



BEAT THE HEAT

SUMMER READING SPOTLIGHT ON GREAT AUTHORS



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JANE YOLEN - prolific author of high acclaim!

From historical fiction to fantasy, from mythology to poetry - author Jane Yolen tells a great story.

HORIZONS: POEMS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE

Poems and photographs depict horizons created by mountains, deserts, city skylines, bodies of water, and other natural and man-made areas.

CHILDREN OF THE WOLF: A NOVEL

In 1920 in India two children that have been raised by wolves are discovered and brought to an orphanage to be taught human behavior again.

GIRL IN A CAGE

As English armies invade Scotland in 1306, eleven-year-old Princess Marjorie, daughter of the newly crowned Scottish king, Robert the Bruce, is captured by England's King Edward Longshanks and held in a cage on public display.

THE DEVIL'S ARITHMETIC

Hannah resents stories of her Jewish heritage and of the past until, when opening the door during a Passover Seder, she finds herself in Poland during World War II where she experiences the horrors of a concentration camp, and learns why she-- and we--need to remember the past.

DRAGONS BLOOD: A FANTASY

Jakkin, a bond boy who works as a Keeper in a dragon nursery on the planet Austar IV, secretly trains a fighting pit dragon of his own in hopes of winning his freedom.

MERLIN

Merlin, now twelve years old, begins to come into his magic while being held captive by a band of wild folk. Part of the Young Merlin Trilogy, learn about the early years of Merlin in *Passager* and *Hobby*.

ODYSSEUS IN THE SERPENT MAZE

Thirteen-year-old Odysseus, who longs to be a hero, has many opportunities to prove himself during an adventure which involves pirates and satyrs, a trip to Crete's Labyrinth, and the two young girls, Penelope and Helen, who play a major role in his future life.

QUEEN'S OWN FOOL: A NOVEL OF MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS

When twelve-year-old Nicola leaves Troupe Brufort and serves as the fool for Mary, Queen of Scots, she experiences the political and religious upheavals in both France and Scotland.

STORIES OF THE MIDDLE AGES BY GERALD MORRIS

THE SQUIRE'S TALE

In medieval England, fourteen-year-old Terence finds his tranquil existence suddenly changed when he becomes the squire of the young Gawain of Orkney and accompanies him on a long quest, proving Gawain's worth as a knight and revealing an important secret about his own true identity. Continue the story with *The squire, his Knight, and his Lady*. Other books about the middle ages include *Parsifal's Page, The Savage Damsel and the Dwarf* and *The Ballad of Sir Dinadan*.

SPORTS AND REALISTIC FICTION NOVELS OF CARL DEUKER

PAINTING THE BLACK

After a disastrous fall from a tree, senior Ryan Ward wrote off baseball. But he is swept back into the game when cocky, charismatic Josh Daniels--a star quarterback with the perfect spiral pass as well as a pitcher with a mean slider--moves into the neighborhood. It is a year that changes Ryan's life forever. Additional sports novels include *Heart of a Champion*, *Night Hoops*, and *On the Devil's Court*.

MORE SPORTS WITH JOHN RITTER

OVER THE WALL

Thirteen-year-old Tyler, who has trouble controlling his anger, spends an important summer with his cousins in New York City, playing baseball and sorting out how he feels about violence, war, and in particular the Vietnamese conflict that took his grandfather's life. Also try *Choosing up Sides*.

AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS OF HISTORICAL FICTION

RIFLES FOR WATIE by Harold Keith

Sixteen year-old Jess Bussey yearns to defend the Union cause. Sent behind enemy lines to spy, he realizes that his foes are not all he has imagined. Winner of the Newbery Medal.

SHADES OF GRAY by Carolyn Reeder

This ALA Notable Book and winner of the Scott O'Dell Award introduces Will at the end of the Civil War. He has lost his family and moves to the countryside to live with his "traitor" uncle. Also try *Foster's War* (a novel set in December 1941,) *Captain Kate* (Civil War,) *Moonshiner's Son* (set during Prohibition,) and *Across the Lines* (1864.)

Also, try Newbery Award Winner *Carry on, Mr. Bowditch* by Jean Lee Latham.

A fictionalized biography of Nathaniel Bowditch, the American sailor who taught himself mathematics and astronomy and discovered a new method of celestial navigation that saved the lives of many seamen. Historical details are coupled with the romance and adventure of Old Salem.

