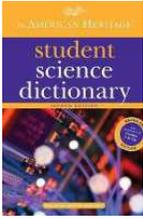


# The Real Story: Not So Boring Nonfiction



## [The American Heritage Student Science Dictionary](#)

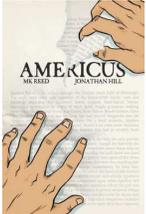
Call Number: 503 A512 2014

Entries with definitions of basic scientific terms are accompanied by illustrations, "Did You Know" sidebars, and explanatory notes.

## [Americus](#)

MK Reed

Call Number: 741.5 R3251 2011

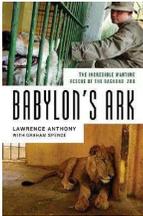


Oklahoma teen Neal Barton stands up for his favorite fantasy series, The Chronicles of Apathea Ravenchilde, when conservative Christians try to bully the town of Americus into banning it from the public library.

## [Babylon's Ark: The Incredible Wartime Rescue of the Baghdad Zoo](#)

Lawrence Anthony

Call Number: 590.735674 B144Za 2007



When the Iraq war began, conservationist Lawrence Anthony could think of only one thing: the fate of the Baghdad Zoo, located in the city center and caught in the war's crossfire. Once Anthony entered Baghdad he discovered that full-scale combat and uncontrolled looting had killed nearly all the animals of the zoo. But not all of them. U.S. soldiers had taken the time to help care for the remaining animals, and the zoo's staff had returned to work in spite of the constant firefights. Together the Americans and Iraqis had managed to keep alive the animals that had survived the invasion.

## [Bad Girls: sirens, Jezebels, murderesses, thieves, & other female villains](#)

Jane Yolen

Call Number: 364.374092 Y54 2013



Meet twenty-six of history's most notorious women. Each bad girl has a rotten reputation, but there are two sides to every tale.

## [Beyond Texting: the fine art of face-to-face communication for teenagers](#)

Debra Fine

Call Number: 153.6 F495 2014

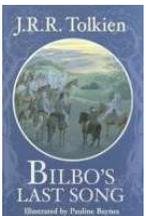


Describes how to develop the ability to have in-person conversations, offering practical advice on balancing real-world and online relationships and gaining confidence to speak up in personal, educational, and professional atmospheres.

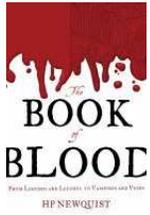
## [Bilbo's Last Song: at the Grey Havens](#)

J.R.R. Tolkien

Call Number: 821.912 qT649b



A poem from "Lord of the Rings" and primary illustrations follow the hobbit Bilbo Baggins on his final journey to the Grey Havens, while secondary illustrations at the bottom of each page depict his first journey on adventure as recounted in "The Hobbit."



### [The Book of Blood: from legends and leeches to vampires and veins](#)

HP Newquist

Call Number: 612.11 qN558 2012

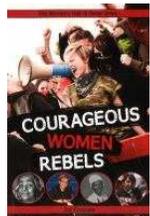
A thrilling and lively tour of the world of blood, from ancient history to modern science, to dark and often gruesome legends of vampires and plague, this book informs readers about the most important tissue in the body.



### [Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine and the Lawless Years of Prohibition](#)

Karen Blumenthal

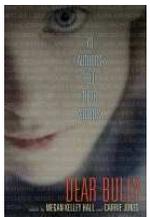
Worried about the effects of alcohol on American families, mothers and civic leaders started a movement to outlaw drinking in public places. Over time, their protests, petitions, and activism paid off—when a Constitutional Amendment banning the sale and consumption of alcohol was ratified, it was hailed as the end of public drunkenness, alcoholism, and a host of other social ills related to booze. Instead, it began a decade of lawlessness, when children smuggled (and drank) illegal alcohol, the most upright citizens casually broke the law, and a host of notorious gangsters entered the public eye.



### [Courageous Women Rebels](#)

Joy Crysedale

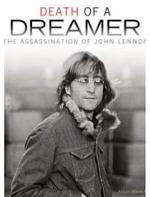
An in-depth look at the lives of ten women from around the world who made a difference in the areas of politics, equality, disability and women's rights.



