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Fall 2015 Dewey Diva Picks
Ampersand – Saffron Beckwith

Mixed List


Hardly a day goes by when nine year old Laurent Lepage doesn't cry wolf, but when he disappears a frantic search begins. Armand Gamache, the former head of homicide must face the possibility that, in not believing the boy, he himself played a terrible part in what happens next.


At 26, bright, funny and socially anxious Evelyn Beegan is determined to carve her own path in life. Evelyn has long felt like an outsider, but when she gets a job at a social network aimed at the elite, she's forced to embrace them. She starts trying to pass as old money herself, but must contend with her own family's downfall and keep up appearances, as the ground underneath her begins to give way.


Caroline Jacobs has lost herself. Asserting herself is not in her repertoire, so when she screams at the PTA president, she is shocked. But Caroline soon realizes the true cause of her outburst can be traced back to her youth. She busts her daughter Polly out of school and the two set off but nothing goes as planned. Long buried secrets begin to rise to the surface, and Caroline will have to face more than one old, bad best friend.


The complete history of musical theater and film presented in one lavishly illustrated volume packed with photos, memorabilia, stories, and more. _Musicals: The Definitive Illustrated Story_ showcases the complete history of the musical on stage and screen.

_Children of the Broken Treaty_ by Charlie Angus [University of Regina Press – 9780889774018 – TP – $27.95 – History – 342 pp. – August 2015]

_Children of the Broken Treaty_ exposes the largest youth-driven human rights movement in the country’s history. Based on extensive documentation assembled from Freedom of Information requests, Angus provides chilling insight into how Canada--through breaches of treaties, broken promises, and callous neglect--deliberately denied First Nations children their basic human rights.


In early June, 1964, the Benevolent Home for Necessitous Girls burns to the ground and its vulnerable residents are thrust out into the world. The orphans, who know no other home, find their lives changed in an instant. The seven oldest girls are sent on their way with little more than a clue or two to their past and the hope of learning about the families they have never known. On their own for the first time in their lives, they are about to experience the world in ways they never imagined.

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Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. There's no more money for rent, and not much for food, either. His parents, his little sister, and their dog may have to live in their minivan. Crenshaw is a cat. He's large, he's outspoken, and he's imaginary. He has come back into Jackson's life to help him. But is an imaginary friend enough to save this family from losing everything?

Minimal text and stunning photographs describe the remarkable, and often dangerous, journeys children make every day on their way to and from school. Children around the world travel through disaster zones, cross rapids, climb mountains, and maneuver on ziplines daily. Every image speaks to the desire for an education and the commitment the children make each day as they journey to school.

An engaging introduction for very young children to the basic facts of life in a way that is gentle, age-appropriate and accessible. Research shows that children are learning about sex at an increasingly young age and often from undesirable sources. The Q&A format starts simply and becomes gradually more in-depth, allowing the adult to guide the conversation to a natural and satisfying conclusion.

In a story set deep in the wild winter, two hungry ravens fly in search of their next meal. A pack of wolves is on the hunt, too. Food is scarce, but, if they team up, the ravens and wolves just might be able to help each other. Based on scientific data and anecdotal reports from Aboriginal hunters, the book explores the fascinating symbiotic relationship shared by wolves and ravens.

Born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Michel Chikwanine has experienced civil war, political upheaval, and poverty, emerging as an individual wise beyond his years. Forced by these circumstances to leave his home country at the age of 11 as a refugee, Michel has witnessed firsthand the problems faced by the developing world, but also the beauty of the communities and people who live there.

Whether it’s raccoons, the dark, math, or whatever lurks in the bathtub, everybody is afraid of something. In a twist on your typical alphabet book, The Little Book of Big Fears skips several letters along the way— which spell GUTSY and BRAVE — helping children face their own fears.

