PRODUCTION NOTE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library
New Titles for Children and Young People


Benz, Francis E. Commodore Barry, navy hero. Dodd, 1950. 24p. $2.50


Burleson, Adele Steiner. Touchy: childhood adventures on a Texas ranch; with illus. in color by Elizabeth Rice. Steck, 1950. 119p. $2.50.


When Janet fell in love with the wrong young man her father, in true Victorian style, packed her off on a voyage on his clipper ship. The trip was not too hard for her, for she acquired two more suitors on the way—one a wealthy but exceedingly selfish merchant, and the other a poorer but upright young seaman. During the trip, Janet gets word that she has been jilted by Alan, her first suitor, who becomes engaged to the town's wealthiest and ugliest girl. Arrived back home, Janet offers to marry Alan anyway, rather than have him ruin his life; he jilts her the second time, so when she turns to Alex, the boy she has known all her life, who has waited silently and patiently for her to realize that he has loved him all the time. Wholly unrealistic story in character, action, and dialogue.

Dawson, Rosemary. A walk in the city; by Rosemary and Richard Dawson. Viking, 1950. 30p. $2.00. K-Gr.2.(354) Simple rhymes and pictures describe the sights a small boy sees when he goes walking through the city with his mother. The text is rather mediocre, but the pictures have charm and give a wealth of information about the city and various aspects of city life.

Dyer, Kate Gambold. The green sprig. Westminster, 1950. 188p. $4.50. An uninspired story of the Revolutionary War as seen through the experiences of thirteen-year-old Stephen. Neither the actions nor the conversations of the characters are consistent with their age levels. Stephen, especially, does not talk like a young boy who has had almost no schooling. The attempt to get all of Stephen's war experiences into the last few pages is confusing and limits the book's usefulness as historical fiction.

Eells, Elsie Spicer. Tales of enchantment from Spain; retold by Elsie Spicer Eells; illus. by Maud and Miska Petersham. Dodd, Mead, 1950. 175p. $2.50. Reprint of a book that has been out of print for several years. It is unfortunate that the publishers did not see fit to clean up some of the stereotypes that were characteristic of books of the early '20s, but are not acceptable in children's books of today. All writing and an unattractive format do nothing to add to the usefulness of the book.

Elting, Mary. The first book of baseball; Brewster, Benjamin (pseud); pictures by Jeanne Bendick. Watts, 1950. 26p. $1.50. Gr.4-6. A beginners guide to baseball. This book will have more interest for the reader who has a slight knowledge of the game than for the rank beginner or the expert. The text is clear and easy to follow and the illustrations add much to the understanding of the text and the enjoyment of the book. A bibliography at the end directs the interested reader to more detailed books on baseball and baseball players. Libraries will find this a useful book and it makes a good gift book for non-reader, baseball-minded boys.

Fa, Shun, Chang. The sky river; illus. by Jeanyee Wong. Lothrop, Lee, and Shepard, 1950. 160p. $4.50. Gr.6-7. (362) Excellent re-telling of a well-known Chinese legend about the Milky Way. This will make a welcome addition to collections of folk literature and will also be read as a good story. Nice illustrations.

Flohrerty, John Joseph. Watch your step; illus. from photographs. Lippincott, 1950. 160p. $2.75. Gr.7-9. A safety book for teen-age readers. In a realistic manner that is convincing without resorting to the morbid or melodramatic, the author describes the more common types of accidents that happen in the woods, on the road, in homes, and at the beach. Some sections are written in a fictionized style that is rather annoying since the characters talk more like text books than people, but the information is useful.

Gourfain, Joyce. Punchy, the cat who wanted to be a tiger. Pix Press, 1950. 61p. $2.00.

Punchy is a small black and white cat who lives in a dancing school and who has visions of some day becoming a tiger. An exceedingly self-conscious, adult type of humor wovem into a story that, in spite of the humor, is dull and slow-moving. The reading level is too high for either the picture book format or the content. Leading is so uneven that some pages are quite difficult to read.


