

Westwood Regional Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

**Fiction Book Collection Acquisitions
2010**



FIC
And

Chains
By Laurie Halse Anderson

In the spring of 1776, Isabel, a teenage slave, and her sister, Ruth, are sold to ruthless, wealthy loyalists in Manhattan. While running errands, Isabel is approached by rebels, who promise her freedom if she agrees to spy. Using the invisibility her slave status brings, Isabel lurks and listens as Master Lockton and his fellow Tories plot to crush the rebel uprisings, but the incendiary proof that she carries to the rebel camp doesn't bring the desired rewards.

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Wintergirls
By Laurie Halse Anderson

The intensity of emotion and vivid language here are more reminiscent of Anderson's *Speak* (Farrar, 1999) than any of her other works. Lia and Cassie had been best friends since elementary school, and each developed her own style of eating disorder that leads to disaster. Now 18, they are no longer friends. Despite their estrangement, Cassie calls Lia 33 times on the night of her death, and Lia never answers. As events play out, Lia's guilt, her need to be thin, and her fight for acceptance unravel in an almost poetic stream of consciousness in this startlingly crisp and pitch-perfect first-person narrative.

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Bec

PastWorld
By Ian Beck

In 2050, civilization has become sterile, controlled, peaceful, and very, very boring. In an effort to capitalize on the ennui of the rich and famous, Buckland Corporation has created the ultimate vacation destination: Pastworld, a city modeled after 19th-century London where visitors also known as "gawkers" can immerse themselves in a Victorian world complete with grueling poverty, near-primitive medicine, lawlessness, and a casual disregard for human life.

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Cab

Princess in Waiting
By Meg Cabot

The fourth volume in Meg Cabot's popular Princess Diaries series, *Princess in Waiting* begins in the tiny country of Genovia, where 14-

year-old Mia, the unlikely royal, is on winter break trying not to bite her fingernails. Being a princess and fighting for the installation of parking meters is tough, when all you really want to do is go back to your regular life in New York City and see your dreamy boyfriend Michael. Of course, Mia is soon back in the city, trying not to fail Algebra II and trying to stay afloat in a sea of self-doubt. Could it be true that she is merely a "massive reject" covered with orange cat hair?

FIC
Cab **Reunion (the Mediator Book 3)**
By Meg Cabot

The RLS Angels are out for blood, and only Suze can stop them--since she's the only one who can see them. The four ghostly teenagers died in a terrible car accident, for which they blame Suze's classmate Michael... and they'll stop at nothing until he's joined them in the realm of the dead. As Suze desperately fends off each attempt on Michael's life, she finds she can relate to the Angels' fury. Because their deaths turn out not to have been accidental at all. And their killer is only too willing to strike again.

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Cab **The Jinx (Rachel Benjamin Mysteries 2)**
By Meg Cabot

Just as investment banker Rachel Benjamin is poised to enjoy a week in Boston mixing a little business with a lot of pleasure, the "Jinxing Gods" strike again. First she discovers that her new boyfriend, Peter Forrest, seems to be too interested in his lovely new "assistant." To undo the havoc wrecked by the Jinxing Gods, Rachel, with a little help from her four best gal pals and sexy college professor Jonathan Beasley, sets out not only to discover what connection, if any, there may be between the assault on Sara and the takeover attempt of her family's media company but also what, if any, connection remains with Peter.

FIC
Cab **Princess Diaries**
By Meg Cabot

Mia Thermopolis is your average urban ninth grader. Even though she lives in Greenwich Village with a single mom who is a semifamous painter, Mia still puts on her Doc Martens one at a time, and the most exciting things she ever dreams about are smacking lips with sexy senior Josh Richter, "six feet of unadulterated hotness," and passing Algebra I. Then Mia's dad comes to town, and drops a major bomb. Turns out he's not just a European politician as he's always lead her to believe, but actually the prince of a small country! And Mia, his only heir, is now considered the crown princess of Genovia!

FIC
Princess in Pink

Cab

By Meg Cabot

In volume five in the series, Princess Mia has a new problem to overcome—how to get to the senior prom when boyfriend Michael thinks it's the height of lame. More drama erupts when Grandmère brings her poodle to Mia's 15th birthday party at a fancy restaurant. He gets loose, a busboy from Nepal gets fired, Mia's best friend starts a protest on his behalf, and the subsequent restaurant workers' strike shuts down the entire food and hotel industry, including the prom venue. Grandmère refuses to take responsibility, but finds an alternate prom site, and Mia manages to get the gig for Michael's new band. Thus, she gets to go to the prom.