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Scholastic Dewey Diva Picks Fall 2015
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This well-loved story is based on a poem by the popular 13th century Persian poet, Rumi. The author has translated and retold this resonant life-long favorite universal tale for contemporary readers of all ages. Eugene Yelchin has based his brilliant illustrations on Persian miniatures.

What’s a penguin to do when he can’t find his new friend? Yesterday he made a friend who was an absolutely amazing dancer—but now he can’t find him anywhere!

Walrus escapes the zoo with his mischievous pal, Penguin in this charming wordless picture book. Will the zookeeper find them? Or will these clever runaways stay one step ahead disguised as subway riders, baseball players, and even grand opera performers?

Leo and Molly love their new neighborhood. Best of all is their friend Stillwater, a giant panda who lives across the way! Stillwater teaches Molly about patience. Leo teaches Stillwater about sharing. And Molly shows how one act of kindness can make a world of difference.

When Jessica sits next to Francis on a bench during recess, he’s surprised to learn that she isn’t actually alive—she’s a ghost. And she’s surprised, too, because Francis is the first person who has been able to see her since she died. When they meet two more friends who can also see Jessica, the question arises: What is it that they have in common?

More than anything else, George wants to play Charlotte in her fourth-grade class’s production of Charlotte’s Web. The problem is, her teacher won’t let her, because George is a boy. But George isn’t about to let that squash her dream. With the help of her best friend, George must learn to stand up for her wish — and brave a few bullies along the way.
Thirteen-year-old Finn loves bike riding — the more dangerous the trail, the better. But he had a spectacular crash a few months ago, and he’s just received a diagnosis that will change his life. He is slowly going blind. Desperate to salvage something of his “last” summer, Finn invites a friend to the cottage and is drawn to a strange island.

Nothing exciting happens on the Hill of Dust, in the remote mountains of Mexico in the 1950s. And then one day, the mysterious young Esma, who calls herself the Gypsy Queen of Lightning, rolls into town like a fresh burst of color.

Following the lives of kids whose older brother’s delinquent behavior has thrown their family into chaos, Sunny Side Up is at once a compelling "problem" story and a love letter to the comic books that help the protagonist make sense of her world.

When seventeen-year-old Iranian American Kamran Smith learns that his brother has been labeled a terrorist, he knows something isn't right. In a race against time, it is up to Kamran to prove his brother's innocence, even as the country has turned against him and his family. With the help of a ragtag team of underground intelligence professionals, Kamran must piece together the clues and the codes that will save his brother's life.

Full of a joyful, defiant spirit and writing as luscious as a Brooklyn summer night, Shadowshaper introduces a heroine and magic unlike anything else in fantasy fiction, and marks the YA debut of a bold new voice.

Delia’s new house used to be an asylum, a place to lock up "troubled" young women long ago. And a restless, wicked spirit is still at play — and it doesn’t want defiant girls like Delia to go anywhere. So the house kills her. Delia realizes that her alive and grieving sister might be the house’s next target.

A picture is worth a thousand words — and with a unique photographic format, startlingly original voice, and provocative portrayal of bullying, Young Man With Camera is a debut to get people talking.
Awesome is Everywhere by Neil Pasricha – Puffin Canada – 978-0-670-06933-0
Are you ready? With the simple touch of your fingers go on a stunning journey to see the world as you never have before. You will discover you can fly your mind to anywhere on Earth. And by the time you reach the surprise ending in this unforgettable journey you'll learn that awesome truly is everywhere.

Pram Bellamy is special—she can talk to ghosts. She doesn't have too many friends amongst the living, but that's all right. She has her books, she has her aunts, and she has her best friend, the ghostly Felix. Then Pram meets Clarence, a boy from school who has also lost a parent and is looking for answers. Together they arrive at the door of the mysterious Lady Savant, who promises to help. But this spiritualist knows the true nature of Pram's power, and what she has planned is more terrifying than any ghost.

