

New Fiction Books at Cal Young ~ 2012-2013

Historical Fiction

Blundell, Judy - ***Strings Attached***

Mature Content

When she drops out of school and struggles to start a career on Broadway in the fall of 1950, seventeen-year-old Kit Corrigan accepts help from an old family friend, a lawyer said to have ties with the mob, who then asks her to do some favors for him.

Bondoux, Anne-Laure; Maudet, Y. (TRN) - ***Time of Miracles***

Mature Content

Raised by a woman in the Republic of Georgia who claims that his critically-injured mother begged her to save him when he was just a baby, 7-year-old Blaise is forced to flee with his adoptive mother and embark on a revelatory five-year journey by foot through Europe following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker - ***Jefferson's Sons : A Founding Father's Secret Children***

A fictionalized look at the last twenty years of Thomas Jefferson's life at Monticello through the eyes of three of his slaves, two of whom were his sons by his slave, Sally Hemings.

Brooks, Martha - ***Queen of Hearts***

Shortly after her first kiss but before her sixteenth birthday in December, 1941, Marie Claire and her younger brother and sister are sent to a tuberculosis sanatorium near their Manitoba farm.

Callery, Sean - ***Hieroglyphs***

A note written in hieroglyphics holds the clues to the museum's missing golden cat statue; readers are invited to solve the code while learning about ancient Egypt and using the bonus CD to create original codes.

Cooper, Michelle - ***FitzOsbornes in Exile***

In this entertaining sequel to *A Brief History of Montmaray*, Sophie's family now lives in exile in Dorset. Despite the balls, the bores, and the frightening shadow of Hitler, Sophie never loses her lightness of touch in recording matters both serious and funny.

Curtis, Christopher Paul - ***Mighty Miss Malone***

With love and determination befitting the "world's greatest family," twelve-year-old Deza Malone, her older brother Jimmie, and their parents endure tough times in Gary, Indiana, and later Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression. By the Newbery Medal- and Coretta Scott King Medal-winning author of *Bud, Not Buddy* and *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*.

Engle, Margarita - ***Wild Book***

A portrait in verse traces the story of the author's grandmother, Fefa, who grows up in Cuba and struggles with dyslexia until her mother presents her with a blank book that Fefa uses to practice increasingly skillful "wild writing."

Friesner, Esther - ***Threads and Flames***

After recovering from typhus, 13-year-old Raisa leaves her 1910 Polish shtetl to join her older sister in New York City and goes to work at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory where, in 1911, one of city's worst tragedies unfolds, forever changing Raisa's life.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson - ***Caught***

When Jonah and Katherine travel to early 1900s Switzerland and Serbia to return Albert Einstein's daughter, Lieserl, to history, her mother Mileva grasps entirely too much about time travel and has no intention of letting her daughter go.

Korman, Gordon - ***Collision Course (Titanic: Book 3)***

Four children aboard the Titanic--Sophie, Paddy, Juliana, and Alfie--believe the famed killer Jack the Ripper is on the ship with them, and the urgency of their mystery deepens as the "unsinkable" ship hits an iceberg.

Lai, Thanhha - ***Inside Out & Back Again***

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Meyer, Carolyn - ***Wild Queen : The Days and Nights of Mary, Queen of Scots***

Convicted of plotting against her cousin Queen Elizabeth I of England and awaiting execution in 1587, Mary Stuart, queen of Scotland, recounts her life story, including how she became a widow at age 18 and her brutal campaign to regain her sovereignty after being stripped of her throne.

McMullan, Margaret - ***Sources of Light***

Samantha and her mother move to Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, and during the year they spend there Sam learns about photography from a new friend and witnesses the prejudice and violence of the segregationists of the South.

Morpurgo, Michael - ***War Horse***

Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.

Park, Linda Sue - ***Long Walk to Water***

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven.

Perera, Anna - ***Guantanamo Boy***

Mature Content

While visiting family in Pakistan, 15-year-old Khalid Ahmed is captured, imprisoned and tortured at Guantanamo Bay prison after being falsely accused of being a terrorist.

Powers, J. L. - ***This Thing Called the Future***

Mature Content

Khosi navigates her future in a post-apartheid South African shantytown where folk medicine competes with traditional medicine, older men lure teenage girls, and witches might still exist.

Resau, Laura & Maria Virginia Farinango - ***Queen of Water***

Mature Content

As a small child, Ecuadorian Virginia is sent off to work as an unpaid nanny and maid in the home of a wealthy couple. Based on a true story of one woman's struggles and triumphs.

Scattergood, Augusta - ***Glory Be***

Longing to return to the days when her sister had more time and her best friendship with Frankie was less complicated, Glory, of 1964 Mississippi, meets a new girl from the North who riles up a community debate about whether or not to keep the segregated public pool open.

Sharenow, Robert - ***Berlin Boxing Club***

In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-year-old Karl Stern, who is considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

Venkatraman, Padma - ***Island's End***

A young girl trains to be the new spiritual leader of her remote Andaman Island tribe, while facing increasing threats from the modern world.

Vernick, Shirley Reva - ***Blood Lie***

In 1928 in Massena, New York, Jewish sixteen-year-old Jack Pool, in love with his Christian neighbor, is accused of killing her little sister for a blood sacrifice.

Williams, Michael - ***Now Is the Time for Running***

When soldiers attack a small village in Zimbabwe, Deo goes on the run with Innocent, his older, mentally disabled brother, carrying little but a leather soccer ball filled with money, and after facing prejudice, poverty, and tragedy, it is in soccer that Deo finds renewed hope.

Wolf, Allan. ***The Watch that Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic***

Experience this fateful historic event from the point-of-view of twenty-four passengers who couldn't have imagined that their "unsinkable" ship would collide with an iceberg.

Yelchin, Eugene - ***Breaking Stalin's Nose***

In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.