

**2007 Spring New Recommended Titles**

BY Carol Crane

**World History**

- 0-374-37007-9 *Sky Sweeper* Phillis Gershator 16.00  
The monk's flower garden in Japan are kept beautiful by Takeboki. Years pass and he never leaves the garden and is criticized for his lack of accomplishments, however when he is gone forever the gardens never look the same. A great story.

**American History**

- 0-374-32225-2 *The Escape of Oney Judge* Emily Arnold McCully 16.00  
The story of Martha Washington's slave and how she finds freedom.
- 0-618-80911-2 *The Flag Maker* Susan Bartoletti 6.95  
A story of the Star Spangled Banner—finally in paperback.
- 0-8037-3028-1 *Papa and the Pioneer Quilt* Jean Van Leeuwen 16.99  
A family travels to Oregon and they gather pieces of cloth for a quilt.
- 1-585-36286-7 *Rudy Rides the Rails* Dandi Daley Mackall 17.95  
A Depression era story of a young boy who sets off from Ohio to California during a bleak time in our history.
- 0-670-05982-9 *A Nickel, a Trolley a Treasure House* Sharon Baker 16.99  
A young boy is given a nickel by his teacher to travel and see the Metro Museum of Art.
- 0-689-83026-2 *At Ellis Island* Louise Peacock 18.99  
Told in three voices, this true account of coming to America through Ellis Island.
- 0-689-86506-6 *How to Bake an American Pie* Karma Wilson 16.99  
A story in rhyme with a recipe for how to bake a pie from all things that make America Great.
- 1-4169-3514-2 *Ghost Ship* Mary Higgins Clark 17.99  
This well known adult writer has written a book with adventure and history. The illustrations by Wendell Minor are exquisite. A depression era story told very well in a new series about America.
- 0-374-30349-5 *Angelina's Island* Jeanette Winter 16.00  
Living in this new country, a homesick Angelina finds a way to celebrate Carnival in New York.
- 0-8050-8770-1 *Patience Wright* Pegi Deitz Shea 17.95  
America's first wax museum and it's involvement in the war.
- 0-689-84879-X *Wind Flyers* Angela Johnson 16.99  
Telling the contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen and their role in America's wars.
- 1-4189-2436-1 *Lightship* Brian Floca 16.99  
An interesting naval history of the ships that stayed their course marking the shipping lanes in place of lighthouses.
- 0-399-24175-8 *Make Your Mark, Franklin Roosevelt* Judith St. George 16.99  
Young Franklin had everything he wanted until he went to boarding school and had to compete with the rest of the school. Very interesting biography.
- 0-316-52393-3 *The Long Gone Lonesome History of Country Music* Bret Bertholf 18.99  
This great pictorial could go in music, biography and history. It has such interesting detail of the music history in our country.
- 0-7636-2263-3 *Dadblamed Union Army* Susan Fletcher 16.99  
Based on a true story of a cow during the Civil War who saved lives.

**Multi-Cultural**

- 0-8050-4214-8 *Chinatown* William Low 16.95  
A walk through Chinatown with Grandma tells the everyday life in a busy neighborhood.
- 0-316-52552-9 *Every Year on your Birthday* Rose Lewis 16.99  
A touching portrait of a mother and adopted child celebrating birthdays. From the creators of *I love you like crazy cakes*.
- 0-8050-7468-6 *Oye, Celia!* Katie Sciorba 16.95  
A tribute to Celia Cruz the passionate singer who honors her country- Cuba.

- 0-670-06084-9 *Dragon Dancing* Carole Lexa Schaefer 16.99  
Celebrating dragons, drawing and making of dragons for the Chinese New Year.
- 0-8037-2987-2 *Champions on the Bench* Carole Boston Weatherford 16.99  
The true story of the Cannon Street YMCA all stars.
- 0-525-47493-7 *The Real Story of Stone Soup* Ying Chang Compestine 16.99  
An old favorite with a new twist.

