



Annotated List of New Books at The Kaufman Silverberg Library

November 2009 List #2

Adult

Judaic Non Fiction

Anne Frank: The book, the life, the afterlife, by Francine Prose. How has the life and death of one girl become emblematic of the lives and deaths of so many, and why do her words continue to inspire? An examination of "the Diary" as a work of art.

Bending toward the Sun: A mother and daughter memoir, by Leslie Gilbert-Lurie with Rita Lurie. Rita Lurie was only five years old when her family hid in their neighbours' tiny loft. Her mother and brother died in the loft, and she suffers the emotional and physical effects of the hiding to this day.

My Zayde and other Memories of growing up Jewish, by Ricki Segal. A collection of short stories and poems in which the author relates the personalities of many of her relatives, especially her Zayde, Louis Lazar.

Rifke: An improbable life, by Rosalie Wise Sharp. Sharp recalls growing up poor, awkward and lonely in her immigrant parents' North Toronto home, and how she eventually achieved wealth and status as the wife of the founder of the Four Seasons Hotels.

Torah and Commentary: The five books of Moses: translation, rabbinic and contemporary commentary, by Sol Scharfstein. A new, readable translation of the Torah, with interpretation by classical and contemporary rabbinic commentators.

The Warsaw Ghetto: A guide to the perished city, by Barbara Engelking and Jacek Leociak. The authors explore the history of the ghetto's evolution, the actual daily experience of its thousands of inhabitants from its creation in 1940 to its liquidation following the uprising of 1943.

Judaic Fiction

A Conspiracy of Paper, by David Liss. Set in 18th century London, this story centres around Benjamin Weaver, a Jewish former boxer who had abandoned his family and faith for a life on the fringes of criminal society as a kind of freelance bailiff.

The Knife Sharpener's Bell, by Rhea Tregobov. The story of a young Jewish girl whose father moves her family from Winnipeg to Odessa during the Depression to find a people's paradise but is instead entangled in the horrors of war, anti-Semitism and Stalinism.

General Non Fiction

Bite-sized Doug: Unleashing the Free Press funny man, by Doug Speirs. In this collection the Free Press funny man takes aim at the animal kingdom, especially his own two dogs, neither of whom find Doug particularly funny.

Boys of Few Words: Raising our sons to communicate and connect, by Adam J. Cox. A clinical psychologist examines the connection between communication skills and a boy's social and emotional development, and provides practical suggestions for addressing concerns about a child's communication abilities both at home and school.

Canada and other Matters of Opinion, by Rex Murphy. Canada's most distinctive commentator presents his fearless and thought-provoking views on a head-spinning range of subjects.

The Economist Pocket World in Figure, 2010 edition. Ranks countries based on statistical information about population, economy and business, education, leisure time and more.

No Mind left Behind: Understanding and fostering executive control-- the eight essential brain skills every child needs to thrive, by Adam J. Cox. The mastery of these eight skills

has helped children diagnosed with special needs reach new levels of achievement, and help every child fulfill his or her fullest potential, regardless of age and developmental level.

A Whole New Mind: Why right-brainers will rule the future, by Daniel H. Pink. Outlines six human abilities that are essential for professional and personal success.

Books in Hebrew

Milon Ivri – Rusi.. A Hebrew Russian dictionary.

Phraseological Russian-Hebrew Dictionary, by Michael Barad and Anna Shnaiderman.

Translates more than one thousand Russian idioms, proverbs, and language clichés into Hebrew and gives examples of these expressions in classic Russian literature.

General Fiction

The Forgotten Garden, by Kate Morton. A tiny girl is abandoned on a ship headed for Australia in 1913. She arrives completely alone with nothing but a small suitcase containing a few clothes and a single book -- a beautiful volume of fairy tales.

The Help, by Kathryn Stockett. In Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, at the beginning of the civil rights movement, three women forever change a town and the way women--black and white, mothers and daughters--view one another.

Man and Wife, by Tony Parsons. Follows the marital and parental misadventures of Harry Silver, a mawkish North London television producer.

South of Broad, by Pat Conroy. Against the backdrop of Charleston, South Carolina, *South of Broad* gathers a unique cast of sinners and saints in Pat Conroy's latest novel.

