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Book 'Em



Books and Publishing News for the Hiram College Library Community November 2011

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Fiction			
Author	Title	Call #	Comments
Jussi Adler-Olsen	<i>The Keeper of Lost Causes</i>	F Ad598k	When the protagonist is relegated to working cold cases, he becomes deeply involved with a five year old disappearance of a politician. (Winner of the 2010 Glass Key Award.)
Melanie Benjamin	<i>Alice I have Been: A Novel</i>	F B4384a	A fictionalized biography of Alice Liddell (who was the real life model for Alice in Wonderland) in later life.
Michael Ondaatje	<i>The Cat's Table</i>	F On 19c 2011	An ocean crossing, from Sri Lanka to England, in the 1950s as seen through the eyes of an eleven year old boy.
Steve Stern	<i>The Frozen Rabbi</i>	F St485f	The book flap does a better job capturing this than I ever could: "How does a nineteenth-century rabbi from a small Polish town end up in a freezer in a suburban Memphis home at the end of the twentieth century? And what happens when a teenage boy thaws him out and miraculously brings him back to life?"
Juvenile			
Author	Title	Call #	Comments

Berkeley Breathed	<i>Red Ranger Came Calling</i>	JF B7408r	Extended review below.
Richard Jennings	<i>Orwell's Luck</i>	JF J447o	Caring for an injured rabbit is a turning point in the protagonist's life.
Gary Paulsen	<i>Flat Broke</i>	JF P2854t 2011	The subtitle is fantastic: "The Theory, Practice, and Destructive Properties of Greed." The protagonist will do pretty much anything to make money, all in the service of taking a girl to a dance.
Brian Selznick	<i>Wonderstruck</i>	JF Se499w	A gorgeously illustrated and engaging story about two different people, a 12 year old boy and a girl he meets. The boy's story is told in words, and the girl's is told in pictures.

Graphic Novels

Author/Artist	Title	Call #	Comments
Walt Kelly	<i>Pogo: Prisoner of Love</i>	741.5973 Kel 1969	Not a new book, only new to the Hiram College Library. But come on, it's Pogo.
Craig Thompson	<i>Habibi</i>	F T3723h	This new work from Craig Thompson (one of my favorite graphic novelists) is the story of two refugee child slaves.

Memoir/Biography

Author	Title	Call #	Comments
Deborah Baker	<i>The Convert: A Tale of Exile and Extremism</i>	297.574092 Mar-B	A biography of Maryam Jameelah (born Margaret Marcus) who converted from Judaism to Islam and moved from New York City to Pakistan.
Umberto Eco	<i>Confessions of a Young Novelist</i>	853.914 Eco	It's an autobiography by Umberto Eco. Do I really need to tell you more?
Mary Gabriel	<i>Love and Capital: Karl and Jenny Marx and the Birth of a Revolution</i>	335.4092 Mar-G	Describes their early relationship and their marriage.
Michael Sims	<i>The Story of Charlotte's Web: E. B. White's Eccentric Life in Nature and the Birth of an American Classic</i>	818.52 Whi- S	All about the real life that influenced E. B. White's imaginary world.
Earl Swift	<i>The Big Roads</i>	388.12209 Swi	Ever been curious about the people behind our superhighways? If so, this book is for you.

Nonfiction

Author	Title	Call #	Comments
Cyrus Farivar	<i>The Internet of Elsewhere: The Emergent Effects of a Wired World</i>	303.483309 Far	What impact does the internet have on countries like South Korea, Senegal, Estonia, and Iran?
David Gessner	<i>Soaring with Fidel: An Osprey Odyssey from Cape Cod to Cuba and Beyond</i>	598.93 Ges 2007	The author followed a group of osprey on their annual migration, and this book is the result. Although he did end up in Cuba at one point, the Fidel in the title isn't the dictator. In this case, Fidel is the name of Gessner's favorite osprey.
Francis La Flesche (collected and translated the stories) and Garrick Bailey (editor)	<i>Traditions of the Osage</i>	398.089975 Tra	The 49 stories in this book were collected in Oklahoma between 1920 and 1923.
Steven Pinker	<i>The Better Angels of our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined</i>	393.609 Pin	The famous cognitive scientist turns his attention to violence and how it has evolved over history.

Awards

Award	Details	Comments
National Book Award: Fiction	<i>Salvage the Bones</i> by Jesmyn Ward	I have ordered a copy for the Hiram College Library.
National Book Award: Nonfiction	<i>The Swerve: How the World Became Modern</i> by Stephen Greenblatt	We already own a copy of this one, but as of this writing it is checked out. If you want to put a hold on it, just shoot me an email .
National Book Award: Poetry	<i>Head Off & Split</i> by Nikky Finney	The library has a copy of Rice , an earlier collection of Finney's. <i>Head Off & Split</i> will be added soon.
National Book Award: Young People's Literature	<i>Inside Out & Back Again</i> by Thanhha Lai	Another one that has to be ordered, but will be here soon.
National Book Award: Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters	John Ashbery	We have many many many books by this poet.
National Book Award: Literarian Award for Outstanding Service to the American Literary Community	Mitchell Kaplan	Kaplan is a cofounder of the Miami Book Fair International. More details at the National Book Foundation's website .
Aesop Award (American Folklore Society)	<i>Trickster: Native American Tales, a Graphic Collection</i> , edited by Matt Dembecki	This one of my favorite book I read in the last year, and yes, we have a copy .

Obituaries

Anne McCaffrey, 85	I spent much of my youth obsessed with dragons, and McCaffrey's Pern series was a big part of that obsession. The author had a stroke on November 21, 2011, and died in her home in Ireland on November 25. (LA Times obituary .)
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Featured Review

***Red Ranger Came Calling*, written by Berkeley Breathed, published in 1994 by Little, Brown and Company.**

I'm willing to admit that I'm a bit biased about the work of Berkeley Breathed. I've been enchanted with his art and storytelling since my age could be represented by a single digit. (Case in point: my gushing review of [the "Bloom County" compilations](#).) He elicits a combination of snark and childlike wonder from me whenever I encounter his work, especially if it's something I've never read before. That's exactly what happened when I picked up *Red Ranger Came Calling*.

According to the foreword, this book is based on a story that author's father told the family every Christmas Eve of Breathed's youth. Berkeley explains that the senior Breathed, who was known by his nickname "Red," swore up and down that it was a true story. In the course of the book, Red meets, disparages, but ultimately comes to believe in the powers of a local man named Saunder Clös (Santa Claus). The illustrations feature such wonders as a little boy glowing red with indignation, panicked bunnies scattering in fear, and a floating Dalmatian/Dachshund mix. Yes, it's a Christmas story, but since I was raised Jewish you can take my word for it: there's something here for people of any religious denomination.

Unless it has been checked out, you will find this title, and many others, on the new bookshelf on the first floor of the library. Once it has moved to its permanent home, you will find it in the Chamberlain Room with the rest of the children's literature, under [JF B7408r](#).

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