

## WHAT IS NARRATIVE NON-FICTION?

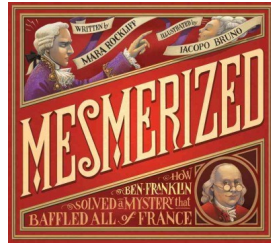
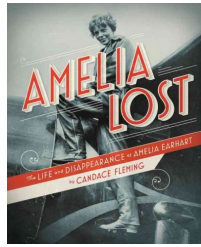
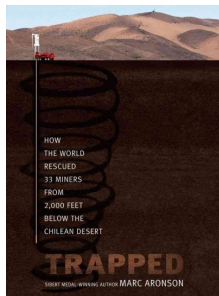
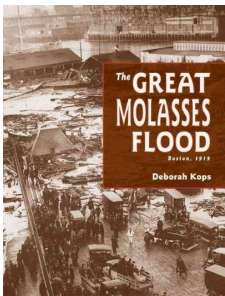
Narrative non-fiction is a genre of writing that uses literary styles and techniques to create factually accurate *stories*. In other words, the book and its events are true but it *reads* more like a made-up, exciting story that you usually find in novels or made-up stories. There's setting, build-up, characterization, an exciting climax and the best part is...it all really happened.

### ***Trapped : How The World Rescued 33 Miners From 2,000 Feet Below The Chilean Desert***

by Marc Aronson | **J 363.11 Aronson** | 2011 | 134 p.  
In early August 2010, the unthinkable happened when a mine collapsed in Copiapo, Chile, trapping 33 miners 2,000 feet below the surface. For sixty-nine days they lived on meager resources with increasingly poor air quality. When they were finally rescued, the world watched with rapt attention and rejoiced in the amazing spirit and determination of the miners. What could have been a terrible tragedy became an amazing story of survival.

### ***The Great Molasses Flood : Boston, 1919***

by Deborah Kops | **J 363.17 Kops** | 2012 | 102p.  
Takes an in-depth look at one of the strangest, *stickiest* disasters in American history. *The Great Molasses Flood* tells the story of the January 1919 molasses tank explosion in Boston, Massachusetts, and seeks to uncover why the tank blew up and who was to blame through primary sources and archival photographs that show the extent of the damage.



### ***Amelia Lost : The Life And Disappearance Of Amelia Earhart***

by Candace Fleming | **J B Earhart** | 2011 | 118 p.  
In alternating chapters, Fleming deftly moves readers back and forth between Amelia's life (from childhood up until her last flight) and the exhaustive search for her and her missing plane. With incredible photos, maps, and handwritten notes from Amelia herself—plus informative sidebars tackling everything from the history of flight to what Amelia liked to eat while flying (tomato soup)—this unique nonfiction title is tailor-made for middle graders.

### ***Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall***

by Anita Silvey | **J B Goodall** | 2015 | 96p.  
This accessible account of Goodall's life explores her nontraditional entry to scientific fieldwork; the attention from the National Geographic Society that made her famous; her work ethic and innovative scientific methods; her efforts to reform the use of chimpanzees in research laboratories; and current technological advances in primate research.

### ***Mesmerized : How Ben Franklin Solved A Mystery That Baffled All Of France***

by Mara Rockliff | **J 154.7 Rockliff** | 2015 | 45 p.  
The day Ben Franklin first set foot in Paris, France, he found the city all abuzz. Everyone was talking about something new—remarkable, thrilling, and strange. Something called . . . Science! Discover how Benjamin Franklin's scientific method challenged a certain Dr. Mesmer's mysterious powers in a whimsical look at a true moment in history.



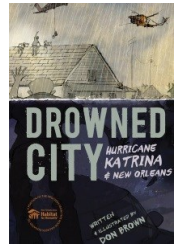
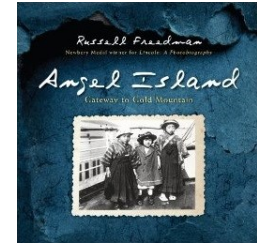
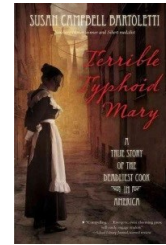
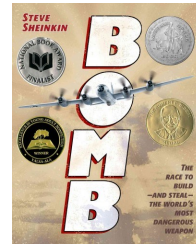
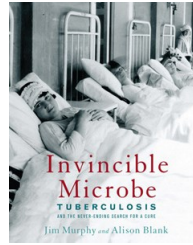
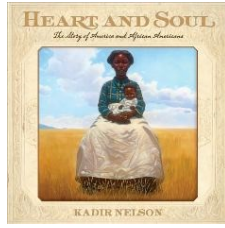
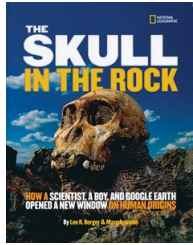
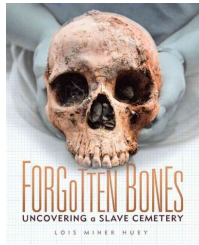
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# The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.



