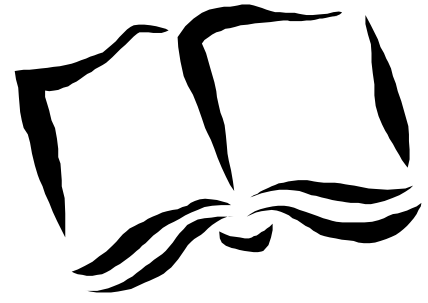


Beach Books

for summertime reading!



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Copies of these and other great books are available at the township library.

FOCUS ON AUTHOR KIMBERLY WILLIS HOLT

***Dancing in Cadillac Light** – In 1968, eleven-year-old Jaynell's life in Moon, Texas, is changed when her eccentric Grandpap comes to live with her family.

Keeper of the Night – Isabel, a thirteen-year-old girl living on the island of Guam, and her family try to cope with the death of Isabel's mother who committed suicide.

My Louisiana Sky – Growing up in Louisiana, in the 1950s, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.

When Zachary Beaver Comes to Town - During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world. Winner of the National Book Award.

ADVENTURE, SURVIVAL, AND MYSTERY

Allende, Isabel. **City of the Beasts**. When fifteen-year-old Alexander accompanies his individualistic grandmother on an expedition to find a humanoid Beast in the Amazon, he experiences ancient wonders and a supernatural world as he tries to avert disaster for the Indians.

Fama, Elizabeth. **Overboard**. Emily is living in Indonesia with her parents when she takes a ferry to a nearby island. The ferry is overcrowded and sinks, forcing Emily to survive for many hours in the angry sea.

Hobbs, Will. **Far North**. After the destruction of their floatplane, sixteen-year-old Gabe and his Dene friend, Raymond, struggle to survive a winter in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories of Canada.

Hoobler, Dorothy and Thomas. **The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn**. Fourteen-year-old Seikei wants to be a samurai and live the life of honor based on the ancient code. When a ghost from the past comes back in the person of a son seeking revenge, it can only lead to tragedy.

Horowitz, Anthony. If you enjoyed **Stormbreaker**, why not continue reading this exciting adventure series with **Skeleton Key** and **Point Blank**, two nonstop thrillers that feature a 14-year-old orphan who is a reluctant spy for the British government. Plenty of slam-bang action, spying, and high-tech gadgets provide fun for all readers.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Hush**. Evie has had to adjust to a new name, new home, and a new neighborhood in a new city after her family is placed in the Witness Protection Program. (National Book Award finalist in 2002.)

HISTORICAL FICTION

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Fever, 1793**. In 1793 Philadelphia, Matilda, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

*Hesse, Karen. **Witness**. Two young girls tell the story of their small Vermont town and the Ku Klux Klan in 1924.

*Lawrence, Iain. **Lord of the Nutcracker Men**. An English boy during World War I comes to believe that the battles he enacts with his toy soldiers control the war his father is fighting on the front.

*Mazer, Harry. **Boy at War**. A fourteen-year-old boy, newly arrived in 1941 Hawaii, witnesses the attack on Pearl Harbor including the sinking of his father's ship, the USS Arizona.

Meyer, Carolyn. **Mary, Bloody Mary**. Mary Tudor, who would reign briefly as Queen of England during the mid-sixteenth century, tells the story of her troubled childhood as daughter of King Henry VIII. Read other great historical fiction titles by this author, such as **Anastasia, the Last Grand Duchess; Beware, Princess Elizabeth; Where the Broken Heart Still Beats**, and **White Lilacs**.

*Tingle, Rebecca. **Edge on the Sword**. In ninth-century Britain, fifteen-year-old Aethelflaed, daughter of King Alfred of West Saxony, finds she must assume new responsibilities much sooner than expected when she is betrothed to Ethelred of Mercia in order to strengthen a strategic alliance against the Danes.

HUMOR

Clements, Andrew. **Things Not Seen**. When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

Ferris, Jean. **Once upon a Marigold**. A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.

Lubar, David. **Dunk**. A teenage boy dreams of becoming the Boardwalk Bozo so he can, anonymously, hurl insults at people who normally torment him. Takes place at the Jersey shore. (Try **Wizards of the Game**, also!)

*Pratchett, Terry. **The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents**. Take one very clever, talking cat, a band of very clever, talking rats and a boy who does what he is told: wickedly funny adventures are bound to happen!

REALISTIC FICTION

Dessen, Sarah. **That Summer**. A girl comes of age as she deals with her parents' divorce and father's re-marriage. Currently being adapted into a movie, "How to Deal" starring Mandy Moore.

Ellis, Deborah. **Parvana's Journey**. As war rages in Afghanistan, thirteen-year-old Parvana searches for her family and creates a new one of other displaced children.

*Naidoo, Beverly. **The Other Side of Truth**. Winner of the 2000 Carnegie Medal. Smuggled out of Nigeria after their mother's murder, Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them and they are fearful of their new surroundings and of what may have happened to their father back in Nigeria.

