

The Port Washington Public Library

A monthly guide to your community library, its programs and services

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Friends welcomes author Lucette Lagnado

The Friends of the Library welcomes Lucette Lagnado, author of *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit: My Family's Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World* (Ecco 2007), on Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m.

In December 1963, Ms. Lagnado and her family arrived on a frozen pier in New York City, in debt, destitute and without any family to greet them. In her poignant and heartbreaking memoir, award-winning *Wall Street Journal* reporter Lagnado recounts how her once prosperous family lost everything including their identity when they fled her father's beloved Cairo.

From the Lagnado's elegant apartment overlooking one of

Cairo's grand boulevards to a cramped one bedroom in Brooklyn, *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit* is a moving riches-to-rags story of loss, identity, faith, tradition and triumph that has been hailed as a "crushing, brilliant book."

Ms. Lagnado is the coauthor of *Children of the Flames: Dr. Mengele and the Untold Story of the Twins of Auschwitz*, which has been translated into nearly a dozen languages. She is senior special writer and investigative reporter for the *Journal*. She and her husband, Douglas Feiden, reside in Sag Harbor and New York City. After her talk, Ms. Lagnado will sign copies of her book. Refreshments will be served.



November holidays

The library will be open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 21, and closed November 22. Happy Thanksgiving!

Music of the 60s & 70s

Join us on Friday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m., when Shindig! is our guest at Way Off Broadway. Relive the music of the 1960s and 70s with one of Long Island's premiere bands. Dancing in the aisles encouraged!

Hearing Screening

On Friday, November 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Adelphi University Speech and Hearing Center conducts a free screening. No appointment necessary. Sponsored by the Health Advisory Council.

In the Photo Gallery

Freelance photographer Robin Appel traveled the world extensively, taking pictures long before she went professional. Her love for travel and photographing people, especially children, led her to pursue a degree in photography. Ms. Appel's *Eyes and the World* series will hang in the Photography Gallery November 5 through December 30. She writes, "As I was going through the selection process for this show, I realized that consistently in my photographs I was attracted to the eyes of my subjects. I hope that as you view these photographs you see a parallel portrayal between the emotions and characteristics of the people and their environments, and that this exhibit gives you a better understanding about of the lives of citizens around the world." Ms. Appel and her family have traveled to six continents and have begun plans to travel to the seventh. Meet the artist at a reception on Saturday, November 17 at 2 p.m.



A Tribute to Gram Parsons

As a singer and songwriter, Gram Parsons stood at the nexus of countless musical crossroads, and he sold his soul to the devil at every one. Parsons hung out with glamorous women and the coolest friends. His intimates and collaborators included Keith Richards, William Burroughs, Roger McGuinn and Emmylou Harris.

He led the *Byrds* to create the seminal country rock masterpiece *Sweetheart of the Rodeo*. He formed the *Flying Burrito Brothers*, helped to guide the *Rolling Stones* beyond the blues in their appreciation of American roots music, and found his musical soul mate in Harris.

