

## ***New Fiction Books at Cal Young ~ 2013-2014 Historical Fiction***

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### ***Sophia's War : A Tale of the Revolution***

In 1776, after witnessing the execution of Nathan Hale in New York City, newly occupied by the British army, young Sophia Calderwood resolves to do all she can to help the American cause, including becoming a spy.

Barnaby, Hannah

### ***Wonder Show***

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Portia is looking for another new beginning and a place to belong. Does she have a strong enough constitution to do it at the travelling freak show? (1930s)

Cameron, Sharon

### ***Dark Unwinding***

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Traveling to her eccentric uncle's remote English estate to commit him to an asylum where he will not be able to squander their family's fortune, Katharine Tulman discovers that her uncle is actually a genius inventor who employs hundreds of people he has rescued from London workhouses. +Romance

Choldenko, Gennifer

### ***Al Capone Does My Homework (Al Capone Book 3)***

Moose Flanagan, who lives on Alcatraz along with his family and the families of the other prison guards, faces new challenges when his father is promoted to Associate Warden.

Coats, J. Anderson

### ***Wicked and the Just***

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

In medieval Wales, this story follows Cecily whose family is lured by cheap land and the duty of all Englishman to help keep down the "vicious" Welshmen, and Gwenhwyfar, a Welsh girl who must wait hand and foot on her new English mistress.

Ellis, Deborah

### ***My Name Is Parvana***

In post-Taliban Afghanistan, Parvana is held on a U.S. military base and interrogated as a possible terrorist, reflecting on the previous four years of her life she spent with her mother and sisters while she waits to learn her fate. +Issues

Erdrich, Louise; Erdrich, Louise (ILT)

### ***Chickadee***

In 1866, Omakayas's son Chickadee is kidnapped by two ne'er-do-well brothers from his own tribe and must make a daring escape, forge unlikely friendships, and set out on an exciting and dangerous journey to get back home.

Fitzmaurice, Kathryn

***Diamond in the Desert***

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Tetsu and his family are sent to the Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona where a fellow prisoner starts a baseball team, but when Tetsu's sister becomes ill and he feels responsible, he stops playing. +Sports

Frost, Helen

***Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War***

Twelve-year-olds Anikwa, of the Miami village of Kekionga, and James, of the trading post outside Fort Wayne, find their friendship threatened by the rising fear and tension brought by the War of 1812. +Verse

Kindl, Patrice

***Keeping the Castle***

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

In order to support her family and maintain their ancient castle in Lesser Hoo, seventeen-year-old Althea bears the burden of finding a wealthy suitor who can remedy their financial problems. +Humor

Lacey, Josh

***Island of Thieves***

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Staying with his eccentric Uncle Harvey after burning down his parents' shed, Tom Trelawney tags along during his uncle's treasure hunt in South America and learns that although life may be about following the rules, survival may be about breaking them. +Humor +Action

Lake, Nick

***In Darkness***

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Following the Haitian earthquake, Shorty, a gang member, is trapped in the rubble of a hospital, and as he grows weaker he has visions of his life and of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in 1804. +Issues

Lawrence, Iain

***Giant-Slayer***

When her eight-year-old neighbor is stricken with polio in 1955, eleven-year-old Laurie discovers that there is power in her imagination as she weaves a story during her visits with him and other patients confined to iron lung machines.

Lee, Y. S.

***The Agency Series:***

***A Spy in the House (Book 1)***

***The Body in the Tower (Book 2)***

***Traitor in the Tunnel (Book 3)***

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

When Mary Quinn is ordered to work undercover after a petty thief steals from Buckingham Palace, she receives attention from a prince, wonders at a murder suspect's shared name with her father, and struggles with her feelings for James Easton. +Historical Fiction

Levine, Kristin

***Lions of Little Rock***

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism. +Issues

MacColl, Michaela

***Promise the Night***

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Explores the early life of the famous yet elusive Beryl Markham, who grew up on a farm in Kenya and became the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic from England to North America.

Magoon, Kekla

***Fire in the Streets***

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

In the aftermath of Dr. King's assassination in 1968, Chicago fourteen-year-old Maxie longs to join the Black Panthers, whether or not her brother Raheem, ex-boyfriend Sam, or her friends like it, and is soon caught up in the violence of anti-war and civil rights demonstrations. Sequel to *The Rock and the River*.

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux; Christie, R. Gregory (ILT)

***No Crystal Stair***

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Told by a banker that he should sell fried chicken rather than books, since "Negroes don't read", Lewis Michaux defies the odds to build Harlem's National Memorial African Bookstore, an intellectual center and gathering place from 1939 to 1975.

Robert, Na'ima B.

***Far from Home***

Tells the story of two fourteen-year-old girls in Zimbabwe, Katie and Tariro, who are linked by terrible secret as both their lives change tragically in different ways thirty-five-years apart.

Schlitz, Laura Amy

***Splendors and Glooms***

A gothic and darkly comic thriller set in Victorian England. +Paranormal +Horror

Sharenow, Robert

***Berlin Boxing Club***

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In 1936 Berlin, 14-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust. +Sports

Sherman, Delia

***Freedom Maze***

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Reluctantly spending the summer at her grandmother's historical house on the Bayou, 13-year-old Sophie explores the house's fascinating maze and makes an impulsive wish to its secretive inhabitant before being whisked away to the year 1860, where she is mistaken for a slave.

Tashjian, Janet

***For What It's Worth***

Living in Los Angeles' Laurel Canyon neighborhood, Quinn's life has been consumed by music and the musicians who live nearby, but in 1971, his girlfriend, a teacher, and a draft dodger help open his eyes about the Vietnam War.

Williams-Garcia, Rita

***P.S. Be Eleven***

A sequel to *One Crazy Summer* finds the Gaither sisters returning to Brooklyn, where they adapt to new feelings of independence while managing changes large and small, from Pa's new girlfriend to a very different Uncle Darnell's return from Vietnam. +Issues

Winters, Cat

***In the Shadow of Blackbirds***

In San Diego in 1918, as the deadly influenza and World War I take their toll, 16-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches desperate mourners flock to seances and spirit photographers for comfort and, despite her scientific leanings, must consider if ghosts are real when her first love, killed in battle, returns. +Horror +Romance +Paranormal +Issues