### **Science**

- 0-374-39967-0 *Fox* Kate Banks 16.00  
A gentle story of animal parenting and how baby fox is taught how to live in the wilderness.
- 0-15-205869-4 *Scien-Trickery* J.Patrick Lewis 6.00  
Riddles in science.—finally in paperback.
- 0-15-205972-9 *The Tale of Pale Male* Jeanette Winter 16.00  
All bird lovers will love this true story, of a pair of red hawks who take up residence in N.Y.
- 0-15-205353-6 *Pirates Don't Change Diapers* Melinda Long 16.00  
The best of all the many pirate books, this one is really funny.
- 0-374-34369-1 *Leaving the Nest* Mordicai Gerstein 16.00  
The captioned dialogue is fun to follow with the humorous circle story illustrations. A baby bird wants to leave the nest but all around him is danger.
- 0-7636-2378-4 *Up, Down and Around* Katherine Ayres 16.99  
Growing Vegetables in a garden and what grows on top of the ground and under the ground.
- 0-618-73463-5 *Tsunami Warning* Taylor Morrison 17.00  
The best I have read on this natural disaster.
- 0-7636-3364-6 *White Owl, Barn Owl* Nicola Davies 16.99  
A narrative told with side information, on the white owl. Great book.
- 0-316-01064-2 *Flush, the scoop on poop* Charise Mericle Harper 15.99  
History, informational text on disease and the invention of the toilet. A good reference.
- 0-618-58131-3 *Tracking Trash* Loree Burns 18.00  
Flotsam, jetsam and the science of ocean motion. A good reference for libraries.
- 0-689-87777-3 *Birdsongs* Betsy Franco 16.99  
Vivid illustrations with the language of bird calls.
- 0-399-22653-3 *Babies in the Bayou* Jim Arnosky 16.99  
This author has made available the study of the bayou and in large words and beautiful illustrations.
- 0-399-24294-6 *Little Monkey Lost* Keith Duquette 15.99  
This is a narrative but in the back has a great description of the different monkey families.
- 0-8118-5520-1 *A Seed is Sleepy* Aston& Long 16.95  
Beautifully illustrated this companion book to an Egg is Quiet, has a volume of facts.

### **Math**

- 0-8050-7389-2 *It's Probably Penny* Loreen Leedy 16.95  
A very good book on probability.
- 0-15-205848-7 *Arithme-Tickle* J.Patrick Lewis 6.00  
An even number of odd riddle rhymes—finally in paperback.
- 0-15-204091 *Mouse Shapes* Ellen Walsh 16.00  
As a re-issue, this is a great introduction to shapes for the pre-k group.
- 0-8050-7954-8 *Patterns in Peru* Cindy Neuschwander 16.95  
An adventure in teaching patterning.
- 0-689-83844-1 *Whopper Cake* Karma Wilson 16.99  
With the real cake recipe in the back of the book, we find a most delightful in rhyme story Of baking Grandma's cake. (I loved it)

### **Poetry and Songs**

- 0-374-38057-0 *Animal Poems* Valerie Worth 17.00

The visuals and poetry are fun.

- 0-15-205372-7 *Comets, stars, the moon, and mars* Douglas Florian 16.00  
Space poems and paintings done by the author is one of the best.
- 0-374-34902-9 *Me I Am* Jack Prelutsky 16.00  
Poetry with self esteem, pride, and character building in this new visual book.
- 0-8050-3817-5 *Animal Friends* Many Poets 16.95  
A collection of poems for children that is special as the paintings are by one of my favorite artist, Michael Hague.
- 0-8037-2972-8 *Shout! Little Poems that Roar* Brod Bagert 16.99  
A new fun read aloud poetry book.
- 0-7636-3381-3 *The Boy on the Bus* Penny Dale 15.99  
New words, old song with animal sounds for the younger grades.
- 0-15-205412-2 *Opposites, more opposites, and a few differences* Richard Wilbur 10.95  
Fun and good ideas for teaching rhyming poetry on many subjects.
- 0-689-84732-7 *Let it Shine* Ashley Bryan 16.99  
Three favorite spirituals with vivid illustrations. A Beautiful book.
- 0-689-85469-2 *The Snack Smasher* Andrea Perry 16.99  
In poetry, all the reasons it's not my fault.
- 0-8050-7354-X *Toad by the Road* Joanne Ryder 16.95  
A year poetically in the life of amazing amphibians
- 0-8050-7715-4 *Holiday Stew* Jenny Whitehead 17.95  
The best collection of holiday poems I have read and want to use.
- 0-316-14840-7 *Mrs. O'Leary's Cow* Mary Ann Hoberman 16.99  
From the song, comes a great visual with fun rhyming lyrics.

