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TEN DAYS A MADWOMAN

By Deborah Noyes

JB BLY

A biography of Nellie Bly, the pioneering journalist whose showy but substantive stunts skyrocketed her to fame.



THE HOLE STORY OF THE DOUGHNUT

By Pat Miller

JB GREGORY

In 1843, 14-year old Hanson Gregory left his family home in Rockport, Maine and set sail as a cabin boy on the schooner Achorn, looking for high stakes adventure on the high seas. Little did he know that a boat load of hungry sailors, coupled with his knack for creative problem-solving, would yield one of the world's most prized pastries. At long last, here's the hole truth about the invention of the donut!



TRICKY VIC

By Greg Pizzoli

JB MILLER

Recounts the life of Victor Lustig, an international con man who had swindled thousands of people, including Al Capone, and was best known for "selling" the Eiffel Tower.

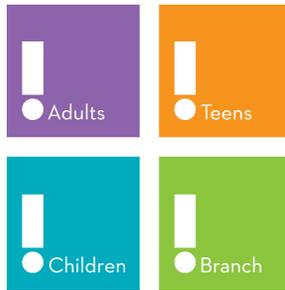


FUNNY BONES

By Duncan Tonatiuh

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Funny Bones tells the story of how the amusing calaveras--skeletons performing various everyday or festive activities--came to be.



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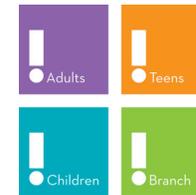
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TREATIES, TRENCHES, MUD, AND BLOOD

By Nathan Hale

J GRAPHIC HALE

World War I set the tone for the 20th century and introduced a new type of warfare: global, mechanical, and brutal. Nathan Hale has gathered some of the most fascinating true-life tales from the war and given them his inimitable Hazardous Tales twist.



ELIZABETH STARTED ALL THE TROUBLE

By Doreen Rapport

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She couldn't go to college. She couldn't become a politician. She couldn't even vote. But Elizabeth Cady Stanton didn't let that stop her. She called on women across the nation to stand together and demand to be treated as equal to men, and that included the right to vote.



BORDEN MURDERS

By Sarah Elizabeth Miller

J345.744 M

Examines the Borden murders, using newspaper articles to recreate the events and the trial and acquittal of Lizzie Borden and exploring Lizzie's story to theorize on what may have happened.



THIS KID CAN FLY

By Aaron Philip

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Philip's memoir chronicles his extraordinary journey from happy baby in Antigua to confident teen artist in New York City. His honest, often funny stories of triumph--despite physical difficulties, poverty, and other challenges--are as inspiring as they are eye-opening



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WELCOME TO MARS

By Buzz Aldrin

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The Apollo 11 astronaut invites young people to evaluate Mars as a potential planet for human colonization, and describes what Mars residents might experience while traveling to and living on the Red Planet.



THE WONDER GARDEN

By Jenny Broom

J590 B

Open the gates of the Wonder Garden to explore five of Earth's most extraordinary habitats, each filled with incredible creatures and epic scenery.



BUGGED : HOW INSECTS CHANGED HISTORY

By Sarah Albee

J595.7 A

Chronicles the rivalry between the human and insect worlds that draws on myriad disciplines to explain the varying roles that bugs have played in building and toppling empires as well as the bug stories behind infamous disasters.



BREAKTHROUGH!

By Jim Murphy

J617 M

The story of the 1944 surgical procedure that repaired the heart of a child with blue baby syndrome. The team that developed the procedure included a cardiologist and a surgeon, but most of the actual work was done by Vivien Thomas, an African American lab assistant who was frequently mistaken for a janitor.



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BRANCHING OUT

By Joan Marie Galat

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This book is a short social history of trees around the world and reveals the bond between trees and ourselves.



SUGAR CHANGED THE WORLD

By Marc Aronson

J664 A

From the slave trade through abolition; from revolutions to the Louisiana Purchase; from the decline of honey to the rise of saccharine, these events and many more are directly traced to the cultivation and production of sugar cane around the world.



YOU RULE! CREATE YOUR OWN COUNTRY

By Scott Forbes

J910 F

This innovative and fun new title from Lonely Planet Kids shows you how to design a completely new nation from scratch. Decide on the laws, choose your borders, make your flag, attract loyal citizens and lots more. You'll get to create, organize, govern and judge. You can be king, queen, big chief, emperor, president or dictator. Includes fun projects to complete, bold full-colour illustrations and fascinating facts about the world's micronations. Get ready to claim your throne, because right here, right now, you rule!



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THE BOYS WHO CHALLENGED HITLER

By Philip Hoose

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The true story of a group of boy resistance fighters in Denmark after the Nazi invasion.



BIGTOP BURNING

By Laura Woollett

J974.6 W

Draws upon primary source documents and survivor interviews to recount the story of one of the worst disasters in American history, the 1944 Hartford circus fire, which claimed the lives of over one hundred people.



MERCY

By Nancy Furstinger

JB BERGH

Only 150 years ago, most animals in America were subject to horrific treatment. They needed a champion to protect them from abject cruelty, and that person was Henry Bergh. After witnessing the beating of a horse in the streets of New York and attending a bullfight in Spain, Bergh found his calling. He became an enforcer of animal rights and founded the ASPCA, as well as created many animal cruelty laws. He even expanded his advocacy to children. When Bergh died in 1888, the idea that children and animals should be protected from cruelty was widely accepted: "Mercy to animals means mercy to mankind."



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