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The following books have recently appeared in paperback, either for the first time or after a long absence. All are recommended.

Adoff, Arnold. *Malcolm X*. Illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez. HarperTrophy, 2000. ISBN 0-06-442118-X. \$4.25. 52 pp. Grades 2-5. Describes the life, beliefs, and achievements of the controversial Black Muslim leader.

Andersen, Hans Christian. *Thumbeline*. Illustrated by Lisbeth Zwerger. Translated by Anthea Bell. North-South, 2000. ISBN 0-7358-1210-1. \$6.95. Not paginated. Grades K-3. An elegantly illustrated remake of Andersen's tale of the pretty girl who is no bigger than a human thumb.

Anderson, William. *Pioneer Girl: The Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder*. Illustrated by Dan Andreasen. HarperTrophy, 1998. ISBN 0-06-446234-X. \$5.95. Not paginated. Grades 2+. Recounts the life story of the author of the *Little House* books, from her childhood in Wisconsin to her old age at Rocky Ridge Farm.

Bonnors, Susan. *The Silver Balloon*. Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 1999. ISBN 0-374-46647-5. \$4.95. 69 pp. Grades 3-6. When fourth-grader Gregory releases a helium-filled balloon into the sky with his name and address attached, it leads to an unusual friendship and exchange of mystery gifts.

Bulla, Clyde Robert. *The Story of Valentine's Day*. Illustrated by Susan Estelle Kwas. HarperTrophy, 1999. ISBN 0-06-443626-8. \$5.95. Not paginated. Grades 2-5. Relates the

history and describes the customs of this holiday from its beginning in Roman times to the present. Includes directions for making a paper valentine and sugar cookies.

Conly, Jane Leslie. *While No One Was Watching*. HarperTrophy, 2000. ISBN 0-06-440787-X. \$4.95. 233 pp. Grades 3-6. When two brothers steal a rabbit from a backyard in the rich part of town, the incident brings about a collision with other children from a background very different from their own.

Fleming, Denise. *Where Once There Was a Wood*. Owlet Paperback, 2000. ISBN 0-8050-6482-6. \$6.95. Not paginated. Examines the many forms of wildlife that can be displaced if their environment is destroyed by development and discusses how communities and schools can provide spaces for them to live.

Fox, Mem. *Wombat Divine*. Illustrated by Kerry Argent. Voyager, 1999. ISBN 0-15-202096-9. \$6.00. Not paginated. Wombat auditions for the Nativity play, but he has trouble finding the right part.

Lurie, Alison. *Fabulous Beasts*. Illustrated by Monika Beisner. Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 1999. ISBN 0-374-42254-0. \$5.95. Not paginated. Describes the habits and characteristics of strange beasts and birds, including the unicorn, griffin, phoenix, and basilisk, once thought to live in wild and distant parts of the world.

Paulsen, Gary. *Work Song*. Illustrated by Ruth Wright Paulsen. Voyager, 2000. ISBN 0-15-202371-2. \$6.00. Not paginated. Illustrations

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and rhyming text depict people doing all kinds of work.

Pomeroy, Diana. *One Potato: A Counting Book for Potato Prints*. Voyager, 2000. ISBN 0-15-202330-5. \$6.00. Not paginated. A counting book that uses images of fruits and vegetables to illustrate numbers from one to one hundred and which also includes an explanation of how to do potato printing.

Skolsky, Mindy Warshaw. *Welcome to the Grand View, Hannah!* Illustrated by Patrick Faricy. HarperTrophy, 2000. ISBN 0-06-440785-3. \$4.95. 183 pp. Grades 3-6. Living in rural New York state during the 1930s, Hannah begins to see her parents and herself in a different light as they settle into their new apartment behind the Grand View Restaurant.

Walker, Paul Robert. *Big Men, Big Country: A Collection of American Tall Tales*. Illustrated by James Bernardin. Harcourt Brace, 2000. ISBN 0-15-202625-8. \$10.00. 79 pp. A collection of American tall tales featuring such legendary characters as Davy Crockett, Paul Bunyan, and Pecos Bill.