

**MANGIA! A FEAST OF NEW YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE**  
**Presented by Jerene Battisti and Angelina Benedetti**  
**OEMA 2006**

**ANTIPASTO - Fantasy**

Turner, Megan Whalen. *The King of Attolia*. HarperCollins, 2006: 006083577X (trade bdg.); 0060835788 (lib. bdg.). Gr. 7 and up. Horn Book, Kirkus, SLJ starred. (Angie) *Her subjects wonder what the beloved Queen of Attolia sees in Eugenides, her "goat-footed foreigner" of a King.*

Skelton, Matthew. *Endymion Spring*. Random, 2006: 0385733801. Gr. 6-9. Kirkus, PW starred. (Jerene) *Endymion Spring has a secret book made of white dragon skin and only a chosen boy will be able to read it.*

Levine, Gail Carson. *Fairest*. HarperCollins, 2006: 0060734086 (trade bdg.); 0060734094 (lib. bdg.). Gr. 5-9. Booklist, PW starred. (Angie) *Aza might not be your vision of Snow White, but in the hands of gifted storyteller Gail Carson Levine, she is the fairest of them all.*

De la Cruz, Melissa. *Blue Bloods*. Hyperion, 2006: 0786838922. Gr. 7-10. Booklist starred. (Jerene) *When Schuyler turns 15, she begins to crave raw meat and notices strange blue veins in her arms. The Blue Bloods rule the upper crust of New York society and hide the secret of their vampirism.*

Knox, Elizabeth. *Dreamhunter: book one of the Dreamhunter duet*. FSG, 2006: 0374318530. Gr. 9 and up. Booklist, Kirkus, PW starred. (Angie) *Laura learns the devastating truth about The Place from her father, a celebrated Dreamhunter who has gone missing.*

Wooding, Chris. *Storm Thief*. Scholastic, 2006: 0439865131. Gr. 7 and up. Kirkus starred. (Jerene) *Rail and Moa weather Probability Storms and run from corrupt officials on the island of Orokos--with the help of a mutant golem.*

**INSALATA - "The Salad Course" - Nonfiction**

Jurmain, Suzanne. *The Forbidden Schoolhouse: the true and dramatic story of Prudence Crandall and her students*. Houghton Mifflin, 2005: 0618473025. Gr. 7 and up. Booklist starred. (Angie) *In 1833 Connecticut, an abolitionist dares to open her school to young African American girls – with tragic results.*

Fradin, Judith Bloom. *5000 Miles to Freedom: Ellen and William Craft's flight from slavery*. National Geographic, 2006: 0792278860; 0792278852 (library bdg.). Gr. 5-8. SLJ starred. (Jerene) *Against impossible odds, Ellen and William Craft escape from slavery and travel north to freedom.*

Hopkinson, Deborah. ***Up Before Daybreak: cotton and people in America.*** Scholastic, 2006: 0439639018. Gr. 5-9. Booklist, Kirkus, SLJ starred. (Angie) *Slaves, sharecroppers, and mill workers share cotton in common.*

Robertson, James. ***Robert E. Lee: Virginian Soldier, American Citizen.*** Atheneum, 2006: 0689857314. Gr. 7 and up. (Jerene) *Dashing, handsome Robert E. Lee was Lincoln's choice to lead the Union troops, but Lee's strong loyalty to Virginia changed the course of United States history.*

Sullivan, George. ***Berenice Abbott, Photographer: an independent vision.*** Clarion, 2006: 0618440267. Gr. 7-10. Booklist, Kirkus starred. (Angie) *Her unique lens focused on the changing landscape of New York City in the Depression Era.*

Oppenheim, Joanne. ***Dear Miss Breed.*** Scholastic, 2006: 0439569923. Gr. 7-10. Booklist starred. (Jerene) *The true story of a remarkable librarian who helped Japanese middle and high school students interred during World War II.*

Bausum, Ann. ***Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the front lines of the Civil Rights Movement.*** National Geographic, 2006: 0792241738. Gr. 5-9. Booklist, SLJ starred. (Angie) *Two Riders--one black, one white – meet and experience together a key moment in the Civil Rights Movement.*

Freedman, Russell. ***Freedom Walkers: the story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.*** Holiday House, 2006: 0823420310. Gr. 5-9. Booklist starred. (Jerene) *Rosa Parks sparked the Montgomery bus boycott with her courageous stand. Primary documentation, photos and a lively text bring this event to life.*