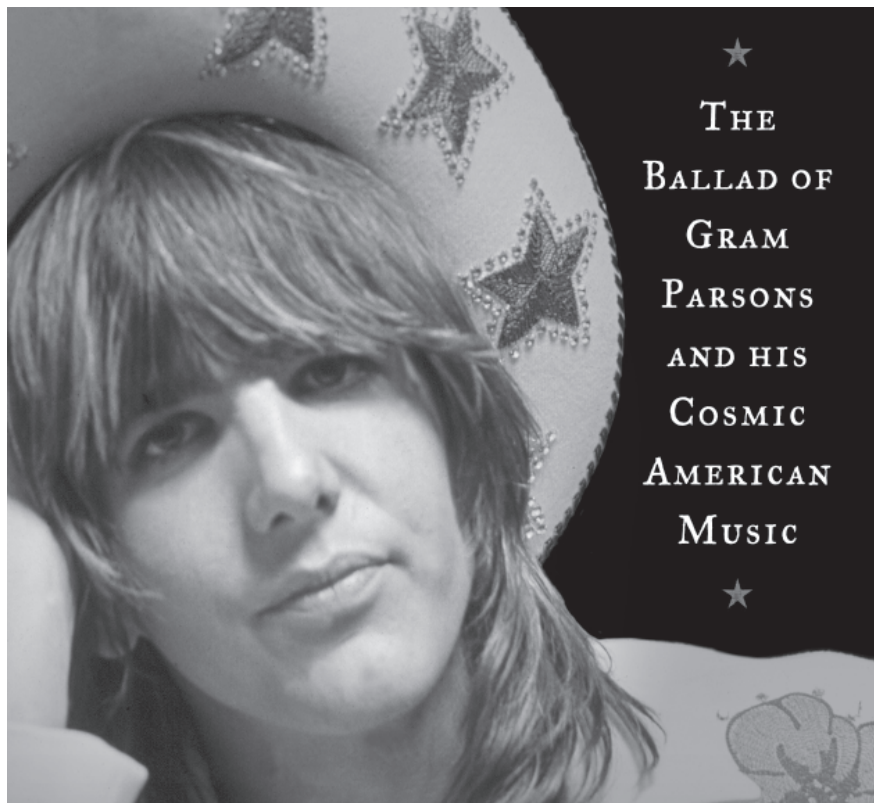
Join author David N. Meyer

on Friday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion of his book *Twenty Thousand Roads: The Ballad of Gram Parsons and His Cosmic American Music* (Random House, November 2007). Meyer's discussion will be musically illustrated with a live performances by The Grievous Angels.

Parsons' solo albums, *GP* and *Grievous Angel*, are now recognized as visionary masterpieces of the transcendental jambalaya of rock, soul, country, gospel, and blues Parsons named "Cosmic American Music."

Four months before *Grievous Angel* was released, Parsons died of a drug and alcohol overdose at age 26. He lived fast, died young, and left a beautiful corpse — a corpse his friends stole, took to Joshua Tree National Monument, and set afire in its coffin. The theft and burning of his body marked the end of Parsons' life and the beginning of the Parsons legend.

David Meyer's writing has appeared in *Entertainment Weekly*, *The New York Times*, *Wired*, *Glamour*, and *The Rocket*. Meyer teaches cinema studies at the New School in New York City. His books include *The 100 Best Films to Rent You've Never Heard Of* and *A Girl and a Gun: The Complete Guide to Film Noir on Video*.



Conversations From Main Street

Conversations from Main Street is a free series at Landmark on Main Street that features insightful conversations, lectures, and presentations with noted authors, journalists, celebrities and other accomplished professionals on a variety of contemporary topics. Series Sponsors: Angela & Scott Jaggart.

Beyond Harry Potter:

The Future of Children's Books and Young Adult Fiction

November 8 at 7 p.m.

J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series has had unprecedented sales and has made readers out of the most unlikely of young people. Can this literary enthusiasm be maintained? Our panel explores what's next for writers — and young readers — in the 21st century. Please join:

Jane Breskin Zalben, author/illustrator of over 50 children's books, and seven young adult books. Her most recent titles include *Leap*, a novel, and *LIGHT*, a picture book.

Judith Caseley, author/illustrator of 38 children's and young adult books.

Renee McGrath, Youth Services Manager of the Nassau Library System

Andrea Cascardi, a literary agent who has also been an editor for Scholastic, Crown/Random House, and Hyperion.

Moderator: **Corinne Camarata**, Assisant Director, Port Washington Public Library.

In memoriam

Longtime Port resident and community leader, Henry Salomon died at age 95 on July 25.

Henry left his mark on numerous institutions in and around Port Washington, and is probably best known for his years of service to the library. A plaque in the lobby names Henry as the second recipient of the Friends of the Library (FOL) Award "To honor outstanding and inspired service to the Port Washington Library."

Henry's involvement with the library began when he served on the Art Advisory Council in the Bellevue Avenue building. He soon joined a group of devotees who thought Port needed a new and larger library, and he helped found the Friends of the Library to raise the needed funds. After the new library was completed, Henry ran for the library's board of trustees and won in a landslide election. He took pride in the fact that under his tenure the library broadened its scope of services and programs, and re-



ported that the board accomplished all that it did without voting once. His experience of building consensus decisions on the board made him realize that even if he had a strong opinion, "Someone else may have just as strong an opinion and that, in fact, they might be more right than I am."