Winner of the first Charles W. Follett award. The story centers around ten-year-old Johann Fredericks, whose poor command of English won him the name of Johnny Texas shortly after he arrived in this country in the mid-nineteenth century. The war with Santa Anna brought trouble and hardship to Johnny and his family, but could not discourage them from casting their lot with this new land of Texas. A simply written story that fourth graders should find easy to read.


Another in Hogeboom's excellent "how to draw them" series. The instructions include motor boats, sailing vessels of all sizes, modern steamers, river boats, and familiar warships. Brief text describes each boat and gives something of its present-day use or its place in history. Simple directions and clear diagrams show how each boat should be drawn.

Hunt, Sarah Ethridge. Games the world around; four hundred folk games; written by Sarah Ethridge Hunt and Ethel Cain; illus. by Maxine and Nathan House. Barnes, 1950. 237p. $5.00. Gr.5-(362)

A collection of games from all over the world with an introductory section on the use of games to foster inter-group relations. Instructions for the games are easy to follow and include something of the background of each game, how it originated and its significance, if any, in the country where it originated. An excellent book for camp and playground use as well as for the general library collection.


Plant and animal life to be found along the east and west coasts of America. Interestingly written, with excellent illustrations that add greatly to the understanding of the text. Includes many of the plants and animals that are described in Robertson, Strange sea life (see below), but does not include any fish.

Jackson, Caary Paul. Shorty makes first team; line drawings by Kevin Royt. Wilcox & Follett, 1950. 160p. $2.00. Gr.5-7. (D42;D107;D126)

First in a projected series of sports stories about a junior high school boy named Danny Cleary. "Runt", as he
comes to be called by most of this classmates (but not to his face) brings constant troubles down on his head because of his extreme aggressiveness—caused by his short size and a sense of inferiority because he lives on the wrong side of the tracks. During his first year in the new junior high school—his ninth school year—he becomes aware of his weaknesses, gains some control over his temper, and comes to realize that he is unnecessarily sensitive about his background. A good basketball story with more and better character development than is usual in this type of book. Good teacher-student relations.


All of the confusion in this book cannot be blamed on Cupid, for most of it is due to writer's obvious attempt to bring into one book all the characters she has ever had in any of her other books plus a few extras for good measure. There are three love affairs—Gwenn Jordan and Bill Hanley; Peter Jordan and Tippy Parrish; and Alice Jordan and Billy Parrish or Jon Drayton. This one is left sufficiently unresolved to pave the way for the next book. As is usual with this author's books, the characters are extremely self-centered and thoughtless, with negative qualities that completely over-shadow the value of the books as light novels.


Brightly colored illustrations and a breezy style text make a book that is pleasant reading and has some value for supplementary reading in geography classes. The oversimplification of the subjects limits the book's usefulness, but the author and illustrator have managed to give a real feeling of the beauty of the islands.

Paradis, Adrian A. 75 ways for boys to make money. Greenberg, 1950. 138p. $1.95. Gr. 7-9. (D80)

A useful handbook for boys who want to earn money in their spare time. The author divides the jobs into two types: those that require a lot of hard work and those that involve selling products of various kind. Advice is given on how to choose a job; how to behave at work; savings; how to dress for different kinds of jobs; sample sales talks; and types of jobs that are available. The tone is slightly didactic but not enough so to detract from the information given. Well indexed.


A well-written, very readable handbook on dog care from choosing a dog to teaching his manners. Explains how to care for dogs in city apartments, small towns, or on the farm, and suggests the kinds of dogs best suited for these three environments. Lacks an index, but the table of contents is detailed enough to make the book easy to use. The slanty chapter headings may give a false impression of the style which is actually straightforward with no attempt at the pseudo-humorous manner too many writers adopt in non-fiction for this age level. Excellent for general library collections and a nice gift book for the boy who has just acquired, or is about to acquire, a dog.