Thimmesh, Catherine. ***Team Moon: how 400,000 people landed Apollo 11 on the moon.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2006: 0618507574. Gr. 5-9. Kirkus, PW starred. (Angie) *It takes more than a village to land a man on the moon.*

Schemann, Serge. ***When the Wall Came Down: the Berlin Wall and the fall of Soviet Communism.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2006: 0753459949. Gr. 7-10. PW starred. (Jerene) *This pivotal turning point in world history is told by someone who witnessed it.*

Ingram, Scott. ***Want Fries With That?: obesity and the supersizing of America.*** Franklin Watts, 2005: 0531167569. Gr. 6-9. (Angie) *Updated with new statistics about our national health crisis.*

Schlosser, Eric. ***Chew On This: everything you don't want to know about fast food.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2006: 0618710310. Gr. 6-9. BCCB, Booklist starred. (Jerene) *Did you know that one out of every three toys given to children in the U.S. once came from a fast food restaurant? This and all the other facts you should know about the fast food industry.*

Revkin, Andrew. ***The North Pole Was Here: puzzles and perils at the top of the world.*** Kingfisher, 2006: 0753459930. Gr. 6-9. SLJ starred. (Angie) *An environmental reporter from the New York Times describes life at the top of the world.*

## PRIMA PIATTI - "The First Course" - Contemporary Fiction

Green, John. *An Abundance of Katherines*. Dutton Books, 2006: 0525476881. Gr. 9-12 (High School). Booklist, Horn Book, Kirkus starred. (Jerene) *Colin only falls for girls who are named Katherine and tries to quantify his theory mathematically. Then a non-Katherine teaches him that love can't be quantified.*

Portman, Frank. *King Dork*. Delacorte, 2006: 0385732910. Gr. 10-12 (High school). Kirkus, SLJ starred. (Angie) *Tom Henderson cannot stand Holden Caulfield but when he finds his father's battered copy of A Catcher in the Rye, it unlocks the conspiracies around school bullying, girls, and his father's death.*

Hartnett, Sonya. *Surrender*. Candlewick, 2006: 0763627682. Gr. 9-12 (High School). Kirkus, PW starred. (Jerene) *As twenty year old Gabriel lies on his deathbed, he tells the strange story of his relationship with another boy named Finnegan. Where does the story stop and reality begin?*

Tharp, Tim. *Knights of the Hill Country*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2006: 0375836535 (trade); 037593653X (lib. bdg.). Gr. 8-12. Kirkus starred. (Angie) *The only place everything makes sense for Hampton is on the football field.*

Plum-Ucci, Carol. *The Night My Sister Went Missing*. Harcourt, 2006: 0152047581. Gr. 7 and up. (Jerene) *A fast-paced account of what happens when a group of teens plays with a gun. Who fired the shot and is Casey dead?*

Brooks, Kevin. *The Road of the Dead*. Chicken House / Scholastic, 2006: 0439786231. Gr. 9-12 (High School). BCCB, PW, SLJ starred. (Angie) *Ruben and Cole meet with resistance when they attempt to bring home the body of their brutally-murdered sister.*

Werlin, Nancy. *The Rules of Survival*. Dial Books, 2006: 0803730012. Gr. 7 and up. Booklist, Kirkus, SLJ starred. (Jerene) *Matthew describes the horrific abuse his mother visits on his family and how fear leads to something more deadly.*

Levithan, David and Rachel Cohn. *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist*. Knopf / Random House, 2006: 0375835318. Gr. 9-12 (High School). BCCB, Kirkus starred. (Angie) *Nick and Norah meet cute and then share a long night's journey into day in the Manhattan club scene.*

Dessen, Sarah. *Just Listen: a novel*. Viking, 2006: 0670061050. Gr. 8 and up. (Angie) *Annabel doesn't want to talk about what's eating her so she'll just listen to the music that Owen gives her.*

Stone, Tanya Lee. *A Bad Boy Can Be Good For a Girl*. Wendy Lamb Books, 2006: 0385747020; 0385909462 (lib. bdg.). Gr. 8 and up. SLJ starred. (Jerene) *Josie, Nicolette and Avoiva all fall for the super-handsome sweet-talker in their high school and all pay a price. But revenge can be sweet.*

Shulman, Polly. *Enthusiasm*. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2006: 0399243895. Gr. 8 and up. Booklist starred. (Angie) *Ever have a friend that takes her interests too far? If that friend's interest is Pride and Prejudice, you just might end up in love yourself.*

