

If you were forwarded this email, <u>subscribe here</u>.

### CATS Updates

In addition to the *Automatically Yours CATS Series* Summer-Fall 2007 publication, Baker & Taylor monitors 100's of children's and teen series. Below are series that are newly available by CATS and can be Automatically Yours:

24/7: Science Behind the Scenes: Forensic Science, *Franklin Watts*, nonfiction, grades 5-7: LIB series ID 0004596672, \$26.00; PAP series ID 0004598900, \$7.95. Adventures of Riley, *Eaglemont Press*, fiction, grades PreK-3: HRD series id 0004598942, \$15.95. Avatar, *Tokyopop*, graphic novel, grades 4-8: PAP series id 0004598439, \$7.99. Beast Quest, *Scholastic*, fiction, grades 2-5: PAP s eries 0004598215, \$4.99. Beauty Pop, *Viz*, graphic novel, grades 4-10: PAP series id 0004599049, \$8.99. CatKid, *Scholastic*, fiction, grades PreK-3: PAP series ID 00004598207, \$3.99.

Drama Club, *Penguin*, fiction, grades 7-10: PAP series id 0004598975, \$7.99. Drama High, *Dafina*, fiction, grades 10-12: PAP series id 00 0 4599072, \$9.99. Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Boy, *HarperCollins*, fiction, grades 3-7: PAP series id 00044599023, \$6.99.

Kingfisher Knowledge, Larousse Kingfisher, nonfiction, grades 4-7: PAP series ID 0004596557, \$8.95.

Previously offered series that have ceased, or are complete, and will no longer be available for automatic shipment:

All Grown Up (8x8), *Simon & Schuster*, fiction, grades PreK-3: PAP series id 00005726195. Blue's Clues Ready-to-Read, *Simon & Schuster*, fiction, grades PreK-1: PAP series id 000 5402813.

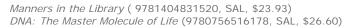
**Great Cities of the World**, *World Almanac*, nonfiction, grades 5-9: series id 00005406392. **Henry and Mudge**, *Philomel*, fiction, grades 1-2: PAP series id 0001966498.

Hispanic-American Biographies, *Heinemann/Raintree*, nonfiction, grades 5-9: SAL series id 0000546184.

Love Letters, *Simon Pulse*, fiction, 7-12: PAP series id 0005725676. Milly Molly, *National Book Network*, fiction, grades PreK-2 PAP series ID 0000544015. Totally Spies Chapter Books, *Simon & Schuster*, fiction, grades 4-8: PAP series ID 0005725437.

### **Publisher News**

- American Girl gets a fresh face this fall with the addition of Julie Albright. This American Girl lives in San Francisco in the 1970's and faces many of life's challenges of today's girls. Her parents are recently divorced and she has to adapt to a move to a new neighborhood. Luckily these issues will be authored by the ever-popular Megan McDonald, of Judy Moody fame. Julie will make her debut this September with six novels, which are available to order individually as well as in an American Girl hardcover floor display: *American Girl Julie 42-copy Floor Display* (9781593694227, HRD, \$543.90)
- The Association of Educational Publishers has recently awarded **Picture Window Books** and **Compass Point Books** with distinguished achievement awards. Series such as *Way to Bel: Manners* and *Exploring Science: Life Science* were highlighted. Visit www.aepweb.org for full details. Titles include:



 HarperCollins Publishers recently announced that Warner Bros. Pictures has acquired the feature film rights to the seven-book fantasy series, *Septimus Heap*. This bestselling series marks UK author Angie Sage's first foray into middle-grade fantasy.

Material Reviews

Publisher News Material Reviews

In the Library...

