

# New Books In The Library April 2009



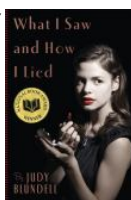
**Beat the Reaper: A Novel** by Josh Bazell. Dr. Peter Brown, an intern at a Manhattan hospital, finds his past catching up with him when a patient realizes Peter is actually Pietro "Bearclaw" Brnwa, a hit man for the mob and has been in the Witness Protection Program for years, leaving Peter scrambling to find a way to protect his patients and himself from the bloodbath that will ensue if Peter's patient reveals his true identity. [F BAZELL]

**Fall of a Kingdom** by Hilari Bell -- *Farsala Trilogy*: Book 1. YA. Three teenagers must save the Kingdom of Farsala from a new enemy rising on the Kingdom's borders. [F BELL]



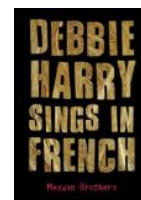
**Rise of a Hero** by Hilari Bell -- *Farsala Trilogy*: Book 2. YA. Although the Hrum believe their war against Farsala is nearly over, Soraya has strategic information that will help if she can reach Jiaan and Kavi and their separate resistance movements, but discord and Time's Wheel seem destined to keep them apart. [F BELL]

**What I Saw and How I Lied** by Judy Blundell. YA. In 1947, with her jovial stepfather Joe back from the war and family life returning to normal, teenage Evie, smitten by the handsome young ex-GI who seems to have a secret hold on Joe, finds herself caught in a complicated web of lies whose



## Fiction

devastating outcome change her life and that of her family forever. [F BLUNDELL]



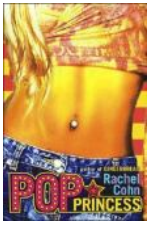
**Debbie Harry Sings in French** by Meagan Brothers. YA. When Johnny completes an alcohol rehabilitation program and his mother sends him to live with his uncle in North Carolina, he meets Maria, who seems to understand his fascination with the new wave band Blondie, and he learns about his deceased father's youthful forays into "glam rock," which gives him perspective on himself, his past, and his current life. [F BROTHERS]

**Naomi and Ely's No Kiss List: A Novel** by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan. YA. Although they have been friends and neighbors all their lives, straight Naomi and gay Ely find their relationship severely strained during their freshman year at New York University. [F COHN]



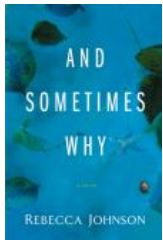
**Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan. YA. A novel told in chapters alternating between Nick and Norah, following the pair over the course of twenty-four hours that begin when Nick, seeing his ex-girlfriend walk into the club where he is performing with a new guy, asks Norah, a stranger, to pose as his girlfriend for about five minutes, only to find their feelings engaged after they share a kiss. [F COHN]

# Fiction (cont'd)



**Pop Princess** by Rachel Cohn. YA. Yearning to escape the small Massachusetts town where her family retreated after her sister's death, Wonder Blake gets her chance when her sister's manager offers Wonder a record contract on her sixteenth birthday. [F COHN]

**Lock and Key** by Sarah Dessen. YA. When she is abandoned by her alcoholic mother, high school senior Ruby winds up living with Cora, the sister she has not seen for ten years, and learns about Cora's new life, what makes a family, how to allow people to help her when she needs it, and that she too has something to offer others. [F DESSEN]



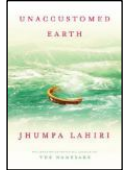
**And Sometimes Why** by Rebecca Johnson. When Sophia and Darius say good-bye to their teenage daughters one unremarkable morning, they have no idea how permanently their family will be affected by a decision made around the breakfast table. One of the daughters will have a terrible accident, the other will meet a boy. Both events will change their lives forever. [F JOHNSON]

**Addition** by Toni Jordan. Obsessive-compulsive Grace Lisa Vandenburg counts everything, a habit that has alienated her from most of her family and put her on disability from her teaching job--due to a former student's parents claim that she was insane--but she never counted on meeting Seamus Joseph O'Reilly at the café. [F JORDAN]