Romeo and Juliet meets Children of the Corn in this one-of-a-kind romantic horror. “When you fall in love, you will carve out your heart and throw it into the deepest ocean. You will be all in—blood and salt.” These are the last words Ash Larkin hears before her mother returns to the spiritual commune she escaped long ago. But when Ash follows her to Quivira, Kansas, something sinister and ancient waits among the rustling cornstalks of this village lost to time.

For fans of We Were Liars and How I Live Now comes a haunting, sexy, magically realistic debut about a family caught between a violent history, a taboo romance, and the mysteries lurking in their own backyard.

What if the last hope to save your family is the person who broke it up to begin with? Michelle and her little siblings Cass and Denny are African-American and living on the poverty line in urban Baltimore, struggling to keep it together with their mom in jail and only Michelle’s part-time job at the Taco Bell to sustain them. Leah and her stepbrother Tim are white and middle class from suburban Maryland, with few worries beyond winning lacrosse games and getting college applications in on time. Michelle and Leah only have one thing in common: Buck Devereaux, the biological father who abandoned them when they were little.

A story where edge-of-your-seat horror meets post-apocalyptic thriller, On Marin’s island, sunrise doesn’t come every twenty-four hours—it comes every twenty-eight years. Because sunset triggers the tide to roll out hundreds of miles, the islanders are frantically preparing to sail south, where they will wait out the long Night. Just as the ships are about to sail, a teenage boy goes missing—the twins’ friend Line. But Night is falling. Their island is changing.
The Prison Book Club follows six of the book club members, who kept journals at Walmsley's request and participated in candid one-on-one conversations. Graham the biker, Frank the gunman, Ben and Dread the drug dealers, and the robber duo Gaston and Peter come to life as the author reconciles her knowledge of their crimes with the individuals themselves, and follows their lives as they leave prison. And woven throughout is the determined and compassionate Carol Finlay, working tirelessly to expand her program across Canada and into the United States.

Funny, engaging, poignant, and at times heartbreaking, Road Trip Rwanda is the lively tale of two friends, the open road, and the hidden heart of a continent.

Remember Mia by Alexandra Burt – 978-0-425-27840-6 – Original Trade - $18.00 – Fiction – 352 pages – August 2015
First I remember the darkness. Then I remember the blood. I don’t know where my daughter is. Estelle Paradise wakes up in a hospital after being found near dead at the bottom of a ravine with a fragmented memory and a vague sense of loss. Then a terrifying reality sets in: her daughter is missing. As hope of reuniting with Mia becomes all she has left, Estelle will do anything to find answers: What has she done to her baby? And what has someone else done to her?

A dazzling examination of a marriage, it is also a portrait of creative partnership written by one of the best writers of her generation. Every story has two sides. Every relationship has two perspectives. And sometimes, it turns out, the key to a great marriage is not its truths but its secrets. At the core of this rich, expansive, layered novel, Lauren Groff presents the story of one such marriage over the course of twenty-four years.

Unrelenting drought has transfigured Southern California into a surreal, phantasmagoric landscape. The couple’s fragile love somehow blooms in this arid place, and for the moment, it seems enough. But when they cross paths with a mysterious child, the thirst for a better future begins. Watkins’s novel explores the myths we believe about others and tell about ourselves, the double-edged power of our most cherished relationships, and the shape of hope in a precarious future that may be our own.

The Secret Chord provides new context for some of the best-known episodes of David’s life while also focusing on others, even more remarkable and emotionally intense, that have been neglected. We see David through the eyes of those who love him or fear him—from the prophet Natan, voice of his conscience, to his wives Mikal, Avigail, and Batsheva, and finally to Solomon, the late-born son who redeems his Lear-like old age.
Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - 978 0 544 40991 0 - Hardcover - $32.00 - 288 pages – Fiction - September
A family secret sent Constance Kopp and her sisters into hiding fifteen years ago. Now a feud with a powerful business man threatens the women and their family farm. This enthralling debut novel is based on a forgotten true story of one America’s first female deputy sheriffs.