Top Ten Titles:

Books Graphic Novels & Manga Spanish CD Music DVD Video Games

Conference Notes Interview

### Feature Titles



Longstocking Astrid Lindgren Viking, September 2007 9870670062768, HRD, \$25.00

buy now



Maisy Big, Maisy Small Lucy Cousins Candlewick Press, August 2007

buy now 9780763634063, HRD, \$15.99



Before I Die Jenny Dowhham David Fickling Books, September 2007 9780385751582, LIB, \$18.99

Evolution, Me &

**Other Freaks of** 

buy now



buy now

Alfred A. Knopf, August 2007 9780375943492, LIB, \$18.99

Nature Robin Brande



buy now HRD, \$16.99

### **Conference Notes**

### Visit Baker & Taylor at the following conferences:

8/8, Pacific Northwest Library Association 9/12, Wyoming Library Assn. 9/20, Kentucky Library Assn. 10/3, Missouri Library Association 10/10, Illinois Library Association 10/10, Ohio Library Council 10/11, Iowa Library Association 10/14, New England Library Association 10/15, Pennsylvania Library Association 10/16, North Carolina Library Association 10/17, Georgia COMO XIX 10/24, NEMA/NLA Fall Conference 10/26, California Library Association

### Picture Book



Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter



Little Mo' McCoury

Percy the Park Keeper: A Classic Treasury

8

Children's

.



Shredderman Rules!

#### In the Library

# **Paw Prints**, the new CATS prebind program, was recently launched at the Annual ALA conference in Washington DC. Hundreds of librarians from around the country were able to attend presentations which highlighted this new, lifetime guaranteed binding. Mousepads with Paw Prints logos were handed out, and if you didn't get yours let us know so we can have one delivered to you. Congratulations to the winner of the raffle, Anne Tonissen of Mallard Creek HS in NC, who won an iPod for attending the Paw Prints presentations!

Paw Prints is a prebind program that focuses on popular, high-circulating titles for children and teen collections. Books are guaranteed to be Baker Bound and Taylor Tough, with bindings that exceed library bound standards. Jackets are attractive and have a Paw Prints identifiable logo on the back. Popular series, authors, and genres will be prebound, one of the most popular being manga and graphic novels. Libraries can find all the Paw Print titles by searching on any Baker & Taylor database for Paw Prints as the publisher. If a requested title isn't available in the Paw Prints format please inform CATS by emailing PawPrints@btol.com.

If you didn't receive your Paw Prints mousepad, please email us at PawPrints@btol.com with your name, library, and address. We'll have one delivered to you!

### interview

Lynne Cheney is the author of five books for children: the New York Times bestsellers America: A Patriotic Primer, A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women, When Washington Crossed the Delaware: A Wintertime Story for Young Patriots, and most recently Our Fifty States



(9780689867170, SAL, \$18.99). She is a 💻

senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and former chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities. She lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Vice President Richard B. Cheney. A long-time advocate of teaching America's history to children, Mrs. Cheney recently shared her passion for history and good books with the CATS staff.

## Q. What inspired you to write your first children's book?

**A.** My grandchildren, first and foremost. When you have little kids in your life, it's fun to communicate with them in different ways about things important to you, and history is very important to me.

A. It's hard to choose, but Robin Glasser and I did name the book after Abigail Adams, and she is a very appealing figure. Born in days when women weren't expected to go to school, couldn't own property, and couldn't vote, she was smart and self-aware enough to know that things should be different and to tell her husband John to "remember the ladies" when he was making laws for our new nation.

### Q. Now that you've worked with Robin Preiss Glasser on several books, has the collaboration process evolved or changed at all?

**A.** We work very well together and have since the beginning, but our experience on previous books means that we understand each other very well by now. Really, I sometimes think she can read my mind! What a joy to collaborate with a person of such talent. I can't imagine whom else I could have worked with on a project as big and complicated as *Our 50 States*.

Q. *Our 50 States: A Family Adventure Across America* features numerous historical sites, landmarks, and natural treasures. Do you have a favorite American

Parenting



I'm a Mom! Now What?









Into the Wild

Spoken Word



Saint Iggy

Teen

### Q. From where do you get the ideas for your books?

**A.** I'm not sure. I think they just kind of germinate and then one day blossom. Sometimes the title, or some version of it comes first. That's the way it was with *America*, which I first thought of as *A is for America*. And I began jotting down ideas for what B, C, and D might be for on scraps of paper.

