

SALUTE TO NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

*Reviewed on "Across the Fence" on WCAX
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by Amy Howlett, Debbie Landauer, and Judy Simpson

Collins, James. **BEGINNERS GREEK.** Little, Brown, 2008. \$23.99. ISBN 9780316021555.

Hopeless romantic Peter Russell meets his dream girl Holly on the plane, reading Thomas Mann. Classic novel of manners set in New York's modern upper crust.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **ELIJAH OF BUXTON.** Scholastic, 2007. \$16.99. ISBN 9780439023443. Listen Up! Vermont audio book.

The engaging story of a free black boy living in Canada during the time of slavery. Dorothy Canfield Fisher list (grades 4 to 8) and fine audio book.

Fergus, Jim. **ONE THOUSAND WHITE WOMEN: THE JOURNALS OF MAY DODD.** St. Martin's Griffin, 1999. Paper. \$14.95. ISBN 9780312199432.

Charming first novel about a fictitious Brides for Indians treaty between President Ulysses S. Grant and Little Wolf, chief of the Cheyenne nation. One thousand women will marry the Cheyenne and raise their children.

Graham, Bob. **HOW TO HEAL A BROKEN WING.** Candlewick, 2008. \$16.99. ISBN 9780763639037.

In a grey city landscape, a child notices a pigeon and rescues it. Graham has created a simple hopeful message in text and paint. Red Clover list (K- 4th grade)

Gravett, Emily. **MONKEY AND ME.** S & S, 2008. \$15.99. ISBN 9781416954576.

The perfect marriage of rhythmic chant and a child's favorite animals provide real preschool pleasure. Use this one to encourage activity before the afternoon nap!

Mortenson, Greg & Susan Roth. **LISTEN TO THE WIND.** Dial, 2009. \$16.99. ISBN 9780803730588.

A beautiful picture book version of the story told in *Three Cups of Tea* (Viking, 2006), about an American who is building schools in remote Pakistan and Afghanistan.



Parrado, Nando. **MIRACLE IN THE ANDES.** Three Rivers Press, 2007. Paper. \$13.95. ISBN 9781400097692. Listen Up! Vermont audio book.

Survival tale: a Chilean rugby team survived more than two months after their plane crashed into the snow-covered mountains. Green Mountain Book Award (grades 9-12).

Russo, Richard. **BRIDGE OF SIGHS.** Knopf, 2007. \$16.95. ISBN 9780375414954.

A long and winding road through the heart and soul of a shop keeper and his family tries to answer the question, “whose world view is accurate, optimists or realists?”

Schmidt, Gary. **THE WEDNESDAY WARS.** Clarion, 2007. \$16.00. ISBN 9780618724833. Scholastic Audio Books, 2007. \$34.95. ISBN 978-0439925013.

Middle School mishaps, Shakespeare, and crazy situations make a fun and funny book which also has plenty on which to reflect. Audio award winner.

Seder, Rufus Butler. **SWING!** Workman, 2008. \$12.95. ISBN 9780761151272.

The next generation of flip up books for the one to five crowd. Moving pictures with simple questions and sound words encourage movement and fun.

Slayton, Tom. **THE BEAUTY OF VERMONT.** Vermont Life, 1998. ISBN 0936896590. O.P.

A classic Vermont Life book that reminds us of the reasons people visit this state. Photographs from every corner and every season.

Snow, Dan. **IN THE COMPANY OF STONE.** Photographs by Peter Mauss. Artisan, 2001. \$35.00. ISBN 9781579651831.

Is building a Vermont stone wall more than an exacting craft? Snow’s words and walls illustrate the art of working with stone.

Weiner, Eric. **GEOGRAPHY OF BLISS.** Twelve, 2008. \$25.99. ISBN 9780446580267.

A long time NPR correspondent travels the world searching for what makes people happy. His stories provide rare glimpses into other countries and cultures.



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