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Brown Student Picks!

Buyea, Rob: **Because of Mr. Terupt**
Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt. *2013 Nutmeg Book Award Winner* *Sequel: Mr. Terupt Falls Again*

Draper, Sharon: **Out of My Mind**
Eleven-year-old Melody has a photographic memory. Her head is like a video camera that is always recording. She's the smartest kid in her whole school—but no one knows it. If only she could speak up, if only she could tell people what she thinks and knows. . . but she can't, because Melody can't talk. She can't walk. She can't write. Being stuck inside her head is making Melody go out of her mind—that is, until she discovers something that will allow her to speak for the first time ever.

Mass, Wendy: **The Candymakers**
Four gifted twelve-year-olds, including Logan, the candymaker's son, are set to be contestants in the Confectionary Association's national competition to determine the nation's tastiest sweet, but nobody anticipates that a friendship will form between them.

Woodrow, Allan: **Pet War**
Eleven-year-old Otto wants a dog, and his older sister Lexi wants a cat, so their mother suggests that whoever can raise enough money to pay for their pet can choose—and so the competition begins.

Evans, Richard Paul: **Michael Vey : the prisoner of cell 25**
Fourteen-year-old Michael discovers he has special electrical powers and, with the help of his best friends, becomes aware that there are other teens with similar powers, but something or someone is hunting them and, after Michael's mother is kidnapped, he will need to rely on his powers and his friends to rescue his mom, protect himself, and save the others.

Gaiman, Neil: **The Graveyard Book**
The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures. Newbery Medal Winner 2009.

Gidwitz, Adam : **In a Glass Grimmly**
Frog joins cousins Jack and Jill in leaving their own stories to seek a magic mirror, encountering such creatures as giants, mermaids, and goblins along the way. Based in part on fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen.

Rowling, J.K.: **Harry Potter**
Any of these books are terrific, but if they are new to you, start with **The Sorcerer’s Stone**, the one where it all begins. Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.
2015 Nutmeg Nominees Intermediate Level

Brown Students read at both the Intermediate and Teen levels of this popular annual Connecticut Program. Nutmegs are nominated by a committee of students and librarians meeting in various grade level groups. These are the Intermediate titles. For more information about the Connecticut Nutmeg Program, visit: [http://www.nutmegaward.org/7101.html](http://www.nutmegaward.org/7101.html) For a look at the teen list, please visit [http://www.nutmegaward.org/107043/index.html](http://www.nutmegaward.org/107043/index.html)

Bacon, Lee: **Josua Dread: The dominion key**
When Alabaster Academy, a school for students with superpowers, comes under attack, Joshua and his friends must stop evil Phineas Vex from finding a mysterious key that will enable complete world domination for whoever possesses it.

George, Jessica Day: **Tuesdays at the castle**
Princess Celie loves Tuesdays at Castle Glower, because every Tuesday the castle adds a new room, a turret, or sometimes a whole new wing, and Celie likes to map the changes to the castle, but when her parents, King and Queen Glower are taken captive, it falls to Celie and her knowledge of the castle to defend their home and save the kingdom.

Gibbs, Stuart: **Spy School**
Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

MacLachlan, Patricia: **White Fur Flying**
Zoe's family rescues dogs in need. There is always the sweet smell of dog and a warm body looking to cuddle or play. There is always a new dog to be saved and loved. Fur flies everywhere. It covers everything. Zoe's house is never silent. But the house across the street is always silent these days. A new family has moved in and Phillip, the boy, has stopped speaking. Zoe knows that saving dogs and saving boys are different jobs, but she learns that some parts are the same. Both take attention and care, understanding and time. And maybe just a bit of white fur flying.

McMann, Lisa: **The Unwanteds**
In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic.

Morpurgo, Michael: **Shadow**
Teenager Aman and his mother lose their loyal spaniel Shadow while escaping Afghanistan to flee to England, and they must depend on a friend and his grandfather to enable Shadow's return.
Sherry, Maureen: **Walls Within Walls**
After their father, a video-game inventor, strikes it rich, the Smithfork kids find they hate their new life. They move from their cozy Brooklyn neighborhood to a swanky apartment on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue. They have no friends, a nanny who takes the place of their parents, and a school year looming ahead that promises to be miserable. And then, one day, Brid, CJ, and Patrick discover an astonishing secret about their apartment: The original owner, the deceased multimillionaire Mr. Post, long ago turned the apartment itself.

