

**SPIRIT RIDING FREE** by Suzanne Selfors (Fiction)

Twelve-year-old Lucky Prescott craves adventure, but as a young lady of society she's only been allowed to experience adventure through books. That is, until one fateful day when Lucky, her father, and her aunt leave the city and travel to their new home out west --- the Wild West. **SPIRIT RIDING FREE: The Adventure Begins** is the story of a girl and a wild horse, equally out of place in a strange, new world, but equally fierce and brave. With each other to lean on, will these two free spirits be able to find their place in the West?

**ARMSTRONG & CHARLIE** by Steven B. Frank (Historical Fiction)

Charlie isn't looking forward to sixth grade. If he starts sixth grade, chances are he'll finish it. And when he does, he'll grow older than the brother he recently lost. Armstrong isn't looking forward to sixth grade, either. When his parents sign him up for Opportunity Busing to a white school in the Hollywood Hills, all he wants to know is "What time in the morning will my alarm clock have the opportunity to ring?" When these two land at the same desk, it's the Rules Boy next to the Rebel, a boy who lost a brother elbow-to-elbow with a boy who longs for one. Reviewed by Alizé J., Teen Board Member.

**PRISONER OF ICE AND SNOW** by Ruth Lauren (Fantasy)

When 13-year-old Valor is sent to jail, she couldn't be happier. Demidova's prison for criminal children is exactly where she wants to be. Valor's twin sister, Sasha, is serving a life sentence for stealing from the royal family, and Valor is going to help her escape...from the inside. Never mind that no one has escaped the prison in centuries. Valor has a master plan and resources most people could only dream about. But she didn't count on having to outsmart both the guards and her fellow prisoners. If Valor's plan is to succeed, she'll need to make some unlikely allies. Reviewed by Audrey Slater.

**THE WINGSNATCHERS: Carmer & Grit, Book 1** by Sarah Jean Horwitz (Fantasy)

Aspiring inventor and magician's apprentice Felix Carmer III would rather be tinkering with his latest experiments than sawing girls in half on stage, but with Antoine the Amazifier's show a tomato's throw away from going under, Carmer is determined to win the cash prize in the biggest magic competition in Skemantis. When fate throws Carmer across the path of fiery, flightless faerie princess Grit (do not call her Grettifrida), they strike a deal. Reviewed by Audrey Slater.

**PATRICK AND THE PRESIDENT** by Ryan Tubridy and P. J. Lynch (Historical Fiction)

When the beloved president visited Ireland in 1963, he described it as the best four days of his life. And for a generation of Irish people, it was a trip they never forgot. This warmly told, bighearted picture book captures the fevered excitement in the buildup to the president's visit, all seen through the eyes of a young boy named Patrick who wants to know more than anything what it would feel like to shake the president's hand. Rooted in historical fact and marking the centennial of John F. Kennedy's birth. Reviewed by Aimee Rogers.

**THE ENEMY: Detroit, 1954** by Sara Holbrook (Historical Fiction)

Set in 1954, this compelling historical novel tells the story of a young girl's struggles and triumphs in the aftermath of World War II. In Detroit, Michigan, twelve-year-old Marjorie Campbell struggles with the ups and downs of family life, dealing with her veteran father's unpredictable outbursts, keeping her mother's stash of banned library books a secret and getting along with her new older "brother." When a new girl from Germany transfers to Marjorie's class, Marjorie finds herself torn between befriending Inga and pleasing her best friend, Bernadette. In all this turmoil, Marjorie tries to find her own voice and figure out what is right and who the real enemies actually are. Reviewed by Christine M. Irvin.

**UNDEFEATED: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team** by Steve Sheinkin (Nonfiction)

Before these men became legends, they met in 1907 at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, where they forged one of the winningest teams in American football history. Called "the team that invented football," they took on the best opponents of their day, defeating much more privileged schools such as Harvard and the Army in a series of breathtakingly close calls, genius plays, and bone-crushing hard work. Reviewed by Aimee Rogers.

**THE DOG ENCYCLOPEDIA FOR KIDS** by Tammy Gagne (Nonfiction)

Icelandic Sheepdogs are born with extra toes. Dalmatians are born without spots. Some Siberian Huskies have one blue eye and one brown eye. Learn all about the characteristics of various dog breeds and much more! Packed with amazing photographs and fun facts, dog owners and fans will get an in-depth look at these curious, lovable canines. Reviewed by Sarah Rachel Egelman.

**YOURS TRULY (A Pumpkin Falls Mystery)** by Heather Vogel Frederick (Mystery)

Even Truly Lovejoy has to admit that teeny-tiny Pumpkin Falls, New Hampshire, has its charms --- like the annual maple festival, where tourists flock from all over to sample the local maple syrup, maple candy, maple coffee and even maple soap! But when someone tries to sabotage the maple trees on her friend Franklin's family farm, Truly has to rally the Pumpkin Falls Private Eyes to investigate. Meanwhile, she uncovers another, more personal mystery under the floorboards of her very own home --- a diary written centuries ago by her namesake, the original Truly Lovejoy. Reviewed by Matthew Burbridge.