The Salomon family requests that donations be made in Henry's name to the Friends of the Library.



First row (l to r): Secretary Eleanor Rybecky, Vice President Nancy Wright, President Amy G. Bass, Vice President Ellen Zimmerman, Treasurer Tinu Thakore. Second row: Edward Sands, Selma Willner, Sylvia Kamisher, Pamela O'Connell, Beverly Halm, Robert Drew. Not pictured: Carol Hiller.

FOL Sets 2007-8 Goals, Programs

The Friends of the Library has begun its 2007-08 fundraising campaign, and asks for community support as it continues "to polish the jewel that is the Port Washington Public Library," in the words of Amy G. Bass, FOL president.

The Friends conducts its fundraising through an annual appeal letter — check your mailbox or pick up a donation envelope in the library. Help the FOL fulfill its 2007-08 goals, which include:

- Funding library programming in all departments including special multicultural events such

as the Latino and Asian Festivals, and collaborative programs with Port schools;

- Serving as sole sponsor of the library's popular museum pass program, which offers free admission to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History and the Long Island Children's Museum, among other institutions;

- Continuing as the primary supporter of the library's on-line initiatives, including offering live homework help for grades 4-12 via the library website (www.pwpl.org);

- Organizing community

outreach events, including its signature event — the annual Book and Author Luncheon — and Friends & Family Day (see story in this issue).

The FOL is dedicated to strengthening the ties between our library and community, and to advancing the library's mission as a center for lifelong learning, information and culture. The FOL supports the library through volunteerism, programming, fundraising, outreach and advocacy. To contact the Friends call 883-4400 Ext. 101, or e-mail fol@pwpl.org. Be sure to visit www.pwpl.org/fo for updates.

The MAC presents



Formosa Quartet, strings
Sunday, December 9 at 3 p.m.



Brillaner Duo, music for
clarinet & piano
Sunday, January 13 at 3 p.m.



Pianist Adam Neiman
Sunday, January 20 at 3 p.m.

Meet author William Low

Old Penn Station

In an introductory note to his book *Old Penn Station*, William Low explains that when he selected New York's original Pennsylvania Station as the subject of his master's thesis, he embarked on a journey to bring the landmark "back to life." Here he does so gracefully, through direct yet lyrical prose and dark paintings that range from close-up images to expansive panoramas, and from grainy to sharply focused. William Low visits on Friday, November 30 at 12:10 p.m.

Outlining the history of the station, Low notes that the then-powerful Pennsylvania Railroad Company was determined to drop its New York-bound passengers in Manhattan, rather than have them take a ferry to the island from New Jersey. And, they "wanted to do it with style."

After a renowned architectural firm and famous sculptor were hired, a tunnel was built under the Hudson River and the palace-like structure was opened in 1910.

Low's narrative and art usher readers into the station's bustling concourse, where they will appreciate how for travelers of the era, the terminal "was a magical experience." That, of course, makes the depiction of the grand station's 1963 demolition all the sadder. Yet Low concludes on a heartening note, observing that public outrage at Penn Station's razing led to the founding of the New York City

Landmarks Preservation Commission, which has saved other historic buildings — including Grand Central Terminal — from a similar fate.

William Low was born and raised in New York City. He is a lover of trains and New York architecture and a four-time Silver Medal winner at the Society of Illustrators. He teaches at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and resides with his family in Huntington. For those of our patrons who remember the glory that was *Old Penn Station*, and would like to share it with their children and grandchildren, Mr. Low will follow his slide-illustrated discussion of his book with a signing. Books will be available courtesy of the Friends of the Library.



Paperback Swap, Events for all Ages

Friends and Family Day

The Friends of the Library hosts its second annual Friends & Family Day on Saturday, November 3. Friends & Family Day showcases the library as a friendly meeting place for patrons of all ages. All events are free and at the library.

11 a.m.: The day begins with Port Washington's favorite vaudevillian silent clown Chip Bryant performing "Listening with Your Eyes," his hilarious interactive show for children. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Noon to 4 p.m.: Join the Friends for its first-ever paperback book exchange. Bring your adult, teen and children's paperback books — good condition only! — upstairs to the Hagedorn Room for a book swap. Please: no hardcovers and no more than 20 books per person. Books not accepted outside or in lobby.

