

Stand Tall Joan Bauer

Thirteen-year-old Rosie Beckett has never strayed further from her family’s farm than a horse can pull a cart. Then a letter from her Aunt Euterpe arrives, and everything changes. It’s 1893, the year of the World’s Columbian Exposition—the “wonder of the age”—a.k.a. the Chicago World’s Fair. Aunt Euterpe is inviting the Becketts to come for a visit and go to the fair! Award-winning author Richard Peck’s fresh, realistic, and fun-filled writing truly brings the World’s Fair—and Rosie and her family—to life.

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults. Reprint. Jr Lib Guild.

“Extremely interesting . . . Young people interested in medicine or scientific discovery will find this book engrossing, as will history students” (School Library Journal). [He had] a fever that hovered around 104 degrees. His skin turned yellow. Nauseated, he gagged and threw up again and again . . . Here is the true story of how four Americans and one Cuban tracked down a killer, one of the world’s most vicious plagues: yellow fever. Journeying to fever-stricken Cuba in the company of Walter Reed and his colleagues, the reader feels the heavy air, smells the stench of disease, hears the whine of mosquitoes biting human volunteers during surreal experiments. Exploring themes of courage, cooperation, and the ethics of human experimentation, this gripping account is ultimately a story of the triumph of science. “[A] powerful exploration of a disease that killed 100,000 U.S. citizens in the 1890s.” —Kirkus Reviews Includes photos.

From the Newbery Award-winning author of *Across Five Aprils* and *Up a Road Slowly* comes a tale of a brave young man’s struggle to find his own strength during the Great Depression. “A powerfully moving story.”—Chicago Daily News In 1932, American’s dreams were simple: a job, food to eat, a place to sleep, and shoes without holes. But for millions of people these simple needs were nothing more than dreams. At fifteen years of age, Josh has to make his own way through a country of angry and frightened people. This is the story of a young man’s struggle to find a life for himself in the most turbulent of times.

Best Foot Forward

Backwater

Walking Tall When You’re Not Tall At All

Sticks

Crater

Longing for an escape from her extended Filipino family, Lou plans to build a tiny house on land she inherited from her father, but difficulties quickly arise.

Once, Jane was the big sister, teaching Lily to play make believe and protecting her from thunderstorms. But then Lily grew up. She started making friends and dating boys, while Jane wanted to go on playing make believe forever. For Jane, the line between fantasy and reality had always blurred, whereas Lily lived for a future bright with expectation and change. Inevitably, the sisters found a gulf widening between them—Lily reveling in her newfound love, while Jane could only watch, frustrated, from the sidelines. How had her little sister managed to eclipse her? Then tragedy struck. But the story was not over. . . . Adele Griffin has crafted a spellbinding book, told in the alternating voices of two very different sisters dwelling on opposite sides of life and death, who are bravely trying to overcome the void and bring light to each other.

From Newbery media winner Karen Hesse comes an unforgettable story of an immigrant family’s journey to America. “America,” the girl repeated. “What will you do here?” “I was silent for a little time. “I will do everything there,” “I answered. Rifka knows nothing about America when she flees from Russia with her family in 1919. But she dreams that in the new country she will at last be safe from the Russian soldiers and their harsh treatment of the Jews. Throughout her journey, Rifka carries with her a cherished volume of poetry by Alexander Pushkin. In it, she records her observations and experiences in the form of letters to Tovah, the beloved cousin she has left behind. Strong-hearted and determined, Rifka must endure a great deal: humiliating examinations by doctors and soldiers, deadly typhus, separation from all she has ever known and loved, murderous storms at sea, detainment on Ellis Island—and is if this is not enough, the loss of her glorious golden hair. Based on a true story from the author’s family, *Letters from Rifka* presents a real-life heroine with an uncommon courage and unsinkable spirit.

Stand TallPenguin

The Ropemaker

Stand Tall

Tell Me

50 Unstoppable Kids Who Made a Difference

Making Hope Happen

Tree, a six-foot-three-inch twelve-year-old, copes with his parents’ recent divorce and his failure as an athlete by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and Sophie, a new girl at school.

Ivy doesn’t want to be a lawyer. Who cares? Well, her father, for starters, who expects his daughter to take up the Breedlove family profession with dedication and enthusiasm. But Ivy wants to be a historian, a vocation that’s getting quite a workout as she prepares a family history in honor of her beloved great-aunt Tib’s eightieth birthday. This undertaking takes Ivy on a great journey, as she hikes into the wilds of the Adirondacks to find her reclusive aunt Jo -- and her own destiny.