## **Forgotten Bones : Uncovering A Slave Cemetery**

by Lois Miner Huey | **J 306.362 Huey** | 2016 | 56p.

In 2005, while laying a sewer line, workers discovered a slave cemetery near Albany, NY; this book describes what a team of bioarchaeologists learned from the people's remains.

## **The Skull in the Rock: How a Scientist, a Boy, and Google Earth Opened a New Window on Human Origins**

by Lee Berger and Marc Aronson | **J 569.9 Berger**

2012 | 64 p.

In 2008, Professor Lee Berger--with the help of his curious 9-year-old son--discovered two remarkably well preserved, two-million-year-old fossils of an adult female and young male, known as Australopithecus sediba; a previously unknown species of ape-like creatures that may have been a direct ancestor of modern humans. This discovery of has been hailed as one of the most important archaeological discoveries in history. The fossils reveal what may be one of humankind's oldest ancestors.

## **Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans**

by Kadir Nelson | **J 973.0496 Nelson** | 2011 | 108 p.

The story of America and African Americans is a story of discrimination and broken promises, determination, and triumphs; it's about the men, women, and children who toiled in the hot sun picking cotton for their masters; it's about the America ripped in two by Jim Crow laws. Told through the unique point of view of a 100-year-old African-American narrator, this inspiring book demonstrates that in gaining their freedom and equal rights, African Americans helped our country achieve its promise of liberty and justice.

## **Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure**

by Jim Murphy and Alison Blank | **J 616.9 Murphy**

2012 | 149 p.

This is the compelling, suspenseful, down-to-earth story of a killer that has been stalking and doing away with people for thousands of years: Tuberculosis. For centuries TB was treated with everything from poultices and potions to the king's touch. The microorganism that causes the disease was eventually identified, more effective treatments were developed, and the cure for TB was thought to be within reach. But the TB germ simply will not die.

## **Bomb : The Race To Build--And Steal--The World's Most Dangerous Weapon**

by Steve Sheinkin | **J 940.5425 Sheinkin** | 2012 | 266 p.

During World War II, as Allies thwarted Nazi efforts to build an atomic bomb, Americans rushed to create their own nuclear weapon--unaware that the Soviets were stealing their plans. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb.

## **Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America**

by Susan Campbell Bartoletti | **J 614.511 Bartoletti**

2015 | 230 p.

In a riveting biography that reads like a crime novel, Sibert Medalist and Newbery-Honor winner Susan Campbell Bartoletti uncovers the true story of Mary Mallon, a.k.a. Typhoid Mary, one of the most notorious, deadliest, and misunderstood women in American history.

## **Big Top Burning : The Story Of An Arsonist, A Missing Girl, And The Greatest Show On Earth**

by Laura A. Woollett | **J 974.63 Woollett** | 2015 | 167p.

On July 6, 1944, thousands of fans made their way to Barbour Street in Hartford, Connecticut, to see the Barnum & Bailey Circus performance. Not long after the show's start, a fire broke out and spread rapidly as panicked circus-goers pushed and scrambled to escape. Within 10 minutes the entire big top had burned to the ground, and 167 people never went home. *Big Top Burning* recounts the true story of one of the worst fire disasters in US history.

## **Angel Island: Gateway to Gold Mountain**

by Russell Freedman | **J 979.46 Freedman** | 2014 | 81 p.

Looks at the history of the port of entry off the coast of California that was "the other Ellis Island" for Asian immigrants to the United States between 1892 and 1940. Describes the center's screening process, immigration policies and eventual renaissance as a historic site by drawing on memoirs, diaries, letters and "wall poems" discovered at the facility long after it closed.

## **Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans**

by Don Brown | **TEEN Brown, D. (Graphic Novel)**

2015 | 96 p.

A comic-book format delivers the full force of Hurricane Katrina and its impact on New Orleans. When the storm hits the city, Brown hits readers with the consequences: flooding, fear, desperation, death, and frustration. Meticulously documented facts and quotes from victims caption the commanding art. If a book's power were measured like a hurricane's, this would be a category five.