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# **FICTION**

# **Adventure and Mystery**

# **Also Known As**

by Robin Benway (Walker BFYR/Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-0-8027-3390-0 Sixteen-year-old Maggie, a spy and safecracker, must attend high school in New York City to fulfill her solo espionage assignment. (13-16)

## **Black Helicopters**

by Blythe Woolston (Candlewick Press, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-6146-5 In an existence fueled by fear, regimentation, and revenge, Valkyrie struggles to live up to the values instilled by her father. (14-17)

# The Clockwork Scarab (Stoker & Holmes series)

by Colleen Gleason (Chronicle Books, \$17.99) 978-1-4521-1070-7 Mina Holmes and Evaline Stoker investigate the deaths of young women in the Society of Sekhmet and a visitor's appearance from the future. (13-16)

#### **Find Me**

by Romily Bernard (HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-222903-8 Using her computer expertise, a skilled teenage computer hacker must find the man threatening her sister's safety. (14-17)

## **Nine Days**

by Fred Hiatt (Delacorte Press/Random House, \$17.99) 978-0-385-74273-3

When Ti-Anna's father disappears in Hong Kong, her friend Ethan suggests that they try to find him, never realizing the danger that lurks ahead. (13-16)

## **Paper Valentine**

by Brenna Yovanoff (Razorbill/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-1-59514-599-4 Can Hannah help catch a serial killer while she deals with her best friend's ghost and her new feelings for a dangerous boy? (13-17)



# **Reconstructing Amelia**

by Kimberly McCreight (Harper/HarperCollins, \$25.99) 978-0-06-222543-6 A distraught mother pursues the real cause of fifteen-year-old Amelia's death and finds out more than she expected about her daughter's world and their relationship. (13-16) Mature Content.

# Red Handed: The Fine Art of Strange Crimes

by Matt Kindt

(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$26.00) 978-1-59643-662-6

An homage to Dick Tracy, this collection of graphic stories deals with serious themes, including crime and punishment, human relationships gone wrong, and the nature of art. (14-17)

# **Coming of Age**

# 17 & Gone

by Nova Ren Suma (Dutton Children's Books/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-525-42340-9

As Lauren's seventeenth birthday approaches, she becomes tormented by images of other girls the same age who have gone missing and have not been found. (14-17)

## **Being Henry David**

by Cal Armistead (Albert Whitman, \$16.99) 978-0-8075-0615-8
A teenager wakes up in Penn Station with no memory, clutching *Walden*. Is the book a clue to his past? (13-17)

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# Coming of Age, continued

## The Boy on the Bridge

by Natalie Standiford (Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-0-545-33481-5 In 1982, Laura, an American college student, spends a semester in Leningrad and has a romance with Alyosha, which adds an unexpected dimension to her growing experience. (14-16)

## **Brianna on the Brink**

by Nicole McInnes (Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-2741-3 Sixteen-year-old Brianna's one-night stand results in a pregnancy which forces her to confront her life choices. (14-17)

#### **Bruised**

by Sarah Skilton (Amulet Books/Abrams, \$16.95) 978-1-4197-0387-4 Sixteen-year-old Imogen, a Tae Kwon Do black belt, must deal with the emotional fallout from witnessing a robbery that ended with the gunman's death. (13-17)

#### **Burning**

by Elana K. Arnold (Delacorte Press/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-385-74334-1

A small town boy, about to go off to college, falls in love with a young gypsy rebelling against the restrictive Romani culture. Do they have a future together? (14-18)

# Flowers in the Sky

by Lynn Joseph (HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-029794-7 Nina leaves her beloved Dominican Republic for a better future in New York, but her new life is more complicated than she expected. (13-16)

#### How to Love

by Katie Cotugno (Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-221635-9

When Sawyer reappears in Reena's life after two years, he finds they now have a daughter, and Reena must decide what place he has in their lives. (14-18)

#### **Kindness for Weakness**

by Shawn Goodman

(Delacorte Press/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-385-74324-2 In a brutal juvenile detention center, a fifteen-year-old boy learns harsh lessons about friendship and manhood. (14-17)

# The Language Inside

by Holly Thompson (Delacorte Press/Random House, \$17.99) 978-0-385-73979-5

When a fifteen-year-old leaves her childhood home in Japan and comes to America, she learns the power of words. Told in a series of free verses. (13-17)



# Me, Him, Them, and It

by Caela Carter (Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$16.99) 978-1-59990-958-5

Sixteen-year-old Evelyn must confront the underlying causes for her unwanted pregnancy and its impact on herself, the baby, and her extended family. (14-17) Mature Content.

