

## A SELECTION OF BOOKS THAT ARE TIMELY FOR FALL 2016

**Around America to Win The Vote** : Two Suffragists, a Kitten, and 10,000 Miles Mara Rockliff  
illustrated by Hadley Hooper Somerville, MA : Candlewick, c2016 978-0-7636-7893-7 Ages 6 +  
\$16.99

Buy this book, catalog it ASAP and put it out on the display shelf. This wacky picture book is fun for all ages. It is actually the true story of two women, Nell Richardson and Alice Burke, who set out from New York City in 1916 in their little yellow car, traveled to California and back to encourage Americans to get out the vote for women. Hilarious, and the back pages provide the serious information and list for further reading.

**California the Magic Island** Doug Hansen Berkeley, CA : Heyday, c2016 978-1-59714-332-5  
45p. Ages 6-12 \$17.00

This book is a companion to the author's two other books – **Mother Goose in California** and **Aesop in California**. A takeoff on Arabian Nights, birds and animals of California tell their stories along with a history of the Golden State to Queen Calafia. The illustrations are stunning.

**California's Missions from A to Z** Matt Weber www.121publications.com, c2010 978-0-  
98419131-0-6 60 p. Ages 6 + \$12.95

Not a new book – but our California school children can always use another book about our California missions. This small format picture book shows a map of the missions on one of the back pages. Another reference page at the back is a chart of the locations and names of the missions photographed in the main part of the book. This little book is actually an A through Z journey through the life and times of the California missions with topics such as: Crosses, Gardens, Junipero Serra, Monterey, Native Americans, Padres, Saints, Walking, etc.

**Historic Yosemite National Park: The Stories Behind One of America's Great Treasures** Tracy Salcedo Guilford, CT : Rowman & Littlefield, c2016 978-1-4930-1811-6 222p. Adult \$16.95 pb. The author, a woman, lives in California's Wine Country and has written many guides to the San Francisco Bay Area and Lake Tahoe. The book contains a dozen chapters including information on the Ahwahneechee, the Mariposa Battalion, big trees, John Muir, Hetch Hetchy, tales of glaciers and waterfalls, geology, and wildlife. An appendix has two pages of Fast Facts, and there is a bibliography. This is a book you can pick up and read a few pages here and there, should appeal to the men in your congregation, and celebrates the 100th anniversary of our nation's parks with California's favorite.

**Journey Around Our National Parks** Martha Day Zschock Carlisle, MA : Commonwealth Editions, c2016 978-1-938700-36-1 Ages 6 + \$17.95

2016 is the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of our national park system. This picture book is part of a *Journey Around* series and is suitable for a wide range of readers. End pages contain a timeline of dates with small pictures showing major milestones in our nation's history from 1776 to 2016. Opening pages show a two-page spread of all our various kinds of national parks and their locations. Subsequent pages are each devoted to a specific topic: Adventure, Biodiversity, Culture, Discover, Ecosystems, Family Fun, Geology, History, and so on. Text and pictures for each topic explain and give examples of some appropriate parks.

**The Life and Times of Corn** Charles Micucci Boston, MA : Houghton Mifflin, c2009 978-0-  
618-50751-1 32p. Ages 6-9 [16.99] \$6.99 on sale at Hickelbee's back room.

All about corn, this colorful book would make a good and inexpensive fill-in for your fall collection, if you don't already own it.

**Nature's Day** : Discover the World of Wonder on Your Doorstep Kay Maguire illustrated by Danielle Kroll New York, NY : Wide Eyed, c2016 978-1-84780-707-6 79p. Ages 5-12 \$24.99 Most of you will not have the money to splurge on this expensive picture book, but it might make a good gift for the children of some special family. I have included this book because it is one of a type of picture book with an old-fashioned feel that has become popular in the last couple of years. I think our children should be able to experience all kinds of "art" in books. The book is divided into Welcome to spring, summer, fall, and winter – each with their special divisions on the backyard, the veg garden, the woods, the farm, the fields, the pond, the orchard, and the street. The text is small print, but with a little practice, it would make a good read-aloud to the young, who, then, would be able to tell the reader their own versions of the pictures.

**Pumpkin Circle** : The Story of a Garden George Levenson photography by Shmuel Thaleer Berkeley, CA : Tricycle, c1999 978-1-58246-078-9 Ages 5-9 \$7.99 pb. This is not a new book, but if you would like something other than Halloween and scary, this colorful rhyming paperback will liven up your display shelf. All you want to know about pumpkins, including how to grow them.

**Where, Oh Where, Is Rosie's Chick?** Pat Hutchins New York, NY : Simon & Schuster, c2015 978-1-4814-6071-2 Ages 4-6 \$17.99 I selected this small format picture book for the very young because of the colorful red, orange, and yellow fall colors in the illustrations of this sequel to **Rosie's Walk**. Little kids will get a laugh out of Rosie's search all around the farm for her not-quite-hatched chick which is trying desperately to keep up with its mother.

**Wonderfall** Michael Hall New York, NY: Greenwillow, c2016 978-0-06-238298-6 Ages 6-9 \$17.99 This large format picture book for autumn is all about words and animals. The back pages contain a two-page spread about how the animals get ready for winter. However, this book is best used as a read-aloud. Each two-page spread has a title: Peacefall, Dutifall, Plentifall, Beautifall, Eventfall and Snowfall ---. Children will notice the words for sounds of fall and should pay special attention to the tree, the antics of the squirrels, and, perhaps, the occurrences of the tractor.

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