Murdock, Catherine Glibert. *Dairy Queen: a novel*. Houghton Mifflin, 2006: 0618683070. Gr. 7 and up. Kirkus, PW starred. (Jerene) *DJ not only helps on her family's dairy farm when her father is injured, but trains a local star quarterback as well. She is so good she could try out for her own school's team. Should she?*

Chambers, Aidan. *This is All: the Pillow Book of Cordelia Kenn*. Amulet Books, 2006: 0810970600. Gr. 10-12 (High School). Booklist, Kirkus starred. (Angie) *Cordelia, expecting her first child, constructs a Pillow Book chronicling the events of her teen years – her first love, her affair with an older man, and her friendship with a beloved teacher.*

McCormick, Patricia. *Sold*. Hyperion, 2006: 0786851716. Gr. 8 and up. PW starred. (Jerene) *10,000 young girls from Nepal are sold into sexual slavery every year. This is the story of Lakshmi's time in hell which begins at age thirteen.*

Koss, Amy Goldman. *Side Effects*. Roaring Brook, 2006: 1596431679. Gr. 6-9. Kirkus starred. (Angie) *When Izzy is told she has cancer she cannot find one book where the kid with cancer lives. This is the book, day by day, treatment by treatment.*

Na, An. *Wait For Me*. Putnam, 2006: 0399242759. Gr. 8 and up. BCCB, Booklist, Kirkus starred. (Jerene) *Mina is expected to be the perfect daughter, but living up to her parent's expectations is too much when they ask her to choose between family obligations and first love.*

Mitchard, Jacqueline. *Cage of Stars*. Warner Books, 2006: 0446578754. Adult for YA (High School). LJ starred. (Angie) *Veronica seeks to avenge the deaths of her two sisters.*

Picoult, Jodi. *Tenth Circle*. Atria, 2006: 0743496701; 074349671X (pbk.). Adult for YA (High School). (Jerene) *To what ends should a parent go to protect a 14-year-old daughter?*

## SECOND HELPINGS – Series and Sequels

Rennison, Louise. *Startled By His Furry Shorts: confessions of Georgia Nicholson*. HarperTempest, 2006: 0060853840 (trade bdg.); 0060853859 (lib. bdg.). Gr. 7 and up. (Angie) *Georgia Nicholson returns with a new cover theme.*

Meyer, Stephanie. *New Moon*. Little, Brown & Co., 2006: 0316160199. Gr. 7 and up. (Both) *Bella and Edward's love puts their "families" in jeopardy.*

Updale, Eleanor. *Montmorency and the Assassins*. Orchard (Scholastic), 2006: 0439683432. Gr. 7 and up. Horn Book starred. (Jerene) *Twenty years have passed since Montmorency became a respectable gentleman. Now he and his friends must stop a terrorist plot.*

Meyer, L.A.. *In the Belly of the Bloodhound: being the account of a particularly peculiar adventure in the life of Jacky Faber*. Harcourt, 2006: 0152055576. Gr. 7 and up. (Angie) A crew of slavers don't know what they are in for when they kidnap Jacky Faber and her schoolmates in this fourth adventure on the high seas.

Patterson, James. *School's Out - Forever (Maximum Ride #2)*. Little, Brown & Co., 2006: 0316155594. Gr. 6 and up. (Jerene) Max and the flock are back in more heart-stopping adventures.

Pratchett, Terry. *Wintersmith*. HarperTempest, 2006: 0060890312 (trade); 0060890320 (lib. bdg.). Gr. 6 and up. Booklist starred. (Angie) Tiffany dances with the wrong man and receives some unwanted attention in the form of Tiffany-shaped snowflakes.

Fisher, Catherine. *Day of the Scarab*. Greenwillow, 2006: 0060571632. Gr. 6 and up. Horn Book, Kirkus starred. (Jerene) Mirany and her friends Jackal and Alexos must fight the evil renegade general Argelin in this thrilling and complex close to The Oracle Prophecies trilogy.

Geras, Adele. *Ithaka*. Harcourt, 2006: 0152056033. Gr. 8 and up. BCCB, PW starred. (Angie) Forget Odysseus, it's Penelope who had it hard holding the fort.

Stroud, Jonathan. *Ptolemy's Gate*. Hyperion Books for Children, 2006: 0786818611. Gr. 6 and up. Booklist, Horn Book, Kirkus, PW starred. (Jerene) Nathaniel and Kitty are reunited in this third volume starring the djinn Bartimaeus. The end will leave you breathless.