"A restless 17-year-old seeking fame, fortune (and romance) goes hitchhiking with three older girls. What begins as a holiday frolic becomes a survival recipe for life. Radiating hope and energy, the narrative follows this naive New Zealander to London with her family. Tragedy strikes when Julia's father dies and upheaval follows. After a trip to Paris, hitchhiking adventures encompass: sleeping rough in Stockholm, a traverse of Yugoslavia, and almost finding love in Greece. Meeting up with a boyfriend in Naples is the beginning of a chaotic motor-cycle ride and near disaster on a plain in Spain. Back in London Julia faces the Cuban missile nuclear threats and endures the worst winter of the century before returning to New Zealand. In due course she survives an impetuous marriage, cleaning her teeth with beer, a pavlova crisis and the dramatic outcome of a fatal mountaineering accident in the Southern Alps. Treks across the Antarctic wastes, seeing the US by pick-up truck, hitchhiking in South America completes the author's headlong pursuit of life and the sometimes catastrophic consequences." -- Publisher description.

Tilja has grown up in the peaceful Valley, which is protected from the fearsome Empire by an enchanted forest. But the forest’s power has begun to fade and the Valley is in danger. Tilja is the youngest of four brave souls who venture into the Empire together to find the mysterious magician who can save the Valley. And much to her amazement, Tilja gradually learns that only she, an ordinary girl with no magical powers, has the ability to protect her group and their quest from the Empire’s sorcerers.

Soar

A True Story of Medical Sleuthing

Peeled

Where I Want to Be

Close to Famous

Draws on cutting-edge research and inspiring true stories about people who resolved to build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities in a guide based on the author's research about the psychology of hope that provides a scientifically based, customizable blueprint for meeting goals.

When Robin Lee is forced to give up her beloved ballet lessons because her parents need the money to bring her grandmother to America from China, Robin finds herself resenting this difficult--and different--elderly foreign woman, crippled by years of having her feet bound.

Moving to Hillcrest, Ohio, when his adoptive father accepts a temporary job, twelve-year-old Jeremiah, a heart transplant recipient, has sixty days to find a baseball team to coach.

Feeling scared and powerless when her father's anger escalates and her parents separate, twelve-year-old Anna spends the summer with her grandmother and decides to make a difference when she sees what seems to be a girl held against her will.

Fair Weather

Create the Future You Want for Yourself and Others

Tangerine

Never Too Young!

Among the Hidden

With the help of his grandmother, his dead father’s best friend, and his own best friend—a math whiz—Mickey prepares to compete in the most important pool championship of his life, despite his mother’s reservations.

Everyone—even children--can make a difference! From Picasso to Malala Yousafzai, the 50 kids profiled in *Never Too Young!* are inspiring and empowering. This book includes historical and contemporary figures; diverse races, genders, and cultural backgrounds; and prominent names as well as more obscure stories. The featured kids have shone in philanthropy, the arts, science, sports . . . and everything in between. Includes: Louis Armstrong, Louis Braille, Ruby Bridges, Thandiwe Chama, Michael Chang,

Nadia Comaneci, Kelvin Doe, Bobby Fisher, Anne Frank, Tavi Gevinson, Om Prakash Gurjar, S.E. Hinton, Askrif Jawal, Joan of Arc, Helen Keller, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Pelé , Pablo Picasso, Pocahontas, Sacagawea, Shirley Temple, Venus and Serena Williams, Stevie Wonder, Malala Yousafzai, and more!

For use in schools and libraries only. Sixteen-year-old Barney, infected by an alien parasite, and his friend Katie are taken to the planet J’koot by extraterrestrials intent on playing the dangerous game known as Interstellar Pig.

Newly orphaned and living with the half sister she hardly knows, twelve-year-old Olive rediscovers her hope when she starts training a guide dog puppy.

Confetti Girl!

Stand Tall!

Thwonk

Almost Home

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke, an illegal third child, has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family’s farm in this start to the Shadow Children series from Margaret Peterson Haddix. Luke has never been to school. He’s never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend’s house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He’s lived his entire life in a room and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family’s farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside. Then, one day Luke sees a girl’s face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he’s met a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows—does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford not to?

Integrity is an important trait for children to develop—especially as they grow, learn, and have more opportunities to make choices for themselves. With this encouraging book, support children in knowing right from wrong, making positive decisions, keeping promises, and staying true to themselves. Back matter includes advice for teaching integrity at home, at school, and in childcare. Being the Best Me Series: From the author of the popular Learning to Get Along® books comes a one-of-a-kind character-development series. Each of the first six books in the Being the Best Me! series helps children learn, understand, and develop attitudes and positive character traits that strengthen self-confidence and a sense of purpose. Each book focuses on a specific attitude or character trait—optimism, self-esteem, assertiveness, resilience, integrity, and forgiveness. Also included are discussion questions, games, activities, and additional information for adults. Filled with diversity, these social story books will be welcome in school, home, and childcare settings.

