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Art & Music



Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman

By: Marc Nobleman

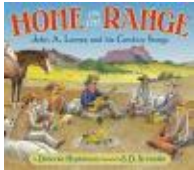
Two Cleveland, Ohio teenagers, who are more like Clark Kent than the superhero they created, Superman.



Charlie Russell: Tale-Telling Cowboy Artist

By: Lois Harris

Known as the Cowboy Artist, some of his paintings hang in our own Gilcrease Museum.



Home on the Range: John A. Lomax and His Cowboy Songs

By: Deborah Hopkinson

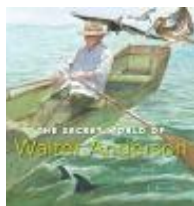
Growing up in Texas, John loved the songs of the cowboys and



I and I: Bob Marley

By: Tony Medina

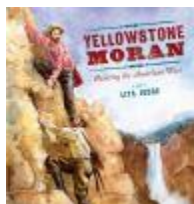
Jamaican reggae musician Bob Marley's life is told in verse.



The Secret World of Walter Anderson

By: Hester Bass

Walter Anderson would spend weeks on Horn, an uninhabited island off the Mississippi coast painting his surroundings.

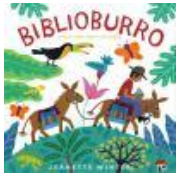


Yellowstone Moran: Painting the American West

By: Lita Judge

Tulsa's Gilcrease Museum owns the largest collection of works by this famous American artist.

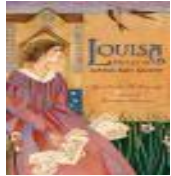
Books & Authors



Biblioburro: A True Story from Colombia

By: Jeanette Winter

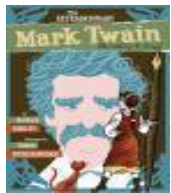
Luis Soriano has so many books that he becomes Colombia's first mobile library using two donkeys to bring the joy of reading to children.



Louisa: The Life of Louisa May Alcott

By: Yona McDonough

Learn what inspired Louisa May Alcott's book *Little Women*.



The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy)

By: Barbara Kerley

Susy Clemens thought people were wrong about her papa, so at 13 years old she set out to set the record straight.

Famous Women



Louisa: The Life of Louisa May Alcott

By: Yona McDonough

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Oprah: The Little Speaker

By: Carole Weatherford

Since she was a young girl, Oprah Winfrey wanted to talk for a living.



Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee

by Marissa Moss

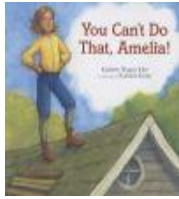
One of two Chinese American women, Maggie Gee served in the Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II.



Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx/La Juez Que Crecio En El Bronx

By: Jonah Winter

First Latino Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor grew up in poverty in the Bronx.

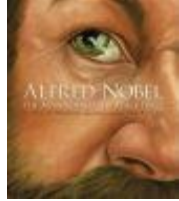


You Can't Do That, Amelia!

By: Kimberly Klier

Even though girls in the early 20th century don't even dream of flying planes, Amelia Earhardt ignores convention to make her mark on history.

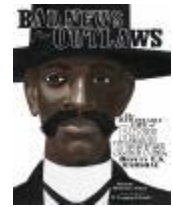
History



Alfred Nobel: The Man Behind the Nobel Peace Prize

By: Kathy Wargin

Find out what dynamite and the Nobel Peace Prize have in common.



Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshall

By: Vaunda Nelson

A former slave who could communicate with Native Americans, Bass Reeve became a United States Marshall for what would become Oklahoma.



The Brothers Kennedy: John, Robert, Edward

By: Kathleen Krull

Moments from the lives of the three brothers who went on to become one of the most powerful political families in the United States.



Howard Thurman's Great Hope

By: Issa Jackson

Influential African American author, theologian, educator and civil rights leader.



John Brown: His Fight for Freedom

By: John Hendrix

While many spoke of ending slavery, John Brown backed his words with action.

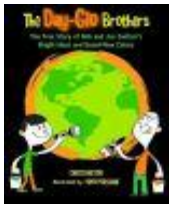
Inventors



The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth

By: Kathleen Krull

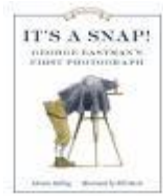
By the time he was a high school freshman, Philo Farnsworth had created the concept of fully electronic television.



The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors

By: Chris Barton

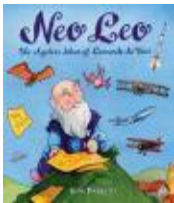
Two brothers - Bob wanted to be a doctor and Joe wanted to be in show business - but instead they created colors that glow with extra-special intensity.



It's A Snap! George Eastman's First Photograph

By: Monica Kulling

His Brownie camera made photography a hobby for the masses rather than the few, wealthy elite.



Neo Leo: the Ageless Ideas of Leonardo da Vinci

By: Gene Barretta

Leonardo da Vinci's ideas, descriptions and detailed sketches would later become reality as hang-gliders, automobiles, planes and more.

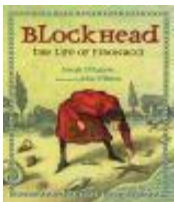


A Wizard from the Start: The Incredible Boyhood & Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison

By: Don Brown

Tom Edison, son of a farmer, began his inventor career as a young boy only to become a legend.

Math & Science



Blockhead: The Life of Fibonacci

By: Joseph D'Aganese

You've learned about the Fibonacci sequence of numbers, but just what led Leonard Fibonacci his discovery?



The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau

By: Dan Yaccarino

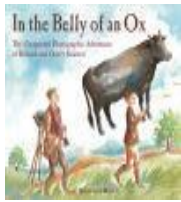
The world's ambassador to the oceans is introduced.



Into the Deep: The Life of Naturalist and Explorer William Beebe

By: David Sheldon

The father of deep sea exploration, Beebe also hypothesized that birds evolved from once having wings on both front and rear limbs – a hypothesis which with today's paleontologists now agree.

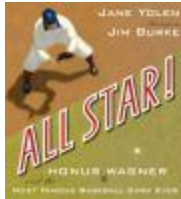


In the Belly of an Ox: The Unexpected Photographic Adventures of Richard and Cherry Kearton

By: Rebecca Bond

Brothers Richard and Cherry Kearton used camouflage in order to get closer to the birds they wanted to photograph, becoming two of the first wildlife photographers.

Sports



All Star! Honus Wagner and the Most Famous Baseball Card Ever

By: Jane Yolen

Just why is the Honus Wagner baseball card the most sought after card in the world?



!Clemente!

By: Willie Perdomo

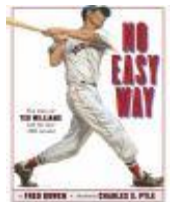
Famous for his baseball career and charitable work, Clemente become the first Latin American player inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Muhammad Ali: The People's Champion

By: Walter Dean Myers

From learning how to fight under the tutelage of a former police officer to becoming the heavyweight champion of the world, Muhammad Ali's larger than life legend is examined.



No Easy Way: The Story of Ted Williams and the Last .400 Season

By: Fred Bowen

In 1941 Ted Williams hit .406 setting a record that has yet to be matched.



Racing Against the Odds: The Story of Wendell Scott, Stock Car Racing's African American Champion

By: Carole Weatherford

Wendell Scott made history as the only African American driver to win a race in a NASCAR Grand National (now Sprint Cup) division.