### **Biographies**

- 0-7636-2548-1 *Different Like Coco* Elizabeth Matthews 16.99  
The life of Coco Chanel and her desire to create comfortable clothes.
- 0-689-86276-8 *Stealing Home* Robert Burleigh 16.99  
Jackie Robinson and his story of playing the sport he loved against the odds.
- 0-689-87752-8 *War Women and the News* Catherine Gourley 21.99  
How female journalists won the battle to cover WWII. A great read.
- 0-399-24692-0 *Why? The War Years* Tomie DePaola 14.99  
Written in this author's famous style, he tells of how war came to his street, his home and his family.
- 0-525-47148-1 *Sophisticated Ladies* Leslie Gourse 19.99  
Many of the great women of jazz.

### **Social Issues**

- 0-374-35120-1 *My Brother* Anthony Browne 16.00  
Big brother is the hero of little brother in this really cool book.
- 0-399-24310-3 *Eddie's Little Sister* Ed Koch 16.99  
Going on summer vacation and having a tag along sister is not fun, until she almost is lost.
- 0-374-39944-1 *Daffodil Crocodile* Emily Jenkins 16.00  
Individuality and independence tell a story of being your own person.
- 0-7636-2285-5 *A Promise is a promise* Florence Parry Heide 15.99  
Funny, imaginative and every child that wants a pet will understand this book.
- 0-618-23855-7 *Courage* Bernard Waber 12.00  
A small book in size with a huge message, telling of the many kinds of courage. Re-issue.
- 1-58980-392-3 *Love the Baby* Steven Layne 16.95  
A new baby, sibling rivalry at its best or worst.
- 0-618-73474-0 *Alert!* Etienne Delessert 17.00  
Fear and misplaced trust are the messages in this great story.

0-399-22035-7 *Thunder Bunny* Barbara Berger 16.99

This bunny came from the sky and he is blue. It teaches individualism.

### **Good Read-Alouds**

0-374-31251-6 *The Chicken chasing queen of Lamar County*

Janice Harrington 16.00

1-4169-1813-2 *The John Hancock Club*

Louise Borden 16.99

This is a great learning story for creative writing.

0-15-20506-2 *My Life as a Chicken*

Ellen Kelley 16.00

What's with all the chicken books???? Language, illustrations make this the most humorous read aloud on the list. I loved it.

0-8037-2676-3 *The Twin Princess*

Tedd Arnold 16.99

This has the plot of a fairy tale, fun. Another chicken book.

1-58536-311-1 *Brewster the Rooster*

Devin Scillian 16.95

You guessed it another chicken book! This one is fun with a rooster that needs glasses so he can crow in the day.

0-618-60567-3 *When I Met the Wolf Girls*

Deborah Noyes 17.00

Taken from the old story of ferel girls who are raised by a wolf pack in India.

0-399-24736-1 *Mars Needs Mothers*

Berkley Breathed 16.99

Disgruntled about his mom, this little boy finds in a circle story that moms are good.

0-689-83799-2 *Big Bad Wolves at School*

Stephen Krensky 15.99

Rufus. Does not fit in at the Big Bad Wolf Academy. Great fun.

0-618-64638-8 *I've Painted Everything*

Scott Magoon 16.00

When a painter has painters block, he travels to Paris to see the world differently.

0-374-37133-4 *Some Dog*

Mary Casanova 16.00

Jealousy in the canine world that makes a great visual read.

0-763-63117-5 *Diamond in the Snow*

Jonathan Emmett 15.99

Mole finds what he thinks is a diamond until he picks it up and tries to carry "it" home. An icicle.

0-15-216779-0 *Heat Wave*

Eileen Spinelli 16.00

The author is at the top of her writing in this weather drama, where heat is villain.

0-618-50759-0 *Chicken Joy on Redbean Road*

Jacqueline Briggs Martin 17.00

With Louisiana flavor, this is a great bayou country romp.

0-316-01386-2 *Priscilla Superstar*

Nathaniel Hobbie 16.99

One of the best on the list, rhyming story of Priscilla who does not get the star role in the school play but finds her part is just right for her.

0-689-86740-9 *One Eye, Two Eyes, Three Eyes*

Aaron Shepard 16.95

A very Grimm fairy tale-of three sisters, the good , the bad and the ugly. Fun

0-689-87479-0 *Tippy, Tippy, Tippy, Hide!*

Candace Fleming 16.95

From the author, Muncha, Muncha, those pesky rabbits now try to get into the house for the winter.