# Q. Your books make history exciting to children. Were you inspired by any books that you read as a child, or read to your children, or grandchildren?

**A**. I love to read *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown and *Clement Hurd* to my little grandchildren and *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein to all of them. These books inspire me because of the way they not only reach children, but touch adults as well.

## Q. What message do you hope your young readers take with them from your books?

**A**. I hope they understand how amazing this country is, how varied, how beautiful, how free. We live on what Winston Churchill once called the "sunny uplands" of history, and I hope my books help children begin to understand that.

Q. A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women was a New York Times bestseller and received the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Gold Award. The book profiles several courageous and memorable American women, but do you find one woman particularly inspiring?

### landmark?

**A.** There are so many, how can I choose? If absolutely forced I'd say the Statue of Liberty, but then there's Mount Rushmore and the Golden Gate Bridge and all the natural wonders. Niagara Falls, the Tetons, the list goes on and on. Aren't we lucky to live in such an amazing country?

Q. Proceeds from your books help to fund the James Madison Book Award, given each July to the book that best represents excellence in bringing knowledge and understanding of American history to children in elementary school and to middle-schoolers. Why was it important to you to help establish such an award?

**A.** I think of it as multiplying my own efforts to help kids have a greater appreciation of the story of America. There are some really good books written every year, and what I can do is help draw attention to them.

# Q. Will you share with us something about your next book for children?

**A.** I'm working on a book about the Constitution, easily one of the most important documents ever written. It's a remarkable story to be able to tell—how our young country was in serious trouble, until the Framers, meeting in Philadelphia in 1787, created a framework that allowed us to become a great and mighty nation.

<u>back</u>

© 2007, Baker & Taylor, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Baker & Taylor Inc. is a wholesale distributor of books, movies, music and games located at 2550 West Tyvola Road, Charlotte, NC 28217.

То	Top Ten Titles							
	Title	Author/Artist	Supplier	ISBN	Forma	tList		
E	3ooks							
1	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	JK Rowling	Arthur Levine	9780545010221	HRD	\$34.99		
2	Lizzie Bright And the Buckminster Boy	Gary D. Schmidt	Yearling Books	9780553494952	PAP	\$6.50		
3	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	JK Rowling	Arthur Levine	9780545029360	LIB	\$39.99		
4	The Man Who Loved Clowns	June Rae Wood	Puffin Books	9780142404225	PAP	\$5.99		
5	Someday	Eileen Spinelli	Dial Bks For Young Readers	9780803729414	SAL	\$16.99		
6	Whopper Cake	Karma Wilson	Margaret Mcelderry Bks	9780689838446	SAL	\$16.99		
7	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary	Not Available (NA)	Merriam-Webster	9780877795797	HRD	\$17.95		
8	Inside Out: Portrait of an Eating Disorder	Nadia Shivack	Atheneum Children's Books	9780689852169	HRD	\$17.99		
9	Young Zorro: The Iron Brand	Diego Vega	Rayo	9780060839451	HRD	\$15.99		
10	Bounce	Doreen Cronin	Atheneum Children's Books	9781416916277	SAL	\$14.00		
	back							
0	Graphic Novels & Manga							
1	The Plain Janes	Cecil Castellucci	Minx	9781401211158	PAP	\$9.99		
2	NARUTO, volume 15	Masashi Kishimoto	Viz	9781421510897	PAP	\$7.95		
3	Re-gifters	Mike Carey	Minx	9781401203719	PAP	\$9.99		
4	WARRIORS: Lost Warrior	Erin Hunter	Tokyopop	9780061240201	PAP	\$6.99		
5	GOOSEBUMPS: Scary Summer	Dean Haspiel	Graphix	9780439857826	PAP	\$8.99		
6	AVATAR, volume 5: The Last Airbender	Michael Dante Dimartino	Tokyopop	9781598169294	PAP	\$7.99		