FIC

Fire

Cas

By Kristen Cashore

This fantasy, shot through with romance and suspense, is set in the same world as *Graceling* (Dial, 2008), but on the far side of the mountain barrier in the kingdom of the Dells. Here there are monsters, enhanced and exceptionally beautiful versions of various animal species. Fire is a human monster, so beautiful that she has to hide her hair for fear of attack by both raptor monsters and human men. She is able to enter other people's minds and exert power over them. It is a tumultuous time in the kingdom, as various lords are preparing to overthrow the king, and Fire is drawn into the fray.

FIC

Graceling

Cas

By Kristen Cashore

Graceling takes readers inside the world of Katsa, a warrior-girl in her late teens with one blue eye and one green eye. This gives her haunting beauty, but also marks her as a Graceling. Gracelings are beings with special talents—swimming, storytelling, dancing. Katsa's Grace is considered more useful: her ability to fight (and kill, if she wanted to) is unequaled in the seven kingdoms. Forced to act as a henchman for a manipulative king, Katsa channels her guilt by forming a secret council of like-minded citizens who carry out secret missions to promote justice over cruelty and abuses of power.

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City of Glass

Cla

By Cassandra Clare

In the two previous books, Clary learns that she is a member of a race of demon-hunters and that she has the special ability to create new versions of the runes that give these Shadowhunters their power. Her mother has been hiding the truth from her for years to protect her from her father, Valentine, a cult-leader-turned-villain who is seeking to gain control over the Shadowhunters by obtaining the three Mortal Instruments. Now, Valentine has only one Mortal Instrument left to

find, and the Shadowhunters must ally with the despised Downworlders, including vampires, werewolves, and fairies, to prepare their final defense.

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Col

Catching Fire
By Suzanne Collins

Every year in Panem, the dystopic nation that exists where the U.S. used to be, the Capitol holds a televised tournament in which two teen "tributes" from each of the surrounding districts fight a gruesome battle to the death.

FIC
Dav

Lost
By Jacqueline Davies

Essie lives a hardscrabble life with her widowed mother and younger siblings on the Lower East Side of Manhattan in the early 1900s. The grim specter of poverty always hovers, yet Essie's spirit, her talent for creating beautiful hats, and her bountiful love for her little sister Zelda help to imbue their lives with joy and positive energy. As chapters alternate between earlier and later settings, we follow Essie to work at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory. The plot builds—and so does a gradual awareness of cracks in Essie's grasp of reality.

FIC
Dav

Mare's War
By Tanita Davis

On a parent-mandated cross-country road trip with Mere, their unpredictable grandmother, 15-year-old Octavia and 17-year-old Tali make the transformation from complaining, self-absorbed teens to observant, supportive family members. Mere promises not to smoke if the sisters promise not to use earphones on their way to a family reunion. And then she begins to tell her life story. As the miles pass from California across the southern states, the girls become intrigued with memories of Mere's harsh childhood of domestic work and her struggle to protect herself and younger sister from their widowed mother's lecherous boyfriend.

FIC
Des

Along for the Ride
By Sarah Dessen

Dessen has built a well-deserved reputation for delicately depicting teen girls in turmoil. Her latest title showcases a socially awkward young woman who seeks solace in the comforting rigidity of academic

success. Auden is about to start college in the fall, and decides to escape her control-freak professor mom to spend the summer with her novelist father, his new young wife, and their brand-new baby daughter.

FIC
Dow

Solace for the Road

By Siobhan Dowd

Holly Hogan, 14, lives in a facility for troubled youth in England. Her dream is to return to Ireland, her birthplace, and reunite with her mother. When she is placed in a foster home, the dream resurfaces as she finds and tries on the woman's blond wig. Suddenly, Holly is gone and in walks Solace, a devil-may-care older version of herself, with "slim-slam hips" and the world at her feet. The name Solace comes from a winning horse Holly supposedly chose when her mother bet on horses. As Solace, the teen sets off on the road to ruin as she begins a runaway journey.

