

“You’re Invited: a Feast of New Literature for Teens
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The Appetizer - Imaginary Worlds

Pratchett, Terry. *Nation*. HarperCollins, 10/2008: 9780061433016. \$16.99. Gr. 7 and up. Starred (*) in Booklist (BL), Horn Book (HB) and Publishers Weekly (PW). *Mau and Daphne must work together to build a new world when a tidal wave destroys their small island.*

Colfer, Eoin. *Airman*. Hyperion, 2008: 9781423107507. \$17.99. Gr. 6-9. School Library Journal (SLJ) *. *Conor Broekhart was born to fly and his wishes come true in amazing ways. Imprisoned and tortured, Conor still must rescue the princess and save his kingdom.*

Cashore, Kristin. *Graceling*. Harcourt Children’s Books, 10/2008: 9780152063962. \$17. Gr. 8 and up. PW*. *Lady Katsa was born with a killing grace but meets her match in Po, a graced royal from another kingdom with a talent for fighting.*

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. *Princess Ben*. Houghton, Mifflin, 2008: 9780618959716. \$16. Gr. 6-9. BL, HB, SLJ *. *Princess Benevolence must grow up fast after the death of her parents and the takeover of their kingdom by her hated aunt Queen Sophia.*

Lanagan, Margo. *Tender Morsels*. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 10/2008: 9780375848117. \$16.99. Gr. 10 and up. BL, HB, PW* *Liga has suffers unspeakable assaults and creates a magic haven for herself and her two daughters, until the real world intrudes.*

Collins, Suzanne. *Hunger Games*. Scholastic, 10/2008: 9780439023481. \$17.99. Gr. 7 and up. BL, HB, SLJ*. *In a future United States, two children from each district are picked to battle to the death in annual “hunger games.” Katniss, a girl with the smarts to win, is sent from her poor district to fight with Peeta, the soft-hearted baker’s son who claims to love her.*

Pearson, Mary E. *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*. Henry Holt & Company, 2008: 9780805076684. \$16.95. Gr. 6-9. Kirkus (Kir), PW, SLJ * *Waking after 18 months in a coma, Jenna Fox has no memories of what came before. As the truth is revealed, the horror of what has happened becomes clear.*

Meyer, Stephanie. *The Host*. Little Brown and Company, 2008: 9780316068048. \$25.99. Gr. 9 and up. Library Journal (LJ) * *An alien parasite is drawn to the lover of her human host.*

Bodeen, S. A. *Compound*. Feiwel and Friends, 2008: 9780312370152. \$16.95. Gr. 7-10. PW *. *Eli’s father saved his family from nuclear disaster in the Compund, but now Eli is having doubts about his father’s sanity and plans for future survival.*

Spooooooooky Salad - Books That Go Bump in the Night

Gaiman, Neil. *The Graveyard Book*. HarperCollins, 2008: 9780060530921. \$17.99 Gr. 6 and up. BL, Kir, PW* *A baby boy survives the assassin who kills his family and wanders into a graveyard, where he is rescued and raised by its unusual inhabitants.*

McNamee, Graham. *Bonechiller*. Wendy Lamb Books, 2008: 9780385746588. \$15.99. Gr. 7-10. *An ancient demon who feeds on human flesh haunts the woods in a small Ontario town.*

Greene, Meg. *Rest in Peace: a history of American cemeteries*. 21st Century Books, 2008: 9780822534143. \$30.60 Gr. 9 and up. *American cultural history presented through the lens of our burial and funeral traditions.*

Mazer, Norma Fox. *Missing Girl*. Harperteen, 2008: 9780066237763. \$16.99. Gr. 6-10. BL, Kir, Kliatt, SLJ*. *The Herbert family explodes into emotional turmoil when one of five sisters is abducted by a child predator.*

Hartnett, Sonya. *The Ghost's Child*. Candlewick, 2008: 9780763639648. \$16.99. Gr. 8 and up. PW*. *Maddy, an old woman living alone, tells a young visitor the story of Feather and the love that changed her life.*