Stead, Rebecca: **Liar & Spy**
The instant New York Times bestseller from the author of the Newbery Medal book *When You Reach Me*: a story about spies, games, and friendship. Seventh grader Georges moves into a Brooklyn apartment building and meets Safer, a twelve-year-old self-appointed spy. Georges becomes Safer's first spy recruit. His assignment? Tracking the mysterious Mr. X, who lives in the apartment upstairs. But as Safer becomes more demanding, Georges starts to wonder: what is a lie, and what is a game? How far is too far to go for your only friend? Like the dazzling *When You Reach Me*, *Liar & Spy* will keep readers guessing until the end.

Tooke, Wes: **King of the mound : my summer with Satchel Paige**.
Twelve-year-old Nick loves baseball so after a year in the hospital fighting polio and with a brace on one leg, Nick takes a job with the team for which his father is catcher and gets to see the great pitcher, Satchel Paige, play during the 1935 season. Includes historical notes.

Woods, Brenda: **Saint Louis Armstrong Beach**
Saint is a boy with confidence as big as his name is long. A budding musician, he earns money playing clarinet for the New Orleans tourists. His best friend is a stray dog named Shadow, and it's because of Shadow that Saint's still in town when Hurricane Katrina hits. But now the city has been ordered to evacuate and Saint won't leave without Shadow. His search brings him to his elderly neighbor's home and the three of them flee to her attic when the waters rise. But when Miz Moran's medication runs out, it's up to Saint to save her life--and his beloved Shadow's.

### Realistic Fiction

Realistic fiction is about kids like you!

**Balliett, Blue:** **Danger Box**

Connor, Leslie: **Waiting for Normal**
Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York. *2012 Nutmeg Book Award Nominee*

**Davies, Jacqueline:** **The Lemonade War**

**Green, Tim:** **Baseball Great**
Harrington, Karen: **Sure Signs of Crazy**  
While most of her friends obsess over Harry Potter, she spends her time writing letters to Atticus Finch. She collects trouble words in her diary. Her best friend is a plant. And she’s never known her mother, who left when Sarah was two. Since then, Sarah and her dad have moved from one small Texas town to another, and not one has felt like home. Everything changes when Sarah launches an investigation into her family's Big Secret.

Kelley, Jane: **Desperate Adventures of Zeno and Alya**  
An orphaned African grey parrot who can speak 127 words. A girl so sick, she has forgotten what it means to try. Fate—and a banana nut muffin—bring them together. Will their shared encounter help them journey through storms inside and out? Will they lose their way, or will they find what really matters? Here is a story that will remind readers how navigating so many of life's desperate adventures requires friendship and, above all, hope.

Korman, Gordon: **Ungifted**

Palacio, R.J.: **Wonder**  
Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Pincus, Gregory K.: **14 Fibs of Gregory K.**  
Failing math but great at writing, Gregory finds the poetry (and humor) in what's hard. Gregory K is the middle child in a family of mathematical geniuses. But if he claimed to love math? Well, he’d be fibbing. What he really wants most is to go to Author Camp. "I LOVE math" he tells his parents. "I've entered a citywide math contest!" he tells his teacher. "We're going to author camp!" he tells his best friend, Kelly. Hilariously it's the "Fibonacci Sequence" -- a famous mathematical formula! - - that comes to the rescue, inspiring Gregory to create a whole new form of poem: the Fib!

Stead: **Rebecca**: **Liar & Spy**  
Weeks, Sarah: **Pie**

Alice’s Aunt Polly passes away and entrusts the recipe for her world-famous pie crust to her cat, which she leaves in Alice's care, and as everyone, including Alice, tries to discover the secret ingredients, Alice learns some important lessons about faith, love, and family.

**Fantasy/Science Fiction**

Both fantasy and science fiction are very popular genres for our readers at Brown. They are tales with magic, amazing creatures, possibilities of the fantastic, or all of the above!

