



VOYA'S NONFICTION HONOR LIST

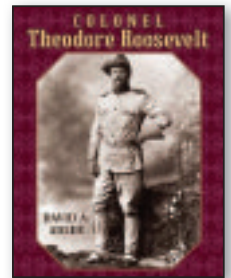
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NONFICTION HONOR LIST 2014 BOOKS MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

- Suitable for middle school/junior high readers in grades six through eight
- Address curricular needs or personal reading interests
- Were published in 2014
- Contain some element(s) that raise them above other books on the same topic, such as unique research, creative presentation, inventive use of photography, or filling a niche at the middle level

IN A YEAR of less abundant publications produced for curious young readers, the 2014 Nonfiction Honor List juxtaposes quality books as diverse as a survey of farm worker solidarity, the basics of philosophy and psychology, and encomiums to female scientists. A number of entries invite readers with cartoons, photos, maps, and sidebars—the enticing features of *Batman Science*, *The Teen Money Manual*, *Native Elders Sharing Their Wisdom*, and *Do You Know Who You Are?*, the young adult version of the bestselling adult workbook *What Color Is Your Parachute?* For refreshing topics, imaginative layout, and stimulating composition, each choice met the criteria of a range of middle school reading levels and interests and the values and preferences of librarians, teachers, parents, and reviewers.

Adler, David A. **Colonel Theodore Roosevelt**. Holiday House, 2014. 144p. \$18.95. 978-0-8234-2950-9. Timeline. Biblio. Index.



An objective life story of a U.S. president, Nobelist, and world statesman, Adler's writing and layout present a realistic biography that replaces adulation with reflection. The text interweaves serendipity into the career of a man thrust into national leadership by the assassination of the previous president. Violence balances intelligence and bonhomie, hallmarks of Teddy Roosevelt's public persona.

★★★★ PUBLISHERS: HOW TO NOMINATE YOUR BOOKS FOR VOYA'S NEXT NONFICTION HONOR LIST

If your 2015 publications for middle/junior high school readers fulfill the criteria in this list's introduction, you may nominate qualified titles. Please note that the minimum grade level interest is grade six.

1. Select your finest publications; you are limited to five titles from each imprint.
2. Send five copies of each nominated book to our committee chair. See our website for contact information.
3. Be sure that we receive your books as early as possible but no later than **January 31, 2016**.
4. Winning selections will be featured in the next edition of the Nonfiction Honor List, an annotated bibliography in the August 2016 issue of **VOYA**, and on the **VOYA** website at <http://www.voyamagazine.com>.
5. Refer procedural questions to **VOYA** Editor in Chief, RoseMary Honnold, at rhonnold@voyamagazine.com.

NOTE: Books submitted for the Honor List are not automatically reviewed in **VOYA**. Please send review copies to **Lisa Kurdyla**, Review Editor, 16211 Oxford Ct., Bowie, MD 20715.

Reminder: See our February 2015 issue or our website at <http://www.voyamagazine.com> for how to nominate your fiction titles for our annual Top Shelf Fiction for Middle School Readers list.

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Carr, Annaleise. **Annaleise Carr: How I Conquered Lake Ontario to Help Kids Battling Cancer.** Lorimer, 2014. 144p. \$8.95 Trade pb. 978-1-4594-0631-5. Glossary. Index.

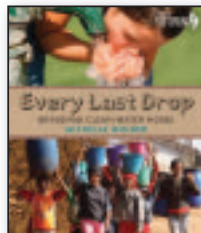


An appealing presentation of physical achievement for humanitarian purpose, Carr's first-person reflection on marathon swimming encourages female participation in a non-team sport. The action features an altruistic purpose as well as the details of physical determinants affecting a grueling sport.

Hennessy, Kathryn, Sr., Ed. **The Fashion Book.** DK, 2014. 180p. \$15.99. 978-1-4654-2284-2. Glossary. Designer Directory. Index. A brief history of female finery, Hennessy's book introduces the defining styles of Marie Antoinette, the Gibson girls, flappers, retro tomboys, punk, and urban chic. Generous drawings and snapshots introduce the nitty-gritty of lace making, color coordination, accessories, and lifestyles of models, epitomized by Kate Moss. Outfit choices stimulate views of dress as expressions of the times and their philosophies.



Mulder, Michelle. **Every Last Drop: Bringing Clean Water Home (Footprints).** Orca, 2014. 48p. \$19.95. 978-1-4598-0223-0. Source List. Index.