Westerfeld, Scott. *Specials*. Simon Pulse, 2006: 0786818611. Gr. 7 and up. Kirkus starred. (Angie) Tally is special in this future dystopia where the Ugliers are second-class and the Pretties are dumb.

## SECONDI PIATTI – “The Second Course” Fantastic Realism

Fletcher, Susan. *Alphabet of Dreams*. Atheneum, 2006: 0689850425. Gr. 6 and up. (Jerene) Mitra and her brother Babak are in hiding from the Persian king when they meet Three Wise Men and they join the journey to Bethlehem.

Almond, David. *Clay*. Delacorte, 2006: 038573171X. Gr. 7-9. Booklist, Horn Book, Kirkus, PW starred. (Angie) Davie is tempted to play God when the new kid shares with him the power the creation.

Bondoux, Anne-Laure; translated from the French by Y. Maudet. *The Killer's Tears*. Delacorte, 2006: 0385732937. Gr. 8 and up. BCCB, Booklist, PW starred. (Jerene) Paolo has watched the man, Angel, murder both his parents and then become his loving father. Bondoux raises fascinating questions about morality, truth and love in this beautifully written novel.

Gantos, Jack. *The Love Curse of the Rumbaughs*. Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2006: 0374336903. Gr. 8 and up. Kirkus starred. (Angie) There is such a thing as loving your mother too much.

Rosoff, Meg. ***Just In Case***. Wendy Lamb Books, 2006: 0385746784 (trade); 0385909098 (lib. bdg.). Gr. 9-12 (High School). Kirkus starred. (Jerene) *15 year-old David Case is convinced that catastrophe is just two seconds away. In her second book, Rosoff gives us quirky characters and philosophical questions to ponder.*

Johnson, Maureen. ***Devilish***. Razorbill, 2006: 1595140603. Gr. 7 and up. (Angie) *Jane must save the soul of her friend Ally, who has sold for popularity and the attentions of Jane's crush.*

Levithan, David. ***Wide Awake***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2006: 0375834664. Gr. 9-12 (High School). Booklist starred. (Jerene) *In the not-so-distant future a gay Jewish man is elected President of the United States and Duncan and his boyfriend are committed to seeing him take office.*

Westerfeld, Scott. ***The Last Days***. Razorbill, 2006: 159514062X. Gr. 8 and up. Kirkus starred. (Angie) *A band finds itself playing the music of the Apocalypse as the war between man and the beasts below comes to its last days.*

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. ***Life As We Knew It***. Harcourt, 2006: 0152058265. Gr. 7 and up. Booklist starred. (Jerene) *You will never again look at the moon the same way after reading this gripping story of survival in a world altered by natural disaster.*

### **DIGESTIF - "A little something to settle your stomach before dessert" Fun Nonfiction**

Steer, Dugald. ***Pirateology: the sea journal of Captain William Lubber, pirate hunter general***. Candlewick, 2006: 0763631434. Gr. 5 and up. Kirkus starred. (Angie) *The series that started with Dragonology capitalizes on the popularity of those who sailed under the Black Flag.*

Matthews, John. ***Pirates***. Atheneum, 2006: 1416927344. Gr. 5 and up. PW starred. (Jerene) *AAARG! Everything you need to know about pirates, including removable letters.*

Masessa, Ed. ***Wandmaker Handbook***. Tangerine (Scholastic), 2006: 0439862655. Gr. 5 and up. (Angie) *It comes with a real wand, but a little glue will help you circulate it.*

Sabuda, Robert. ***Subuda and Reinhart Present Castle: Medieval Days and Knights***. Orchard (Scholastic), 2006: 043954324X. Gr. 5 and up. (Jerene) *Sabuda and Reinhart continue to amaze and delight with this stunning pop-up book.*

Blair, Margaret Whitman. ***The Roaring 20: the first cross-country air race for women***. National Geographic, 2006: 0792253892. Gr. 5-9. (Angie) *What was the last pink airplane book you read?*

Nascar. ***A Week in the Life of Nascar***. Triumph, 2005: 1572437944. Gr. 7 and up. (Jerene) *Hot cars. Hot drivers. Let's race!*

Thrasher. *Skate and Destroy: the first 25 Years of Thrasher Magazine*. Universe, 2006: 0789313863. Gr. 7 and up. (Angie) *Thrasher, then and now*.

*Guinness World Records 2007*. Guinness, 2006: 1904994121. Gr. 5 and up. (Jerene) *Full color and full of fascinating facts*.