	7	CLONE WAR ADVENTURES, volume 8	Fillbach Brothers	Dark Horse Comics	9781593076801	PAP	\$6.95
		GOOSEBUMPS: Terror Trips	R.L. Stine	Graphix	9780439857802	PAP	\$8.99
,	9	Stuck in the Middle: Seventeen Comics from an Unpleasant Age	Ariel Schrag	Viking	9780670062218	PAP	\$18.99
	10	BATMAN: Turning Points	Greg Rucka	DC Comics	9781401213602	PAP	\$14.99

<u>back</u>

--Spanish

2	spanish							
1	La Catrina: La novela/ La Catrina: The Novel	Curland, David	Scott Foresman & Co	<sup>'</sup> 9780673215888	PAP	\$14.20		
2	Queta la vaca coqueta/How Now Coquettish Cow	Sastrias, Martha/ Martínez, Enrique (ILT)	Lectorum	9789681657574	HRD	\$13.99		
3	Olivia	Falconer, Ian/ Mlawer, Teresa (TRN)	Lectorum Publications	9781930332089	HRD	\$16.00		
4	Senderos fronterizos/ Breaking Through	Jiménez, Francisco	Houghton Mifflin (Trade)	9780618226184	PAP	\$6.95		
5	Oso polar, oso polar, ¿qué es ese ruido? / Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What's That Noise	Martin, Bill/ Carle, Eric (ILT)/ Mlawer, Teresa (TRN)	Henry Holt	9780805069020	HRD	\$7.95		
6	De la cabeza a los pies/ From Head to Toe	Carle, Eric	Rayo	9780060513023	HRD	\$16.99		
7	¡No, David!/ No, David!	Shannon, David	Lectorum Publications	9788424181147	PAP	\$7.99		
8	Perros/ Dogs	Aigner-Clark, Julie	Silver Dolphin En Espanol	9789707181564	HRD	\$3.95		
9	Caillou, ¿Dónde está?/ Caillou, Where Is It?	Savary, Fabien/ Vadeboncoeur, Isabelle, Tipeo (ILT)/ Depratto, Marcel (ART)		9781587284021	HRD	\$4.95		
10	Está bien ser diferente/ It's Okay To Be Different	Parr, Todd/ Rubio, Esther	Lectorum Publications	9788484881377	HRD	\$16.99		
	back							
N	Music							
1	Disneymania 5	Various	Walt Disney Recorfds	6310880829	CD	\$18.98		
2	Kidz Bop Country	Kidz Bop Kids	Razor & Tie	6311142708	CD	\$13.98		
3	I Wanna Play	Harley, Bill	Empyrean Records	6311044293	CD	\$14.98		
4	Pirates Of The Caribbean: Swashbucklin	Various	Walt Disney Recorfds	6310880764	CD	\$9.98		
5	Kidz Bop 11	Kidz Bop Kids	Razor & Tie	6310943243	CD	\$18.98		
6	If You Ever See An Owl	Terrible Twos	Fontana	6311042185	CD	\$13.98		
7	Racing To The Rainbow	Wiggles	Koch Records	6310980955	CD	\$11.98		
8	Disney's Greatest Vol 01	Disney	Walt Disney Recorfds	0763407275	CD	\$18.98		
9	Crazy Hair Day	Saltzberg, Barney	Fontana	6311067064	CD	\$14.98		
10	Go Baby Go	Baby Loves Jazz	Concord Jazz	631040119X	CD	\$12.98		
	back							
[	DVD							
1	Bridge To Terabithia	Hutcherson, Josh	Buena Vista Home Entertainment	0788871307	DVD	\$29.99		
2	Arthur And The Invisibles	Highmore, Freddie	Genius Entertainment	6310963511	DVD	\$28.95		
3	Happy Feet	Wood, Elijah	Warner Home Video	1419846248	DVD	\$28.98		
4	Go Diego Go: Iguana Sing Along	Go Diego Go	Paramount Home Entertainment Buena Vista	1415726469	DVD	\$16.99		
F	lump In	Plau Carbin	Lomo	0700072044	סעם	\$26.00		