**Deadville** by Ron Koertge. YA. While visiting an injured classmate in the hospital, sixteen-year-old Ryan, who is trying to come to terms with his sister's death from cancer, meets a young patient who claims to be able to see into the world where the dead live. [F KOERTGE]

**Unaccustomed Earth** by Jhumpa Lahiri. Contains eight short stories, largely centered on themes of family and friendship, including the title story, "Unaccustomed Earth," in which Ruma, a young mother, is visited by her father in Seattle. [F LAHIRI]



**Smart Girls Think Twice** by Cathie Linz. Sociologist Emma Riley returns to Rock Creek, Pennsylvania, for her two sisters' weddings and to do some research about the town's booming population; but her plans didn't include newcomer Jake Slayter, former extreme sports athlete and current bartender. [F LINZ]



**Suck It Up** by Brian Meehl. YA. After graduating from the International Vampire League, a scrawny, teenaged vampire named Morning is given the chance to fulfill his childhood dream of becoming a superhero when he embarks on a League mission to become the first vampire to reveal his identity to humans and to demonstrate how peacefully-evolved, blood-substitute-drinking vampires can use their powers to help humanity. [F MEEHL]



**Madapple** by Christina Meldrum. YA. A girl who has been brought up in near isolation is thrown into a twisted web of family secrets and religious fundamentalism when her mother dies and she goes to live with relatives she never knew she had. [F MELDRUM]

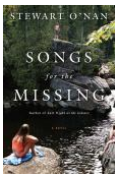


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**Evermore** by Alyson Noel. YA. Since the car accident that claimed the lives of her family, sixteen-year-old Ever can see auras and hear people's thoughts, and she goes out of her way to hide from other people until she meets Damen, another psychic teenager who is hiding even more mysteries. [F NOEL]

**What Was Lost** by Catherine O'Flynn. Lisa, working as an assistant manager at a record store in Green Oaks mall in 2004, teams up with security guard Kurt to investigate sightings of a little girl clutching a toy monkey that have begun to appear on security tapes and which Lisa believes must have some link to the disappearance of ten-year-old Kate Meaney twenty years earlier--a crime that ruined her brother's life when he became a suspect. [F OFLYNN]



**Songs for the Missing** by Stewart O'Nan. After a high school girl goes missing, her family and their town struggle to live with the unknown and the aftermath of loss. [F ONAN]

**Dead Is the New Black** by Marlene Perez. YA. Seventeen-year-old Daisy Giordano, daughter and sister of psychics but herself a "normal," attempts to help her mother discover who is behind a series of attacks on teenage girls in their little town of Nightshade, California. [F PEREZ]

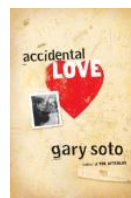


**Burn: A Novel** by Suzanne Phillips. YA. Bullied constantly during his freshman year in high school, Cameron's anger and isolation grows, leading to deadly consequences. [F PHILLIPS]



**The Tales of Beedle the Bard** by J.K. Rowling. YA. Contains five illustrated moral tales for children from the world of Harry Potter, reportedly discovered and translated by young witch Hermione Granger, with an introduction and commentary from Albus Dumbledore, headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. [F ROWLING]

**Testimony** by Anita Shreve. When a sex scandal breaks out at a New England boarding school, a videotape triggers the involvement of men, women, and teenagers, including the headmaster, a young boy who made a mistake, and his mother, while everybody looks for a person to blame. [F SHREVE]



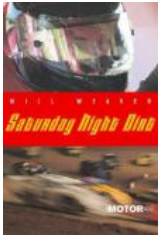
**Accidental Love** by Gary Soto. YA. After unexpectedly falling in love with a "nerdy" boy, fourteen-year-old Marisa works to change her life by transferring to another school, altering some of her behavior, and losing weight. [F SOTO]

**Marcelo in the Real World** by Francisco X. Stork. YA. Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm. [F STORK]

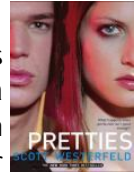


**The Makioka Sisters** by Junichiro Tanizaki; translated from the Japanese by Edward G. Seidensticker. Four sisters in an upper-class Japanese family try to preserve their vanishing way of life in the years immediately before World War II. [World Literature - Japan](#) [F TANIZAKI]