Wolf Hall, by Hilary Mantel. Gives the reader a new take on that oft told tale of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn by showing it through the eyes of Thomas Cromwell. Winner of the Man Booker Prize, 2009.

Books on CD

A Short History of Nearly Everything, by Bill Bryson. From the components of the atom to the size of the universe to the age of the Earth, Bryson describes the history behind scientific discovery in an engaging way.

DVD's

Beyle Shekhter-Gotesman: Song of autumn. Produced for The League for Yiddish by Sheva Zucker; a film by Josh Waletzky. This film is a glimpse into the life of one of the few living Yiddish poets and songwriters.

For Students and Younger Readers

Judaic Books for Young Readers

Because Nothing looks like God, by Lawrence Kushner and Karen Kushner. Shows how God is with us every day, in every way. Invites children to explore what, where, and how God is in our lives.

How I saved Hanukkah, by Amy Goldman Koss. Marla, the only Jewish student in her fourth grade class, wishes she celebrated Christmas like her best friend, Lucy, until one year when she decides to learn all about Hanukkah and teach her family about it too.

Pesach 1-2-3: A Passover Mitzvah book, by Aidel Backman. Simple text and pictures show how Pesach looks today and how it looked to our grandparents.

Sammy Spider's First Haggadah, by Sylvia A. Rouss. Beginning with the blessings over candles and wine, Sammy Spider guides us through the seder, from the Four Questions and the story of Moses and the Jewish slaves to the search for the Afikomen.

The Story of the Garden of Eden, by Patricia A. Pingry. Explains how the earth and all of its creatures, including Adam and Eve, were created by God.

General Non Fiction

Amazing Bugs, by Miranda MacQuitty. Looks at insects close up with cross-sections of their insides.

Basketball, by John Hareas. Text and detailed photographs present the history, techniques, and interesting facts of basketball.

G is for Golden Boy: A Manitoba alphabet, by Larry Verstraete. From A to Z the history, culture, landscapes, famous people and provincial symbols of Manitoba are introduced.

Guinness World Records 2010: The book of the decade. Includes all new photos and records such as the top 100 record-breakers of the decade, never-before seen video clips and images and unbreakable records that have never been beaten.

M is for Maple: A Canadian alphabet, by Mike Ulmer. Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a name or word derived from some aspect of Canada. Each term is presented in a rhyme and then further explained in a note.

Mummy Math: An adventure in geometry, by Cindy Neuschwander. Matt and Bibi must use their math skills to locate the burial chamber in a pharaoh's pyramid and find an escape route.

Outside and Inside Sharks, by Sandra Markle. Explains a shark's body functions including discussions of the breathing processes, skeletons, and teeth.

Seymour Simon's Book of Trains, by Seymour Simon. Learn about the history of locomotives, electric trains, mountain trains, high-speed and freight trains.

Sharks, by Gerald Legg. Describes the lives, kinds and exploitation of sharks.

Volcanoes, by Rainer Koethe. Answers questions such as what makes volcanoes erupt and why do some regions have more volcanoes than others.

Weather at your Fingertips, by Judy Nayer. A board book that answers young readers questions like what causes seasons, where do rain clouds come from and how do weatherman predict weather.

Middle Years Fiction

Asterix and the Secret Weapon, by Alberto Uderzo. A woman bard is unheard of in Ancient Gaul. So, when the mothers in Asterix's town want to replace Cacophonix with Bravura, the men are horrified.

The Black Circle, by Patrick Carman. In book five of the *39 Clues* series Amy and her brother Dan are on their most dangerous race trying to uncover a treasure stolen by the Nazis and the truth behind the murder of the last Russian royal family.

Face Off, by Chris Forsyth. Zack and Mitch, who have played hockey together since they were five, are forced to choose between their friendship and their ambitions.

The Freddy Anniversary Collection: Freddy goes to Florida; Freddy goes to the North Pole; Freddy the detective, by Walter R. Brooks. Features the first three books in *Freddy the Pig* series, in the order in which they first appeared.

Gravity Journal, by Gail Sodonie Sobat. Anise is hospitalized for anorexia and turns to her journal where she can dream, and where she can decide whether to live or die.

