



## New Children and Young Adult Books 2009

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### Children

***Boys of Steel: the Creators of Superman / Gloria Whelan*** J COLL BIO

Chronicles how writer Jerry Siegel and illustrator Joe Shuster created the character of Superman and, after being turned down by several editors, finally published their first comic book featuring the Man of Steel in 1938.

***Brenda Berman, Wedding Expert / Jane Breskin Zalben*** J FIC ZALBEN

When Brenda's favorite uncle decides to marry, Brenda sees visions of a gold lamé flower-girl's outfit, until Uncle Harry and his bride-to-be show up with her niece. Includes cake, frosting, and punch recipes.

***Built by Angels: the Story of the Old-New Synagogue / Mark Podwal*** J 636.7 POD

Built in Prague in 1270 and the world's oldest active synagogue, this tale for young readers provides a look at the enduring legend of how this structure was built by angels and the belief that a golem has lived within its walls ever since.

***A Carousel Tale / Elisa Kleven*** J E KLE

Given the responsibility of taking care of his favorite carousel dog's tail during the winter, Ernst, the young blue crocodile, finds, as time goes by, that he cannot resist his own artistic urges.

***Dynamic Women Dancers / Anne Dublin*** J COLL BIO DUB

Suitable for ages 9 – 13 years, this book chronicles the lives of classical to modern dancers, including Liz Lerman, founder of Liz Lerman Dance Exchange and Anne Sokolow who began her career as a member of the Martha Graham Dance Company in 1929.

***Guttersnipe / Jane Cutler*** J E CUT

In Canada early in the twentieth century, Ben, the youngest in a family of Jewish immigrants struggling to make ends meet, decides to help out but when a hat maker gives him a chance, disaster strikes and Ben nearly loses hope.

***Hanukkah around the World / Tami Lehman-Wilzig*** J 247.1 LEH

Take a trip around the world to see and taste how Hanukkah is celebrated in different countries.

***How I Learned Geography / Uri Shulevitz*** J E SHU

As he spends hours studying his father's world map, a young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan, where he lived as a Polish refugee during World War II.

***It's Israel's Birthday* / Ellen Dietrick J 830 DIE**

Photographs and easy-to-read text portray children in a Jewish preschool as they celebrate Israel's birthday by taking an imaginary journey to the country where they visit a kibbutz, see Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, and march in a parade.

***Jewish Holidays Cookbook* / Jill Colella Bloomfield J 699.4 BLO**

More than 40 step-by-step recipes for festive meals for celebrating the year. Grades 4 – 8.

***JPS Illustrated Children's Bible* / Ellen Frankel J 001 FRA**

Drawing on the 1985 JPS translation (NJPS) of the Hebrew Bible, an acclaimed storyteller and Jewish scholar presents an enticing selection of Bible stories that will both delight and educate today's young readers.

***Kiddish Yiddish: Jewish Traditions & Culture in Rhyme* / Barbara Feltquate J 403 FEL**

Uses brief, catchy rhymes to teach young readers the pronunciations and meanings of certain Yiddish and Hebrew words.

***The Legend of the Teddy Bear* / Frank Murphy J E MUR**

This picture book chronicles the origin of America's favorite stuffed toy.

***The Man Who Flies with Birds* / Carole G. Vogel J 488 VOG**

Discusses the work of the bird expert whose lifelong study of the patterns of bird migration in Israel has led to a significant reduction in the number of collisions between aircraft and bird flocks.

***Max said Yes! The Woodstock Story* / Abigail Yasgur & Joseph Lipner J 774.1 YAS**

This beautifully illustrated picture book in rhyme tells how dairy farmer Max Yasgur opened his farm for 3 days of peace and music in August 1969.

***Meet Rebecca: an American Girl* / Jacqueline Dembar Greene J FIC GREENE**

In 1914 New York City, nine-year-old Rebecca is determined to show her family that she is old enough to light the Shabbos candles and go to the movies.

***Memories of Babi: Stories* / Aranka Siegal J BIO SIEGAL 2008**

While on her yearly visit to her grandmother Babi at her farm in a Ukrainian village far away from her city home, Piri learns valuable lessons about life as she works hard on the farm, witnesses the struggles of the less fortunate, and comes to realize that some of the simplest pleasures are the most treasured of all.

***Menorah under the Sea* / Esther Susan Heller J 247.5 HEL**

Describes how, while studying sea urchins in Antarctica, marine biologist David Ginsburg celebrated Hanukkah by creating his own menorah on the sea floor.

***The Mozart Question* / Michael Morpurgo J FIC MORPURGO**

A young journalist goes to Venice, Italy, to interview a famous violinist, who tells the story of his parents' incarceration by the Nazis, and explains why they can no longer listen to the music of Mozart.