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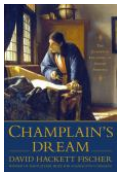


**Saturday Night Dirt** by Will Weaver. YA. In a small town in northern Minnesota, the much-anticipated Saturday night dirt-track race at the old-fashioned, barely viable, Headwaters Speedway becomes, in many ways, an important life-changing event for all the participants on and off the track. [F WEAVER]



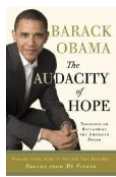
**Pretties** by Scott Westerfeld. Tally's perfect life as a Pretty is disrupted when she receives a letter from herself, written when she was an Ugly, reminding her of the promise she made to take a drug developed to cure the brain lesions that keep the Pretties shallow and happy--and when she takes the pills, she becomes a target of those determined to keep Pretty society carefree. [F WESTERFELD]

## Biography



**Champlain's Dream** by David Hackett Fischer. A biography of French explorer Samuel de Champlain, who was the founder of the city of Quebec. [B CHAMPLAIN]

**The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream** by Barack Obama. President Barack Obama addresses twenty-first century



politics in the United States, commenting on economic insecurities of citizens, race, religion, terrorism, threat of a pandemic, and other related issues. [B OBAMA]

**Iron & Silk** by Mark Salzman. An American describes his experiences after his arrival in Hunan Province in 1982 to teach English, including his wushu training and life in post-Mao China. [B SALZMAN]



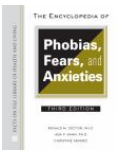
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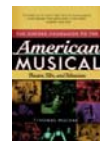
**Encyclopedia of Race and Racism** edited by John Hartwell Moore. 3 vol. Alphabetically arranged entries explore the origins of the concepts of race and racism,

discussing their social and scientific consequences, including early attempts to classify subgroups by skin color, the theory of Nordic supremacy, India's attitudes toward "untouchables", episodes of racism throughout history, and other related topics. [REFERENCE 305.8009 ENC]

**The Encyclopedia of Phobias, Fears, and Anxieties** by Ronald M. Doctor, Ada P. Kahn, and Christine Adamec. 3rd edition. Contains alphabetically arranged entries that describe more than two thousand phobias, fears, and anxieties, provid-

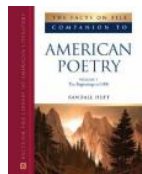


ing definitions, as well as information on the causes, symptoms, and treatments of a wide range of conditions, and includes a historical overview of the subject. [REFERENCE 616.8522 DOC]



**The Oxford Companion to the American Musical: Theatre, Film, and Television** by Thomas Hischak. Contains over two thousand alphabetically arranged entries that provide information about performers, composers, producers, choreographers, and other aspects of American musicals, including profiles of shows produced for stage, film, and television, and features a chronology, an index of Tony and Academy Award winners, recommended recordings, and suggestions for further reading. [REFERENCE 782.1409 HIS]

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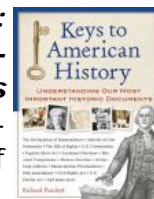
***The Facts on File Companion to American Poetry*** edited by Burt Kimmelman, Temple Cone, and Randall Huff. 2 vol. A comprehensive guide to American poetry, profiling both classic and groundbreaking works, popular and lesser-known authors, major poems, themes, concepts, periodicals, and movements. [REFERENCE 811.509 FAC]

***The Facts on File Companion to the British Novel***. 2 vol. Presents a companion to the British novel that traces its development from the late seventeenth through twenti-

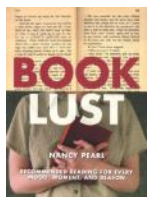


eth centuries, and contains a study of the writers, works, and important concepts to this genre. [REFERENCE 823.509 FAC]

***Keys to American History: Understanding Our Most Important Historic Documents*** by Richard Panchyk. A chronologically organized discussion of various historical documents, such as the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the Voting Rights Act, with excerpts, quotes from books, newspapers, and speeches, and original images. [REFERENCE 973 PAN]