2 p.m.: Daniel Paisner, noted author and Port resident, will discuss "The Art and Artifice of Ghostwriting." Dan is an accomplished ghostwriter, having collaborated with many celebrities including Denzel Washington, Whoopi Goldberg, Geraldo Rivera, Governor Pataki and Ed Koch. Refreshments will be served.

4 p.m.: Enjoy a showing of *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory*, the 1971 Gene Wilder classic that won an Oscar for the song "The Candy Man." Complimentary popcorn and beverages!

Amy Bass, president of the Friends, says, "We're delighted to present Friends & Family Day. We hope to personally welcome and thank many FOL donors and patrons to our creative program of events." For more information and updates see the FOL website at www.pwpl.org/fol.

SoundSwap welcomes Tony d'Mattia

On Thursday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m., join us for a live SoundSwap event featuring singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Tony d'Mattia — a performer known by his ever-growing legion of fans as, simply, 'fiz'.

Born and raised in New York, d'Mattia has been performing a refreshing interpretation of pop/rock for over a decade. As a full-time musician, Tony is constantly writing and recording new material — efforts that have honed him into a fine songwriter and an exciting live performer. 'Fiz' enjoys and adapts to any environment he is thrust into, and says "I love playing for a crowd, making them happy, whether there are a couple of hundred people there or no one, I always give it my all."

Growing up listening to the Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Marvin Gaye and other legendary artists

has given Tony strong, grounded roots in rock and roll, along with the freedom to explore. "I write what I'm feeling at the moment," he says. "Sometimes we're sad, sometimes we're not — and so I can never understand why some bands out there only write dark, angry songs all the time. I'm not afraid to write very different sounding tunes . . . the Beatles did."

'Fiz' sends listeners on a soaring rollercoaster ride of life's ups and downs on the two albums already under his belt (the critically acclaimed *Transcending* and *Right Where You Are*), as well as on his upcoming CD release. His live performances are a cause for both celebration and reflection. Learn more about 'fiz' at his website www.fizband.com.



WAY OFF BROADWAY

Friday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Deanna Kirk Trio performs a sultry interpretation of hits from "the Great American Songbook." Cole Porter, Gershwin, Rogers and Hart, as well as European composers such as Michel LeGrand are all part of Ms. Kirk's impressive repertoire.

November Library Kids

Welcome to the page for Children's Services. Be sure to look here for upcoming exhibits, programs and articles relating to Children's Services and the Parenting Information Center. *Parents: Please comply with the age guidelines for these programs and be prepared to show proof of local residency.*

Drop-in Craft

Rise Up Reading! is this year's theme for the 88th observance of Children's Book Week. In celebration, children ages 5 to 12 are invited to stop by the Children's Room between November 12 and 18 to make a bookmark. Children will be invited to display their creations in the Children's Room during the month of December.

School-Age Workshop

Early American Folklore
Friday, November 16 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Learn about the people of colonial America and their work and play traditions. Try out some songs, rhymes, crafts and games enjoyed by Native Americans, European Americans and African Americans during the colonial period. Presented by the Long Island Children's Museum for children in grades 1 through 4. *Registration begins Monday, November 5 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

Preschool Workshops

Thankful Tom — Monday, November 19
from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.

Thankful Tom is a large colorful turkey complete with a pilgrim hat and stockings who is invited to dinner but not as dinner! Make this fun holiday craft with presenter Jeanne Hall and share stories, songs and fingerplays. For children ages 3 to 5 accompanied by an adult. *Registration begins Monday, November 5 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

Musical Moppets — Monday, November 26

A music and movement program filled with nursery rhymes, stories, songs, fingerplays and more. *Musical Moppets for Babies* is for children ages birth to 29 months with an adult from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. or 1 to 1:30 p.m. *Musical Moppets* is for children ages 2½ to 5 with an adult from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. *Registration begins Monday, November 12 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

Twilight Tuesdays

Bilingual Story Time — Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m.