### [Dear Bully: seventy authors tell their stories](#)

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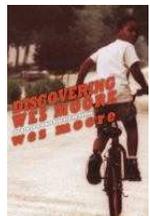
70 different authors tell their stories of being bullied and how it has affected their lives.



### [Death of a Dreamer: the Assassination of John Lennon](#)

Alison Behnke

Presents the life, accomplishments, and assassination of John Lennon and the troubled history of his assassin, Mark David Chapman.



### [Discovering Wes Moore](#)

Wes Moore

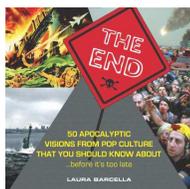
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Through the telling of events from his own life, Wes Moore explores the issues that separate success and failure.

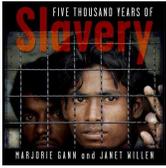
### [The End: 50 apocalyptic visions from pop culture that you should know about-- before it's too late](#)

Laura Barcella

Call Number: 001.9 B242 2012



The end takes 50 iconic apocalypse scenarios and explains where they came from, why they matter, and when it's time to abandon life at street level and dive into the closest bomb shelter.

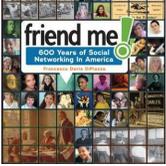


### [Five Thousand Years of Slavery](#)

Marjorie Gann

Call Number: 306.36209 G198 2011

Traces the practice of slavery throughout the millennia, drawing on historical narratives, personal accounts, and visual sources to cover such examples as the ancient Sumerian practice of selling impoverished children into bondage and the oppression of ninth-century Zanj salt marsh workers.

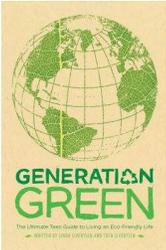


### [Friend Me! Six Hundred Years of Social Networking in America](#)

Francesca DiPiazza

Call Number: 070.92 H945Zh 2012

Chronicles social networking and communication throughout the history of America, from Native American councils to the SETI program.



### [Generation Green: The Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life](#)

Linda Sivertsen

Call Number: 333.72 S624 2008

This book lays out the inside scoop on the biggest issues affecting our planet, such as global warming and overflowing landfills; offers dozens of tips on how to shop, dress, eat, and travel the green way; includes interviews with teens like you who are involved with fun, innovative green causes; shows that being environmentally conscious can be a natural part of your life -- and your generation's contribution to turning things around.

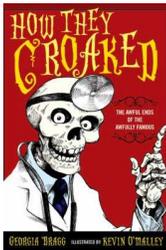


### [Hello Cruel World: 101 alternatives to suicide for teens, freaks, and other outlaws](#)

Kate Bornstein

Call Number: 616.858445 B736 2006

Transgender author Kate Bornstein provides guidance for suicidal teenagers, relating personal emotional struggles; discussing bullies, identity, and freedom; and describing 101 activities teens can use to cope and keep themselves alive.

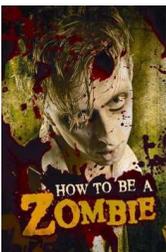


### [How They Croaked: the Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous](#)

Georgia Bragg

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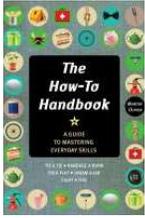
This fascinating collection of remarkable deaths relays all the gory details of how 19 world figures gave up the ghost, including King Tut, Julius Caesar, George Washington, Edgar Allan Poe, and Henry VIII. Illustrations.



### [How to be a Zombie: The Essential Guide for Anyone who Craves Brains](#)

Serena Valentino

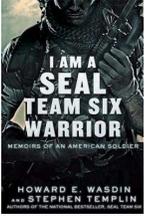
Discusses various aspects of zombie lore from popular culture, covering how to identify what type of zombie one might be, how to blend in with the living, and more, with short graphic novels based on zombie themes.



[The How-to Handbook: shortcuts and solutions for the problems of everyday life](#)

Martin Oliver, Alexandra Johnson  
Call Number: 646.700842 O48 2013

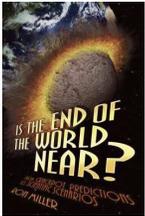
A guide to mastering essential skills for life.