Fforde, Cornelia: **The Last Dragonslayer**  
Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children. **Book two: Song of the Quarkbeast**. Now a 2015 Teen Nutmeg Nominee
Hale, Shannon: **Book of a Thousand Days**
Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her sixteen-year-old mistress, the Lady Saren, shares Saren’s years of punishment locked in a tower, then brings her safely to the lands of her true love, where both must hide who they are as they work as kitchen maids.

**Holt, K. A.:** Mike Stellar: nerves of steel

Jacques, Brian: **Mossflower**
Martin the warrior mouse and Gonnff the mouse thief set out to find the missing ruler of Mossflower, while the other animal inhabitants of the woodland prepare to rebel against the evil wildcat who has seized power. *This is the beginning.*

**Lerangis, Peter:** Colossus Rises

Lin, Grace: **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**

Reichs, Kathy: **Virals**

Riordan, Rick: **The Lightning Thief**

Rodda, Emily: **Golden Door**

**Sedgwick, Marcus:** The Book of Dead Days

Scott, Michael: **The Alchemyst:** Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel
Fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in the deadly struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient book that holds the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life. *Book number one of Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series.*

Shusterman, Neal: **Tesla’s Attic**

With a plot combining science and the supernatural, four kids are caught up in a dangerous plan concocted by the eccentric inventor Nikola Tesla.

Skelton, Michael: **Endymion Spring**
Having reluctantly accompanied his academic mother and pesky younger sister to Oxford, twelve-year-old Blake Winters is at loose ends until he stumbles across an ancient and magical book, secretly brought to England in 1453 by Gutenberg’s mute apprentice to save it from evil forces, and which now draws Blake into a dangerous and life-threatening quest.

**Snicket, Lemony:** Who Could that be at this hour?

**Stanley, Diane:** The Silver Bowl

Tolkien. J. R. R.: **The Hobbit**
Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit, becomes a thief for a band of dwarves and soon finds himself in the midst of a war with the evil goblins and wargs, and forced to make a decision between the call of duty and the pull of the simple life.

**Weston, Robert Paul:** The Creature Department

## Series

Many authors publish multi-title stories that unfold over several titles. Although each book in a series is a complete story, volumes are linked to a larger story arc. If you like the first, try the second!

**Riordan, Rick:** Red Pyramid
*Book number one of this adventure series*
Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a
dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

**Aguiar, Nadia**: Tales of Tamarind

**Baum, L. Frank**: The Oz Books

Colfer, Eoin: W.A.R.P. and Artemis Fowl,

**Dixon, Frank**: Hardy Boys Mysteries

**Funke, Cornelia**: Inkheart Trilogy

**Keene, Carolyn**: Nancy Drew Mysteries

Lerangis, Peter: Seven Wonders

Multiple authors: The 39 Clues

Paolini, Christopher: Inheritance Trilogy

Riordan, Rick: Percy Jackson

**Scott, Michael**: Immortal Nicholas Flamel

Snicket, Lemony: Series of Unfortunate Events

**Wilson, N. D**: 100 Cupboards
Mystery/Suspense

Stories about the unknown often unfolding through the story. Suspenseful books can sometimes be scary, (but that can be fun too!)

**Brown Student Picks!**

- **Downing, Mary Hahn:** *Closed for the season*
  When thirteen-year-old Logan and his family move into a run-down old house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved with his neighbor Arthur in a dangerous investigation to try to uncover the killer.

- **Funke, Cornelia:** *Thief lord*
  Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children.

- **Goebel, Jenny:** *Grave Images*
  When a mysterious and sinister stranger called Abbot Stein walks into the family-owned Alpine Monuments and asks for a job etching portraits for the gravestones, thirteen-year-old Bernadette is impressed with his art, but disturbed by the man himself--and then people in her small town start dying.

**Also Recommended**

- **Baccalario, Pierdomenico:** *Ring of Fire, Book 1, Star of Stone, Book 2, City of Wind, Book 3.*
  In their continuing quest to save the world from evil forces, Mistral, Elettra, Harvey, and Sheng meet again in Paris where they must search for the mysterious veil of Isis reportedly hidden in the heart of the city.

- **Feinstein, John:** *Rush for the Gold*
  Two teenaged aspiring journalists who are dating solve a mystery at the 2012 Olympic Games, while one simultaneously competes for a gold medal in swimming.