Takes place the second Tuesday of every month. Join local resident Mayra Cruz-Vazquez and children's librarian Rachel Fox for stories and fingerplays in English and Spanish from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For children ages 3½ to 6 accompanied by an adult. Family members welcome. *No registration required.*

Pajama Story Time — Tuesday, November 20 at 7 p.m.

Takes place the third Tuesday of every month. Come in pajamas and listen to bedtime stories from 7 to 7:30 p.m. For children ages 2½ to 5 accompanied by an adult. Family members welcome. *No registration required.*

Page Turners — Tuesday, November 27 at 7:15 p.m.

Takes place the last Tuesday of every month. Fifth and sixth grade members in this monthly book group will meet from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. *For availability call 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

Friends & Family Day

The Friends of the Library host Friends & Family Day (see story in this issue) on Saturday, November 3. Programs geared for children and families include:

Children's Physical Comedy Theater at 11 a.m. / Vaudevilian Silent Clown Chip Bryant presents "Listening with Your Eyes," an original fast-paced, one-man theater stage show. An artful blend of mime, juggling, magic, puppetry, unicycling, music and audience-interactive improvisation. A graduate of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown College, Chip has also studied abroad and performed internationally. For all ages. No tickets required.

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory at 4 p.m. / Based on the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, this 1971 film features Gene Wilder as candy manufacturer Willy Wonka.



Are you smarter than your friends and family?

The Live TV Game Show

Friday, November 23 at 12 noon & 2 p.m.

Join us and celebrate the holiday with "The Live TV Game Show," a simulated, real TV game show complete with electronic scoring, countdown clock and a physical challenge round. This fast-paced family program is a combination of "Jeopardy" and "Beat the Clock," and features a great deal of audience participation. For children in grades K to 6 and their families. *Tickets are required and will be available in the Children's Room beginning Monday, November 12 at 9:15 a.m.* Co-sponsored by the Children's Advisory Council.

Our Monthly Display

Visit the Children's Room throughout the month to enjoy a display of artwork created by the children from the Happy Montessori School of Port Washington.



The Music Advisory Council presents

Pianist Gayle Martin Henry

Sunday, November 11 at 3 p.m.

Selections from Brahms, Schumann, Field,
Chopin, Mussorgsky

*All concerts are free; no tickets are required
Priority seating for Port Washington residents*

Need homework help?

**Use your Port Washington Public Library
Card to connect with a live tutor!**

If you're a student in grades 4 to 12, log on to our website at www.pwpl.org between 3 and 9 p.m. daily and click on the homework help section. You'll be connected to a live tutor who can help with homework questions.

This service is made possible by the Friends of the Library

Friday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m.

IRISH ANIMATION AND FILM FESTIVAL, presented by the Long Island Film Festival. Screening includes: Nora Twomey's animated comedy, *Cullin Dualullin* (12 min.). Born with his head on backward, Cullin has been shunned and mocked by all but his loving mother. One day he discovers he can do something better than anyone else. Naomi Wilson's animated *Among Strangers* (11 min.). In the 1920s, a boy listens to a tale about selchies, or gray seals, told by an old fisherman. Dave Chapman's animated *No Strings Attached* (3 min.). A father attempts to feed his daughter by dressing up as her favorite TV character. Jason Tammemagi's animated *Rausages* (3 min.). A hungry dog attempts to sit through his owner's meal, wanting only one bite of scrumptious-looking sausages. Matthew Darragh's animated *Pilgrim* (3 min.). A refrigerator with legs scurries across a vast desert to reach a lone electrical outlet. Kealan O'Rourke's animated *Flyboy* (4 min.). A wooden toy aviator and his plane lie discarded until his rediscovery by a small boy. Brendan Muldowney's animated *Final Journey* (3 min.). Jane Lee's *Bare* (3 min.). Rose, cherries, fish, goats, shimmering ponds, verdant forests and golden hair. Stephen McCullum's *The Dead Murphy* (4 min.). An already dead man named Murphy meets the Man from Sreabane on a dark night. Tom Hopkem's *O* (3 min.). A birthday party becomes a matter of life and death. John Gleeson's comedy, *Gafa* (13 min.). A flight attendant jumps from the plane. Kealan O'Rourke's *Silver Lining* (3 min.). The surreal tale of an elderly man setting out on a journey through torrential rain. Conor McDermonroe's *No. 22* (20 min.). After checking into a room at an old hotel, an encyclopedia salesman experiences the worst night of his life.