Brief discussions of some of the queer animals that live in the sea. Some of the descriptions are too brief to have much informational value. Acceptable as a reference book where there is great need for such materials. The Hylander book (see above) covers the same plant and animal life except for the fish, and is a more interesting and more readable book.

Roeder, Bill. Jackie Robinson. Barnes, 1950. 185p. (Most valuable player series) $2.50. Gr. 6-8. (D59)

First in a new series based on the lives of the men chosen as "Most Valuable Player" of the year by the National and the American Leagues. This biography of Jackie Robinson is concerned not only with the exploits on the baseball diamond that won him the award, but with his position as the first Negro to play on a major league team—how this came about, and what it means for the future. For this reason, the book has as much value for inter-group work as it has for the sports fan.


This and Jackie Robinson (see above) form the first titles in a new series designed to give sports fans first hand information about the two men chosen as Most Valuable Player of the Year by the National and the American Leagues. The emphasis is on the players career rather than the details of his life, but enough biographical material is presented to give the reader an idea of the player as a person.


A very small book about a very small man who lived under a mushroom. Part of the charm lies in the size of the book and of the illustrations. Part comes from the repetition of the letter "M" throughout. This will be fun for the home read-aloud collection and will have a place on the general library's pre-school shelf.


Tresselt and Duvoisin have joined forces to produce another "season" book that is in all ways comparable to White Snow, Bright Snow and Johnny Mapleleaf. Children and adults alike will sympathize with the little boy who is so very tired of winter and who thinks spring will never come. Gaily colored illustrations that give a real feel for the softness and beauty of springtime.

Upton, Mary. The new boy; illus. by Brinton Turkle. Doubleday, 1950. 208p. $2.25. Gr. 4-6. (D1;45)

The difficulties of a new boy starting school in the middle of the term were intensified for Jack when he made the mistake of wearing his best clothes to school the first day. Although the author brings in all the usual trials of adjustment that new students face, the characters never seem very real. An acceptable book for large collections or where school stories are needed, but not important enough for general purchase.


In highly colloquial terms Riley Dawson, a young boy living in the Southern Mountains in the 1860's tells of the ups and downs of his life. The characters lack individuality and the reader is left with the feeling that the author has put into one book every anecdote, tall tale, and colloquialism he has ever heard about the region and its people.
The following list of Golden Books with titles marked for acceptance or rejection for home, school, and public library use is based on an evaluation of all available titles that was made by a committee composed of Frances Henne, Associate Dean, Graduate Library School, Sara Fenwick, Librarian, Lower School Library, University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, and Mary E. Eakin, Librarian, Center for Children's Books. A detailed report on the analysis will be published some time during the fall.

**Explanation of symbols:**
- S - Recommended for School Library use
- R - Recommended for Home use
- F - Recommended for Public Library use
- LGB - Little Golden Book
- GB - Giant Golden Book
- TGL - Tiny Golden Library
- GGB - Giant Golden Book
- BGB - Big Golden Book
- GSB - Golden Story Book
- FSB - Fuzzy Golden Book
- GNSB - Golden Nature Guide
- GBSB - Golden Big Book
- GSB - Golden Story Book
- GTB - Golden Toy Book
- GCTB - Goldencraft Cloth Binding

