

Books, stories and poems to inspire creative writing on the theme of THINGS for the YWA Creative Writing Contest 2010

TEENS

NOVELS

- Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist by Rachel Cohn & David Leviathan
A boy and a girl have incredible adventures one night in New York City thanks to a warm jacket (that used to belong to a guy named Salvatore). Recommended by Traci Glass Young Adult Services Eugene Public Library
- Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen
A girl discovers that learning how to ride a bicycle is akin to learning how to live life. Recommended by Young Adult Services Eugene Public Library
- Twenty Boy Summer by Sarah Ockler
A blue triangle of sea glass means a lot to Anna after she loses Matt. Recommended by Young Adult Services Eugene Public Library
- Feed by M.T. Anderson
Teens live in a futuristic world. The book is a dark satire about corporate power and consumerism. Recommended by Laura, Eugene Public Library
- A Stir of Bones by Nina Kiriki Hoffman
With the help of five new friends--three humans, one ghost, and House, Susan has what she needs to transform her life, if she dares. A Stir of Bones is the stand-alone prequel to fantasist Nina Hoffman's award-winning adult novels A Red Heart of Memories and Past the Size of Dreaming.
- The Braid by Helen Frost
Two sisters-- each carry a length of the other's sister's hair braided into her own. The braid binds them together when they are worlds apart and reminds them of who they used to be before they were evicted from the Western Isles, where their family had lived for many generations.
- The Odyssey (Homer) (many re-tellings)

CREATIVE NONFICTION

- About This Life by Barry Lopez
 - *Flight*
- Strand by Bonnie Henderson
An Odyssey of Pacific Debris

ARTICLES

- Register-Guard, Serena Markstrom, 11/27/09
Narratives from Artifacts: Songwriter Michael Roderick goes "through thrift shops looking for things in the past that seem to have stories connected to

them. He enjoys music that transports him through time, or makes him feel like he is in a different place.”

- From *Why Shopping is Good Again* by Lee Eisenberg for
- Parade Magazine, The Register-Guard, 10/25/09
 - Value of shared, personal experience rather than shelling out for stuff
 - Value from purchases that allow us to transform ourselves: (present another side of yourself to the world)
 - Value built into certain purchases that in some ways are extensions of the self (not money value but attachment... we notice the attachment most keenly when we we've lost something of personal significance to us)

POETRY

- *Chorus and Men Working* Edna St. Vincent Millay
- *The New House* by Maya Angelou
- New and Selected Poems by Mary Oliver
 - *Wild Geese*
 - *The Sun*
- The flag of childhood, poems from the middle east selected by Naomi shihab nye
 - *The Table* by Edip Cansever, translated by Richard Tilinghast
- Poems by Pablo Neruda
 - *Ode to My Socks*
 - *To Things*
 - *To the Chair*
- poetry 180, contemporary poems selected by Billy Collins
 - *Numbers* by Mary Cornish
 - *White Towels* by Richard Jones
 - *The Bell* by Richard Jones
 - *Football* by Louis Jenkins
 - *The Bagel* by David Ignatow
 - *My Father's Hat* by Mark Irwin
- This Same Sky, A Collection of poems from Around the World Selected by Naomi Shihab Nye
 - *The Pen* by Muhammad al-Ghuzzi, Tunisia
 - *A New Dress* by Ruth Dallas, New Zealand

- *Before The Game* by Vasko Popa, Yugoslavia
- *The New Suit* by Nidia Sanabria de Romero, Paraguay
- *The Wall* by Tania Diaz Castro, Cuba
- Good Poems for Hard Times, selected by Garrison Keillor
 - *In Answer to Your Query* by Naomi Lazard
 - *What's in My Journal* by William Stafford
 - *Why I Take Good Care of my Macintosh* by Gary Snyder
 - *Ode to my 1977 Toyota* by Barbara Hamby
 - *Things* by Lisel Mueller
 - *In Praise of My Bed* by Meredith Holmes
- Good Poems, selected by Garrison Keillor
 - *Welcome Morning* by Ann Sexton
- Americans' Favorite Poems, edited by Robert Pinsky and Maggie Dietz
 - *The Pebble* by Zbigniew Herbert
 - *Do you see the town?* By Hugo Von Hofmannsthal
- A Maze Me by Naomi Shihab Nye
 - *Finding a Pink Ribbon on the Wilderness Trail*
 - *Margaret*
 - *Sometimes I Pretend*
 - *Sifter*
 - *Some days*
- Braid by Helen Frost
 - *Table*
 - *Doors*
 - *Money*
- Poetry For Young people, William Carlos Williams, Edited by Christopher MacGowan
 - *Between Walls*
 - *The Great Figure*
 - *The Red Wheelbarrow*
- Knock At A Star, Editors X.J. Kennedy and Dorothy M. Kennedy
 - *Football* by Walt Mason
- Legends From Camp, Poems by Lawson Inada, Oregon State Poet Laureate
 - *The Shovel People*

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