Jump In 5

6

7

	Jump In	Bleu, Corbin	Buena Vista Home Entertainment	0788872966	DVD
,	Bob The Builder: Bob's X Treme Adventures	Bob The Builder	Lyons Group	6310982478	DVD
,	Max & Ruby: Summertime With Max & Ruby	Max & Ruby	Paramount Home Entertainment	141573061X	DVD

Paramount Home

\$26.99

\$14.98

\$16.99

8	Blue's Clues: Blue's Room Shape Detect	Blues Clues	Entertainment	1415728003	DVD	\$16.99
9	Wonder Pets: Save The Wonder Pets	Wonder Pets	Епцентанинент	1415/30598	DVD	\$16.99
10	Charlotte's Web	Roberts, Julia	Paramount Home Entertainment	1415728615	DVD	\$29.99
	back					
V	/ideo Games					
1	Mario Party 8	Nintendo	Nintendo Wii	9786310785523	Game	\$49.99
2	Harry Potter And The Order Of the Phoenix	EA Games	Xbox 360	9786311078860	Game	\$39.99
3	Harry Potter And The Order Of the Phoenix	EA Games	Nintendo Wii	9786311078846	Game	\$49.99
4	Big Brain Academy	Nintendo	Nintendo Wii	9786311078785	Game	\$49.99
5	Harry Potter And The Order Of the Phoenix	EA Games	Xbox 360	9786311078891	Game	\$59.99
6	Tamagotchi Party On	NAMC	Nintendo Wii	9786311078747	Game	\$39.99
7	Forza 2	Microsoft	Xbox 360	9786310503721	Game	\$59.99
8	Surf's Up	UBI Software	Nintendo Wii	9786311023563	Game	\$49.99
9	Bionicle Heroes	EIDO	Nintendo Wii	9786310990842	Game	\$49.99
10	Ratatouille	THQ	Nintendo Wii	9786310935669	Game	\$49.99

back

### **Feature Titles**



Pippi Longstocking Astrid Lindgren Viking, September 2007 9870670062768, HRD, \$25.00

In 1950, Viking published the original English version of *Pippi Longstocking*, the story of an irrepressible redhaired, freckle-faced girl who lived with a monkey and a horse. Now this best-selling book has been given a sparkling new translation by an award-winning translator and delightful full-color illustrations by the critically acclaimed creator of the Charlie & Lola series in a large format book that is sure to become the definitive adition of a fourier of a fourier of a fourier of a fourier of the charles.

edition of a favorite classic.

<u>back</u>



### Maisy Big, Maisy Small

Lucy Cousins Candlewick Press, August 2007 9780763634063, HRD, \$15.99

You've never seen Maisy like this! She's fast, she's slow, she's messy, she's clean -- in this kaleidoscopic concept book, the beloved mouse even changes her look from familiar to new as she demonstrates thick and think, tall and short, young and old, wiggly and straight. The art is so vibrant that it leaps off the page, this fresh approach to concepts makes learning opposites irresistible for both loyal Maisy fans and new friends alike.

<u>back</u>



### Before I Die

Jenny Dowhham David Fickling Books, September 2007 9780385751582, LIB, \$18.99

A terminally ill teenaged girl makes and carries out a list of things to do before she dies.

### <u>back</u>



Evolution, Me & Other Freaks of Nature Robin Brande Alfred A. Knopf, August 2007 9780375943492, LIB, \$18.99

Following her conscience leads high school freshman Mena to clash with her parents and former friends from their conservative Christian church, but might result in better things when she stands up for a teacher who refuses to include "Intelligent Design" in lessons on evolution.