#### My Beautiful Hippie

by Janet Nichols Lynch (Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-2603-4 In 1967 San Francisco, Joanne falls for a hippie, but her parents don't approve. (13-17)

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## My Chemical Mountain

by Corina Vacco (Delacorte Press/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-385-74242-9

Fourteen-year-old Jason and his friends confront the corporations that are polluting and destroying their town. (13-16)

## \*Nix Minus One

by Jill MacLean (Pajama Press, \$21.95) 978-1-927485-24-8 In a Newfoundland village, Nix, a shy, introverted younger brother, tries to juggle family relationships among strict parents and a reckless sister. Told in free verse. (13-17)

# OCD, the Dude, and Me

by Lauren Roedy Vaughn (Dial BFYR/Penguin, \$16.99) 978-0-8037-3843-0 Danielle, a high school senior, has shut herself off from others following a traumatic experience. Can attending a class to improve social skills really help her? (14-17)

## On Little Wings

by Regina Sirois (Viking/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-670-78606-0 When Jennifer, an only child, discovers that she has an aunt living in Maine, she is determined to travel and uncover her mother's hidden past and learn about her family. (13-16)

## \*Openly Straight

by Bill Konigsberg

(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-50989-3 Rafe, an openly gay high school boy, moves to an East Coast boarding school to try living an "unlabeled" life in order to fit in. (13-17)

#### **Out of Nowhere**

by Maria Padian (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86580-0

Tutoring students as part of his community service as retribution for a stupid prank, soccer star Tom becomes involved with the Somalis in his small town in Maine. (13-16)

# Out of the Easy

by Ruta Sepetys

(Philomel Books/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-399-25692-9 In New Orleans in the 1950s, seventeen-year-old Josie is desperate to leave her prostitute mother, get a college education, and make a life outside the French Quarter. (14-17)

# The Paradox of Vertical Flight

by Emil Ostrovski (Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-223852-8

Eighteen-year-old Jack didn't want to be a father, but when he sees his newborn son, everything changes, and he sets out on an improbable journey with the baby. (14-18)

## **Roomies**

by Sara Zarr and Tara Altebrando (Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$18.00) 978-0-316-21749-1

Two future roommates meet via email and help each other through some complicated life changes during their last momentous summer before going away to college. (14-17)

## **Stained**

by Cheryl Rainfield (Harcourt/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-94208-7 Seventeen-year-old Sarah, born with a large birthmark on her face, creates comic book heroes to confront bullying and discovers her own courage when she is abducted. (14-17)

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#### \*Still Star-Crossed

by Melinda Taub (Delacorte Press/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-385-74350-1

Romeo and Juliet have died, but Rosalind and Benvolio and other Capulets and Montagues still live. What happens next? (13-17)



# This Is How I Find Her

by Sara Polsky (Albert Whitman, \$16.99) 978-0-8075-7877-3 Artistically talented but overburdened, Sophie has spent much of a lifetime caring for her mentally ill mother, often at the expense of friendship and schoolwork. (14-18) Mature Content.

## This Song Will Save Your Life

by Leila Sales (Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-374-35138-0

When sixteen-year-old Elise, bullied and miserable, discovers a passion and the talent to be a disc jockey, it makes her life even more complicated. Will she find herself? (14-17)



# **M** Two Boys Kissing

by David Levithan (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-307-93190-0

This story of the relationships of several gay teens and a transgender youth chronicles society's progress, but conflicts still imposed by their environment and their inner turmoil are acknowledged. (14-17) Mature Content.

### When Love Comes to Town

by Tom Lennon (Albert Whitman, \$15.99) 978-0-8075-8916-8 Neil, a teenager in 1990s Dublin, must come to terms with the fact that he is gay as he seeks love and acceptance from family and friends. (15-17)

# Wicked Cruel: Three Urban Legends

by Rich Wallace (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86748-4

Three stories, set in a town near Mount Monadnock, New Hampshire, explore the impact of restless and often unhappy ghosts on young teens struggling with their own issues. (14-17)

# \*Winger

by Andrew Smith, illustrated by Sam Bosma (Simon & Schuster BFYR, ) 978-1-44244-428 Ryan, a rugby player and the youngest junior at boarding school, lands in the dorm for troublemakers. He is not prepared for the events that unfold. Charcoal and ink illustrations. (14-17)

### **Fantasy**

# **Absent**

by Katie Williams (Chronicle Books, \$16.99) 978-0-8118-7150-1 Seventeen-year-old Paige fell from the roof of her high school. Now she is a ghost. Can she stop the rumors about her death? (14-17)

