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New in Paperback

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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.

Bawden, Nina. *Off the Road*. Puffin Books, 2001. ISBN 0-14-131100-2. \$5.99. 189 pages. Grades 4-9. Reprint. In 2040, eleven-year-old Tom follows his grandfather through the Wall and into the forbidden Wild, where they seek to find his grandfather's boyhood home.

Cooper, Susan. *King of Shadows*. Aladdin Paperbacks, 2001. ISBN 0-689-84445-X. \$4.99. 186 pages. Grades 5-10. Reprint. While in London as part of an all-boy acting company preparing to perform in a replica of the famous Globe Theater, Nat Field suddenly finds himself transported back to 1599 and performing in the original theater under the tutelage of Shakespeare himself.

dePaola, Tomie. *26 Fairmount Avenue*. Puffin Books, 2001. ISBN 0-68-11864-2. \$5.99. 57 pages. Grades 2-5. Reprint. Children's author-illustrator Tomie dePaola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy.

Dewey, Jennifer O. *Poison Dart Frogs*. Boyds Mills Press, 12001. ISBN 1-56397-945-4. \$8.95. 28 pages. Grades 2-5. Reprint. A variety of colorful and tiny poison dart frogs living in the rain forests of Central and South America are pictured in their natural habitat. Topics covered include mating habits, natural predators, methods to extract the

frog's poison, and unique nurturing habits.

Ferris, Jean. *Love Among the Walnuts Or: How I Saved My Family from Being Poisoned*. Puffin Books, 2001. ISBN 0-14-131099-5. \$5.99. 216 pages. Grades 4-8. Reprint. Born and raised in isolation in a wealthy, eccentric family, Sandy is shocked when he, his parents, and their servants become victims of a vicious plot by his greedy uncles to incapacitate them and take their money.

Louise, Borden. *Good-bye, Charles Lindbergh*. Illustrated by Thomas B. Allen. Aladdin Paperbacks, 2001. ISBN 0-689-84225-2. \$5.99. 37 pages. Grades 1-5. Reprint. A farm boy meets his hero, Colonel Charles Lindbergh, when he lands his biplane in a field near Canton, Mississippi, in 1929. Based on a true story.

Polacco, Patricia. *Mrs. Mack*. Puffin Books, 2001. ISBN 0-698-11887-1. \$6.99. 40 pages. Grades 2-6. Reprint. The author remembers the summer when she was ten-years old and staying with her father in Michigan, where she took riding lessons and became best friends with a perfect horse.

Sandler, Martin W. *Civil War*. HarperTrophy, 2001. ISBN 0-06-446264-1. \$10.95. 87 pages. Grades 3-8. Reprint. An overview of the Civil War, illustrated on almost every page with archival photographs.

Shannon, George. *More Stories to Solve*.

Illustrated by Peter Sis. HarperTrophy, 2001. ISBN 0-380-73261-0. \$4.95. 62 pages. Grades 3-6. Reprint. Fifteen brief folktales in which there is a mystery or problem that the reader is invited to solve before the resolution is presented.

Simon, Seymour. *The Universe*.

HarperTrophy, 2001. ISBN 0-06-443752-3. \$6.95. 29 pages. Reprint. Describes the expansion of the universe as a result of the Big Bang.

Talbott, Hudson. *O' Sullivan Stew*. Puffin

Books, 2001. ISBN 0-698-11889-8. \$6.99. 46 pages. Grades K-5. Reprint. When the witch of Crookhaven, a village on the zigzagging coast of Ireland, has her horse stolen by the king and strikes back with famine and disaster, Kate decides to save the day by getting the horse back for her.

Yolen, Jane. *The Boy's Dragon*.

HarperTrophy, 2001. ISBN 0-06-443756-6. \$4.95. 120 pages. Grades 4-7. Reprint. Young Arthur meets a dragon and comes to accept him as a friend and mentor.

Author #1. Title #1. Illustrated by (if available). Publisher, Date of publication. ISBN number. Number of pages. **Reading level (use grade level, Pre-S-12).**

Author #2. Title #2. Illustrated by (if available). Publisher, Date of publication. ISBN number. Number of pages. **Reading level (use grade level, Pre-S-12)**

Brief description of the books, how they relate, and how they might be used.

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