HIGH ADVENTURE WITH AUTHOR BEN MIKAELSEN

RESCUE JOSH MCGUIRE

When thirteen-year-old Josh runs away to the mountains of Montana with an orphaned bear cub destined for laboratory testing, they both must fight for their lives in a sudden snowstorm. Two other adventures include *Countdown*, *Red Midnight*, *Touching Spirit Bear* and *Sparrow Hawk Red*.

ROMANCE, BEST FRIENDS, AND GROWING UP WITH AUTHOR CATHY HOPKINS

MATES, DATES, AND INFLATABLE BRAS

Fourteen-year-old Lucy finds herself desperately in need of a self-esteem boost when she is completely stumped by a class writing assignment, gets a bad haircut, and decides her physical development is lacking in comparison with her friends. A total of six books include *Mates, Dates, and Cosmic Kisses*, *Mates, Dates, and Designers Divas*; *Mates, Dates, and Sleepover Secrets* and others.

FUN AND FANTASY WITH DAVID LUBAR

DUNK

Chad, hoping to work out his frustrations and his anger by taking a summer job as a dunk tank Bozo on the boardwalk at the New Jersey shore, comes to a better understanding of himself and the uses of humor as he undergoes training in the fine art of insults. Other books by Lubar: *Wizards of the Game*, *Hidden Talents*, and *Flip*.

SUSPENSE AND ESPIONAGE WITH ANTHONY HOROWITZ

STORMBREAKER

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, M16. Continue the adventure with *Point Blank and Skeleton Key*. Also try *The Devil and his Boy*, which takes place in 1593 with thirteen-year-old Tom to London, where he falls in with a troupe of actors and finds himself in great danger from several sources.

ENJOY THE STRANGE SCIENCE FICTION OF KENNETH OPPEL

DEAD WATER ZONE.

Paul tries to find his genetically stunted younger brother Sam in the polluted ruins of Watertown, where Sam is trying to cure himself with toxic "dead water" that alters the metabolism of those who drink it. And don't miss Opel's popular bat series, *Silverwing*, *Sunwing* and *Firewing*.

FANTASTIC FANTASY NOVELS OF TAMORA PIERCE

ALANNA: THE FIRST ADVENTURE

Eleven-year-old Alanna, who aspires to be a knight even though she is a girl, disguises herself as a boy to become a royal page, a learning many hard lessons along her path to high adventure. Continue the adventure with *The Woman who Rides like a Man*, and *In the Hand of the Goddess*.

SANDRY'S BOOK

Four young misfits find themselves living in a strictly disciplined temple community where they become friends while also learning to do crafts and to use their powers, especially magic. The "Circle of Magic" series continues with *Tris's Book*, *Daja's Book*, and *Briar's Book*.

The "Circle Opens" quartet begins with *Magic Steps*. Sandry and her student Pasco undertake a dangerous mission of trapping invisible killers. The story continues in *Street Magic*, *Cold Fire*, and *Shatterglass*.

The Protector of the Small begins with *First Test*, in which ten-year-old Keladry of Mindalen, daughter of nobles, serves as a page but must prove herself to the males around her if she is ever to fulfill her dream of becoming a knight. The series continues with *Page*, *Squire*, and *Lady Knight*.

RETELL A WELL-KNOWN TALE WITH AUTHOR DONNA JO NAPOLI

SIRENA

The gods grant immortality to the mermaid Sirena when she rescues a human man from the sea and they fall in love, but his mortality creates great conflict between love and honor when he is called to defend Greece in the Trojan War. Also try *Daughter of Venice*, *Breath* (the story of the Pied Piper of Hamlen, *Beast* (story of Beauty and the Beast,) *Spinners* (Rumpelstiltskin,) and *Zel* (Rapunzel.)

SPOTLIGHT ON RUSSELL FREEDMAN - award-winning author of biography and nonfiction books.

Learn about the history of our great nation and get to know famous and creative personalities by reading these books by Russell Freedman: *Immigrant Kids*; *The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane*; *Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*; *Indian Chiefs*; *Confucius: the Golden Rule*; *Eleanor Roosevelt: a Life of Discovery*; *Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade against Child Labor*; *The Life and Death of Crazy Horse*; *Martha Graham, a Dancer's Life*; *Babe Didrikson Zaharias: the Making of a Champion*; *Give me liberty!: the Story of the Declaration of Independence*; *In Defense of Liberty : the Story of America's Bill of Rights*.

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