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So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ...

—Philippians 2.1-11

Beyond Jupiter: The Story of Planetary Astronomer Heidi Hammel. Alfred B. Bortz. New York: Franklin Watts, 2005.

Bortz details the life and major accomplishments of planetary astronomer Heidi Hammel, who studies both Jupiter and Neptune.

Dare to Dream: 25 Extraordinary Lives. Sandra McLeod Humphrey. Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2005.

Dare to Dream introduces heroes who were once ordinary people. Their strength of character helped them to achieve extraordinary things.

ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room. Donna M. Jackson. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2005.

Witness the excitement and drama of life in an animal emergency room as the ER vets work to heal the creatures we consider part of our families.

Flygirl. Sherri L. Smith. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2008.

During World War II, a light-skinned African-American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

Gibson Girls and Suffragists: Perceptions of Women from 1900 to 1918. Catherine Gourley. Minneapolis, MN: Twenty-First Century Books, 2008.

From the turn of the twentieth century through the end of World War I, the Gibson Girl, and the suffragist were icons of American womanhood.

Helping Dogs (Dog Tales: True Stories about Amazing Dogs). Marie-Therese Miller. New York: Chelsea Clubhouse, 2007.

Explains and explores how dogs are trained to help their handlers lead independent lives.

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life. Wendy Mass. New York: Little, Brown, 2006.

Jeremy and Lizzy must find all of the keys that will open a mysterious wooden box while they do community service.

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story. Linda Sue Park. Boston: Clarion Books, 2010.

Park tells the story of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.

Marshall “Major” Taylor: World Champion Bicyclist, 1899-1901. Marlene Targ Brill. Minneapolis: Twenty-First Century Books, 2008.

This is a biography of Major Taylor, an African-American bicycle racer and one of his sport’s first American stars.

Matt Dalio: China Care Founder. Michael V. Uschan. Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson Gale, 2007.

Story about Matthew A. Dalio, Founder and Chairman of the China Care Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to helping Chinese orphans by nourishing children back to health through the China Care Children’s Home and providing surgery to correct physical maladies.

A Month of Sundays. Ruth White. New York: Farrar, Straus Giroux, 2011.

In the summer of 1956, while her mother is in Florida searching for a job, fourteen-year-old April Garnet Rose, who has never met her father, stays with her terminally ill aunt in Virginia and accompanies her as she visits different churches, looking for God.

Noah Webster: Weaver of Words. Pegi Deitz Shea. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2009.

The life and work of Noah Webster, who promoted the concept of a living American language and universal education for all. Shea also discusses Webster’s career as a newspaper publisher and his creation of America’s first insurance company.

The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place. E. L. Konigsburg. Waterville, ME: Thorndike Press, 2006.

Upon leaving an oppressive summer camp, twelve-year-old Margaret Rose Kane spearheads a campaign to preserve three unique towers her great-uncles have been building in their backyard for more than forty years.

Photo by Brady: a Picture of the Civil War. Jennifer Armstrong. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005.

Armstrong retells the Civil War through the eyes of photographer Mathew Brady and other field photographers as they record a brutal and deadly time.

The Race to Save the Lord God Bird. Phillip M. Hoose. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005.

This is the story of the ivory-billed woodpecker's extinction in the United States. It describes the encounters between this species and humans and discusses what these encounters have taught us about preserving endangered species.

Rescues! Sandra Markle. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2006.

Markle looks at how emergency workers use their specialized training, equipment, and the latest technology to rescue victims of accidents or disasters in eleven different situations, ranging from an earthquake to a tsunami.

Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium. Carla Killough McClafferty. New York: Farrar, Straus Giroux, 2006.

Meet Manya Skłodowska, better known today as Marie Curie, the co-discoverer of radium, who became the first woman awarded the Nobel Prize for her work on the discovery. Learn what life was like for Marie and the effect her discovery had on her life.

Stand Tall. Joan Bauer. New York: Speak, 2005.

Tree 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.

Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion. Loree Griffin Burns. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2007.

This book describes the work of a man who tracks trash as it travels great distances by way of ocean currents.

Trapped 8 (Vet Volunteers). Laurie Halse Anderson. New York: Puffin, 2009.

Someone's been setting animal traps in the nature preserve behind Brenna's house. She and her older brother, Sage, are furious. Not only is this illegal, it's hurting and killing defenseless animals where they should be safe.

Zach Hunter: Modern-day Abolitionist. Q. L. Pearce. Detroit: KidHaven Press, 2009.

This book profiles Zach Hunter, a young person who is fighting against modern day slavery.

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

—James 2.14-17