

Non-Boring Nonfiction



Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football team

by Steve Sheinkin

Native American Jim Thorpe became a super athlete and Olympic gold medalist after being part of “the team that invented football,” who took on the best opponents of their day, defeating more privileged schools in a series of close calls, genius plays, and hard work.

The Borden Murders

by Sarah Miller

Examines the Borden murders, using newspaper articles to recreate the events and the trial and acquittal of Lizzie Borden and exploring Lizzie’s story to theorize on what may have happened.

The Family Romanov

by Candace Fleming

When Russia’s last tsar, Nicholas II, inherited the throne, he was unprepared to do so. With their 5 children, Nicholas and his reclusive wife, Alexandra, lived a life of opulence as World War I raged outside their door and political unrest grew.

Death on the River of Doubt : Theodore Roosevelt’s Amazon adventure

by Samantha Seiple

In 1913, Theodore Roosevelt arrived Brazil, and was given the chance to lead an expedition deep into the Amazon jungle to chart an unmapped river. But bloodthirsty piranhas, raging rapids, starvation, and a traitor could mean that not everyone would make it out alive.

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Symphony for the city of the dead

by MT Anderson

An account of the Siege of Leningrad reveals the role played by Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich and his Leningrad Symphony in rallying and commemorating their fellow citizens.

Unbroken Young Adult Edition

by Laura Hillenbrand

When the survivors of a plane crash, including Olympic runner Louie, climbed into the life raft, they didn't know that ahead lay thousands of miles of ocean, sharks, thirst and starvation, enemy aircraft, and more...

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow

by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

The story of a generation of German young people who devoted all their energy to the Hitler Youth and the propaganda that brought Hitler his power, and the youths that resisted the Nazi movement.

Beyond Magenta

by Susan Kuklin

Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and shows them before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference.

Moonbird

by Phillip Hoose

Moonbird, a small, 20-year-old rufa bird, has flown the distance to the moon and halfway back in the time scientists have been studying him. How does he survive when so many other of his species perish?

Written in Bone

by Sally M. Walker

Forensic scientists and archaeologists look at the bones of people who lived in America during colonial times, and from their bodies, can recreate their lives.