## Generalities



***Book Lust: Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment, and Reason*** by Nancy Pearl. Presents lists of recommended book titles in more than 175 categories, including aging, bicycling, Elvis, humor, mothers and daughters, presidential biographies, sports and games, Western fiction, and many others. [011.73 PEA]

***Book Crush: For Kids and Teens-Recommended Reading for Every Mood, Moment and Interest*** by Nancy Pearl. Presents lists of recommended book titles in 118 categories, including dogs, girl power, family, boys, dolls, friends, dancing, love, and many others. [028.55 PEA]



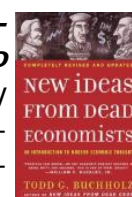
## Social Sciences



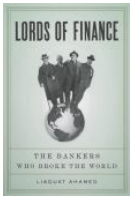
***Freedom Song: Young Voices and the Struggle for Civil Rights*** by Mary C. Turck. Explores how songs helped strengthen

the Civil Rights movement, discusses how churches and other groups created new songs from existing religious and secular music, and includes an audio CD with music by the Chicago Children's Choir. [323.0973 TUR]

***New Ideas from Dead Economists: An Introduction to Modern Economic Thought*** by Todd G. Buchholz; with a foreword by Martin Feldstein. Presents a comprehensive introduction to some of the great economic thinkers throughout history including Karl Marx and John Maynard Keynes; and describes how their ideas translate to the modern world. [330.0922 BUC]

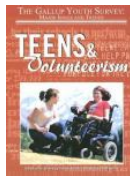


## Social Sciences (cont'd)



**Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World** by Liaquat Ahamed. Details how decisions made by the heads of four central banks--Montagu Norman of the Bank of England, Emile Moreau of the Banque de France, Hjalmar Schacht of the Reichsbank, and Benjamin Strong of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York--created the catalyst that led to the Great Depression. [332.1092 AHA]

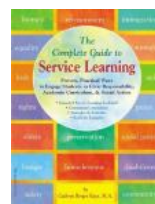
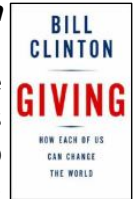
**Volunteering: The Ultimate Teen Guide** by Kathlyn Gay - *It Happened to Me* series. A resource guide to volunteer opportunities for teens, offering ideas on what teens can do to help out in their own communities, including building or repairing homes, working with seniors, feeding the hungry, saving the environment, and other activities. Includes stories and quotations from teen volunteers, as well as contact information for related organizations. [361.3708 GAY]



**Teens & Volunteerism** by Hal Marcovitz -- *Gallup Youth Survey: Major Issues and Trends* series. Examines the opportunities which teenagers have for volun-

teering, and explores the controversial issue of school-mandated community service programs which are required for graduation. [361.3709 MAR]

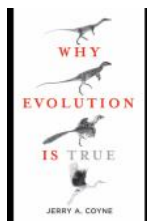
**Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World** by Bill Clinton. Former president of the United States Bill Clinton shares stories of men and women who have taken action to solve problems and save lives through generosity, including Dr. Paul Farmer who provides medical care to the poor, Andre Agassi who created a college preparatory academy, and others. Discusses the importance of giving and how one can help change, improve, or protect a government policy. [361.7 CLI]



**The Complete Guide to Service Learning: Proven, Practical Ways to Engage Students in Civic Responsibility, Academic Curriculum, & Social Action** by Cathryn Berger

Kaye. Provides proven, practical ways to engage students in civic responsibility, academic curriculum, and social action. [373.119 KAY]

## Science & Math



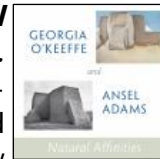
**Why Evolution Is True** by Jerry A. Coyne.