An intriguing juncture of archeology and architecture with ecology, Mulder's book reflects on uses of water from the ancient world and the engagement of children around the world with water for many uses. Innovative and upbeat, Mulder avoids the

doom-and-gloom that besets studies of natural resources by celebrating the role of water in everyday activity and fun.

Mullenbach, Cheryl. **The Industrial Revolution for Kids: The People and Technology That Changed the World, with 21 Activities (For Kids).** Chicago Review, 2014. 144p. \$16.95 Trade pb. 978-1-61374-690-5. Resource List. Biblio. Index. A multicultural social studies resource, Mullenbach's



introduction to the factory system stresses human interaction with machines, the source of child labor. Objective reportage leaves to readers the convenience of manufacturing as well as the human costs of mechanization.

Suggestions for projects involve students in positive productivity.

Nardo, Don. **Hitler in Paris: How a Photograph Shocked a World at War: Captured World History.** Compass Point, 2014. 64p. \$33.99. 978-0-7565-4733-2. Timeline. Glossary. Reading List. Index.



Compiled by a history writer, the text focuses on a European capital seized by Nazis. Nardo stresses the impact of photography on world news and on the international powers that halted fascism before it could spread.

Rubin, Susan Goldman. **Freedom Summer: The 1964 Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi.** Holiday House, 2014. 144p. \$18.95. 978-0-8234-2920-2. Appendices. Illus. Photos. Maps. Glossary. Index. A summation of struggle for black voter registration in Meridian, Mississippi, the text features civil rights martyrs James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Mickey Schwerner—victims of Ku Klux Klan assassins. The text

sets an example of academic excellence with research, pictures of major historical figures, pamphlets, and citations from an era of racial progress.

Schechter, Vicky Alvera, and J. E. Larson. **Hades Speaks!: A Guide to the Underworld by the Greek God of the Dead: Secrets of the Ancient Gods.** Boyds Mills, 2014. 128p. \$16.95. 978-1-62091-598-1. Pronunciation Guide. Illus. Glossary. Biblio. Index.



A cheerily Gothic tour of the Greek afterlife, Schechter and Larson's compendium updates ancient mythology with appealing caricatures of deities and their antipathies. Stress on wit and humor lifts the prototypes from drudgery to fun.

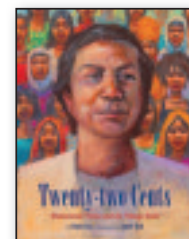
Tate, Nikki, and Dani Tate-Stratton. **Take Shelter: At Home Around the World (Footprints).** Orca, 2014. 48p. \$19.95. 978-1-4598-0742-6. Resource List. Index.



A pictorial guide to global housing, the book appeals to low-end and at-risk readers with views on varied lifestyles and residences, from stilt houses to thatched-roof huts. Juxtaposition of commentary and photos

creates impressions of diverse family shelters suited to the environment. The authors introduce concepts of thrift and sustainable energy alongside varied styles of beauty and identity.

Yoo, Paula. **Twenty-two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank.** Lee & Low, 2014. 40p. \$18.95. 978-1-60060-658-8. Afterword. Biblio.



An unusual salute to innovative finance, Yoo's book honors a solution to Asian poverty—the founding of microcredit through the Grameen Bank, which advances small amounts of cash to the poor. Engaging pastel illustrations stress the lifestyle and privations of women and children in India and the hope of financial advancement. ■

★★★★ MEET THE COMMITTEE

Pat Harris of Mount Vernon, Ohio, retired from directing the Hickory High School Library. She holds degrees in English and French from Albion College and an MLS from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.

Hannah Owen of Baltimore, Maryland, facilitated the VOYA review of 2013 and 2014 nonfiction honor list entries as co-chair. Retired as deputy director and head of youth services of the Patrick Beaver Library in Hickory, North Carolina, she holds a master's degree in library science from UNC-Greensboro. She chairs a citizen's book club and volunteers in reference and children's departments.

Mary Ellen Snodgrass of Hickory, North Carolina, chaired the 2013 and 2014 VOYA Nonfiction Honor List. A twenty-three-year veteran of teaching high school and university English and Latin, she has written textbooks and reference works for years. In addition to winning a number of reference books-of-the-year awards from ALA, **Choice**, and **Library Journal**, she has reviewed adult and children's reference books for ARBA, **Booklist**, **Choice**, **Isis**, **Linworth**, and **VOYA**.