A MINING COLONY ON THE MOON. A DEADLY MISSION. AND A SECRET BIGGER THAN TWO WORLDS. It’s the 22nd Century. A tough, pioneering people mine the moon for Helium-3 to produce energy for a desperate, war-torn Earth. Sixteen-year-old Crater Trueblood loves his job as a Helium-3 miner. But when he saves a fellow miner, his life changes forever. Impressed by his heroism, the owner of the mine orders Crater to undertake a dangerous mission. Crater doubts himself, but has no choice. He must go. With the help of Maria, the mine owner’s frustrating but gorgeous granddaughter, and his gillie—a sentient and sometimes insubordinate clump of slime mold cells—Crater must fight both human and subhuman enemies. He’ll battle his way across a thousand miles of deadly lunar terrain and face genetically altered super warriors in his quest to recover an astonishing object that will alter the lives of everyone on the moon. ‘Long-haul trucking on the Moon . . . with raiders, romance and a secret mission . . . High adventure on the sp

Frontier.” —Kirkus Reviews

Something’s rotten in the heart of apple country! Hildy Bidde dreams of being a journalist. A reporter for her high school newspaper, The Core, she’s just waiting for a chance to prove herself. Not content to just cover school issues, Hildy’s drawn to the town’s big story—the haunted old Ludlow house. On the surface, Banesville, USA, seems like such a happy place, but lately, eerie happenings and ghostly sightings are making Hildy take a deeper look. Her efforts to find out who is really haunting Banesville isn’t making her popular, and she starts wondering if she’s cut out to be a journalist after all. But she refuses to give up, because, hopefully, the truth will set a few ghosts free. Peeled is classic Joan Bauer, featuring a strong heroine, and filled with her trademark witty dialogue, and problems and people worth standing up to.

Ribbons

Joan Bauer

A Day No Pigs Would Die

Blue

Hope Was Here

A SURVIVAL GUIDE TO GROWING UP SHORT. Fart science book, part memoir—a book for everyone concerned about looking (or feeling) different. When veteran journalist John Schwartz took a close look at famous height studies, he made a surprising discovery: being short doesn't have to be a disadvantage! Part advice book, part memoir, and part science primer, this fascinating book explores the marketing, psychology, and mythology behind our obsession with height and delivers a reassuring message to kids of all types that they can walk tall—whatever it is that makes them different. Short is a 2011 Bank Street – Best Children’s Book of the Year.

Newbery Honor winner Joan Bauer’s new novel will touch your heart: When twelve-year-old Sugar’s grandfather dies and her gambling father takes off yet again, Sugar and her mother lose their home in Missouri. They head to Chicago for a fresh start, only to discover that fresh starts aren’t so easy to come by for the homeless. Nevertheless, Sugar’s mother has taught her to be grateful no matter what, so Sugar does her best. With the help of a rescue dog, Shush; a foster family; a supportive teacher; a love of poetry; and her own grace and good humor, Sugar comes to understand that while she can’t control the hand life deals her, she can control how she responds.

Originally published in hardcover in 1972, *A Day No Pigs Would Die* was one of the first young adult books, along with titles like *The Outsiders* and *The Chocolate War*. In it, author Robert Newton Peck weaves a story of a Vermont boyhood that is part fiction, part memoir. The result is a moving coming-of-age story that still resonates with teens today.

With her father away at war to fight Hitler, a young girl gains strength by joining her community in battling polio in this Parents’ Choice Silver Honor Book based on the 1944 epidemic and the “Miracle of Hickory” Hospital in Hickory, North Carolina. Ann Fay Honeycutt accepts the role of “man of the house” when her father leaves because she wants to do her part for the war. She’s doing well with the extra responsibilities when a frightening polio epidemic strikes, crippling many local children. Her town of Hickory responds by creating an emergency hospital in three days. Ann Fay reads each issue of the newspaper for the latest news of the epidemic. But soon she discovers for herself just how devastating polio can be. As her challenges grow, so does her resourcefulness. In the face of tragedy, Ann Fay discovers her ability to move forward. She experiences the healing qualities of friendship and explores the depths of her own faithfulness to those she loves—even to one she never expected to love at all.

Rebel Drive

Short

Rules of the Road

No Promises in the Wind (DIGEST)

Fair Weather Hitchhiker

Apollonia “Lina” Flores is a sock enthusiast, a volleyball player, a science lover, and a girl who’s just looking for answers. Even though her house is crammed full of books (her dad’s a bibliophile), she’s having trouble figuring out some very big questions, like why her dad seems to care about books more than her, why her best friend’s divorced mom is obsessed with making cascarones (hollowed eggshells filled with colorful confetti), and, most of all, why her mom died last year. Like colors in cascarones, Lina’s life is a rainbow of people, interests, and unexpected changes. In her first novel for young readers, Diana López creates a clever and honest story about a young Latina girl navigating growing pains in her South Texan city.

