

**Annotated List of New Books at  
The Kaufman Silverberg Library  
December 2008**

**Judaic Non Fiction**

*Hope, not Fear: A path to Jewish renaissance*, by Edgar M. Bronfman and Beth Zasloff. Argues only a more open, more celebratory and hopeful communal life will draw and retain young Jews.

*Izzy: The passionate life and turbulent times of Izzy Asper, Canada's media mogul*, by Peter C. Newman.

**Judaic Fiction**

*Disobedience*, by Naomi Alderman. Set in the world of British Orthodox Jewry, this novel offers detailed insights into traditions such as the ritual baths and the rush to prepare the Sabbath.

*Exile*, by Richard North Patterson. A tale of betrayal and deception, a moving love story, and a fascinating journey into the lethal politics of the Middle East.

*The White Space Between*, by Ami Sands Brodoff. Explores the relationship between a Jewish woman who lived through World War II in Auschwitz because of her skills as a typist.

**Judaic Books for Young Readers**

*The Diary of Laura's Twin*, by Kathy Kacer. A mysterious diary links modern-day Laura to Sara, a young Jewish girl fighting to stay alive during WWII.

*Sharing Blessings: Children's stories for exploring the spirit of the Jewish holidays*, by Rahel Musleah and Michael Klayman. Explores the spiritual meaning of each of thirteen Jewish holidays and suggests ways to make these feasts an important part of everyday life.

*Sound the Shofar! A story for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*, by Leslie Kimmelman. Uncle Jake gets to blow the shofar twice within ten days, as the family celebrates first Rosh Hashanah and then Yom Kippur.

**French Language**

*Fragments de ma vie: Mémoires*, de Henia Reinhartz. In 1944, teenaged Henia and her family are hiding from the Nazis in a small, secret room in Lodz, Poland hoping to elude the net that is tightening around them.

**Books in Hebrew for Young Readers**

*Countdown to the year 1000*, by K.H. McMullan.

*Desperation*, by Stephen King.

*The Glove of Darth Vader*, by Paul Davids.

*Kensuke's Kingdom*, by Michael Morpurgo.

*Knight for a Day*, by K.H. McMullan.

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis.

*Monster Blood*, by R.L. Stine.

*Mystery of the Sunbeams*, by Anat Kofman.

*Night of the Living Dummy 2*, by R. L. Stine.

*Pinnocchio*.

*The Predator*, by K.A. Applegate.

*The Scarecrow walks at Midnight*, by R.L. Stine.

*The Secret*, by K.A. Applegate.

*Welcome to Camp Nightmare*, by R.L. Stine.

*Wheel of Misfortune*, by K.H. McMullan.

*You can't Scare Me!* by R.L. Stine.

**General Non Fiction**

*123 I can Sculpt!* by Irene Luxbacher.

Provides sculpting activities with step-by-step instructions to help kids create a toothy crocodile, a sunbathing sea lion, a flock of birds and more.

*Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias: Psychological disorders*, by Sonja. M. Lillrank. This series explores the symptoms, causes and effects of the most common psychological disorders. Here dementias such as Alzheimer's disease are examined.

*Blue and Gold: 75 Years of Blue Bomber glory*, edited by Bob Irving. Sports broadcaster Bob Irving has assembled a who's who of Winnipeg journalists to tell the story of the Blue Bombers.

*Book Lust: Recommended reading for every mood, moment, and reason*, by Nancy Pearl. A book reviewer and public librarian presents a hundred or so of her favourites in this novel guide to finding the right book for the right mood.

*The Boomer Factor: What Canada's most famous generation is leaving behind*, by Reginald W. Bibby. Aims to document and reveal major ways Canada has changed post-1960, as well as major ways we have not changed over the same years.

*Canada's Teens: Today, yesterday, and tomorrow*, by Reginald W. Bibby. Using his own nationwide surveys, Bibby addresses what's going on with teens today.

*Discovery Atlas of Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Creatures*, by Francis Reddy. Uses photos, illustrations, and maps to explain changes in the world from the age of dinosaurs to the Ice Age.

*The Dog: Best in show*, by Apple Jordan. Introduces some of the most popular purebreds around.

*Go Green, Canada: Puzzles, games and quizzes for a healthy planet*, by Jeff Sinclair. It's time to tackle these green games and quizzes and learn how you can help the environment.

*He saw Himself in all his Creatures: A mother's remembrance*, by Helen Norrie. In this gentle and affectionate memoir, the wife of one of Winnipeg's best-known mayors tells how the family adapted to their son's passion for living creatures.

*How Pulleys Work*, by Jim Mezzanotte. Uses diagrams, examples and explanations to enhance reader's comprehension of how pulleys work.

*Jack Pine*, by Christopher Patton. In a poem as knotty and beautiful as the tree itself, Christopher Patton tells the story of one Jack Pine and conveys the splendour of the pine forests that once covered much of eastern North America.