[I am a SEAL Team Six Warrior: Memoirs of an American Soldier](#)

Howard E. Wasdin  
Call Number: 359.0092 W312Zw 2012

Discusses an elite group that is trained to do very difficult missions.



[Is the end of the world near? : from crackpot Predictions to scientific scenarios](#)

Ron Miller  
Call Number: 001.9 qM649 2012

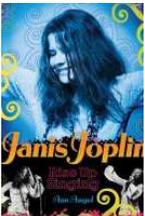
Introduces end of the world scenarios, including self-destruction through nuclear war or continued environmental exploitation, humanity wiped out by a pandemic, or an asteroid or comet strike destroying Earth.



[It Gets Better: coming out, overcoming bullying, and creating a life worth living](#)

Call Number: 306.766083 I88

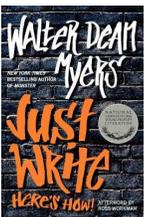
A collection of original essays and expanded testimonials written to teens from celebrities, political leaders, and everyday people. While many of these teens can't see a positive future for themselves, we can. We can show LGBT youth the kind of happiness, potential, and satisfaction their lives hold if they can just get through these early years.



[Janis Joplin: rise up singing](#)

Ann Angel  
Call Number: 782.42166 qJ81Z

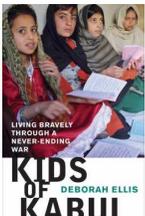
A biography of singer Janis Joplin.



[Just Write: Here's How](#)

Walter Dean Myers  
Call Number: 808.02 M996 2012

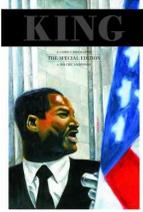
After writing more than one hundred books, it still amazes me that I have been lucky enough to spend most of my life doing what I truly love: writing.



[Kids of Kabul: Living Bravely Through a Never-Ending War](#)

Deborah Ellis  
Call Number: 305.235092 E47 2012

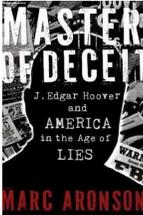
Since its publication in 2000, hundreds of thousands of children all over the world have read and loved The Breadwinner. By reading the story of eleven-year-old Parvana and her struggles living under the terror of the Taliban, young readers came to know the plight of children in Afghanistan.



### [King: A Comics Biography](#)

Ho Che Anderson

In comic book format, examines the life of the Baptist minister and civil rights leader who championed nonviolent protest and “had a dream” of equality for all.

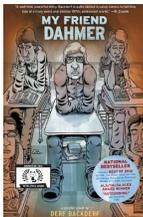


### [Master of Deceit: J. Edgar Hoover in the Age of Lies](#)

Marc Aronson

Call Number: 363.25092 qH789Zar 2012

An exploration of one of the most powerful Americans of the twentieth century unmasks the man behind the FBI, his family history, and relationships, and explores his own need for secrecy, deceit, and control, and the broad trends in society that shaped his world.

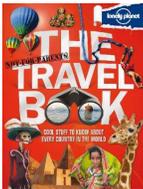


### [My Friend Dahmer](#)

Derf

Call Number: 364.152309 D131Zde 2012

You only think you know this story. In 1991, Jeffrey Dahmer, the most notorious serial killer since Jack the Ripper, seared himself into the American consciousness. To the public, Dahmer was a monster who committed unthinkable atrocities. To Derf Backderf, 'Jeff' was a much more complex figure: a high school friend with whom he had shared classrooms, hallways, and car rides. In [this story], a haunting and original graphic novel, writer-artist Backderf creates a surprisingly sympathetic portrait of a disturbed young man struggling against the morbid urges emanating from the deep recesses of his psyche-- a shy kid, a teenage alcoholic, and a goofball who never quite fit in with his classmates. With profound insight, what emerges is a Jeffrey Dahmer that few ever really knew, and one readers will never forget.

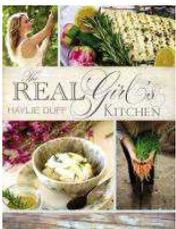


### [Not For Parents: The Travel Book](#)

Michael Dubois

Call Number: 910.202 fD816 2011

Go on a tour of 200 different countries around the world with this Lonely Planet publication.