Hurley, Tonya. *Ghostgirl*. Little Brown and Company, 2008: 9780316113571. \$17.99. Gr. 6-9. Kir, PW, SLJ* *Charlotte Usher has a crush on the hottest guy in school, but she chokes on a gummi bear and dies. Now she has to hang out with other cool dead kids, with hilarious consequences.*

Noyes, Deborah. *The Ghosts of Kerfol*. Candlewick Press, 2008: 9780763630003. \$16.99. Gr. 8 and up. BL, Kir*. *Edith Wharton's classic ghost story is the inspiration for five interconnected tales of terror.*

Jenkins, A. M. *Night Road*. Harperteen, 2008: 9780060546045. \$16.99. Gr. 7-10. *Eighteen year old Gordon is accidently made into a heme or blood feeder and must now learn the rules of immortality.*

Hooper, Mary. *Newes from the Dead*. Roaring Brook, 2008: 9781596433557. \$16.95. Gr.9 and up. *Anne Green wakes to find herself on a doctor's dissection table after hanging for a crime she did not commit. Based on a true story.*

The First Course - War and Peace

Doctorow, Cory. *Little Brother*. Tor Books, 2008: 9780765319852. \$17.95. Gr. 8 and up. BL, PW, SLJ*. *Terrorists have attacked San Francisco and Homeland Security is deployed to keep the peace at all costs. Marcus is wrongly arrested and interrogated and now he wants to bring them down.*

Myers, Walter Dean. *Sunrise Over Fallujah*. Scholastic Press, 2008: 9780439916240. \$17.99. Gr. 8 and up. HB, Kir, PW, SLJ * Robin "Birdy" Perry experiences the horrors of the war in Iraq and comes to understand the complexities behind military propaganda.

Rees, Celia. *Sovay*. Bloomsbury, 2008: 9781599902036. \$16.99. Gr. 7-10. PW*. *The daughter of an English gentleman turns robber, takes part in the French Revolution, and thwarts a plot to overthrow the British throne. Loosely based on a folk ballad.*

Gardner, Sally. *Red Necklace: a novel of the French Revolution*. Dial Books, 2008: 9780803731004. \$16.99. Gr. 7-10. BL, Kir, PW * Yann must rescue the lovely Sido from her cruel father. Set against the backdrop of the French Revolution, this story is filled with romance, intrigue and magic.

Blundell, Judy. *What I Saw and How I Lied*. Scholastic Press, 11/2008: 978043990346. \$16.99. Gr. 7 and up. PW*. *Evie is thrilled when her stepfather Joe, recently returned from the war in Europe, announces the family will be taking trip to Palm Springs. The trip goes awry when an ex-GI who served with Joe shows up at their hotel.*

Fleischman, Sid. *Entertainer and the Dybbuk*. Greenwillow Books, 9/2007: 9780061344459. \$16.99. Gr. 7-10. SLJ * Avrom Amos is a 12 year old boy killed in the Holocaust who is now a dybbuk, or ghost, with unfinished work to do. He inhabits a ventriloquist's dummy to exact his revenge.

L'Engle, Margarita. *The Surrender Tree: poems of Cuba's struggle for freedom*. Henry Holt & Company, 2008: 9780805086744. \$16.95. Gr. 6-9. BL *. *A gifted healer struggles to care for the sick and wounded in Cuba's wars for independence.*

Smith, Roland. *Elephant Run*. Hyperion, 2008: 9781423104025. \$15.99. Gr. 7-10. *Thirteen year old Nick must find a way to save himself and rescue his father when the Japanese invade their plantation in World War II.*

Venkatraman, Padma. *Climbing the Stairs*. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2008: 9780399247460. \$16.99. Gr. 7-10. BL, PW *. *Vidya's life changes when her father follows Gandhi's example of nonviolent protest and is beaten near to death.*

Anderson, M. T. *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation: Volume Two, Kingdom on the Waves*. Candlewick, 10/2008: 9780763629502. \$22.99. Gr. 9 and up. BL, HB, PW, SLJ * *The conclusion of the story of Octavian Nothing, a slave in Revolutionary America. In this volume, Octavian enlists in Lord Dunmore's Ethiopian Regiment in exchange for his freedom.*