***The Mysteries of Beethoven's Hair* / Russell Martin and Lydia Nibley J BIO BEETHOVEN 2009**

Introduces the life of the Austrian composer, along with the story of a lock of his hair cut by a barber after his death, which was kept by various owners and the analysis of which revealed the high level of lead present in the composer's body.

***New Year at the Pier: a Rosh Hashanah Story* / April Halprin Wayland J 239.11 WAY**

On Rosh Hashanah, Izzy and his family make lists of the wrongs they have committed over the past year, and after they have apologized, they throw pieces of bread into the water to "clean their hearts" in a ceremony called tashlich.

***The Rabbi and the Twenty-Nine Witches* / Marilyn Hirsh J E HIR**

A wise old rabbi finally rids the village of the witches that terrorize it every night that the moon is full.

***The Secret Shofar of Barcelona* / Jacqueline Dembar Greene J FIC GREENE**

In the late 1500s, while the conductor of the Royal Orchestra of Barcelona prepares for a concert to celebrate Spain's colonies in the New World, his son secretly practices playing the Shofar to help Jews, who must hide their faith from the Inquisition, to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

***Today is the Birthday of the World* / Linda Heller J 239.5 HEL**

On the birthday of the world, all of God's creatures pass before Him as He asks whether each has been the best giraffe, or bee, or child they could be, helping to make the world a better place.

***A Visitor for Bear* / Bonny Becker J E BEC**

Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.

***What Sisters Do Best: What Brothers Do Best* / Laura Numeroff J E NUM**

Read one way, a flip book by the author of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* describes all the wonderful things sisters do, and when turned over, it depicts why brothers are special.

***You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?! / Jonah Winter***

In this striking picture book biography, an old-timer tells us what made the noted pitcher, Sandy Koufax so amazing.

**Young Adult**

***After the Train* / Gloria Whelan YA FIC WHELAN**

Ten years after the end of the Second World War, the town of Rolfen, West Germany, looks just as peaceful and beautiful as ever, until young Peter Liebig discovers a secret about his past that leads him to question everything, including the town's calm facade and his own sense of comfort and belonging.

***The Boy Who Dared* / Susan Campbell Bartoletti YA FIC BARTO- LETTI**

In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

***The Freak* / Carol Matas** YA FIC MATAS

When fifteen-year-old Jade wakes up after a near-fatal bout of meningitis, she discovers she has new psychic powers, allowing her to see the personal thoughts and feelings of her friends and family in their auras.

***Gravity* / Leanne Lieberman** YA FIC LIEBERMAN

Afraid that there is no way to be both gay and Jewish, Ellie Gold, an orthodox Jewish teenager feels forced to either alter her sexuality or leave her Jewish community until her mother and sister offer alternative concepts of God that help Ellie find a place for herself.

***The Importance of Wings* / Robin Friedman** YA FIC FRIEDMAN

Although she longs to be an all-American girl, Roxanne, a timid, Israeli-born thirteen-year-old who idolizes Wonder Woman, begins to see things differently when the supremely confident Liat, also from Israel, moves into the "cursed house" next door and they become friends.

***The Other Half of Life* / Kim Ablon Whitney** YA FIC WHITNEY

In 1939, fifteen-year-old Thomas sails on a German ship bound for Cuba with more than nine hundred German Jews expecting to be granted safe haven in Cuba.

***Perfect* / Natasha Friend** YA FIC FRIEND

Following the death of her father, a thirteen-year-old uses bulimia as a way to avoid her mother's and ten-year-old sister's grief, as well as her own.

***Token* / Alisa Kwitney and Joëlle Jones** YA FIC KWITNEY

Shira, a 15 year old teenager whose best friend is a bawdy 80-year old turns to shoplifting when her father starts dating his secretary. When Shira gets caught by a dark-eyed, streetwise boy from Spain they become more than just friends.

***The Wave* / Todd Strasser** YA FIC STRASSER

Tells the story of a high school history class experiment that frighteningly demonstrated the power of fascism.

***What World is Left?* / Monique Polak** YA FIC POLAK

Anneke, a Dutch Jewish teenager, is sent with her family to Theresienstadt, a "model" concentration camp, where she confronts great evil and learns to do what it takes to survive.

***The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe* / Gershon David Hundert** REF 957 YIV

Two volume set with original and up-to-date contributions from an international team of 450 distinguished scholars, the *Encyclopedia* covers the region between Germany and the Ural Mountains, from which more than 2.5 million Jews emigrated to the United States between 1870 and 1920.