0-689-85787-4 *A Mama for Owen*

Marian Dane Bauer 15.99

A rhino washed away during a tsunami, becomes attached to a tortoise in this true story.

0-399-24674-6 *Dinner in the Lion's Den*

Bob Hartman 16.99

An old bible story, told with delicious humor and fun.

0-316-01460-5 *The Gulps*

Rosemary Wells 16.99

Nutrition, exercise and fun are the Gulp family who find being overweight is not good.

### **Pre-School**

0-15-206092-3 *Alligator Boy*

Cynthia Rylant 16.00

A boy who becomes an alligator, goes to school, and is quite content in his green suit an aunt sends to him. Fun.

0-15-205410-6 *Hurry! Hurry!*

Eve Bunting 16.00

A book with words that will be recognized by children when read through once, the illustrations are wonderful.

- 0-525-47647-4 *The Moon Might be Milk* Lisa Shulman 16.99  
Trying to find out what the moon is made of, all the animals end up in Gran's kitchen where moon cookies are made.
- 0-8050-7102-4 *Hush Little Puppy* April Pulley Sayre 15.95  
Rhyming and soft colors tell of a love of baby and a puppy.
- 0-689-86252-0 *Angels watching over me* Julia Durango 16.99  
An old spiritual to reassure every child. Beautiful illustrations.
- 0-7636-3343-1 *A Book of Colors-Butterfly* Petr Horacek 12.99  
In the tradition of Very Hungry Caterpillar, a cut out and colorful beauty.
- 0-618-73741-3 *Out of the Egg* Tina Matthews 12.95  
A re-telling of Little Red Hen with a twist.
- 0-7636-3310-3 *Bee Frog* Martin Waddell 14.99  
Imagination and a great play on words, makes this a fun hide and seek story.
- 0-7232-5820-1 *Peter Rabbit* Beatrix Potter 14.95  
Lift the flap with words, colors and numbers in this very durable bound old classic.
- 0-698-40054-2 *The Little Flower King* Kveta Pacovska 17.99  
i garden of tulips in bright colors make this imaginative story bold and fresh.
- 0-76362430-9 *The Perfect Nest* Catherine Friend 16.99  
Jack the cat is building the perfect nest for the perfect egg which will make a perfect omelet. The illustrations and language are great.
- 0-689-85947-3 *Bear of my Heart* Joanne Ryder 12.95  
A reassuring comfort story of a mother and her bear cub. Beautiful
- 0-8037-3092-2 *Rainy Day* Patricia Lakin 16.99  
Four alligators find the perfect way to spend a day in the rain.
- 0-399-24496-4 *What a Party!* Sandy Asher 15.99  
Grandpa's birthday party is over and after all the preparations; Froggy does not want to stop and settle down and go to bed.
- 0-8037-2939-1 *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* Caralyn Buehner 16.99  
This old tale told with new illustrations and fun language.

### **Alphabet Books**

- 0-618-71718-8 *Who put the B in the Ballyhoo?* Carlyn Beccia 16.00  
The most amazing, bizarre and celebrated circus performers
- 1-58536-290-5 *S is for Shamrock* Eve Bunting 17.95  
Great for St. Patrick's Day and every other occasion, enjoying Ireland to its fullest.

### **Board Books**

- 0-7534-6060-3 *Animal Babies in the rain forest* 6.95
- 0-618-84019-2 *Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel* 7.99
- 0-8431-2178-0 *Just for Mommy* 5.99
- 0-7636-3328-8 *Tall* 6.99
- 0-7534-6059-7 *Animal Babies in ponds and rivers* 6.95
- 1-4169-0325-9 *Little Quacks Hide and Seek* 7.99
- 0399-24647-0 *My Very First Book of Animal Homes* 5.99
- 0-399-24648-7 *My Very First Book of Animal Sounds* 5.99

### **Chapter Books**

- 0-374-37264-0 *The Story of Jonas* Maurine Dahlberg 16.00  
Leaving the plantation as a slave and heading to the gold mines with the masters son brings Many adventures for this young man and finally his escape to Mexico.
- 0-525-47775-4 *Mary Margaret Meets her Match* Christine MacLean 15.99  
Going to a dude ranch and the many misadventures leads Mary Margaret on another Adventure in this on going series.