### <u>back</u>



Toy Boat

Randall de Sève, illustrated by Loren Long Philomel, September 2007 9780399243745, HRD, \$16.99

When the wind blows a little boy's beloved toy boat out into the wide lake, the little boat, missing his friend, must brave fierce waves, a surly ferry, a sassy schooner, and a growling speed boat in order to find his way home. back

### **Material Reviews**



Material Review – Picture Book **Turtle Summer: A Journal for My Daughter** by Mary Alice Monroe *Sylvan Dell, April 2007* 9780977742356, Hardcover, \$15.95 9780977742370, Paperback, \$8.95

Organized as a scrapbook for the author's daughter, it documents a summer of observing turtles on an East Coast beach. Starting in May, the loggerhead turtles return to the beach to lay their eggs about 20 inches under the sandy beach. Approximately two months pass as the turtles incubate, then start to hatch and submerge in a "boil." The sand boils over with baby turtles who follow the light of the moon towards the ocean. The book concludes with a full-circle idea that the turtles will return in 30 years to the same beach to lay their own eggs and the author will be there with her daughter to watch them return. Filled throughout with images of marine life on the beach, and quick visit of the Sea Turtle Hospital, the book is a good introduction to the early life of a loggerhead sea turtle. A glossary, loggerhead facts, and ideas of how to make a scrapbook, enhance the book for older readers. This title is recommended for children's collections, especially those with turtle enthusiasts. *JC Peacock, Collection Development Librarian*.

<u>back</u>



Material Review – Children's **Percy the Park Keeper: A Classic Treasury** by Nick Butterworth *HarperCollins, August 2007 9780007211371, Hardcover, \$18.99* 

Children will love this endearing collection of *Percy the Park Keeper* stories. Percy is kept very busy by his park keeping duties, but still has time to spend with his animal friends. Read about what happens when a chilly fox needs warming up, or when a dirty badger is offered a bath. Large font and clean, attractive, soft illustrations will appeal to new readers. These simple stories are also good for sharing and reading aloud programs. This book is highly recommended for all children's collections. *Reda Reil, Collection Development Librarian*. back



Material Review – Parenting I'm a Mom! Now What? by Su Laurent, MD Paw Prints, August 2007 9781435209909, Prebind, \$28.95 Dorling Kindersley, July 2007 9780756628512, Paperback, \$19.95

From birth to 24 months, this highly detailed account of early parenthood is a must have for new parents. Regardless of the title, emphasizing that this is for moms, this book highlights parenting concerns and must-know topics. Topics include: physical and mental development, health concerns as detailed as debating vaccinations and allergies. Organized chronologically by months, and with an excellent index, it is easy to find just about any topic of concern for a parent. Apgar scores, diet and nutrition, developmental playing, walking, talking, illness, etc. are explained in enough detail to feel comfortable with the subject at hand. This book would be excellent for any parent, new and experienced, mom or dad, is essential to any parenting collection. *Jill Faherty, Director of CATS.* 

back

Material Review – Teen **Into the Wild** by Sarah Beth Durst *Razorbill, June 2007 9781595141569, hardcover, \$15.99, 260 pages* 



There have been many fairy tale related books lately, but don't overlook this one. The personalities of the characters are fresh and fun and the story is original. The characters have escaped from the Wild and are enjoying their lives beyond their stories: Zel (Rapunzel) runs a hair salon, Cindy (Cinderella) dresses in bright clothes and speeds around in an orange car, the wicked witch runs the Wishing Well Motel, and Snow's seven are grumpy, sexist old men. However, the Wild is again growing strong and the characters may be doomed to forget their lives of free will and be trapped reenacting their stories forever. There are references to familiar old tales as well as some more obscure ones. The story is fast moving and fun as the characters pull together to defeat the Wild while trying not to get trapped in any of its stories. *Alyson Del Vecchio, Sr. Research Analyst, Continuations* 



Material Review – Music Little Mo'McCoury Little Mo'McCoury CD MCCY 0007 ISBN: 9786311395219, \$15.98 srp