#### The Archived

by Victoria Schwab (Hyperion Books for Children/Disney, \$16.99) 978-1-4231-5731-1

Too many dead, called Histories, are waking up in the archive where they're kept. Sixteen-year-old Mackenzie must prevent them from escaping into the world. (13-17)

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## Fantasy, continued

#### The Coldest Girl in Coldtown

by Holly Black

(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$19.00) 978-0-316-21310-3

Tana, seventeen, wakes up from a party in a house full of the dead, except for Gavriel, a handsome vampire, and Aidan, her "infected" ex-boyfriend. Should she flee or try to save her friend? (14-17)

## \*Far Far Away

by Tom McNeal (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$17.99) 978-0-375-84972-5

Jacob Grimm is stuck in purgatory and believes that if he helps Jeremy Johnson Johnson, he will pass to the other side. (13-16)

# **Maggot Moon**

by Sally Gardner, illustrated by Julian Crouch (Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-6553-1 Standish Treadwell lives with his grandfather in punitive Zone Seven. He is confronted by bullies at school (including teachers), the man in the leather coat watching him, and Motherland propaganda. Can he discover what is real? Black-and-white spot illustrations. (14-17)

#### **Mortal Fire**

by Elizabeth Knox (Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-0-374-38829-4

Canny, a sixteen-year-old New Zealander, discovers the power of the human spirit, connections to the natural world, and the source of her remarkable magical abilities. (14-17)

#### **The Summer Prince**

by Alaya Dawn Johnson

(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-41779-2 In a futuristic Brazilian city, June and her best friend, Gil, both fall for charismatic Enki, this cycle's Summer King, who will be sacrificed. (14-16)

# \*The Theory of Everything

by Kari Luna

(Philomel Books/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-399-25626-4 When fourteen-year-old Sophie moves from New York to Illinois with her mom, she must come to terms with visions, a disappearing father, a new best friend, and her shaman panda. (13-15)

# \*The Wrap-Up List

by Steven Arntson

(Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$15.99) 978-0-547-82410-9 Sixteen-year-old Gabriela has been selected for departure. She has just one week to discover Death's secret weakness and outwit him. (14-17

### **Yellowcake: Stories**

by Margo Lanagan (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86920-4

Fairy tales, myths, and biblical sources are the foundation for these thirteen magical and haunting tales. (15-17)

# **Historical Fiction**

# Hideous Love: The Story of the Girl Who Wrote

by Stephanie Hemphill (Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-185331-9

Mary Shelley's teenage romance led her to write the classic gothic tale of a tragic monster. Told in free verse. (14-16) Mature Content.

# \*Jerusalem: A Family Portrait

by Boaz Yakin, illustrated by Nick Bertozzi, based on a story by Boaz Yakin and Moni Yakin (First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$24.99) 978-1-59643-575-9

Three generations of a family work toward the creation of the Israeli state. Clean-lined black-and-white art. (14-18) Mature Content.

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## Historical Fiction, continued

## My Mother's Secret

by J. L. Witterick (G.P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin, \$19.95) 978-0-399-16854-3

At great personal risk, Polish woman hid fourteen Jews and a German soldier in her small house for twenty months during World War II. Based on a true story. (13-17)



# \*Rose under Fire

by Elizabeth Wein (Hyperion Books for Children/Disney, \$17.99) 978-1-4231-8309-9

After escaping from a concentration camp, teenage pilot Rose struggles to process what has happened and vows to tell the world. (14-18) Mature Content.

#### Strands of Bronze and Gold

by Jane Nickerson (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-307-97598-0

After the death of her father in 1855, seventeen-yearold Sophia is invited to live with her godfather at his Gothic mansion in Mississippi. (14-17)

# Templar

by Jordan Mechner, illustrated by LeUyen Pham, and Alex Puvilland, color by Hilary Sycamore, and Alex Campbell

(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$39.99) 978-1-59643-393-9

In 1307 a few knights escape the persecution and massacre of the Templars by the King of France and search for their legendary treasure. (13-17)

# The War within These Walls

by Aline Sax, illustrated by Caryl Strzelecki (Eerdmans BFYR, \$17.00) 978-0-8028-5428-5 When deportations from the Warsaw ghetto begin, Misha joins the Jewish resistance fighting back against the Nazis. Grim, stark, black-and-white mixed-media illustrations. (14-17) Mature Content.