Discusses evolution, arguing that the theory makes predictions that are consistently supported by data, covering biogeography, geology, anatomy, genetics, molecular biology, and physiology, and examines how the ideas of creationism fall outside the realms of science in terms of evidence or proof. [576.8 COY]

# Arts & Recreation

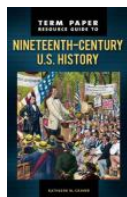


***Understanding Color: Creative Techniques in Watercolor*** by Marcia Moses. A comprehensive guide to the design and techniques of watercolor painting, with information on color mixing, color and dimension, color families, and color schemes. [751.422 MOS]

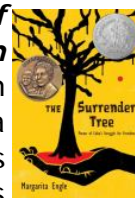


***Georgia O'Keeffe and Ansel Adams: Natural Affinities.*** Essays by Barbara Buhler Lynes, Sandra S. Phillips, Richard B. Woodward. Explores how artist Georgia O'Keeffe and photographer Ansel Adams portrayed the unique beauty of the American Southwest in their work and how their close friendship inspired each of them and highlights the parallels between their work. [779.3092 GEO]

# Literature

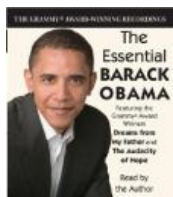


***Term Paper Resource Guide to Nineteenth-Century U. S. History*** by Kathleen W. Craver. A resource guide to writing a term paper on nineteenth-century U.S. history, and features a list of chronologically arranged primary, secondary, Internet, and multimedia sources; and covers events including the presidential election of 1800 and Scott Joplin and the introduction of rag time music. [808.02 CRA]

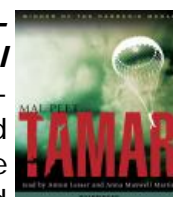


***The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom*** by Margarita Engle. A collection of poems in which Rosa, a healer, describes her experiences trying to help Cuban peasants who have been forced to leave their farms and villages in 1896 and given eight days to find their way to "re-concentration camps" or be killed. [811.54 ENG]

# Audio Books



***The Essential Barack Obama: Dreams from My Father and The Audacity of Hope*** by Barack Obama. 11 discs. Collects two audiobooks written and read by Barack Obama, and includes "Dreams From My Father," in which Obama describes his life as the son of a black African father and a white American mother, searching for a workable meaning to his life as an African-American; and "The Audacity of Hope," that addresses twenty-first century politics in the United States.\* [CDA B OBAMA]



***Tamar: A Novel of Espionage, Passion, and Betrayal*** by Mal Peet. 10 discs. In England in 1995, fifteen-year-old Tamar, grief-stricken by the puzzling death of her beloved grandfather, slowly begins to uncover the secrets of his life in the Dutch resistance during the last year of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, and the climactic events that forever cast a shadow on his life and that of his family. [CDA PEET]

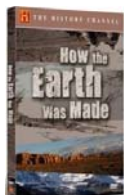
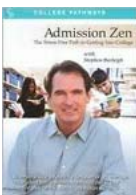
# Videos



**American Teen.** From Paramount Home Entertainment, c2008. A look at what the life of a high school senior is really like through the eyes of five very different teenagers living in Indiana. Features the Prom Queen, the Jock, the Rebel, the Geek, and the Heartthrob. [VIDEO 373.18 AME]

**Admission Zen: The Stress Free Path to Getting into College.**

From College Pathways, c2008. If you are a student planning to go to college you must watch this video first. It provides you with the education to properly enter into your first year of college. The way it's presented in the video is professional, simple to follow and at points entertaining. [VIDEO 378.1664 ADM]

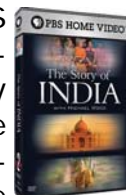


**How the Earth Was Made.** From the History Channel, Distributed by New Video, c2007. Examines the origin and geological evolution of the earth, focusing on the various cataclysmic transformations that occurred through time. [VIDEO 551.7 HOW]



**21.** From Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, c2008. Based on the book *Bringing Down the House: The Inside Story of Six M.I.T. Students Who Took Vegas for Millions* by Ben Mezrich. Aspiring doctor and MIT student Ben Campbell finds his education and life in jeopardy when he joins an underground blackjack club dedicated to counting cards and beating the system. [VIDEO 791.4372 TWE]

**The Story of India.** From PBS Home Video, c2008. Historian Michael Wood chronicles the history of the Indian subcontinent, the richness and diversity of its peoples, and its continuing relevance in today's world. [VIDEO 954.04 STO]



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