The latest offering from McCoury Music may be a brand new release, but *Little Mo' McCoury*, the engaging children's bluegrass album from Ronnie McCoury and the Del McCoury Band, has been a long time coming. "It's something I've been wanting to do for a long time," says Ronnie, "probably since my first child was born, and he's nine now!" Yet whether they're bluegrass fans or simply parents in search of a fresh, energetic collection of songs for their children, listeners and, more importantly, their kids are sure to agree that it was worth the wait. From timeless favorites like "This Old Man" and "I've Been Working On The Railroad" to bluegrass classics like "Jimmy Brown The Newsboy" and "Going Ape Over You" and contemporary songs like Randy Newman's "You've Got A Friend In Me" (from Toy Story) and Bob Dylan's "Man Gave Names To All The Animals," *Little Mo' McCoury* is an introduction to bluegrass that reaches out to new generations of children without ever talking down to them.

<u>back</u>

back



Material Review – Video Shredderman Rules! DVD CO 21197 ISBN: 9781424869961, \$24.94 srp

Life's not easy when you're a nerd, especially when bullies rule the local Junior High school. Based on the graphic novel *Shredderman: Secret Identity, Shredderman Rules* is a Nickelodeon movie about Nolan Byrd, a brainy Junior High school student who is incessantly picked on by the slow-witted school bully Bubba Bixby. Assigned a project of creating a multi-media report on an issue important to him by his teacher Mr. Green, Nolan seeks revenge against Bixby by secretly filming the bully in action and launching a website exposing his despicable behavior. The repercussions of Nolan's actions quickly grow as Bixby's anger boils over and Principal Voss gets involved and implicates Mr. Green in the scheme. In the end, Nolan and his classmates learn an important lesson about taking risks and standing up for what they believe in. <u>back</u>



Material Review – Essential **Alter This!: Radical Ideas for Transforming Books Into Art** by Alena Hennessy *Lark Books, July 2007 9781579909482 , Hardcover, \$14.95* 

Clever, attractive, and innovative design ideas fill this book, making it perfect for children and teen craft collections and programs. Provided are 39 suggestions and samples of transformed books that have become unique masterpieces at the hands of young artists. "Think of the book as a blank canvas. To alter it you can draw, paint, write, or paste something in it. Or go to the extremes: Cut holes, weave paper through it....If you can imagine it, you can do it" notes the author. "Circle poems" for example shows highlighted words already printed in the book, manipulating them to read as a poem of the artist's own creation, then covering the rest of the book's page with a painting or collage. What a great way to reuse those books that have been weeded from your collection! The projects could be used for young children to teen art projects, or older children, grades 5+, could use the book on their own. This is a great way to promote the imagination and artist in everyone. Highly recommended! *Jill Faherty, Director of CATS.* 



back

Material Review – Spoken Word Saint Iggy by K.L. Going, narrated by Stephen Hoye *Listening Library, October 2006* 9780739336731, unabridged, 5 CDs, 4:00, \$35.00

Born addicted to drugs and raised in the projects, Iggy Corso has never had a kind life. Iggy is kicked out of high school, but wants to make something of his life. To do this, he knows he needs to be in school and to get

an education. He doesn't want to be like his drug addicted parents, or many of the people he sees around him. Iggy seeks the help and guidance of his philosophizing, yet naïve, friend Mo who gets himself in trouble with the infamous neighborhood drug dealer Freddy. Together Mo and Iggy go to Mo's mom for money, thinking it is the solution to all their problems. Mo's mom, her lifestyle, and demeanor provide a contrast to any life that Iggy has ever known. He sees that his life could have a brighter future with her help, he becomes more confident and focused on what is right and wrong. Though the people around him don't evolve and are full of contradictions, Iggy finds an inner-spiritual guidance in himself after many unique encounters with good, evil, stupidity, love, hate, neglect and respect. The content and abrupt ending are difficult to swallow. Narrator Hoye's Christopher Walken accent make for an interesting presentation. This audio is recommended for all teen, especially urban-set, libraries. *Reda Reil, Collection Development Librarian.* 

<u>back</u>