The Zig Zag Girl by Elly Griffiths - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - 978 0 544 52794 2 – Hardcover - $32.00 - 336 pages – Fiction/Mystery - September
The first book in a new mystery series: The Magic Men Mystery. Set in 1950 Brighton, a murderer is killing victims with recreations of well-known magic tricks, and a group of magicians that fought together in WWII are being hunted.

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Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter by Kate Clifford Larson - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - 978 0 547 25025 0 – Hardcover - $35.00 - 288 pages – Nonfiction/Biography - November
Rosemary Kennedy, third child of Rose and Joseph Kennedy was diagnosed intellectually disabled – a secret fiercely guarded by the Kennedy clan. At age 23 Rosemary underwent a lobotomy at the urging of her father, Joseph Kennedy. Author Kate Larson uncovers a rich and fascinating look at Rosemary’s life and her place in the Kennedy family.

Jacques Pepin Heart & Soul in the Kitchen by Jacques Pepin - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - 978 0 544 30198 6 – Hardcover - $45.00 - 336 pages – Nonfiction/Cookbook – October
In his companion book to his final PBS TV series, the world-renowned chef reveals his close relationship to the land and sea as he cooks for close friends and family. Illustrations and full-colour photographs throughout.

These one-of-a-kind themed Christmas trees will inspire readers to turn a holiday standby into a stunning design statement.
It’s late at night and no one can get to sleep until a cricket comes to help. This is the anticipated companion book to The Napping House.

Say goodnight to a good dog, in this dreamy bedtime picture book in the tradition of Goodnight Moon.

Baa, Baa Black Sheep written and illustrated by Jane Cabrera - Holiday House - 978 0 8234 3388 9 - $23.95 HC - Picture book - 32 pages - Ages 2-5 - September
As a host of characters from favourite nursery rhymes receive wonderful handmade knitted gifts, poor Black Sheep’s coat grows thinner and thinner. This is a new rendition of the well-loved nursery song.

Mom’s not impressed when Malcolm comes inside the house from a day of playing in the rain with a dripping wet raincoat and muddy boots!

Kiki and Jacques by Susan Ross - Holiday House - 978 0 8234 3427 5 - $23.95 HC - 128 pages - Ages 8-12 - September
Jacques’s family life in a quaint Maine town is falling apart. At least he can look forward to soccer season. But now that is jeopardized too when a new Somali refugee student shakes things up at school and on the soccer team.

Forbidden by Eve Bunting - Clarion Books - 978 0544 39092 8 - $22.99 HC - 224 pages - Ages 12 and up -December
Set in 19th century Scotland, sixteen-year-old Josie, an orphan, is sent to live with an uncle and aunt she barely knows. Upon her arrival she finds her new surroundings, including her relatives to be sinister, threatening and mysterious. Author Eve Bunting provides an historical note about “wreckers” who lured ships to disaster and plundered them.

If You’re Lucky by Yvonne Prinz – Algonquin Young Readers  - 978 1 61620 463 1 - $24.95 HC – 288 pages – Ages 14 and up – October
When seventeen-year-old Georgia’s brother drowns while surfing in Australia, she refuses to believe Lucky’s death was just bad luck.
Fall 2015 Dewey Diva Picks- HarperCollins Canada- Mixed List

During World War I, Captain Harry Colebourn, a Canadian veterinarian on his way to serve in Europe, rescued a bear cub, named it Winnie after his hometown of Winnipeg, and took the bear to war. Harry Colebourn’s great-granddaughter Lindsay Mattick recounts their incredible journey.

Poor Little Penguin has a major case of the hiccups. Since then he’s tried everything to get rid of them, but nothing—HIC!—works. So when his friend Franklin suggests that a good scare might do the trick, Little Penguin is willing to give it a try. All he needs is a little help from YOU!