Bruchac, Joseph. *March Toward the Thunder*. Dial Books, 2008: 9780803731882. \$16.99. Gr. 6-10. *Based on Bruchac's own great grandfather's service in the Union Army, this Civil War story gives the reader a picture of the war through the eyes of fifteen year old Louis, an Abenaki boy.*

Chef's Specials - Getting Graphic

Hinds, Gareth. *The Merchant of Venice*. Candlewick, 2008: 9780763630256. \$11.99. Gr. 9 and up. *A modern graphic adaptation of the Shakespeare play.*

Raven, Nicky. *Beowulf: a tale of blood, heat, and ashes*. Candlewick, 10/2007: 9780763636470. Gr. 6-10. BL *. *The epic tale of the warrior Beowulf is brought to life in this compelling edition, complete with elven runes to enhance the text.*

Tamaki, Mariko. *Skim*. Groundwood Books, 2008: 9780888997531. \$18.95. Gr. 9 and up. BCCB *. *Kim copes with the confusion brought on by her romantic relationship with a teacher and by the suicide of a classmate's boyfriend.*

Almond, David. *Savage*. Candlewick, 10/2008: 9780763639327. \$17.99. Gr. 6-10. *Blue is being hounded by the town bully and turns to writing and illustrating a story to explore his feelings. A graphic novel within a novella.*

Abel, Jessica, with Gabriel Soria and Warren Pleece. *Life Sucks*. First Second, 2008: 9781596431072. \$19.95. Gr. 9 and up. *Dave's boss has an unusual benefits package for the night managers at his convenience store.*

Porcellino, John. *Thoreau at Walden*. Hyperion, 2008: 9781423100386. \$16.99. Gr. 5-8. Kir * *Using Thoreau's compelling language, Porcellino's simple line drawings bring a sense of beauty and peace to the story of Walden. "Heaven is under our feet, as well as over our heads."*

Kibiuishi, Kazu. *Amulet: Book One, The Stonekeeper*. Graphix, 2008: 9780439846806. \$21.99. Gr. 5-9. *Emily and her brother Navin learn the secret of their great-grandfather's unusual home.*

Abadzis, Nick. *Laika*. First Second, 9/2007: 9781596431010. \$17.95. Gr. 5-10. Kir, PW, SLJ * *This is the story of the puppy who became the first Soviet space traveler. A 2008 YALSA Top 10 Great Graphic Novel.*

Haute Cuisine - Contemporary Fiction: A through I

Lecesne, James. *Absolute Brightness*. Harperteen, 2008: 9780061256271. \$17.99. Gr. 9 and up. *Phoebe's openly gay cousin Leonard brings both joy and tragedy to their family and the small community of Neptune, New Jersey.*

Benway, Robin. *Audrey, Wait!* Razorbill, 2008: 9781595141910. \$16.99. Gr. 8 and up. PW *. *Audrey becomes the wrong-kind-of-famous when her ex-boyfriend writes a hit song about their breakup.*

Juby, Susan. *Another Kind of Cowboy*. Harperteen, 12/2007: 9780060765170. \$16.99. Gr. 9 and up. Kir *. *Alex Ford always wanted to ride dressage and finds the opportunity when he meets Cleo, a wealthy, spoiled girl from the nearby boarding school.*

Brothers, Meagan. *Debbie Harry Sings in French*. Henry Holt and Co., 2008: 9780805080803. \$16.95. Gr. 9 and up. PW *. *Johnny loves Debbie Harry enough to want to dress like her.*

Caletti, Deb. *The Fortunes of Indigo Sky*. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing, 2008: 9781416910077. \$15.99. Gr. 6-10. PW * *Indigo does not know how to react when a relative stranger gifts her with \$2.5 million.*

Horvath, Polly. *My One Hundred Adventures*. Schwartz and Wade Books, 2008: 9780375845826. \$16.99. Gr. 5-9. BL, Kir, PW, SLJ *. *Jane longs for adventure and gets more than she expected when her mother's former suitors come to call.*

Kephart, Beth. *House of Dance*. Harperteen, 2008: 9780061429286. \$16.99. Gr. 6-10. PW *. *Fifteen year old Rosie must face that her beloved Granddad is dying, yet she finds a way to give him a gift of lasting love and joy.*