The must-read sequel to the beloved *Rules of the Road*, from award-winning author Joan Bauer. Jenna Bolter is dripping with newfound maturity after her life-altering summer on the road. She has a job she loves at Gladstone Shoes, a best friend who makes her laugh, and a dysfunctional family she’s learning how to handle. Jenna feels ready for anything—until Tanner Cobb, a guy with a past, a police record, and dangerously good looks, walks into her life. Suddenly Jenna’s surrounded by crises, including a shoe empire on the verge of crumbling. Tanner’s street smarts seem to be what Jenna needs, but can she trust him enough when the going gets tough?

In her heartfelt and humorous novel, Bauer (*Hope Was Here*) leaves teenage girl protagonists in favor of a middle-grade boy as she did also in *Sticks* (1996). But her fans won’t be disappointed. At first, 12-year-old Tree, “six feet, three and a half inches and growing,” only literally “stands tall.” At school, Coach Glimmer expects him to lead the basketball team (though he’s not very athletic) and teachers expect him to act older than his age. On the home front which shifts weekly due to his parents’ recent divorce and joint custody arrangement Tree is the glue of his family. He helps care for his Vietnam vet grandfather (who recently had a leg amputated) while worrying about his aging dog, Bradley, his two college-student brothers and his parents. Bolstered by his budding friendship with the outspoken new girl at school, Sophie, and by Grandpa, Tree finds an inner strength that helps him deal with just about anything including a natural disaster. Bauer once again creates a clan of believable characters scrambling to make the best of their particular brand of dysfunction. Her swiftly paced story artfully blends poignant and outright funny moments, resulting in a triumphant tale that will resonate with many young readers.

Agnes 10-up

Meet Jenna Bolter, star employee at Gladstone’s Shoe Store in Chicago. Standing a gawky 5’11” at 16 years old, Jenna is the kind of girl most likely to stand out in the crowd for all the wrong reasons. But that doesn’t stop Madeline Gladstone, the president of Gladstone’s Shoes 176 outlets in 37 states, from hiring Jenna to drive her cross country in a last ditch effort to stop Elden Gladstone from taking over his mother’s company and turning a quality business into a shop-and-schlock empire. Now Jenna Bolter shoe salesperson is about to become a shoe-store spy as she joins her crusty old employer for an eye-opening adventure that will teach them both the rules of the road...and the rules of life. Joan Bauer lives in Darien, CT.

A book about integrity

The Secret of the Yellow Death

Squashed

The House That Lou Built

Raising Lumie

A New York Times bestseller *She’s got it all figured out. Or does she? When it comes to relationships, Remy’s got a whole set of rules. Never get too serious. Never let him break your heart. And never, ever date a musician. But then Remy meets Dexter, and the rules don’t seem to apply anymore. Could it be that she’s starting to understand what all those love songs are about? “Remy and Dexter jump off the pages into the hearts of readers, who will wish for a romance like this of their own.” —Booklist Also by Sarah Dessen: *Along for the Ride* *Dreamland* *Just Listen* *Keeping the Moon Lock and Key* *The Moon and More Someone Like You* *That Summer The Truth About Forever* *What Happened to Goodbye**

Humor, agriculture and young love all come together in Joan Bauer’s first novel, set in rural Iowa. Sixteen-year-old Ellie Morgan’s life would be almost perfect if she could just get her potentially prize-winning pumpkin to put on about 200 more pounds--and if she could take off 20 herself..in hopes of attracting Wes, the new boy in town. Ninth Annual Delacorte Press Prize for an Outstanding First Young Adult Novel.

Readers fell in love with teenage waitress Hope Yancey when Joan Bauer’s Newbery Honor–winning novel was published ten years ago. Now, with a terrific new jacket and note from the author, Hope’s story will inspire a new group of teen readers.

Twelve-year-old Foster McFee and her mother escape from her mother’s abusive boyfriend and end up in the small town of Culpepper, West Virginia, where they use their strengths and challenge themselves to build a new life, with the help of the friends they make there.

Letters from Rifka

This Lullaby

Parasite Pig

Imagine having a personal cupid—an actual winged being--pop into your life and offer to make your dreams come true. The catch is he can help you in only one way: artistically, academically, or romantically. That’s what happens to aspiring photographer Allison Jean (A. J.) McCreary. A. J. knows she should concentrate on getting into a top-notch art school. But she’s spent five torturous months obsessed with handsome hunk, Peter Terris. Just one shot from the cupid’s bow and thownk, A. J. will have the undying devotion of handsome Peter...forever.