### [The Real Girl's Kitchen](#)

Haylie Duff

Call Number: 641.5 D855 2013

Collects the actress's favorite recipes for soups, breakfasts, salads, and snacks, and includes kitchen and entertaining tips.



### [Robot Building for Teens](#)

Behnam Salemi

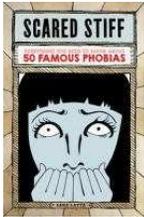
Covering the fundamentals of robot creation, this book will teach you how to design your robot, how to create a prototype, where to buy parts, and how to program your finished robot to perform tasks, focusing on the hardware and software involved in creating robots that can sense their environment, make decisions, and perform actions. You will start simply and be led, step-by-step, through the projects in the book. Along the way, you'll learn about advanced robotic systems that use the same principles you're learning in the projects, and you'll also learn what's happening today in the field of robotics, and what the future holds.



[Scandalous!: 50 shocking events you should know about \(so you can impress your friends\)](#)

Hallie Fryd  
Call Number: 909.82 F947

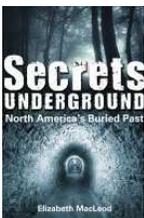
Do you love a good scandal? This book includes 50 juicy pop culture, political, and entertainment-related scandals complete with photos, event synopses, and a look at why it went down in history and how it continues to influence us today. Other features include famous quotes and a section on where the players are now.



[Scared Stiff](#)

Sara Latta  
Call Number: 616.85225 L364 2013

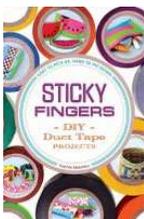
A catalog of irrational terrors which offers a little help along with a lot of pop psychology and culture.



[Secrets Underground: North America's buried Past](#)

Elizabeth MacLeod

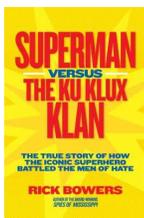
In Secrets Underground, history buff Elizabeth MacLeod introduces readers to a fascinating world. Learn about the Civil War secrets carefully concealed in Organ Cave, West Virginia, the top-secret equipment that lies deep below Grand Central Terminal in New York City, the network of tunnels in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, that once hid victims of persecution, and much more.



[Sticky Fingers: DIY duct tape projects](#)

Sophie Maletsky  
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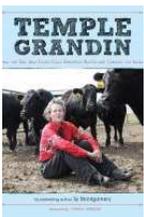
Do it yourself duct tape craft projects from the simple to the complex.



[Superman Versus the Klu Klux Klan: the true story of how 1 comic superhero battled the men of hate](#)

Rick Bowers

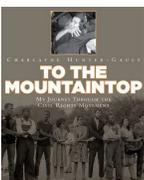
Superman was created as a hero for every person and became a hero of every time. Superman vs. the Ku Klux Klan traces the evolution of America's most enduring superhero from his inception in the minds of two Jewish high schoolers in a Cleveland suburb in the early 1930s through his activist career in a 1946 radio show that exposed the brutality of the Klu Klux Klan.



[Temple Grandin: how the girl who loved cows embraced autism and changed the world](#)

Sy Montgomery  
Call Number: 636.00929 qG753Zm

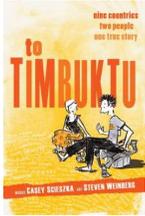
A biography of Temple Grandin.



[To the Mountaintop: My Journey Through the Civil Rights Movement](#)

Charlayne Hunter-Gault  
Call Number: 070.92 H945Zh 2012

Starting with the inauguration of Barack Obama in 2009 and working back to the early 1960s, Hunter-Gault covers many of the significant moments in the civil rights move-

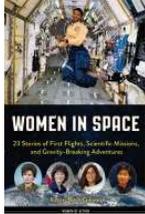


### [To Timbuktu](#)

Casey Scieszka

Call Number: 910.40922 S416Zs 2011

Casey and Steven met in Morocco, moved to China, then went all the way to Timbuktu. Her words and his illustrations tell the story of their first two years out of college spent teaching English, making friends across language barriers, researching, painting, and learning to be themselves wherever they are.



### [Women in Space: 23 stories of first flights, scientific missions, and gravity-breaking adventures](#)

Karen Bush Gibson

Call Number: 629.450092 G448 2014

The collected stories of 23 female astronauts.