Reinhardt, Dana. *How to Build a House*. Wendy Lamb Books, 2008: 9780375844539. \$15.99. Gr. 6-10. PW, SLJ * *Harper goes to Tennessee to escape the divorce that has torn her family apart and to help a family re-build a home destroyed by a tornado.*

Werlin, Nancy. *Impossible*. Dial Books, 2008: 9780803730021. \$17.99. Gr. 8 and up. BL, Kir, SLJ*. *The ballad "Scarborough Fair" sets the stage for a story of old magic, true love and an ancient curse.*

Second Helpings - Series and Sequels

Shusterman, Neal. *Antsy Does Time*. Dutton Books, 2008: 9780525478256. \$16.99. Gr. 5-9. BL, Kir, SLJ*. *Antsy Bonanno is back with a new friend, Gunnar Umlaut, in this sequel to The Schwa Was Here.*

Landy, Derek. *Skulduggery Pleasant*. HarperCollins, 2007: 9780061231155 - \$17.99; HarperTrophy, 2008: 9780061231179 - \$7.99 (pbk). Gr. 5-9. Kir, PW * *A magical skeleton detective helps twelve year old Stephanie solve the murder of her Uncle Gordon.*

Landy, Derek. *Playing with Fire (Skulduggery Pleasant)*. HarperCollins, 2008: 9780061240881. \$16.99. Gr. 5-9. Kir * *In this fast-paced sequel, Skulduggery and Stephanie, now called Valkyrie Cain, return to keep the Faceless Ones from destroying our world.*

Card, Orson Scott. *Ender in Exile*. Tor Books, 11/2008: 9780765304964. \$25.95. Gr. 9 and up. *Following the conclusion of Ender's Game, Ender cannot return to Earth and instead embarks on a mission to become the governor of a fledgling space colony.*

Bray, Libba. *Sweet Far Thing*. Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2007: 9780385730303. \$17.99. Gr. 9 and up. PW*. *Gemma Doyle returns to Spence Academy and the Realms in this series conclusion. Filled with adventure, epic battles and unrequited love, this book will not disappoint Gemma's fans.*

Thompson, Kate. *The Last of the High Kings*. Greenwillow Books, 2008: 9780061175954. \$16.99. Gr. 7-10. HB, PW *. J.J. Liddy, hero of *The New Policeman*, is grown and now his family joins the folk of Tir Na Nog to save the world from a vengeful puka.

Funke, Cornelia. *Inkdeath*. Chicken House, 10/2008: 9780439866286: \$24.99. Gr. 6-9. In this conclusion to the trilogy begun in *Inkheart*, Meggie and Mo return to the kingdom to stop Adderhead, who has kidnapped all the children to slave in the silver mines.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. *The Dead and the Gone*. Harcourt Children's Books, 2008: 9780152063115. \$17. Gr. 7 -10. BL, PW *. Alex and his sisters survive global disaster in this companion to *Life as We Knew It*.

White, Ellen Emerson. *Long May She Reign*. Feiwel & Friends, 2007: 9780312367671. \$15.95. Gr. 8 and up. PW*. Meg Powers, daughter of the first woman President of the United States, must cope with the crippling injuries she suffered when she was kidnapped by terrorists.

Klass, David. *Whirlwind*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008: 9780374323080. \$17.95. Gr. 7 and up. Kliatt *. Jack Danielson wants his girlfriend back in this action-packed sequel to *Firestorm*.

Godbersson, Anna. *Luxe*. HarperCollins, 2007: 9780061345661. \$17.99. Gr. 8 and up. *The Holland sisters occupy the pinnacle of Manhattan society in 1899. But the revelation of a family secret threatens to destroy their standing.*

Godbersson, Anna. *Rumors: a Luxe novel*. HarperCollins, 2008: 9780061345692. \$17.99. Gr. 8 and up. *After Elizabeth Holland's death, Manhattan society questions the role her sister Diana and her former beau Henry Schoonmaker played in the tragedy.*

Catherine Jinks. *Genius Squad*. Harcourt, 2008: 9780152059859. \$17. Gr. 7-10. Kir, PW *. Cadel Piggott, Evil Genius, joins the "Genius Squad" after an unsuccessful stint in foster care.