The Doldrums by Nicholas Gannon- Greenwillow Books- 9780062320940- HC- $21.00- Juvenile Fiction- 368 pp. –Sept 2015- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
Archer B. Helmsley NEEDS an adventure. His grandparents were famous explorers . . . until they got stuck atop that iceberg. Now Archer’s mother barely lets him out of the house. As if that would stop a true Helmsley. Archer enlists Adelaide—the girl who, according to rumor, lost her leg to a crocodile—and Oliver—the boy next door—to help him rescue his grandparents.

In this beautiful, menacing novel, an anxious boy becomes convinced that angels will save his sick baby brother. But these are creatures of a very different kind, and their plan for the baby has a twist. Layer by layer, he unravels the truth about his new friends as the time remaining to save his brother ticks down.

Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean Dickson (dubbed "Dumplin'" by her former beauty queen mom) has always been at home in her own skin. But after a relationship gone wrong, Willowdean decides to regain her confidence by doing the most horrifying thing she can imagine: entering her small town’s beauty pageant.

Grace Mae knows madness. She keeps it locked away, trapped deep inside a brilliant mind that cannot forget horrific family secrets, secrets that landed her in a Boston insane asylum. When Grace’s talents are discovered by a visiting doctor who dabbles in the new study of criminal psychology, she is enlisted to assist. But her hope of a somewhat normal life is threatened when Grace and the doctor’s investigations put them in the path of a killer who stalks young women.

What if you aren’t the Chosen One? The one who's supposed to fight the zombies, or the soul-eating ghosts? What if you’re like Mikey, who just wants to graduate and maybe ask his crush to prom before someone goes and blows up the high school. Sometimes, there are problems bigger than this week’s apocalypse- even if your best friend IS worshipped by mountain lions...
In this complex, beautifully crafted debut novel, a teenage girl has been trained to kill—and replace—an alternate version of herself on a parallel Earth. A literary and futuristic novel for readers who enjoy thought-provoking stories such as Never Let Me Go, Orphan Black & Fringe.

Adult Books

From a bright new talent comes this debut novel about a broke and pregnant young woman named Mattie Wallace. She travels for the first time to her mother’s hometown to cash in on an unexpected inheritance and gets sucked into the mystery that changed her family forever.

Big Fish meets The Notebook in this funny, sweet, and sometimes tragic tale of a young couple, a special alligator, and a rooster that embark on a crazy 1000-mile adventure from Virginia to Florida in a Buick. Homer Hickam’s rollicking tale is ultimately a testament to that strange and marvelous emotion we inadequately call love.

If You Only Knew by Kristian Higgins – Harlequin- 9780373784974- TP Original- $17.95- Romance- 416 pp.- August 2015
Wedding-dress designer Jenny Tate is having a hard time letting go of her ex-husband, so moves back to her hometown to start her own business. At the same time, her sister Rachel's idyllic marriage implodes after she discovers her husband sexting with a colleague. If You Only Knew offers a funny, frank and bittersweet look at marriage, forgiveness and moving on.

With her husband, Bernard in the grave, seventy-nine-year-old Harriet Chance sets sail on an ill-conceived Alaskan cruise. There, amid the buffets and lounge singers, between the imagined appearance of her late husband and the very real arrival of her estranged daughter, Harriet is forced to confront the truth about pivotal events that changed the course of her life.

On her second night of college, Aspen was raped by a fellow student. Overprotected by her parents who discouraged her from speaking of the attack, Aspen was confused and ashamed. After she stumbled through her first semester, she made a bold decision to seek healing in the freedom of the wild, on the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail leading from Mexico to Canada.

Since 1980, 1,200 Canadian Aboriginal women have been murdered or have gone missing. Journalist Emmanuelle Walter spent two years investigating this crisis and has crafted a moving representative account of the disappearance of two young women, Maisy Odjick and Shannon Alexander, who have been missing since 2008.

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