*More Book Lust: 1,000 new reading recommendations for every mood, moment, and reason*, by Nancy Pearl. Presented in more than 100 lists covering a wide range of topics, from the biographical or geographical to favourite writers.

*The Mysteries of Research*, by Sharron Cohen. Designed to bridge the gap between reference skills and thinking skills by giving students a set of problems whose solutions require both research and logical thought.

*Super Colossal Knock-knocks*, by Chris Tait and Jacqueline Horsfall. You'll find many silly knock-knocks that will tickle your funny bone.

*Symbolists and Decadents*, by John Christian. Includes the work of Redon, Moreau, Puvis, Bocklin and Vedder. Also

features some artists who made their names outside the Symbolist movement such as Gauguin and Picasso.

*Thomas Hart Benton*, by Matthew Baigell. During the 1930's Benton held a conspicuous position in America art. His achievements and struggles toward the development of American art derived from the American scene are the subjects of this book.

*Why are People Different?* by Susan Meredith. Combines simple text with illustration to answer questions that young children may have about people.

#### DVD's

*100 Years Young Gala; Celebrating a Century of Jewish Education.*

*123 Shalom Sesame: The Land of Israel; Tel-Aviv; Kibbutz.* The beloved Jewish children's classic. Starring Itzhak Perlman and Bonnie Franklin. Guest appearance by Mary Tyler Moore. A fun-filled, fact-filled journey to Israel and its rich cultural heritage. Explore today's Israel with Bert and Ernie, tour Tel Aviv with violinist Itzhak Perlman and visit Kibbutz Ein Gedi with Bonnie Franklin.

*Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*, Nelson Entertainment presents an Interscope Communications Production. Bill and Ted find a way to learn more history by going back in time to meet some of history's most influential personalities.

*I am a Jerusalemite.* A film by Yehoram Gaon. *Ani yerushalmi.* A musical documentary that describes Yehoram Gaon's rediscovery of Jerusalem, the city of his childhood.

#### Easy Readers

*Animal Tales: Favourite stories from Chirp magazine.* Originally published in *Chirp Magazine*, this collection features tales by storytellers and illustrators such as Marie-Louise Gay, Marthe Jocelyn, David McPhail, Roslyn Schwartz, Ruth Ohi, and Melanie Watt.

*Augustine*, by Melanie Watt. A young penguin moves from the South Pole to the North Pole and has a difficult time adjusting to her new school. She

- manages to break the ice with her classmates using her art.
- The Chronicles of Narnia*, by Robert Sabuda. Presents one pop-up illustration for each of the seven books in the *Chronicles of Narnia* series.
- The Curious Adventures of the Abandoned Toys*, by Julian Fellowes. When Doc the bear arrives at the dump from his former home, he isn't sure about what awaits him but his new friends are determined to make his new home a welcoming one.
- Lily and the Paper Man*, by Rebecca Upjohn. At first, Lily is afraid of the paper man whom she sees on the way home from school, but when winter comes and she sees that he has no warm clothes, she tells her mother and father that she has an idea.
- Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth*, by Lucy Bate. Little Rabbit's loose tooth has come out. What should she do with it? Wear it for a necklace? Draw stars around it and hang it on the wall?
- Marja's Skis*, by Jean E. Pendziwol. When Marja turns seven she is finally ready to ski to school like her father and older sister she admires.
- Mr. Gauguin's Heart*, by Marie-Danielle Croteau. A story of how, as a boy, Paul Gauguin learned to channel his grief from the death of his father and pour it into his first painting, one that would pave the way to many masterpieces.
- My Tooth is Loose!* by Martin Silverman. Georgie has a loose tooth, but he doesn't want to tie a string to it, or bite into a crunchy apple.
- Middle Years Fiction**
- The Alchemist's Dream*, by John Wilson. Set in the fall of 1669 against the thrilling backdrop of the quest for the Northwest Passage, *The Alchemist's Dream* is a riveting tale of exploration, ambition, and betrayal.
- Dancing through the Snow*, by Jean Little. Min has nothing: no mother, no birth certificate, no baby pictures. Not even a real birthday. Things are looking up as she has found an injured dog that needs a miracle, too.
- Darth Bane: Path of destruction*, by Drew Karpshyn. As the last surviving Sith, Darth Bane promulgated a harsh new directive: the Rule of Two. Now he is ready to put his policy into action.
- The End of the World as we Know it*, by Lesley Choyce. Sixteen-year-old Carson is deeply troubled and stuck in a last resort private school for kids who have flunked out everywhere else. When he meets Christine he begins to notice the world around him and realizes there is enough beauty to fight against hopelessness.
- The Fetch*, by Chris Humphreys. After he and his cousin Kristin discover a sea chest full of runes and a journal belonging to their deceased Norwegian grandfather, fifteen-year-old Sky summons the old man's ghost.
- The History of Witchcraft*, by Lois Martin. The witch in history was a very different creature from her modern counterpart, and this book sets out to explore the historical background to the European witch phenomenon.
- Hockey Rules!* by Irene Punt. Tom really likes his babysitter, Jeff, who is also a referee at the local arena. But when he calls penalties against Tom's team, can Tom and his friends patch up the mess and play by the rules?
- Incantation*, by Alice Hoffman. During the Spanish Inquisition, sixteen-year-old Estrella, brought up a Catholic, discovers her family's true Jewish identity, and when their secret is betrayed by her best friend, the consequences are tragic.
- Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, by James Luceno. Follow in the footsteps of the great archaeologist Indiana Jones as he battles his way in the 1950s to the fabled Akator to solve the mystery of the Crystal Skull.
- Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull: Race for Akator*, by Benjamin Harper. A fast-paced chase to see who can make it to Akator, the legendary lost city of gold.
- A Match of Wills*, by Eric Weiner. Jamal and the Ghostwriter team are faced with the makings of a mystery -- and they need your help to solve it.
- Pokémon: Battle frontier: Deoxys in danger and Grovyle trouble*, by Tracey West. Two separate stories in one book: Solana, the Pokémon Ranger has come to investigate strange