Marr, Melissa. *Ink Exchange*. Harpertime, 2008: 9780061214684. \$16.99. Gr. 9 and up. PW, SLJ* *As a consequence of being raped, Leslie wants a new identity. She chooses a dramatic tattoo, not realizing she is being inked with the blood of the faery Dark Lord, and will therefore be under his power.*

Meyer, Stephanie. *Breaking Dawn*. Little Brown and Company, 2008: 9780316067928. \$22.99. Gr. 8 and up. *The conclusion of Meyer's best-selling Twilight series...as if you didn't know.*

The Second Course - Historical Fiction

Crossley-Holland, Kevin. *Crossing to Paradise*. Arthur A. Levine, 2008: 9780545058667. \$17.99. Gr. 6-10. SLJ*. *Gatty is chosen to work for Lady Gwyneth and embarks on a crusade to the Holy Land with a band of lively comrades.*

Reeve, Philip. *Here Lies Arthur*. Scholastic Press, 11/2008: 9780545093347. \$17.99. Gr. 6-10. BL *. *Gwyn/Gwynna pretends to be a boy to join those who fight with King Arthur. Told through her eyes, this is a fresh look at the legend of Arthur.*

Dowd, Siobhan. *Bog Child*. David Fickling Books, 2008: 9780385751698. \$16.99. Gr. 8 and up. BL, Kir, PW, SLJ*. *Fergus discovers the body of a child preserved in the peat bog. The mystery of her identity haunts him as he struggles to understand his brother's decision to starve in protest of the treatment of Irish prisoners.*

Hearn, Julie. *Ivy*. Ginee Seo Books, 2008: 9781416925064. \$17.99. Gr. 6-10. PW * *Ivy is a child of the streets in Victorian London and does not understand what is about to befall her when her ethereal beauty attracts an artist's attention.*

Golding, Julia. *Diamond of Drury Lane: a Cat Royal Adventure*. Roaring Brook, 2008: 9781596433519. \$16.95. Gr. 5-9. BL, Kir, PW, SLJ *. *Cat searches for a mysterious diamond behind the scenes of London's Royal Theatre, her home since she was abandoned there as a baby.*

Bryant, Jen. *Ringside 1925: Views from the Scopes Trial*. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2008: 9780375840470. \$15.99. Gr. 8 and up. PW * *Told in free verse with multiple voices and viewpoints, this novel provides a unique perspective on the Scopes Trial media circus.*

McMullan, Margaret. *When I Crossed No-Bob*. Houghton Mifflin Company, 2008: 9780618717156. \$16. Gr. 6-10. *In 1875, the land and people have been ravaged by the Civil War, and twelve year old Addy is a survivor with remarkable courage despite having been abandoned by both her parents.*

Hijuelos, Oscar. *Dark Dude*. Atheneum Books, 2008: 9781416948049. \$16.99. Gr. 9 and up. PW*. *Rico leaves the barrio to start a new life in rural Wisconsin. Set in the 1960s, this is the first teen novel by Pulitzer Prize winner Hijuelos.*

Woodson, Jacqueline. *After Tupac and D Foster*. Putnam Publishing Group, 2008: 9780399246548. \$15.99. Gr. 6-10. Kliatt, SLJ * *It is the summer of 1994 and two young black girls befriend a third girl who calls herself D. The three connect while listening to the music of Tupac.*

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Outside Beauty*. Atheneum Books, 2008: 9780689865756. \$16.99. Gr. 6-9. BCCB, Kir, PW *. *Shelby's mother has four daughters by four different men. When an accident separates Shelby from her sisters, she will do anything to reunite the family.*

Real Deals - Nonfiction

Bowman, Robin. *It's Complicated: the American Teenager*. Umbrage Editions, 2007: 9781884167690. \$40. Gr. 9 and up. *A stunning collection of black and white photographs of teens from across the United States, accompanied by short narrations about their lives.*

Redd, Nancy Amanda. ***Body Drama: real girls, real bodies, real issues, real answers.*** Gotham Books, 2008: 9781592403264. \$20 (pbk). Gr. 9 and up. *Informative,, accurate information about the body's dramas for teen girls.*