*Van Draanen, Wendelin. **Flipped**. In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years. (Try some of the popular "Sammy Keyes" mysteries written by this author!)

Wolff, Virginia Euwer. **Make Lemonade**. In order to earn money for college, fourteen-year-old LaVaughn babysits for a teenage mother. The story continues in **True Believer**.

Young, Karen Romano. **The Beetle and Me: a Love Story**. Surrounded by her busy extended family and their many cars, fifteen-year-old Daisy pursues her goal of single-handedly restoring the car of her dreams, the old purple Volkswagen Beetle from her childhood.

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

Card, Orson Scott. **Ender's Game**. Ender, who is the result of genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy.

Colfer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl**. When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

Farmer, Nancy. **House of the Scorpion**. This story of a ruthless drug lord who raises clones in order to prolong his own life is told from the perspective of one of the young male "clones." (A National Book Award winner and the first book to receive both the Newbery and Printz honors.)

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Among the Hidden**. Luke is the third child in a future society that permits only two children per family. (This book was chosen for the One Book New Jersey celebration.)

McKinley, Robin. **Spindle's End**. The infant princess Briar Rose is cursed on her name day by Pernicia, an evil fairy, and then whisked away by a young fairy to be raised in a remote part of a magical country, unaware of her real identity and hidden from Pernicia's vengeful powers. A new re-telling of the Sleeping Beauty story.

NONFICTION

*Allen, Thomas B. **Remember Pearl Harbor**. First-person accounts from both American and Japanese survivors combine with dramatic images to paint a vivid picture of what it was like to have been in and lived through the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

*Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. **Black Potatoes: The Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850**. A history of the famine, told through the voices of Irish people.

POETRY AND LITERATURE

Johnson, Dave, ed. **Movin': Teen Poets Take Voice**. A collection of poems by teen poets who participated online or in person at workshops sponsored by The New York Public Library and Poets House.

Nye, Naomi Shihab. **19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East**. Nye is the author of a Palestinian father and an American mother. This collection of poetry was published after 9/11 and shows the Middle East through the eyes of an American child as well as America through the eyes of Middle Easterners.

Panzer, Nora, ed. **Celebrate America in Poetry and Art**. Text and accompanying photographs present a collection of American poetry that celebrates over 200 years of American life and history as illustrated by fine art from the collection of the National Museum of American Art.

Rochelle, Belinda. **Words with Wings: a Treasury of African-American Poetry and Art**. Pairs twenty works of art by African-American artists with twenty poems by twenty African-American poets.

Rosen, Michael. **Shakespeare: His Work and His World**. Profiles the life and times of Shakespeare, peppered with quotes from plays he wrote, and includes short synopses of the more famous ones.

Stanton, Michael N. Stanton. **Hobbits, Elves, and Wizards: Exploring the Wonders and Worlds of J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings**. Explores the fairies, wizards, trolls, and other mythical characters that make up the world of J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings".

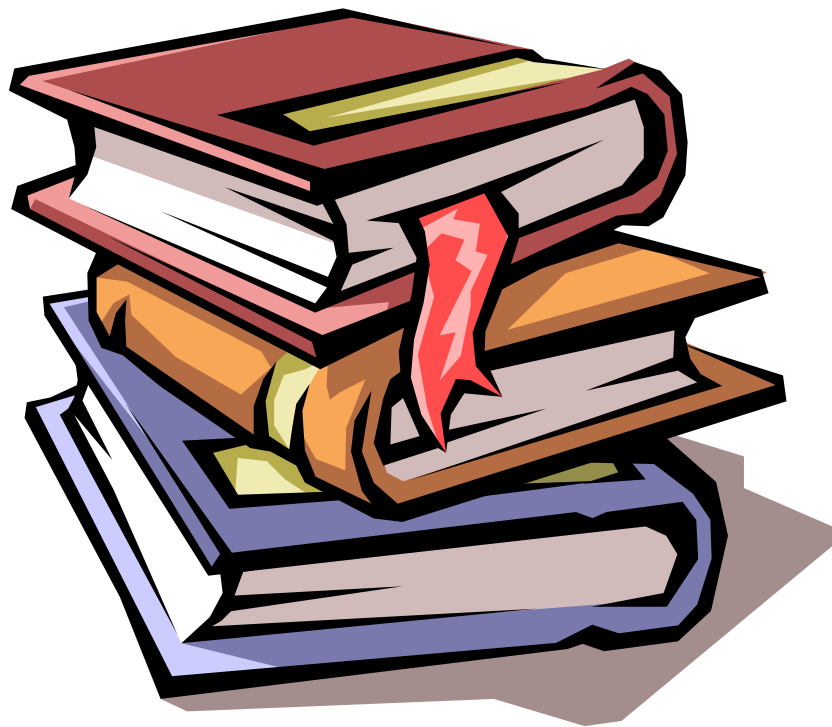
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