Plethka, Bob. *My So-Called Digital Life: 2000 Teenagers, 300 cameras and thirty days to document their world*. Independent, 2005: 1595800050. Gr. 7 and up. (Angie) *Students were given a month to document their world – to share with each other and now with us*.

Lipsyte, Robert. *Heroes of Baseball: the men who made it America's favorite game*. Atheneum, 2006: 0689867417. Gr. 5-9. (Jerene) *Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Shoeless Joe, DiMaggio and all the great men who made baseball America's favorite pastime are profiled in this fabulous book*.

### DOLCI – Dessert - Historical Fiction

Glass, Linzi Alex. *The Year the Gypsies Came*. Henry Holt, 2006: 0805079998. Gr. 9-12 (High School). BCCB, Kirkus starred. (Jerene) *Set in Apartheid South Africa in 1966, this novel chronicles the destruction of a white family. Will the comfort of their Zulu servant be enough to heal Emily?*

Sedgwick, Marcus. *The Foreshadowing*. Random, 2006: 0385746466; 0385908814 (lib.bdg.). Gr. 7 and up. BCCB, Booklist, Kirkus, PW starred. (Angie) *Alexandra has the curse of foreseeing. When her brother goes to fight in WWI, she does everything she can to stop his coming fate*.

Engle, Margarita. *The Poet Slave of Cuba: a biography of Juan Francisco Manzano*. Henry Holt, 2006: 0805077065. Gr. 7 and up. Booklist, SLJ starred. (Jerene) *In lyrical free verse, Engle brings this little known slave poet from the nineteenth century to life*.

McCaughrean, Geraldine. *Cyrano*. Harcourt, 2006: 0152058052. Gr. 8 and up. Booklist, Kirkus starred. (Angie) *Poet, soldier, and all-around great guy Cyrano woos his cousin Roxane through the beautiful Christian – with tragic consequences*.

Lisle, Janet Taylor. *Black Duck*. Sleuth / Philomel, 2006: 0399239634. Gr. 6-10. BCCB, PW, SLJ starred. (Angie) *Ruben learns more than he wanted to about the rum-running operation in his coastal home of Newport, RI*.

Gratz, Alan. *Samurai Shortstop*. Dial Books, 2006: 0803730756. Gr. 7-10. BCCB, Booklist starred. (Angie) *Honor, discipline and focus are lessons Toyo learns from his samurai father, and he puts them to use in his favorite place, the ballpark*.

Salisbury, Graham. *House of the Red Fish*. Wendy Lamb Books, 2006: 0385731213. Gr. 5-9. (Jerene) 14 year-old Tomi Nakaji is hopes that his father and grandfather will come home after being taken prisoner after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Sequel to Under the Blood Red Sun.

Nolan, Han. *A Summer of Kings*. Harcourt, 2006: 0152051082. Gr. 6-10. Kirkus, SLJ starred. (Angie) Esther learns to "be the change we want to see in the world" when she meets King-Roy, a young African-American man sent to live with her well-to-do family.

Childress, Mark. *One Mississippi: a novel*. Little, Brown & Co., 2006: 0316012114. Adult for YA (High School). (Jerene) Daniel Musgrove and Tim Cousins become best friends in small town Mississippi in 1973. Hilarious scenes of prom night are juxtaposed against a violent undercurrent.

Budhos, Marina-Tamar. *Ask Me No Questions*. Atheneum, 2006: 1416903518. Gr. 7-10. BCCB, Booklist, Horn Book starred. (Angie) A Bangladeshi family faces detention and deportation in post-9/11 New York.

Larson, Kirby. *Hattie Big Sky*. Delacorte, 2006: 0385733135. Gr. 6-9. Booklist starred. (Jerene) In the Montana plains during WWI, Hattie works her uncle's claim and makes a home for herself. Local author Kirby Larson gives readers a heroine to remember.

Anderson, M. T. *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation: Vol. 1, The Pox Party*. Candlewick, 2006: 0763624020. Gr. 10-12 (High School). Booklist, Kirkus starred. (Angie) Octavian and his mother are subjects of an Enlightenment experiment that will end in tragedy.

Zusak, Marcus. *The Book Thief*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2006: 0375831002 (trade); 0375931007 (lib. bdg.). Gr. 10-12 (High School). Horn Book, Kirkus, SLJ starred. (Jerene) Death narrates this powerful story set in WWII Germany where nine year-old Liesl Meminger and her foster family live their lives in the midst of the violence of war.