Kuklin, Susan. ***No Choirboy: murder, violence, and teenagers on Death Row.*** Henry Holt & Company, 2008: 9780805079500. \$17.95. Gr. 9 and up. *Four personal accounts of teens who committed murders before the age of eighteen and now sit on death row. Searing and provocative, this will engage teen readers in dialogue about the death penalty.*

Cooper, Elisha. ***Ridiculous/Hilarious/Terrible/Cool: a year in an American high school.*** Dial Books, 2008: 9780803731691. \$17.99. Gr. 9 and up. PW * *Cooper follows eight Chicago students through their senior years.*

Rhodes-Courter, Ashley. ***Three Little Words: a memoir.*** Atheneum Books, 2008: 9781416948063. \$17.99. Gr. 9 and up. PW * *The author indicts the foster care system in which she lived from the age of three until she was adopted at age sixteen.*

Christy, Bryan. ***The Lizard King: the True Crimes and Passions of the World's Greatest Reptile Smugglers.*** Twelve, 2008: 9780446580953. \$24.99. Gr. 9 and up. *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agent Chip Bepler worked tirelessly to bring down a father/son reptile smuggling empire. This is his story and the story of the multi-million dollar smuggling cartel that flaunted international endangered species laws.*

Nelson, Scott Reynolds with Marc Aronson. ***Ain't Nothing But a Man: my quest to find the real John Henry.*** National Geographic Society, 2007: 9781426300004. \$18.95. Gr. 7-10. BL * *Using song lyrics, old photographs, and newspaper accounts, Nelson follows clues that lead to the identity of the real John Henry.*

Polly, Matthew. ***American Shaolin: Flying Kicks, Buddhist Monks, and the Legend of Iron Crotch: an Odyssey in the New China.*** Gotham Books, 2007: 9781592402625, \$26; 9781592403370, \$15 (pbk). Gr. 9 and up. *College dropout Matthew Polly travels to China with one goal: to join the Shaolin Temple and become a kung fu star.*

Murphy, Jim. ***The Real Benedict Arnold.*** Clarion Books, 2007: 9780395776094. \$20. Gr. 8 and up. SLJ * *A fair and balanced account of what caused Benedict Arnold to be a name forever associated with the word treason. Includes reproductions of paintings, engravings and drawings from the Revolutionary War period.*

Fleischman, Sid. ***Trouble Begins at 8: a life of Mark Twain the Wild, Wild West.*** Collins, 2008: 9780061344312. \$18.99. Gr. 7-10. BL, Kir, PW, SLJ * *Mark Twain's early years are chronicled here with equal humor and heart. Almost as entertaining and Twain himself.*

Dessert - Contemporary Fiction: L through Z

Harmon, Michael. *Last Exit to Normal*. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2008: 9780375840982. \$15.99. Gr. 8 and up. Kliatt, PW, SLJ * *Ben Campbell's dad and his partner move to Montana to help Ben accept living with gay parents and to learn that love has no restrictions.*

Dessen, Sarah. *Lock and Key*. Viking Children's Books, 2008: 9780670010882. \$18.99. Gr. 8 and up. PW *. *Ruby's heart is locked up tight, until Nate opens it up and gets her to trust again--but Nate has his own secrets.*

Lockhart, E. *Disreputable History of Frankie Landau Banks*. Hyperion, 2008: 9780786838189. \$16.99. Gr. 7 and up. BL, Kir, PW, SLJ * *The Loyal Order of the Bassett Hounds rules Alabaster Preparatory Academy, and unbeknownst to its members, Frankie Landau-Banks rules the Bassetts.*

Dowd, Siobhan. *The London Eye Mystery*. David Fickling Books, 2008: 9780375849763. \$15.99. Gr. 5-9. BL, HB, SLJ * *Kat and her brother Ted join their considerable talents to solve the mystery of how their cousin, Salim, disappeared from inside the capsule of the London Eye ferris wheel.*

de la Pena, Matt. *Mexican WhiteBoy*. Delacorte, 2008: 9780385733106. \$15.99. Gr. 7-10. *Danny is half white and half Mexican and does not know where he belongs, until he spends a summer with his Mexican family, falls in love and learns some hard truths.*