FIC
Fit

Hush, Hush

By Becca Fitzpatrick

High school sophomore Nora Grey, a dedicated student striving for a college scholarship, lives with her widowed mother in a country farmhouse outside Portland, ME. When Patch, her new biology partner, is suddenly thrust into her life, Nora is both attracted to his charm and put off by his inexplicable awareness of her thoughts. Eventually, she learns that he is a fallen angel who wants to become human. She is susceptible to his control, but other forces are at work as well, and Nora finds herself caught in the middle of dangerous situations and unexplainable events.

FIC
For

If I Stay

By Gayle Forman

The last normal moment that Mia, a talented cellist, can remember is being in the car with her family. Then she is standing outside her body beside their mangled Buick and her parents' corpses, watching herself and her little brother being tended by paramedics. As she ponders her state (*Am I dead? I actually have to ask myself this*), Mia is whisked away to a hospital, where, her body in a coma, she reflects on the past and tries to decide whether to fight to live. Via Mia's thoughts and flashbacks, Forman (*Sisters in Sanity*) expertly explores the teenager's life.

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Gar

Beautiful Creatures

By Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl

Ethan Wate, a high school sophomore, plans to escape his small Southern town as soon as he can. Life has been difficult since his mother died; his father, a writer, has withdrawn into his study. Then Lena Duchannes arrives, and this strange new girl is the very one who has been occupying his dreams. She and her kin are Casters, beings who have supernatural powers. Getting to know her exposes Ethan to time travel, mortal danger, and love.

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Gar

Say the Word

By Jeannine Garsee

Ten years ago, Shawna's mom, Penny, came out, moved out, and never looked back. For 10 years Shawna aspired to be everything her protective, perfectionist father, Jack, wanted her to be, distancing herself as much as possible from the shame that Penny's abandonment caused her. But at 17, Shawna is pulled by her mother's death into contact with Penny's partner, Fran, and their sons, Arye, 17, and Schmule, 10. Jack, who legally remains Penny's next of kin, financially ruins Fran's family and then goes after Schmule, who is revealed to be Penny and Jack's biological Father.

FIC
Geo

Princess of the Midnight Ball

By Jessica Day George

The Brothers Grimm tale The Twelve Dancing Princesses is vibrantly retold and set in a fictionalized nineteenth-century Europe. Galen, a soldier (and knitter) returning home from war, encounters an old woman who gives him an invisibility cloak and yarn possessing magical powers. While working as a gardener at the palace, he encounters the princess, Rose, and her 11 younger sisters. Because of a secret bargain their mother made with the evil King Under Stone, the princesses are cursed to dance each night till their shoes are worn ragged.

FIC
Gill

Soul Enchilada

By David Macinnis Gill

Eunice "Bug" Smoot is a recent high-school graduate with all sorts of problems: she's about to get evicted from the flophouse apartment she rents, she's just been fired from her pizza-delivery job, and it seems like every day some idiot is giving her crap for being half-African American and half-Tejana. The only light in her life is her dead grandfather's classic 1958 Cadillac Biarritz—and even that goes down the tubes when a demon named Mr. Beals materializes in the

passenger seat and demands repossession of the vehicle. Turns out, her grandfather financed the car by selling his soul.

FIC
Her

No Mor Use for You
By David Hernandez

Carlos has a new job at the Long Beach Contemporary, a local art museum. His accounts of hanging with his friends Snake and Will at the bleachers, seeing a bizarre guy who pees on the floor at the museum, his girl tossing him aside for another guy she slept with, and meeting his coworker Vanessa are interspersed with Isabel's, a girl he doesn't know, though she goes to his high school. Her chapters begin as she is preoccupied with her boyfriend's death nearly a year earlier; later, they focus on her friendship with Vanessa, who pulls the two narrators into the same sphere.

FIC
Jar

All Unquiet Things
By Anna Jarzab

Anna Jarzab's debut novel (Delacorte 2010) is part mystery and part inner glimpse at dysfunctional families and the perceived entitlements at a wealthy private high school. Neily Monroe, 17, is the ex-boyfriend of Carly, a beautiful girl who spiraled out of control after the death of her mother and was brutally murdered months before Neily begins his story at the spot he found Carly's body. Audrey is Carly's cousin—and the daughter of the man convicted of her murder. Audrey comes back to school and back into Neily's life hoping that he will help prove her father's innocence.