#### **Science Fiction**

#### **BZRK Reloaded**

by Michael Grant (Egmont, \$17.99) 978-1-60684-394-9 Can the members of BZRK, deploying their biots, keep the Armstrong Twins from using nanotechnology to create a "Utopia" based on destroying humankind's free will? (14-17)

## \*A Matter of Days

by Amber Kizer (Delacorte Press/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-385-73973-3

After sixteen-year-old Nadia and her younger brother survive the BluStar pandemic, they undertake a journey from Seattle to West Virginia to reunite with the uncle who saved them. (13-16)

# **More Than This**

by Patrick Ness

(Candlewick Press, \$19.99) 978-0-7636-6258-5 Teenage Seth awakens in his early childhood hometown in England—now apparently deserted. Did he drown? Is he dead? (13-17)

#### **Orleans**

by Sherri L. Smith

(Putnam Juvenile/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-399-25294-5 In the primitive wasteland that was once New Orleans, a newborn's survival is dependent on teenager Fen, rogue scientist Daniel and escape to the Outer States. (14-17)

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# Science Fiction, continued

## Proxy

by Alex London (Philomel Books/Penguin, \$17.99) 978-0-399-25776-6 When Syd, futuristic proxy to wealthy, reckless Knox, is sentenced to jail for Knox's crime, he attempts to escape. Whom can he trust? (13-16)

#### Steelheart

by Brandon Sanderson (Delacorte Press/Random House, \$18.99) 978-0-385-74356-3 Superpowered Epics control what remains of the Fractured States of America. David wants nothing more than to take down the most powerful Epic of all—Steelheart. (14-17)

#### Taken

by Erin Bowman

(HarperTeen/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-211726-7 Just before his eighteenth birthday, Gray learns a secret that leads him to question why there are no males over eighteen in Claysoot and to seek the answer. (13-17)

## The Twelve-Fingered Boy

by John Hornor Jacobs

(Carolrhoda/Lerner, \$17.95) 978-0-7613-9007-7 When fifteen-year-old Shreve and thirteen-year-old Jack become cellmates, they discover mind-altering talents, friendship, and a new world view. (14-17)

#### Sports

#### **Foul Trouble**

by John Feinstein (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86964-8

College recruiters are not the only ones competing for the attention of Terrell Jamerson, the top-ranked high school basketball player in the country. How can he decide whom to trust? (14-17)

# Today

# **Brother**, Brother

by Clay Carmichael (Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-1-59643-743-2

When the grandmother who raised him dies, Brother discovers that he has an identical twin. What other family secrets will he uncover when they meet? (14-17)

# **Cameron and the Girls**

by Edward Averett (Clarion/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-547-61215-7 Fourteen-year-old Cameron suffers from a less severe form of schizophrenia. Struggling to reclaim his reality, he goes off his meds, choosing his hallucinations over sedation. (14-17)

# Chasing Shadows

by Swati Avasthi, illustrated by Craig Phillips (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$17.99) 978-0-375-86342-4

Can their shared love of free-running and comic books help Corey's twin sister and his girlfriend solve and survive Corey's murder? Bold black-and-white graphics alternate with traditional text. (14-18)

#### **Darius & Twig**

by Walter Dean Myers
(Amistad Press/HarperCollins, \$17.99)
978-0-06-172823-5
In Harlem, two sixteen-year-old friends—a would-be author and a runner—strive to escape inner-city poverty and violence. (13-16)

### \*Eleanor & Park

by Rainbow Rowell

(St. Martin's Griffin/Macmillan, \$18.99) 978-1-250-01257-9

When a new girl, bullied for her weight and unconventional style, and a half-Korean boy who is into music and comics sit together on the bus, an unlikely romance develops. (15-17)

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#### **Famous Last Words**

by Jennifer Salvato Doktorski (Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt/Macmillan, P \$17.99) 978-0-8050-9367-4

When sixteen-year-old Sam, an aspiring journalist, begins her internship at a local newspaper, she never expects that she'll be writing obituaries—or that several other surprises are in store. (13-16)

## \*Fangirl

by Rainbow Rowell (St. Martin's Griffin/Macmillan, \$18.99) 978-1-250-03095-5

Twins Cath and Wren have always written fan fiction together. Now in college, extrovert Wren wants independence while introvert Cath wants to continue hiding behind her stories. (13-17)

## \*Freakboy

by Kristin Elizabeth Clark (Farrar Straus Giroux/Macmillan, \$18.99) 978-0-374-32472-8

Brendan has a girlfriend, but more and more wants to be a girl and struggles to come to terms with what it all means. (13-17)