The Library Foundation's Fourth Inspiration Gala



The Port Washington Library Foundation's Fourth Inspiration Gala took place September 29 at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club. Donald Everett Axinn, Port Washington writer, philanthropist and businessman, and Marvin B. Tepper, attorney, businessman and investor, were honored with Community Leadership Awards. The Honorable Leonard Wurzel, Mayor of Sands Point, was the Honorary Chair of the event. Pictured above: top row from left Foundation Executive Marc Saffren with honoree Marvin Tepper; Foundation Board President Aviva Pinto, Library Trustee Lee Aitken, Foundation Board member Michael Pollack, Library Board of Trustees President and Foundation Board member Julie Geller; Donald Axinn and Susan Isaacs; Aviva Pinto, Donald Axinn, Library Director Nancy Curtin; Mayor Wurzel; Marvin Tepper.

What's new in TeenSpace? Teen Read Week is coming!

November 1

BABYSITTING WORKSHOP: For those registered. Today's session: Handling Emergencies. This is part of a four-session course for students (grades 7 through 12). 4 to 5:30 p.m.

November 8

TEEN BABYSITTING WORKSHOP for those registered. Today's session: Entertaining Children. 4 to 5 p.m.

MEET THE BABYSITTERS: An opportunity for "graduates" of the Teen Babysitting Workshop to meet parents of young children at a brief reception co-sponsored by the Parent Resource Center. 5 to 6 p.m.

ARE YOU A TEVO? Got some extra time on your hands? Why not become a TeVo (teen volunteer) at the library? This is a great opportunity for teens to do community service while working at the library. Stop by TeenSpace for more information and an application (grades 7-12).

New Books in TeenSpace
Check out our great graphic novels for teens! Some of our recommended titles include:

Budda Volume 1 Kapilavastu by Osamu Tezuka. A story about a bi-

ography of Shiddhartha, Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. (Graphic YA B Gautama Buddha)

Dead High Yearbook by Ivan Velez
Eight intertwining tales about teenagers from the same school who die horrible deaths and come to rest somewhere between life and death. (Graphic YA FIC Velez)

Blindspot by Kevin C. Pyle. Dean and his friends have created an entire world in the woods behind their suburban housing development. In their army fantasy, they're at war, and Dean is the captain leading his troops through intrigue and danger. A run-in with a homeless man snaps the boys back to reality, and drives them apart. (Graphic YA FIC Pyle)

Civil War: A Marvel Comics Event.
In the wake of a tragedy, Capitol Hill proposes the Super Hero Registration Act, requiring all costumed heroes to unmask themselves before the government. The landscape of the Marvel Universe is changing, and it's time to choose: Whose side are you on? (Graphic A FIC Civil)

Houdini: the Handcuff King by Jason Lutes and Nick Bertozzi. In

this account of one of Houdini's most famous tricks, the master magician is handcuffed by the Boston Police Department before jumping into the chilly Charles River in 1908. (Graphic YA B Houdini L)

Laika by Nick Abadzis. Laika was the abandoned puppy who grew up to become Earth's first space traveler. This is her story. A wonderful illustrated tale charts her story that culminates with her historic space mission. (Graphic YA FIC Abadzis)

Mouse Guard: Fall 1152 by David Petersen. In the world of Mouse Guard, mice struggle to live safely and prosper amongst harsh conditions and a host of predators. Three Guardsmice are dispatched to find a missing merchant mouse that never arrived at his destination. Their search reveals much more than they expect. (Graphic YA FIC Petersen)

Stuck in the Middle: Seventeen Comics from an Unpleasant Age edited by Ariel Schrag. This anthology of illustrated tales about the agonies and triumphs of seventh and eighth grade features some of America's leading graphic novelists, includ-

ing Daniel Clowes, Joe Matt, Lauren Weinstein, and Ariel Schrag. With a sense of humor as refreshing as it is bitingly honest, seventeen artists share their stories of first love, bullying, zits, and all the things that make middle school the worst years of our lives. (Graphic YA FIC Stuck)



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