- **Hiassen, Carl:** *Chomp*
  Hiassen has again set up a cast of plucky, lovable Everglades kooks, pit them against greedy, wildlife-hating outsiders and buffoonish swamp villains, and mix it all up with offbeat humor, swift plotting, and heartfelt environmentalism.

- **Horowitz, Anthony:** *Alex Rider: Stormbreaker*
  *Book number one of this fantastic adventure series*
  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, MI6.

- **Pearson, Ridley:** *Kingdom Keepers I: Disney after Dark*
  Thirteen-year-old Finn Whitman and four other young teens have been transformed into holograms to be guides for visitors to Disney World, but now they must do battle with the evil witch, Maleficent, and her Overtakers to save Walt Disney World.

**Other Mystery/Suspense Authors:**

- Caroline B. Cooney, Cynthia C. DeFelice, Bruce Hale, F.E. Higgins, Odo Hirsch, James Howe, Gloria Skurzynski,
Steampunk

Steampunk is similar to science fiction but usually takes place in Victorian England or the American Wild West. Steampunk often uses steam-powered machinery and is frequently action-packed and suspenseful. Jules Verne was an old Master of the Steampunk genre, today it includes Matt Kirby, Eoin Colfer, and Eoin McNamee.

**Brown Student Picks:**

**Colfer, Eoin: The Reluctant Assassin**
In Victorian London, Albert Garrick, an assassin-for-hire, and his reluctant young apprentice, Riley, are transported via wormhole to modern London, where Riley teams up with a young FBI agent to stop Garrick from returning to his own time and using his newly acquired scientific knowledge and power to change the world forever.

**Bachmann, Stefan: The Peculiar**
Changeling Bartholomew Kettle, having been locked away by his mother to protect him from humans and faeries who would want him dead for being half-human and half-faery, witnesses another changeling being kidnapped by a beautiful and mysterious figure, and, after hearing of the bodies of changelings being found dead and marked with a red tattoo, he realizes he is the next target and must figure out a way to stay alive. *Book one of a new series.*

**Kirby, Matthew: The Clockwork Three**
As mysterious circumstances bring Giuseppe, Frederick, and Hannah together, their lives soon interlock like the turning gears in a clock and they realize that each one holds a key to solving the others’ mysteries.

**Selznick, Brian: The Invention of Hugo Cabret**
When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized. *Caldecott Medal 2008*

**Other Steampunk Authors:** Eoin McNamee, Phillip Pullman, Phillip Reeve, Jules Verne

**Historical Fiction**

Historical Fiction is stories set in times and places of long ago and is often based on true stories.

**Popular Student Choices:**

**Hopkinson, Deborah: The Great Trouble: a mystery of London, the blue death, and a boy called Eel.**
For Eel, things aren’t so bad until that fateful August day in 1854. Soon it’s clear that the deadly cholera--the "blue death"--has come to Broad Street, London. Everyone believes that cholera is spread through poisonous air. But one man, Dr. John Snow, has a different theory. As the epidemic surges, it’s up to Eel and his best friend Florrie to gather evidence to prove Snow’s theory before the entire neighborhood is wiped out. Part medical mystery, part survival story, and part Dickensian adventure, *The Great Trouble* is a celebration of a fascinating pioneer in public health and a gripping novel about the 1854 London cholera epidemic.

**Levine, Kristin: Lions of Little Rock**
Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is
actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families. 2014 Nutmeg Nominee

Schmidt, Gary: **Okay for Now**
Fourteen-year-old Doug Swieteck faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library. 2014 Nutmeg Nominee

**More Recommendations**

Avi: **Iron Thunder**
Thirteen-year-old Tom Carroll takes his place as head of the family after his father dies fighting for the Union; but his job at the local ironworks, where he helps build an iron ship for the Union army, and his loyalty come into question when he is approached by Confederate spies to sell secrets about the ship to the South.

Carlson, Drew: **Attack of the Turtle**
During the Revolutionary War, fourteen-year-old Nathan joins forces with his older cousin, the inventor David Bushnell, to secretly build the first submarine used in naval warfare.

Gantos, Jack: **Dead End in Norvelt**
In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses.