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Joh

Poetry Rocks
By Paula Johanson

Some of the content includes Angli-Saxon poets from 600-1000, Geoffrey Chaucer, folk songs, Spenser, Shakespeare, Donne, Herbert, Milton, Pope, Johnson, Gray, Blake, Wordsworth, and Keats. Notes on poetic meter and rhyme, photos, actual poems, with their summaries and explanations, critical response and suggested further reads along with websites makes this a comprehensive tool for studying poetry.

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Joh

Muchacho
By Louanne Johnson

High school junior Eddie Corazon and his Mexican-American family live in a crime-infested town in New Mexico where kids are often pressed into service as drug runners if found on the streets alone. Eddie has his older cousin to look out for him, and he tells of the day when he was eight, and felt so proud to ride along with Enrique, drinking beer and smoking. But when Enrique stopped the car, knocked on a door, and shot the man who opened it in the face, young Eddie messed his

pants, "smelling the stink of hopelessness that hung around my life." Eddie is now in an alternative high school and brandishing his role as juvenile delinquent until he meets Lupe, a bright girl with dreams of college.

FIC
Kate

Fallen
By Lauren Kate

Luce must spend her senior year at reform school after her boyfriend dies in a mysterious fire. She suspects that the dark shadows that have tormented her all her life had something to do with it. When she meets supernaturally gorgeous Daniel, she feels a familiar longing, making her believe they have met before. Although Cam is clearly interested in her, Luce only wants Daniel, who runs both hot and cold. He tries to keep Luce at a distance, telling her that the truth would kill her as it has many times before.

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Kel

Evolution of Calpurnia Tate
By Jacqueline Kelly

A charming and inventive story of a child struggling to find her identity at the turn of the 20th century. As the only girl in an uppercrust Texas family of seven children, Calpurnia, 11, is expected to enter young womanhood with all its trappings of tight corsets, cookery, and handiwork. Unlike other girls her age, Callie is most content when observing and collecting scientific specimens with her grandfather. Bemoaning her lack of formal knowledge, he surreptitiously gives her a copy of *The Origin of Species* and Callie begins her exploration of the scientific method and evolution, eventually happening upon the possible discovery of a new plant species.

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Kor

On the Run : Now You See Them, Now You Don't
By Gordon Korman

One man holds the key to freeing Aidan and Meg Falconer's parents from prison: a mysterious figure named Frank Lindenauer. Aidan and Meg must cross the country to try to catch him . . . even as the FBI tries to catch them first. In California, Aidan and Meg fall in with a crowd that already has its share of trouble going on. They want to believe they've found friends who will help them out. But if they're not careful, these "friends" will sell them out instead.

FIC
Kor

Schooled
By Gordon Korman

Homeschooled on an isolated "alternate farm commune" that has dwindled since the 1960s to 2 members, 13-year-old Cap has always lived with his grandmother, Rain. When she is hospitalized, Cap is taken in by a social worker and sent—like a lamb to slaughter—to middle school. Smart and capable, innocent and inexperienced (he

learned to drive on the farm, but he has never watched television), long-haired Cap soon becomes the butt of pranks. He reacts in unexpected ways and, in the end, elevates those around him to higher ground.

FIC
Kor

Framed
By Gordon Korman

Korman's fans will welcome this follow-up to *Swindle* (2008) and *Zoobreak* (2009, both Scholastic). The Man with the Plan needs help from his friends at Cedarville Middle School to clear him of a crime he didn't commit. When a valuable Super Bowl ring goes missing, the principal is convinced that Griffin is involved, and the kids are convinced that Principal Egan is trying to pin the heist on them. It appears that Griffin has been framed, and each attempt to clear his name seems to get the friends in more trouble.

FIC
Kra

Rotters
By Daniel Kraus

Grave-robbing. What kind of monster would do such a thing? It's true that Leonardo da Vinci did it, Shakespeare wrote about it, and the resurrection men of nineteenth-century Scotland practically made it an art. But none of this matters to Joey Crouch, a sixteen-year-old straight-A student living in Chicago with his single mom. For the most part, Joey's life is about playing the trumpet and avoiding the daily humiliations of high school.

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Mye

Sunrise over Fallujah
By Walter Dean Myers

Robin's parents aspire for him to go to college, but following September 11, he feels compelled to join the Army instead. By early 2003, Robin has completed Basic Training and is deployed to Iraq where he becomes part of a Civil Affairs Unit charged with building the trust of the Iraqi people to minimize fighting. Civil Affairs soldiers are often put into deadly situations to test the waters, and Robin finds that the people in his unit, who nickname him "Birdy," are the only ones he can trust. Robin quickly learns that the situation in Iraq will not be resolved easily and that much of what is happening there will never make the news.

