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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.

Bauer, Marion Dane. *If You Were Born a Kitten*. Aladdin, 2001. Illustrated by JoEllen McAllister Stammen. ISBN 0-689-84212-0. \$6.99. Unpaged. Grades PreS-2. Reprint. Simply describes how various baby animals come into the world and what happens when a human baby is born.

Beeler, Selby B. *Throw Your Tooth on the Roof*. Houghton Mifflin, 2001. Illustrated by G. Brian Karas. ISBN 0-618-15238-5. \$5.95. Unpaged. Grades K-4. Reprint. Consists of brief statements relating what children from around the world do with a tooth that has fallen out. Includes facts about teeth.

Cherry, Lynne, and Mark J. Plotkin. *The Shaman's Apprentice: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest*. Voyager, 2001. Illustrated by Lynne Cherry. ISBN 0-15-202486-7. \$6.00. Unpaged. Grades 1-4. Reprint. Kamanya believes in the shaman's wisdom about the healing properties of plants found in the Amazon rain forest and hopes one day to be a healer for his people.

Ehlich, Gretel. *A Blizzard Year*. Hyperion, 2001. Illustrated by Kate Kiesler. ISBN 0-7868-1245-1. \$5.99. 122 pages. Grades 4-8. Reprint. For one year, thirteen-year-old Timmy records in her journal the changes she sees in the natural world and her family's activities on their Wyoming ranch as they fight to save it from financial ruin.

George, Jean Craighead. *The First Thanksgiving*. Puffin, 2001. Illustrated by Thomas Locker. ISBN 0-698-1132-6. \$6.99. Unpaged. Grades 1-4. Reprint. Describes how the colonists aboard the *Mayflower* founded New Plymouth and celebrated their first harvest with a feast of thanksgiving.

Hahn, Mary Downing. *Promises to the Dead*. Harper Trophy, 2002. ISBN 0-06-440982-1. \$5.95. 202 pages. Grades 4-6. Reprint. Twelve-year-old Jesse leaves his home on Maryland's Eastern Shore to help a young runaway slave find a safe haven in the early days of the Civil War.

Harness, Cheryl. *Ghosts of the White House*. Aladdin, 2001. ISBN 0-689-84892-7. \$6.99. Unpaged. Grades 2-6. Reprint. George Washington's ghost pulls a girl out of her school White House tour and takes her on a personal tour of the building, introducing her to the ghosts of previous presidents and to the history of the White House and of the United States.

Jackson, Shirley. *The Witchcraft of Salem Village*. Landmark Books, 2001. ISBN 0-394-89176-7. \$5.99. 144 pages. Grades 4-8. Reprint. Describes the social and religious conditions surrounding the Salem witch hunts, the extensive trials and executions, and the aftermath of the hysteria.

Jenkins, Steven. *What Do You Do When Something Wants to Eat You?* Houghton Mifflin, 2001. ISBN 0-618-15243-1. \$5.95. Unpaged. Grades 2-6. Reprint. Describes how various animals—including an

octopus, a bombardier beetle, a puff adder, and a gliding frog—escape danger.

Johnston, Tony. *The Barn Owls*. Charlesbridge, 2001. Illustrated by Deborah Kogan Ray. ISBN 0-88106-982-5. \$6.95. Unpaged. Grades K-3. Reprint. For at least one hundred years, generations of barn owls have slept, hunted, called, raised their young, and glided silently above the wheat fields around an old barn.

Lester, Julius. *Pharaoh's Daughter*. Harper Trophy, 2002. ISBN 0-06-440969-4. \$5.95. 179 pages. Grades 5-8. Reprint. A fictionalized account of the Biblical tale in which a Hebrew infant, rescued by the daughter of the Pharaoh, passes through a turbulent adolescence, eventually to become a prophet of his people while his sister finds her true self as a priestess to the Egyptian gods.

Sanders, Scott Russell. *A Place Called Freedom*. Aladdin, 2001. Illustrated by Thomas B. Allen. ISBN 0-689-84001-2. \$5.99. Unpaged. Grades K-3. Reprint. After being set free from slavery in 1832, young James Starman and his family journey from Tennessee to Indiana to start a new life. Over the years they are joined by so many Blacks that they start their own town.

Simon, Seymour. *The Universe*. Harper Trophy, 2001. ISBN 0-06-43752-3. \$6.95. Unpaged. Grades 2-5. Reprint. Describes the expansion of the universe as a result of the Big Bang.

Spires, Elizabeth. *The Mouse of Amherst*. Sunburst, 2001. Illustrated by Claire A. Nivola. ISBN 0-374-45411-6. \$4.95. 64 pages. Grades 3-7. Reprint. When she moves into Emily Dickinson's bedroom, Emmaline the mouse discovers her own propensity for poetry.

Williams, Suzanne. *Library Lil*. Puffin, 2001. Illustrated by Steven Kellogg. ISBN 0-14-056837-9. \$6.99. Unpaged. Grades K-3.

A formidable librarian makes readers not only of the once resistant residents of her small town, but out of a tough-talking, television-watching motorcycle gang as well.

Yolen, Jane, and Robert J. Harris. *Queen's Own Fool*. Puffin, 2001. ISBN 0-698-11918-5. \$7.99. 390 pages. Grades 6+. Reprint. When twelve-year-old Nicola leaves Troupe Brufort and serves as the fool for Mary, Queen of Scots, she experiences the political and religious upheavals in both France and Scotland.