Morpurgo, Michael: **An Elephant in the Garden**
Lizzie and Karl's mother, Mutti, working at a local zoo in Dresden, Germany, during World War II while their father is away fighting in France, brings home Marlene, a baby elephant that is slated to be destroyed as the Allied bombing grows closer, and when they are forced to flee, Mutti feels they must take Marlene with them, adding even more danger.

Paver, Michelle: **Gods & Warriors**
In the turbulent world of the Mediterranean Bronze Age, Hylas, a lowly twelve-year-old goatherd, thief, and outsider, journeys from the Greek mountains to Crete and Egypt, making allies with animals, battling tyranny, and withstanding the elemental powers of the gods of land and sea.

Vanderpool, Clare: **Navigating Early**
Odyssey-like adventure of two boys' incredible quest on the Appalachian Trail where they deal with pirates, buried secrets, and extraordinary encounters. 2011 Newbery Award Winning author for Moon Over Manifest

**Other terrific Historical Fiction Authors**

Karen Cushman, Patricia Reilly Giff, Karen Hesse, Mary Hooper, Kathryn Lasky, Donna Jo Napoli, Gary Paulsen, Ann Rinaldi, Cynthia Rylant, Jean Van Leeuwen, Gloria Whelan, Elvira Woodruff.
Graphic Novels

Graphic Novels were once considered only comic books, but now encompass children and teen-directed novels to tell the story graphically. Some are very famous while other authors and illustrators are newcomers to the genre. Graphic novels often provide readers with entry-level access to popular authors.

Brown Student Picks:

Goscinny, R. and Uderzo, A.: Asterix and Obelix All at Sea
After Obelix drinks a potion that turns him to stone, Asterix sets out to find a cure, and along the way he finds himself on the continent of Atlantis.

Hergé: The Adventures of Tintin
This wildly popular series is about the global adventures of a boy and his dog, Fluffy. The series has been translated into dozens of languages.

Kinney, Jeff: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the third wheel
As the day of the Valentine's Day dance approaches, Greg Heffley worries he will be left out until a twist of fate lands Greg with a date, but leaves his best friend, Rowley, on his own.

Recommendations

Selznick, Brian: Wonderstruck
This book relates the stories of twelve-year-old Ben, who loses his mother and his hearing and decides to leave his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City, and Rose, who lives with her father but feels compelled to search for what is missing in her life. Ben’s story is told in words; Rose’s in pictures.

Smith, Jeff: Bone 1: Out From Boneville
Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone are run out of their home, Boneville, and become separated in the wilds, but better fortune begins when the three cousins reunite at a farmstead in a deep forested valley, where Fone meets a young girl named Thorn. Start here!

Tatulli, Mark: Desmond Pucket makes Monster Magic
Meet Desmond Pucket--master of mayhem! Will his monster-y special effects pranks get him kicked out of middle school before the class trip to Crab Shell Pier? Or will Desmond be able to keep his monster magic in check?

Biography

Bragg, Georgia: How they croaked : the awful ends of the awfully famous
This fascinating collection of remarkable deaths relays all the gory details of how 19 world figures gave up the ghost, including King Tut, Julius Caesar, George Washington, Edgar Allan Poe, and Henry VIII. Illustrations.

Fleischman, John: Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science
This is the true story of Phineas Gage, whose brain had been pierced by an iron rod in 1848, and who survived and became a case study in how the brain functions.
Freedman, Russell: **Lafayette and the American Revolution**
Freedman examines the role of the Marquis de Lafayette in the American Revolution, and discusses how the nineteen-year-old defied the king of France to join the fight for liberty in the United States.

Kirkpatrick, Katherine: **Mysterious Bones: The Story of Kennewick Man**
This book looks at the 1996 discovery of a nearly complete ancient human skeleton along a bank of the Columbia River in Kennewick, Washington, the legal battle that followed over the status of the remains, the methods used to study them, and the surprises that they revealed.

Other Suggested Authors

James Lincoln Collier, Tomie De Paola, Dennis B. Fradin, Jean Fritz, Nikki Grimes, Eric A. Kimmel, Walter Dean Myers, Andrea Davis Pinkney

**Non Fiction**

Nonfiction reading is becoming increasingly important as students use the text-based Internet for research. Additionally, we find that more readers are attracted to nonfiction for pleasure reading that novels. We offer these titles as a possible foray for your student into new territory as well as some great new titles students may not have read.

