

AP & UE Birthday Book Wish List

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Many parents have asked for suggestions for appropriate “birthday books” to donate. This is a list of books that we would like to have added to Thacher’s library. If none of these appeals to you, factual books about animals, foreign countries, or history are always welcome.

To avoid donating a duplicate, you can check whether or not the library already has a copy of any book by visiting the school website (thacherschool.org). The library page has a link to our catalog of current holdings, as well as the current version of the wish list. Please feel free to contact Joy or Andrea with any questions. Thank you!

The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews During the Holocaust Ruelle & Desaix 9780823421596

A little known part of the story of rescue and resistance during the Holocaust, the authors found this story very difficult to research. However, they are convinced that there is evidence that many Jews were saved during World War II through the courage of the mosque’s rector.

Our Choice: How We Can Solve the Climate Crisis (Young Reader’s Edition)

Al Gore 9780670012480

Gore’s book presents many options for real things that can be done to combat climate change.

Odd and the Frost Giants Neil Gaiman 9780061671759

In the tradition of Norse Legends, a boy named Odd meets magical creatures and gets drawn into an adventure in the land of the Gods. Short and engaging.

Perpetual Check Rich Wallace 9780375840586

“Two brothers endure a weekend chess tournament in this novel told in alternating viewpoints...Wallace makes a subtle comparison between the ability to see potential moves on the board and the ability to see the truth of life...” – Booklist

Crossing Stones Helen Frost 9780374316532

A beautifully crafted story told in verse in alternating voices. Muriel and Ollie Jorgensen have always lived across the creek from Frank and Emma Norman, but World War I intervenes to change the lives of both families.

A Christmas Carol Dickens, adapt. Grrenhut 9780061650994

“Dickens’s cautionary tale of an embittered, stingy old man learning to be a happier, more giving person thanks to the intervention of four ghosts has long been fodder for holiday collections. From its stark opening spread (&MARLEY WAS DEAD) to the final one with its much more cheerful winter scene, this year’s version, illustrated in Helquist’s darkly comic style, is one of the best.” – School Library Journal

The Extraordinary Mark Twain Barbara Kerley 9780545125086
A biography of Mark Twain taken from the author's daughter Sara's journal.
Great illustrations and little sections of the journal make this a fascinating way to
learn about the great author.

Early Civilizations Kate Kelly 9780816072057
The history of medicine throughout the world, covering many early civilizations.

Say What: The Weird and Mysterious Journey of the English Language
Gena Gorrell 9780887768781
"More than a million words, weird spellings, words that are spelled the same but
pronounced differently or vice versa. Where on Earth did the English language
come from?... This innovative book takes us on a journey through time to unravel
and demystify the story of English. Word games, intriguing facts, and tricky
quizzes add an element of fun while enriching readers' knowledge and
understanding." – publisher

After Ever After Jordan Sonnenblick 9780439837064
A sequel to *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*, this great young adult novel tells
the story of Jeffrey, the younger brother with leukemia of the first tale. Now in
eighth grade, Jeffrey deals with being a cancer survivor.

More About Boy: Roald Dahl's Tales from Childhood
Roald Dahl 9780374350550
An autobiography of one of the most beloved children's author, with scrapbook
style memorabilia of his life.

Half-Minute Horrors Susan Rich (Ed.) 9780061833793
Not for the faint of heart, this collection of short horror stories by well-known
authors ranges from subtly creepy to downright horrifying.

You Are Weird Diane Swanson 9781554532827
A book of information about the human body presented clearly, albeit with a
slightly irreverent tone.

Eyewitness Books: These are terrific for research for children of all levels.

Car	Sutton & Baquedano	9780756613846
Pond & River	Steve Parker	9780756610593
Natural Disasters	Watts & Day	9780756620721
Farm	Ned Halley	9780789460400
Religion	DK Publishing	0756610877
Eyewitness: Epidemic	Brian Ward	0789462966

Baseball Great

Tim Green

0061626864

Another great sports novel by Tim Green, who prior to writing played for the Atlanta Falcons. This is the tale of Josh, a twelve year old being pushed to play more and more competitively, who must deal with the temptation of steroids.

Funny Business: Conversations with Writers of Comedy

Marcus, Ed.

9780763632540

Thirteen interviews with well-known authors of children's books, including Judy Blume, Beverly Cleary, and Christopher Paul Curtis. An entertaining book for all, but especially valuable for aspiring writers.

The Book Book: A Journey into Bookmaking

Sophie Pietromarchi

9788186211243

"Pietromarchi invites children on a unique and poetic journey into the world of bookmaking. Exploring colors, textures, shapes, and feelings, she demonstrates how to turn these intangible elements into pictorial narratives, using such unlikely fodder as pencil shavings, onions, dust, and leaves." – publisher