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Mye

Slam!
By Walter Dean Myers

"Basketball is my thing. I can hoop. Case closed." So begins Walter Dean Myers' novel (Scholastic, 1996) which lends itself perfectly to an audio presentation for young adults. Male reluctant readers as well as basketball fans will be captivated with this realistic story in which 17-year-old Greg Harris tells of the year in which he transfers to a magnet school for the arts, a more academically challenging, mostly white school. After being the hot shot star of his Harlem high school team, he has to learn to fit in and be a team player at his new school. He may not be able to do anything about the rest of his life.

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Par

Marching for Freedom : Walk Together, Children, and Don't Grow Weary
By Elizabeth Partridge

Much has been written about the Civil Rights Movement, but what has not been documented as well is the role that children played in propelling the movement forward. This book does just that as the Selma, AL, voting rights protests are examined through the eyes of its youngest demonstrators, whose spirit, humor, and grit are clearly exhibited. The book begins by introducing Joanne Blackmon, who at 10 years old was arrested for the first of many times as a result of her participation in freedom marches.

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Pec

Three Quarters Dead
By Richard Peck

A sophomore at a top school, spends most of her time alone, feeling invisible. Suddenly and without reason, she is befriended by the three most popular and powerful girls in school. Feeling alive and important, and desperate to keep her new friends happy, she goes along with their pranks and plans, even when they are exceedingly cruel. When a car accident takes the queen bees' lives, Kerry ends up socially dead. But several months after their funerals, she gets a strange text message.

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Phe

Storm in the Barn
By Matt Phelan

It is 1937 in Kansas, during the Dust Bowl, and 11-year-old Jack can barely remember a world with plentiful water and crops. Unable to

help his father with a harvest that isn't there, and bullied by the other boys his age, he feels like a useless baby. Stories offer a refuge, and there are multiple stories in this work. Jack's mother tells about the time when the land was a fertile paradise. Jack's invalid sister, Dorothy, is reading *The Wizard of Oz*, gaining inspiration from the adventures of another Kansan of the same name.

FIC
Rapp

Punkzilla

By Adam Rapp

Fourteen-year-old Jamie—street name Punkzilla—is AWOL from military school. He's already lived hand to mouth in a west coast city, stealing iPods, doing cheap drugs, and getting the occasional joyless hand job. Now he is headed to Memphis where his oldest brother, Peter, a gay playwright, is dying from cancer. His story is told through his letters to Peter as he hitchhikes across the country, written in the backseats of cars, under a tree where a man hanged himself, and ultimately in retrospect when he reaches his journey's end.

FIC
Rio

Red Pyramid (the Kane Chronicles Book 1)

By Rick Riordan

Riordan takes the elements that made the "Percy Jackson" books (Hyperion) so popular and ratchets them up a notch. Carter, 14, and Sadie, 12, have grown up apart. He has traveled all over the world with his Egyptologist father, Dr. Julius Kane, while Sadie has lived in London with her grandparents. Their mother passed away under mysterious circumstances, so when their father arrives in London and wants to take them both on a private tour of the British Museum, all is not necessarily what it seems.

FIC
Run

Surface Tension : A Novel in Four Summers

By Brent Runyon

Runyon (*The Burn Journals*, 2004) tracks the changes in an adolescent boy over four summers, from ages 13 to 16. Each section covers the family's two-week vacation at their lakeside cottage. The repetitive structure allows readers to see the drastic changes in Luke as he veers from an exuberant middle-schooler whose primary concerns are making sure to fit in enough fishing, rock-skipping, exploring, and star-gazing, through early puberty.

FIC
Sco

Love You Hate You Miss You

By Elizabeth Scott

Tall, awkward Amy feels unloved by her parents, who are too smitten with each other to pay her any attention. Along with her beautiful, fearless, and free-spirited friend Julia, Amy turns to drinking and casual sex to feel loved. After a devastating car crash leaves Julia dead

and Amy only slightly injured, Amy goes into rehab. There, a therapist gives her a journal, which Amy uses to write letters to Julia, each dated with the number of days after Julia's death. Amy recognizes the privileges of her upper-middle-class life, and both mocks and indulges her angst.

