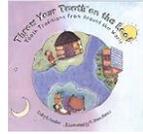


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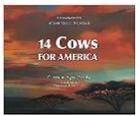
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Deedy, Carmen Agra. [14 Cows for America.](#) (J 327.14 DEC)

Maasai tribal members, after hearing the story of the September 11th attacks from a young Maasai, who was in New York on that day, decide to present the American people with 14 sacred cows as a healing gift.



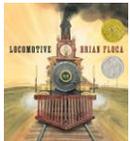
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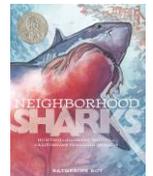
Floca, Brian. [Locomotive.](#) (Picture Books: E FLO)

Learn what it was like to travel on the transcontinental railroad in the 1860s.



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A thorough explanation of the formation and effects of rain.



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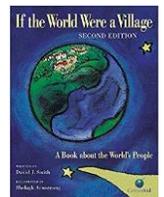
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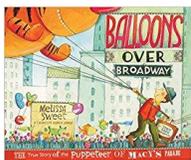
Smith, David J. [If the World Were a Village.](#) (J 304.6 SMI)

Comparing the world population to a village of 100 persons, the author reveals such facts as the languages of the village, how much each earns, if the person is literate, has a television and has enough to eat.



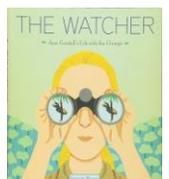
Sweet, Melissa. [Balloons Over Broadway.](#) (J 791.53 SWE)

Artist Sweet tells the story of the puppeteer Tony Sarg, capturing his genius, his dedication, his zest for play, and his long-lasting gift to America--the inspired helium balloons that would become the trademark of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



Winter, Jeanette. [Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps.](#) (J 921 GOO)

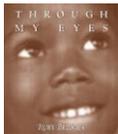
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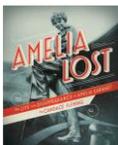
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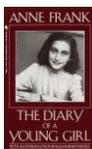


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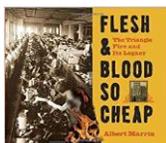


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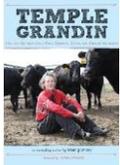
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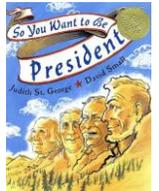
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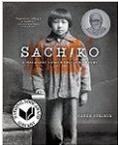
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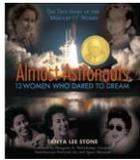
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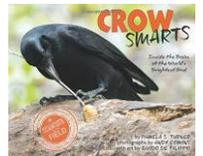
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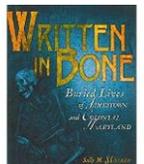
Walker, Sally M. [Secrets of a Civil War Submarine.](#) (J 973.7 WAL)

Follow author, Sally M. Walker on a fascinating journey through the workings of the famous submarine, its voyages, and the difficult obstacles that were overcome to recover, excavate and conserve the ship.



Walker, Sally M. [Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland.](#) (J 614.17 WAL)

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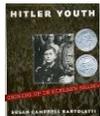
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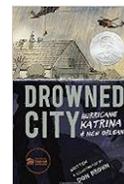


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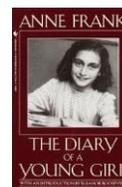


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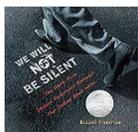
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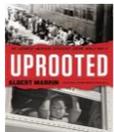
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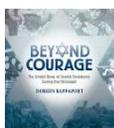
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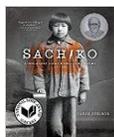
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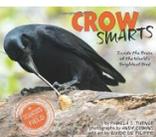


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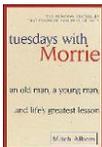
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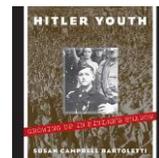
Albom, Mitch. [Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson.](#)

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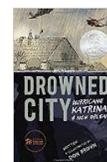
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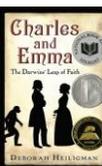
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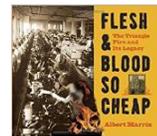
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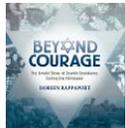
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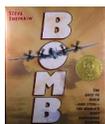
Samanci, Özge. [Dare to Disappoint : Growing up in Turkey.](#) (YA 741.5 SAM)

Ozge Samanci watched as her country struggled between its traditional religious heritage and the new secular westernized world of brand-name products and television stars. This touching memoir shows how Ozge dared to overcome both her family and her country's expectations to find happiness by being an artist



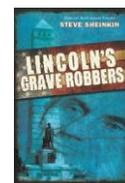
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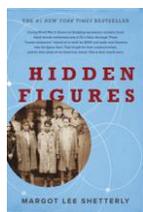
Sheinkin, Steve. [Lincoln's Grave Robbers.](#) (J 973.03 SHE)

Describes how a counterfeiting ring plotted to ransom Lincoln's body to secure the release of their imprisoned ringleader, and how a fledgling Secret Service and an undercover agent conducted a daring election-night sting operation.



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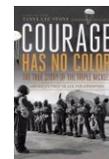
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