

New Books for a New Literacy Landscape

selected by: **Dr. Peggy A. Sharp**

- % **THE ARRIVAL** - Shaun Tan. Scholastic, 2007 128p. (9780439895293) \$19.99
A man arrives in a new country where he must build a life for himself and his family.
- ! **BLUE LIPSTICK** - John Grandits. Clarion, 2007 48p. (9780618851324) \$5.95
Concrete poems about the ups and downs of life from the perspective of the older sister.
- % **THE BOYS' BOOK: HOW TO BE THE BEST AT EVERYTHING** - Dominique Enright and Guy Macdonald. Illus. by Niki Catlow. Scholastic, 2007 109p. (9780545016285) \$9.99
A guide for boys to learn how to do basic skills (repair flat tire, etc.) with easy-to-follow directions.
Also **THE GIRLS' BOOK: HOW TO BE THE BEST AT EVERYTHING** - Juliana Foster.
- ♥ **CHESTER** - Melanie Watt. Kids Can, 2007 32p. (9781554531400) \$16.95
Melanie is trying to write a story about a mouse, but Chester, the cat, keeps interfering.
- ! **CLICK** - Linda Sue Park and others. Levine / Scholastic, 2007 215p. (9780439411387) \$16.99
One novel, ten authors each contribute a chapter to a story that expands time and space.
- ♥ **COWBOY & OCTOPUS** - Jon Scieszka. Viking, 2007 40p. (9780670910588) \$16.99
Two unlikely friends have silly, warm adventures.
- **DOG AND BEAR** - Laura Vaccaro Seeger. Roaring Brook, 2007 32p. (9781596430532) \$12.95
The two friends help one another, discover books, and consider new names.
- **DON'T SAY THAT WORD!** - Alan Katz. McElderry, 2007 32p. (9780689-869716) \$16.99
Michael tries to tell about his day at school, but the words he wants to use are "inappropriate".
- % **THE DOWN-TO-EARTH GUIDE TO GLOBAL WARMING** - Laurie David and Cambria Gordon. Orchard, 2007 150p. (9780439024945) \$17.99
Why global warming happens, and what we can do to try to stop it.
- ♥ **THE END** - David LaRochelle. Illus. by Richard Egielski. Levine, 2007 40p. (9780439640114)
The story begins with happily ever after, and progresses backwards through the events.
- % **EVERY MINUTE ON EARTH** - Steve & Matthew Murrie. Scholastic, 2007 224p. (9780439908870)
Fun facts describe things that happen every 60 seconds.
- ♥ **EXTRA! EXTRA!** - Alma Flor Ada. Illus. by Leslie Tryon. Atheneum, 2007 unpag. (9780689825) \$16.99
Fairy tale news through articles, opinion pieces, sports and other newspaper items.
- ♥ **FLUSH** - Charise Mericle Harper. Little, 2007 32p. (978-0-316-01064-1) \$15.99
Thirteen poems give the scoop on poop throughout the ages.
- % **FOOTBALL GENIUS** - Tim Green. HarperCollins, 2007 244p. (9780061122729) \$17.89
Troy wants to use his ability to predict football plays for the Atlanta Falcons before they happen.
- ♥ **GIMMECRACKEDCORN AND I WILL SHARE** - Kevin O'Malley. Walker, 2007 (9780802796851)
Chicken dreams of cracked corn, so he and George set off to find it in this tale filled with puns.
- % **THE GLITCH IN SLEEP** - John Hulme and Michael Wexler. (*The Seems*). Bloomsbury, 2007 273p. (9781599901299) \$16.95
Becker must repair the glitch so that people can fall asleep again.

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- ♥ **GOLDIE SOCKS & THE THREE LIBEARIANS** - Jackie Hopkins. Upstart, 2007 (9781932146684)
Goldie Socks enters a cottage made of books to find some that are just right.
- % **GOOD MASTERS! SWEET LADIES!** - Laura Amy Schlitz. Candlewick, 2007 (9780763615789)
Short plays featuring characters, 10-15 years old, who live on or near a 13th century manor.
- ! **HOW UNDERWEAR GOT UNDER THERE** - Kathy Shaskan. Dutton, 2007 48p. (978525471783)
A rollicking history of the unmentionables.
- **THE INCREDIBLE BOOK EATING BOY** - Oliver Jeffers. Philomel, 2007 32p. (9780399247491)
Henry eat books to get smart until he eats too many, and learns to get his knowledge from reading the books.
- % **THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET** - Brian Selznick. Scholastic, 2007 531p. (9780439813785)
Hugo, an orphan, has a secret that is threatened when he meets a toyseller and his goddaughter.
- + **JABBERWOCKY** - Lewis Carroll. Illus Christopher Myers. Hyperion, 2007 (9781423103721) \$15.99
The poem has been made into a contemporary tale through sports imagery.
- ♥ **KNOCK, KNOCK!** - various illustrators. Dial, 2007 32p. (9780803731523) \$16.99
14 children's book artists illustrate a different groan-inducing joke in signature style.
- % **MARLEY: A DOG LIKE NO OTHER** - John Grogan. HarperCollins, 2007 196p. (9780061240348)
How a big, rambunctious dog becomes the heart of the Grogan family.
- % **THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY** - Trenton Stewart. Little, 2007 487p. (9780316057776)
Reynie Muldoon and others are recruited to infiltrate the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened.
- % **NO TALKING** - Andrew Clements. Simon & Schuster, 2007 146p. (9781416909835) \$15.99
The "unshushable" fifth graders take up the challenge not to talk for two whole days.
- ♥ **THE OK BOOK** - Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Tom Lichtenheld. HarperCollins, 2007 (9780061152566)
OK is having a great time trying many activities to discover its real talent.
- % **ROBOT DREAMS** - Sara Varon. Roaring Brook, 2007 208p. (9781596431083) \$16.95
Dog urges his new friend, Robot, to go for a swim, and the results are disastrous.
- **17 THINGS I'M NOT ALLOWED TO DO ANYMORE** - Jenny Offill. Pictures by Nancy Carpenter. Schwartz & Wade, 2007 32p. (9780375835964) \$15.99
A young girl lists some fun things she can't do anymore because of the trouble she's caused.
- ♥ **THE STORY OF THE LITTLE MOLE WHO WENT IN SEARCH OF WHODUNIT** - Werner Holzwarth and Wolf Erlbruch. Abrams, 1993, 2007 24p. (9780810916418) \$14.95
Something poops on his head, and mole wants to find the culprit.
- % **THE TRAITORS' GATE** - Avi. Atheneum, 2007 353p. (9780689853357) \$17.99
John must take on unexpected responsibilities when his father is thrown into debtors' prison.
- % **THE WEDNESDAY WARS** - Gary D. Schmidt. Clarion, 2007 265p. (9780618724834) \$16.00
Holling must discuss Shakespeare's plays on Wednesdays with the dreaded Mrs. Baker.
- **WHAT WILL FAT CAT SIT ON?** - Jan Thomas. Harcourt, 2007 32p. (9780152060510) \$12.95
Uh-oh. Here comes fat cat, and there could be trouble.
- ♥ **YOU READ TO ME, I'LL READ TO YOU: VERY SHORT SCARY TALES TO READ TOGETHER** - Mary Ann Hoberman. Illus. by Mike Emberley. Little, 2007 32p. (9780316017336)
Simple, rhyming, illustrated stories made for two voices.

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