**Brown Student Picks**

**Fullman, Joseph: Ancient Civilizations**
The most trusted nonfiction series on the market, *Eyewitness Books* provide an in-depth, comprehensive look at their subjects with a unique integration of words and pictures. From the intriguing world of pharaohs in Ancient Egypt, to the arts of Greece and Rome, to the amazing culture of the Mayans, *Eyewitness: Ancient Civilizations* looks at the world’s most fascinating societies and the legacies they left behind.

**Krieger, Emily: Myths Busted! Just when you thought you knew what you knew**
Did you know fortune cookies aren't even found in China? Or that alligators don't actually live in the sewers of New York City? Want to prove it to your friends? This book gives kids the tools to break and bust wild and wacky myths from around the world. These myths reveal a broad range of historical and scientific truths that keep kids learning while interacting with their favorite fictional "facts."

**Newman, Aline Alexander: How to Speak Dog: a guide to decoding dog language**
*How to Speak Dog* is a fun, informative, and photographically driven book that helps kids understand what their dog is trying to tell them through body language and behavior. Readers young and old will respond to the irresistible call of the canine in this delightful book that will warm hearts and wag tails everywhere--a must-have in every home where pups are looking for love and understanding.

**Other Non Fiction Recommendations**

**The Chronicles of Harris Burdick: 14 Amazing Authors Tell the Tales (short stories)**
This book presents fourteen short stories from award-winning authors based on the illustrations in Chris Van Allsburg's *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick* with an introduction by Lemony Snicket.
Berger, Lee R.:  **The skull in the rock: how a scientist, a boy, and Google Earth opened a new window on human origins**
Tells the story of how Professor Lee Berger and his nine-year-old son used Google Earth to find a new way to study the history of human evolution.

**Bernstein, Daryl:**  **Better than a lemonade stand! : small business ideas for kids**

**D'Aulaire, Ingrid and Edgar Parin:**  **Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths**

**Deem, James M.:**  **Faces from the past: forgotten people of North America**
Describes the discovery of bodies in North America from fifteen to twenty thousand years ago, and discusses the evidence their remains reveal about themselves and the civilizations in which they lived.

**Eamer, Claire:**  **The world in your lunch box**
Explore a week of lunches--from apples to pizza--by taking a romp through thousands of years of extraordinary events. Some are amusing, like the accidental invention of potato chips. Others are tragic, such as the Spice Wars, which killed thousands of people.

**Freedman, Russell:**  **Who Was First?**

Frydenborg, Kay :  **Wild Horse Scientists**
Descriptive prose meets solid science as author Kay Frydenborg offers a rare glimpse into the wild herds of Assateague, sharing beautiful photos of the Assateague herds in their island home and of both of the scientists at work—some of them never seen before.

**Gifford, Clive:**  **The great global puzzle challenge with Google Earth**

**Glenn, Joshua:**  **Unbored: the essential field guide to serious fun**

**Hague, Bradley:**  **Alien deep: revealing the mysterious living world at the bottom of the ocean**
This engaging reference book depicts adventurous and thrilling elements in oceanographic fieldwork.

**Harvey, Derek:**  **Super nature encyclopedia: the 100 most incredible creatures on the planet**

**Johnson, Rebecca L.:**  **Zombie makers: true stories of nature's undead**

**Simon, Seymour:**  **Seymour Simon's extreme earth records**

**Swanson, James L.:**  **Chasing Lincoln’s Killer**

**Silverstein, Shel:**  **Every Thing on It: Poems and Drawings**

**Skurzinski, Gloria:**  **This is Rocket Science**
BOOKFAIR 2014 BESTSELLERS

The PTO Book Fair is an annual fundraiser event and always has best sellers. These were the 2014 best selling titles.

Daywalt, Drew: The Day the Crayons Quit

Colfer, Eoin: W.A.R.P. The Reluctant Assassin

Goebel, Jenny: Grave Images

Gregory, Morna: Toilets of the World

Harrington, Karen: Sure Signs of Crazy

Hopkinson, Deborah: The Great Trouble

Krieger, Emily: Myths Busted! Just when you thought

Newman, Aline Alexander: How to Speak Dog

Weston, Robert Paul: The Creature Department

Woodrow, Allan: Pet War