# \*Gadget Girl: The Art of Being Invisible

by Suzanne Kamata (Gemma, P \$14.95) 978-1-936846-38-2 Fourteen-year-old Aiko, an aspiring manga artist with cerebral palsy, dreams of meeting the father she has never known. (13-16)

#### \*If You Find Me

by Emily Murdoch (St. Martin's Griffin/Macmillan, \$17.99) 978-1-250-02152-6

For years Carey and her sister lived hidden away in an abandoned camper in the woods. Then their mentally ill mother disappears. What will become of them? (15-17)

#### **Loud Awake and Lost**

by Adele Griffin (Alfred A. Knopf/Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-385-75272-5

After seventeen-year-old Ember barely survives a near-fatal car accident, she must overcome severe memory loss to piece together what happened. (14-17)



# The Milk of Birds

by Sylvia Whitman (Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) 978-1-4424-4682-3

A correspondence between a fifteen-year-old Sudanese girl in a refugee camp and a fourteen-year-old American girl with learning disabilities has surprising results. (14-16) Mature Content.

#### **Nantucket Blue**

by Leila Howland (Hyperion Books for Children/Disney, \$16.99) 978-1-4231-6051-9

Seventeen-year-old Cricket's dream of a summer on Nantucket gets derailed when tragedy strikes her best friend's family. An unexpected love interest promises to turn the tide. (15-17)

## So Much It Hurts

by Monique Polak (Orca, P \$12.95) 978-1-4598-0136-3

A seventeen-year-old aspiring actress falls in love with an older man. She makes excuses for his abusive behavior until she finally learns to "tender yourself more dearly." (14-17)



# \*Somebody Up There Hates You

by Hollis Seamon

(Algonquin/Workman, \$16.95) 978-1-61620-260-6 In this hilarious and heartbreaking novel, Richie and Sylvie, two teenagers in hospice, don't let terminal illness stop them from living their last days to the fullest. Sexually explicit content. (14-18) Mature Content.

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## A Trick of the Light

by Lois Metzger (Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-213308-3

A voice inside his head is giving Mike advice on how to regain control of his life. Should he listen to it? (14-16)

## **POETRY**

# \*God Got a Dog

by Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Marla Frazee (Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-4424-6518-3 God lives as various people reflecting a diversity of human experience and the little bit of divinity in everyone. Told in free verse. Detailed pencil and gouache illustrations. (13-16)

#### Indivisible: Poems for Social Justice

edited by Gail Bush and Randy Meyer, illustrated by Matthew T. Bush (Norwood House, \$10.95) 978-1-60357-417-4 The America of high ideals and harsh realities is depicted in diverse poetic styles. Line drawings. (12-17)

# INFORMATION BOOKS

#### Health

Doing It Right: Making Smart, Safe, and Satisfying Choices about Sex

by Bronwen Pardes (Simon Pulse/Simon & Schuster, P \$12.99) 978-1-4424-8371-2

This frank and down-to-earth compendium has been updated and explains everything that teens might want to know about sex but were afraid to ask. (13-17) Mature Content.

# History

# **Branded By the Pink Triangle**

by Ken Setterington (Second Story Press, P \$15.95) 978-1-926920-96-2 In Nazi Germany, gays were rounded up and sent to concentration camps. Interviews, photographs, and other resources tell their story. (13-17)

# \*The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi

by Neal Bascomb

(Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$16.99) 978-0-545-43099-9 This thrilling spy adventure follows the dangerous and meticulously planned capture of the infamous Adolf Eichmann. Extensive references, bibliography, and index. (13-17)

# Religion

\*With a Mighty Hand: The Story in the Torah adapted by Amy Ehrlich, illustrated by Daniel Nevins (Candlewick Press, \$29.99) 978-0-7636-4395-9
The five books of the Torah are beautifully adapted in free verse. Oil on wood paintings. Well referenced. (11-18)

### **Science**

Fourth Down and Inches: Concussions and Football's Make-or-Break Moment

by Carla Killough McClafferty (Carolrhoda/Lerner, \$20.95) 978-1-4677-1067-1 Graphic technical details describe head and brain traumas that have plagued the game of football since the nineteenth century. Photos and diagrams. Sources, web sites, and bibliography. (12-17)

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# Science, continued

Shaking the Foundation: Charles Darwin and the Theory of Evolution

by Sylvia Johnson (Twenty-First Century/Lerner, \$33.27) 978-0-7613-5486-4 The nature of Darwin's theory and of the opposition to it are examined. Black-and-white photos and illustrations. Extensive back matter and references. (14-18)