newbery Award winner *Holes* follows the story of Armpit, another one of the teens in the infamous juvenile detention work camp gone wrong.

When the Ground Turns in Its Sleep

Sylvia Sellers-Garcia

This highly praised debut novel opens in 1993 when, after his father's death, teacher Nítido Amán comes to seek out his origins in Guatemala and spends a year in the remote village of Río.

What I Saw and How I Lied

Judy Blundell

A 2008 National Book Award Winner, this is a compelling combination mystery/coming of age story set in 1947 Florida.

White Tiger

Aravind Adiga

Winner of the 2008 Man Booker Prize, this darkly comic debut novel set in India tells the story of Balram, a chauffeur who murders his employer and justifies his crime in a series of letters.

NON-FICTION

America and the World: Conversations on the Future of American Foreign Policy

Zbigniew Brzezinski and Brett Scowcroft

Two of the most respected figures in American foreign policy define the international challenges facing our new president.

Babies with Down Syndrome: A New Parents' Guide

Susan Skallerup

A classic work focusing on DS children from birth to age five is revised here for the first time since 1985, featuring four new chapter authors and including advice from parents as well as from experts.

Biography of the Dollar: How the Mighty Buck Conquered the World and Why It's Under Siege

Craig Karmin

This is a guide to understanding the way both the U.S. and the world economies work, covering the history and present role of the U.S. dollar, written by a *Wall Street Journal* financial reporter.

Changing the Game: How Video Games Are Transforming the Future of Business

David J. Edery

This book takes a look at how leading-edge organizations are using video games to reach new customers more cost-effectively.

Giants: Parallel Lives of Frederick Douglass & Abraham Lincoln

John Stauffer

This dual biography by award-winning Harvard University scholar John Stauffer describes the transformations in the lives of these two American icons during a major shift in cultural history.

Illegal People: How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Immigrants

David Bacon

This book looks at the many ways that globalization uproots people in Latin America and Asia, pushing them to migrate, while at the same time, U.S. immigration policy makes their labor a crime.

Letter to My Daughter

Maya Angelou

This collection of essays, based on stories from Angelou's remarkable life, is dedicated to the daughter she never had: "I gave birth to one child, a son, but I have thousands of daughters... and I am speaking to you all."

No Time to Think: The Menace of Media Speed and the 24-Hour News Cycle

Howard Rosenberg

Pulitzer Prize winner Rosenberg and veteran journalist Feldman argue that the demand for a constant flow of information from the media has led to inaccuracies in reporting.

Obamanomics: How Bottom-Up Economic Prosperity Will Replace Trickle-Down Economics (Economics in the Obama Presidency)

John R. Talbott

Published in the summer prior to the election, media commentator and former investment banker Talbott here explores the economic proposals of then presidential candidate Barack Obama.

P.S.: Further Thoughts from a Lifetime of Listening

Studs Terkel

This title offers previously unpublished essays and interviews by Pulitzer Prize winning historian Terkel, including works such as a discussion of the Great Depression and a 1961 interview with author James Baldwin.

Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do

Andrew Gelman

Gelman's premise is that how Americans vote depends on where they live as well as who they are: rich people and poor states vote Republican, while poor people and rich states vote Democratic.

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time

Greg Mortenson

An inspirational story of one man's efforts to address poverty, educate girls, and overcome cultural divides in a rural Pakistani village, *Three Cups* won the 2007 Kiriyaama Prize for nonfiction.

Traitor to His Class: The Privileged Life and Radical Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

H. W. Brands

This is a biography of FDR, American aristocrat who spent his Presidency fighting for the common man.

Transgender History

Susan Stryker

This book offers a chronological history of transgender movements, events, politics, and issues in America from the post WWII era through today.

Waiting for an Ordinary Day: The Unraveling of Life in Iraq

Farnaz Fassihi

The Wall Street Journal's senior Middle East correspondent, herself a Shiite Muslim, focuses on the suffering of the civilian population in occupied Iraq.

War Is...: Soldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk about War

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