**Not recommended for School, Home, or Public Library use**
- W - Not recommended for Home use
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**Fuzzy books:**
- S, H, P Fuzzy duckling (LGB, GCB)
- R Gaston and Josephine (LGB, GCB)
- R Golden almanac (GBG, GCB)
- R Golden Bible (GBG, GCB)
- R Golden book of birds (LGB, GCB)
- S, H, P Golden book of fairy tales (LGB, GCB)
- R Golden book of flowers (LGB)
- S, H, P Golden book of nursery tales (GBG)
- S, H, P Golden book of poetry (GBG, GCB)
- R Golden book of words (GBG)
- S, H, P Golden Christmas book (GBG, GCB)
- R Golden Christmas manger (GBG)
- S, H, P Golden dictionary (GBG, GCB)
- S, H, P Golden egg book (GBG, GCB)
- R Golden encyclopedia (GBG, GCB)
- S, H, P Golden Mother Goose (GBG, GCB)
- R Golden sleepy book (LGB, GCB)
- S, H, P Golden song book (GBG, GCB)
- R Good morning and good night (LGB, GCB)
- R Guess who lives here (LGB, GCB)
- R Hansel and Gretel (GGB, GCB)
- R Happy family (LGB)
- R Happy man and his dump truck (LGB)
- S, H, P Herbet's zoo (GGB)
- R How big? (LGB)
- R Johnny's meanders (LGB)
- S, H, P Jolly barnyard (LGB)
- R Judy and Jim (GTP)
- R Kate the kitten (LGB, GCB)
- R Let's go fishing (GTP)
- R Let's go shopping (LGB, GCB)
- S, H, P Little Black Sambo (LGB, GCB)
- S, H, P Little galoches (LGB)
- S, H, P Little golden book of hymns (LGB, GCB)
- S, H, P Little golden book of poetry (LGB, GCB)
- S, H, P Little golden book of words (LGB, GCB)
- S, H, P Little golden funny book (LGB)
- S, H, P Little Pee-Wee (LGB, GCB)
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- S, H, P Little red hen (LGB, GCB)
- S, H, P Little Red Riding Hood (LGB, GCB)
- R Little trapper (LGB)
- R Little Yip Yip (LGB)
- R Lively little rabbit (LGB, GCB)
- R M-C-M's Tom and Jerry and their friends (GBG)
- S, H, P Magic wish (GBG)
- S, H, P Mowry piper (GBG)
- S, H, P Mr. Noah and his family (LGB, GCB)
- R Mother Goose (LGB, GCB)
- R Mother Goose land with Judy and Jim (GTP)
- H Mouse's house (GBG, GCB)
- R My first book (LGB, GCB)
S,H,P My little golden dictionary (LGB, GCB)
S,H,P Name for kitty (LGB, GCB)
S,H,P New baby (LGB, GCB)
R New house in the forest (LGB, GCB)
R Night before Christmas (LGB, GCB)
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S,H,P Nursery songs (LGB, GCB)
R Nursery tales (LGB, GCB)
R Our puppy (LGB, GCB)
S,H,P Pat-a-cake (LGB, GCB)
R Penny puppy (GSB)
R Poky little puppy (LGB, GCB)
S,H,P Prayers for children (LGB, GCB)
R Sagggy beggy elephant (LGB, GCB)
R Scuffy the tugboat (LGB, GCB)
R Seven sneezes (LGB, GCB)
R Shy little kitten (LGB, GCB)
S,H,P Singing games (LGB, GCB)
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R Tootie (LGB, GCB)
R Tootle (LGB, GCB)
R Toys (LGB, GCB)
R Train stories (GSB)
R Two little miners (LGB, GCB)
R Up in the attic (LGB, GCB)
R We like to do things (LGB)
R What am I? (LGB, GCB)
R When you were a baby (LGB, GCB)
S,H,P White bunny and his magic nose (FGB)
S,H,P Year in the city (LGB, GCB)
S,H,P Year on the farm (LGB, GCB)

*Text is not exactly the same in the two editions.
**Not suitable for library use in its present form.
***Librarians may want to get this book to use for displays. Excellent illustrations.

Instructional Materials, Supplementary Reading and Sources of Material

The materials listed here are not available from the Children's Book Center. Orders should be sent to the publishers of the individual items.


Let them face it: Today's world in books for boys and girls; sel. by the Children's Book Committee of the Child Study Association of America, 132 E. 74th St., New York 21. Revised: Spring, 1950. 20¢. Annotated, graded list.


Save your eyes; a list of library books for visually handicapped children; comp. by Marcia Hill and Dora Crouter. Issued by Rex Putnam, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Salem, Oregon, 1950. Free.

A selection of books for boys and girls, 1949; prepared by the staff of the Boys' and Girls' Library of the Newton Free Library, Newton, Massachusetts. Annotated, graded list.