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Sma

Stitches : A Memoir
By David Small

Reading *Stitches* may feel unexpectedly familiar. Not in the details of its story--which is David Small's harrowing account of growing up under the watchless eyes of parents who gave him cancer (his radiologist father subjected him to unscrupulous x-rays for minor ailments) and let it develop untreated for years--but in delicate glimpses of the author's child's-eye view, sketched most often with no words at all.

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Sti

Shiver
By Maggie Stiefvater

Grace, 17, loves the peace and tranquility of the woods behind her home. It is here during the cold winter months that she gets to see her wolf—the one with the yellow eyes. Grace is sure that he saved her from an attack by other wolves when she was nine. Over the ensuing years he has returned each season, watching her with those haunting eyes as if longing for something to happen. When a teen is killed by wolves, a hunting party decides to retaliate. Grace races through the woods and discovers a wounded boy shivering on her back porch.

FIC
Sto

Marcelo in the Real World
By Francisco X Stork

Like Christopher Boone, the protagonist in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (Doubleday, 2003), Marcelo Sandoval is a high-functioning, extremely self-aware teenager with Asperger's syndrome. He has an empathetic mother and a father, Arturo, who appears to be less empathetic as he pushes Marcelo to live in the "real world." The form the real world takes is a summer job in the mailroom at Arturo's law office. The teen is forced to think on his feet, multitask, and deal with duplicitous people who try to take advantage of him. Over the course of a summer, Marcelo learns that he can function in society.

FIC
Tha

Spectacular Now
By Tim Tharp

Sutter Keely, a high school senior, is determined to live in the moment. He eschews planning for the future, intent on letting the

good times roll. Sutter's been downing six packs since seventh grade and is rarely without his flask of Seagram's. Despite the heavy drinking and some raunchy sex talk, he is initially a likable character with a fresh and funny voice, but his affability wanes quickly and that voice just doesn't ring true.

FIC
Ueh

Moribito II :Guradian of Darkness

By Nahoko Uehashi

This second book of the MORIBITO series follows female bodyguard Balsa as she returns from the land of New Yogo to her ancestral homeland of Kanbal, a land she has not seen since she was a young child. At the age of six, Balsa's father discovered a plot to murder the current king of Kanbal, and as a result, her father was murdered and his best friend fled the country with the young Balsa

FIC
Viv

Same Difference

By Siobhan Vivian

According to Rivers, a professor of journalism at Boston College, and Barnett, a senior scientist at Brandeis, there is no innate difference between the sexes; there are only varying behaviors that are determined by the degree of power males and females hold in a given situation. The authors earlier collaborated on She Works/He Works, which took issue with the idea that two working parents in a home was harmful to children. In this provocative study, they take on gender theorists ranging from Carol Gilligan (In a Different Voice) to David Buss (The Evolution of Desire) and pop writer John Gray (Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus).

FIC
Wal

Perpetual Check

By Rich Wallace

Brothers Zeke and Randy differ in their physical appearance, in their attitudes, and in their relationships with their dad, with girls, and, most significantly for this story, in their approaches to chess. Zeke, a senior, seems made in Dad's hypercompetitive, decidedly obnoxious image. He shows prowess in soccer and tennis as well as chess, but is a bit too full of himself. Randy, a pudgy freshman, has developed his game quickly and now beats Zeke pretty consistently.

FIC
Whi

The Pricker Boy

By Read Scott Whinnern

Stucks, 14, and his friend Pete are year-round residents of their lakeside community, joined each summer by kids whose families own

vacation cottages—Emily, Ronnie, Vivek, and Stucks's cousin Robin. For years, the friends have been telling each other scary campfire stories starring the Pricker Boy, once a real child who was tricked into getting caught in one of his father's animal traps, taken in by the dense woods, and transformed into a revenge-seeking creature with "skin hardened like bark...and thorns over every inch of his body."

FIC
Zarr

Once Was Lost
By Sara Zarr

It's the end of a long, hot summer, and nothing is right. Samara's mother is in rehab, her father, a popular pastor in their small town, is always busy, too busy for Sam anyway, and then something shocking happens. Jody, a 13-year-old girl, a member of their church, disappears. As the days drag on, Sam finds herself drawing away from her friends and her father, who has a secret she easily guesses, and instead spending time with Nick, Jody's brother, who may or may not be a suspect in the disappearance