Meldrum, Christina. *Madapple*. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2008: 9780375851766. \$16.99. Gr. 9 and up. BL, Kir, PW, SLJ *. *Her mother told Aslaug that she has no father—that she born of a virgin—and raised her in isolation. In the years after her mother's death, Aslaug is thrown into the world and put on trial for the murder of her aunt and cousin.*

Monninger, Joseph. *Baby*. Front Street, 9/2007: 9781590785027. \$16.95. Gr. 7-10. BCCB * *Fifteen year old Baby is abandoned by her alcoholic mother and sent to a foster care home that is her last chance. There, her foster parents, Mary and Fred, and their sled dogs bring balance and focus to Baby's life for the first time.*

Green, John. *Paper Towns*. Dutton Books, 10/2008: 9780525478188. \$17.99. Gr. 8 and up. BCCB, BL, SLJ *. *Quentin's love for his neighbor, the enigmatic Margo Roth Spiegelman, leads him and his friends on a cross-country journey where they learn the difference between perception and reality.*

Schmidt, Gary. *Trouble*. Clarion Books, 2008: 9780618927661. \$16. Gr. 7 and up. Kliatt, SLJ * *Henry's Grandfather had built their home where trouble could never find them. Then one evening there is a horrific accident that brings almost too much trouble to bear.*

Johnson, Maureen. *Suite Scarlett*. Point, 2008: 9780439899277. \$16.99. Gr. 7 and up. BL * *In the Martin family, your fifteenth birthday brings the responsibility of caring for a suite in the family hotel. The guest in Scarlett's will change her summer.*

Connor, Leslie. *Waiting for Normal*. Katherine Tegen Books, 2008: 9780060890889. \$16.99. Gr. 6-10. PW, SLJ * *Addie looks for normal as her family life crumbles around her.*

Jocelyn, Marthe. *Would You*. Wendy Lamb Books, 2008: 9780375837036. \$15.99. Gr. 6-10. BL, PW * *Natalie's sister Claire is hit by a car and is in a coma. Would you be able to remove life support? This is a haunting portrait of a family coping with that decision.*

Cohn, Rachel. *You Know Where to Find Me*. Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2008: 9780689878596. \$15.99. Gr. 8 and up. Kir, PW * *The suicide of her beloved cousin leads Miles to anesthetize her grief with a prescription drug addiction.*

Zarr, Sara. *Sweethearts*. Little Brown and Company, 2008: 9780316014557. \$16.99. Gr. 6-10. BL, PW * *Jennifer and Cameron were outcasts and best friends in grade school, until Cameron disappears with his family. Jennifer believes he is dead. Now, Cameron is back, causing the remade "Jenna" to face her own truths.*

After Dinner Drinks - Guilty Pleasures: Adult Books for Adults

Stein, Garth. *Art of Racing in the Rain*. Harper, 2008: 9780061537936. \$23.95. *Enzo, a beloved pooch, narrates this tense family drama of a race car driver's custody battle with his former in-laws.*

Sittenfeld, Curtis. *American Wife*. Random House, 2008: 9781400064755. \$26 BL * *Alice Lindgren is a quiet young woman who loves to read and yet she falls in love with Charlie Blackwell, given to living life in the fast lane. Little does she realize that Charlie will become President of the United States and her family will face the consequences of engaging the country in an unpopular war. Sound familiar?*

Collins, James. *Beginner's Greek*. Little Brown and Company, 2008: 9780316021555. \$23.99. LJ * *Peter Russell meets the woman of his dreams on a flight from New York to LA. Then he loses her phone number. Years later, they meet again, when she is the fiancée of his philandering best friend.*

Picoult, Jodi. *Change of Heart*. Atria Books, 2008: 9780743496742. \$26.95 *June Nealon has survived the loss of her husband and daughter and the trial of the man accused of the murders. Twelve years later, her daughter Claire needs a heart transplant and the killer volunteers to donate his heart. Would you be able to accept his gift of life?*

Myron, Vicki. *Dewey: the small-town library library cat who touched the world*. Grand Central Publishing, 2008: 9780446407410. \$19.99. BL, LJ * *Dewey Readmore Books is the beloved library cat in a small Iowa town in need of hope. A tribute to the power of libraries, librarians, and library pets everywhere.*