Gwen, by Caroline Pogue. When Gwen is orphaned at the age of eleven, she seizes the opportunity to become a Home Child and is trained to work as a maid for placement with a family in Canada in 1895. Her adventures begin as she leaves her Toronto family for a long journey on foot following a train track.

High School Musical, by Peter Barsocchini. In their hearts, Troy and Gabriella know they've got the talent to play the lead roles in the musical, so why is everyone standing in their way?

High School Musical 2, by Peter Barsocchini. Troy, Gabriella, Chad, and Taylor are all working at a country club and with the club's annual Midsummer Night's Musical right around the corner their competitive instincts are sizzling.

Lord of the Sky, by Linda Zeman-Spaleny. This folktale pays tribute to the author's emigration from Eastern Europe and her arrival in British Columbia, where she saw beautiful totem poles for the first time. Delivers the message that we need to care for our world in order to preserve it.

The Night they Stole the Stanley Cup, by Roy MacGregor. Travis, Nish, and the rest of the Screech Owls have come to Toronto for the biggest hockey tournament of their lives – only to find themselves in the biggest mess of their lives.

Recipe for Disaster, by Maureen Fergus. Francie's life was almost perfect before the new girl showed up. She had her own business as a weekend baker, a best friend named Holly and a deeply fulfilling crush on Tate Jarvis.

Return to Bone Tree Hill, by Kristin Butcher. Chronicles a mystery that has the reader piecing together the evidence alongside Jessica and Jilly.

Rose, by Jeff Smith. When a terrifying dragon attacks the small towns of the Northern Valley in this graphic novel in the *Bone* series, a young Princess Rose must defeat it.

Shoot to Score, by Sandra Richmond. Steven Edwards' worst nightmare has come true: playing defense on the B hockey team where the coach is tough and Josh, the coach's son, is a bully.

Very Serious Children, by Caroline Adderson. Nicky H.H. Grant and his brother Saggy are very serious children and that's strange since their parents are clowns in a traveling circus who only believe in having fun.

Books in Hebrew

Shilgiya, edited by Asi Weinstein.

Sipurim she-matzhikim oti, by Shlomo Abbas.

Easy Readers

The Berenstain Bears and Baby makes Five, by Stan and Jan Berenstain. Sister Bear is upset by all the attention her new baby sister is receiving.

Blaze a Trail, by Stan and Jan Berenstain. Bumbling Papa Bear tries to help the Bear Scouts earn their merit badges in hiking.

Equal, Shmequal, by Virginia Kroll. In order to have fun at a game of tug-of-war, forest animals balance the teams by using a see-saw and some math skills.

The Greedy Triangle, by Marilyn Burns. Dissatisfied with its shape, a triangle keeps asking the local shape shifter to add more lines and angles until it doesn't know which side is up.

The House in the Night, by Susan Marie Swanson. Illustrations and easy-to-read text explore the light that makes a house in the night a home filled with light.

The Lion's Share, by Matthew McElligot. In this sophisticated easy reader ant is honored to receive an invitation to lion's annual dinner party, but is shocked when the other guests behave rudely and then accuse her of thinking only of herself.

Ninety-three in my Family, by Erica S. Perl. A sophisticated easy reader that incorporates math skills to tell the story of a young boy as he explains, to the mailman, that his family consists of ninety-three members, including his parents, sisters, and an assortment of pets.

What's next, Nina? by Sue Kassirer. When the string of a borrowed necklace breaks, Nina must use her math skills and quickly get the beads back in order and restrung before her sister finds out.

When Stella was very, very small, by Marie-Louise Gay. When Stella was very small, she thought she was a turtle. She couldn't open doors or tie her shoes, but she had a big imagination, that enabled her to see the world in her own unique way.

You, me and my OT, by Paulette Bourgeois. Even though Emma has a disability it's not a problem because Emma and Kattie, her occupational therapist, make a plan so that Emma can do the same activities as her classmates.

Videos

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Featuring Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson and Peter Ostrum as "Charlie".

Books on CD

Giraffes can't Dance, by Giles Andreae.

Frog and Toad all Year, by Arnold Lobel.