- disturbances in the Battle Frontier. In *Grovyale Trouble* Ash finds Grovyale facing off against a territorial Tropius.
- Racing for Diamonds*, by Anita Daher. All Jaz's new-found skills as a Junior Canadian Ranger are put to a life-and-death test.
- The Royal Woods*, by Matt Duggan. For twelve-year-old Sydney and her nine-year-old brother Turk, everything has changed. They decide to hop a freight train and find a world where fantasy and reality collide.
- Slim Pete: A gift of imagination*, by Barry Greenberg and Monica Newman. Peter Baker is a young boy who vividly imagines himself as a cowboy named Slim Pete and the adventures that go along with him.
- Swing for the Fences*, by Gilli Braunstein. A story by a Joseph Wolinsky graduate of growing up and change.
- Three Million Acres of Flame*, by Valerie Sherrard. For Skye Haverill and her family, it begins as an ordinary day. But in the annals of Canadian history, October 7, 1825, is the date of one of our greatest national disasters.
- Transformers: The quest for the Allspark*, by Annie Auerbach. When Sam learns that duelling factions of an alien race, the Autobots and the Decepticons, are bringing their battle to Earth, he knows he must do what he can to save humanity.
- Unicorn Wishes*, by Carol Barton. When Maddie finds a beautiful boat on the river at the end of her garden, she has no idea she's about to be carried to another world where dreams can come true.
- Withershins*, by Susan Rocan. After Michelle completes a ritual called 'Withershins', she find herself trapped in the past, forced to survive without modern conveniences.
- High School / Adult Fiction**
- Beware the Tentacles of Darkness*, by John A. Goodes. Beginning in 1900, two generations of an ordinary family living in occupied Poland inadvertently become embroiled in a world of geo-political intrigue and emigration.
- Cockroach*, by Rawi Hage. A look at organized religion and immigrant life in Canada.
- The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Offers affirming messages about some of the most enduring forces in life.
- Innecity Girl like Me*, by Sabrina Bernardo. Set in Winnipeg, it tells the tale of Maria who, at the age of thirteen, survives a street gang initiation.
- A Place Out of Time*, by Alf Silver. Many Manitobans are likely related to the characters in this historical novel set in Red River in the 1860s -- a village later known as Winnipeg. These were the years leading up to the Red River Rebellion.
- The Prairie Bridesmaid*, by Daria Salamon. A Canadian debut novel about the bonds that break and make family, friendship and love.
- The Retreat*, by David Bergen. Set during the summer of the Ojibway occupation of Anicinabe Park in Kenora, this novel tells the story of the complicated love between a white girl and a native boy and of a family on the verge of splintering forever.
- Restless*, by William Boyd. A novel of contemporary aboriginal life, full of the dangers and harsh beauty of both forest and city.
- The Sad Truth about Happiness*, by Anne Gardini. Set in Vancouver, this debut novel follows the life of Maggie, 32, a well-adjusted radiation technologist, as she tries to discover the true nature of happiness.
- The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, by David Wroblewski. Celebrates the alliance between humans and dogs.
- The White Tiger*, by Aravind Adiga. A tale of one taxi driver's experience in modern India and his transformation into a bloodthirsty murderer.
- Teacher Resource**
- Leap into Literacy: Teaching the tough stuff so it sticks!* by Kathleen Gould Lundy. Shows teachers how to encourage students to grapple with problems that interest them and share their new understanding with others through drama, movement, visual arts and electronic media.