High-Interest Non-Fiction Books for Eighth Graders

Anything by Tonya Bolden

Anything by Jim Murphy

Anything by Russell Freedman

Anything by Penny Colman

Anything by Milton Meltzer

Anything by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Anything by Marc Aronson

Anything by Deborah Ellis

Siebert Award Winners

100 Diagrams That Changed the World by Scott Christianson

A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah

A Night to Remember by Walter Lord

Amelia Lost by Candace Fleming

An American Plague by Jim Murphy

Black Gold by Marguerite Henry

The Blind Side by Michael Lewis

Bomb by Steve Sheinkin

Bootleg by Karen Blumenthal

Can I See Your ID? by Paul Hoppe

Candy Bomber by Michael Tunnell

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson

Chew On This by Charles Wilson

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice by Phillip Hoose

Close to Shore by Michael Capuzzo

Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac

Looks Like Daylight: Voices of Indigenous Kids by Loriene Roy

Electric Dreams by Caroline Kettlewell

Elephant Talk by Ann Downer

Enrique's Journey (adapted for young people) by Sonia Nazario

Four Perfect Pebbles by Lila Perl

Get Real: What Kind of World Are You Buying? by Mara Rockliff

Getting Away with Murder by Chris Crowe

Ghosts in the Fog by Samantha Seiple

Go: a Kidd's Guide to Graphic Design by Chip Kidd

His Name Was Raoul by Louise Borden

Hitler Youth by Susan Bartoletti

Hoop Dreams by Ben Jorvasky

How They Croaked by Georgia Bragg

Inherit the Wind by Jerome Lawrence

Invisible Microbe by Jim Murphy

Last Bus Out by Beck McDowell

Left for Dead by Pete Nelson

Little Rock Girl 1957 by Shelley Tougas

Lost Boy Lost Girl by John Bul Dau

Moonbird by Phillip Hoose

Nazi Hunters by Neal Bascomb

October Mourning by Leslea Newman

October Sky by Homer Hickman

Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan

On the Hardwood series

Outcasts United by Warren St. John

Phineas Gage by John Fleishman

Radioactive Boy Scout by Ken Silverstein

Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang

Revenge of the Whale by Nathaniel Philbrick

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton

Stick Figure by Lori Gottlieb

Sugar Changed the World by Marc Aronson

Super Graphic: A Visual Guide to the Comic Book Universe by Tim Leong

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba

The Frog Scientist by Andy Comins

The Guy Book by Mavis Jukes

The Impossible Rescue by Martin Sandler

The Long Run by Matt Long

The President Has Been Shot by James Swanson

The Race to Save the Lord God Bird - Phillip Hoose

The Two Wes Moores by Wes Moore

The Warrior's Heart by Eric Greitens

Their Skeletons Speak by Sally Walker

Trapped by Marc Aronson

Truce by Jim Murphy

Tuesday's With Morrie by Mitch Albom

Urban Entrepreneur series

Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Beals

Watch This Space by Hadley Dyer

We Beat the Streets by Sampson Davis

Witches: the Absolute True Tale of Disaster in Salem by Rosalyn Schanzer

World Without Fish by Mark Kurlansky

Yes She Did series

Zlata's Diary by Zlata Filipovic