

ernment has not acknowledged the injustice nor returned the confiscated belongings to this day. Though *Silver Threads* is ultimately a heartwarming tale, illustrated in beautiful color, it is also a profound introduction to acts of injustice that humans commit against one another.

### *The Magic Of Color*

Tracy Kane

#### Light-Beams Publishing

10 Toon Lane, Lee, NH 03824

0976628902 \$17.95 light-beams.com

*The Magic Of Color* is a wondrous picturebook that imagines what the discovery of color would be like, and its profound impact on the world. On a black-and-white Earth, two tribes of a donkey-like species - the Tinters and the Shaders - live unaware of each other. A brilliant eruption dyes the Tinters red and the Shaders blue; both tribes spot a brilliant, magical yellow lake and race to reach it. Conflict ensues when both reach the yellow lake at the same time, but when one Shader gets in trouble a Tinter rushes to his aid without thinking about it, and both tribes learn the values of cooperation and sharing. They discover there is a whole wide range of possible colors beyond red and blue, each with its own beauty, in this heartwarming tale. An enchanting storybook especially for reading aloud to young ones during storytime or bedtime. Also highly recommended is author Tracy Kane's award-winning "Fairy Houses" series.

### ✓ *Squirt*

Stacy A. Nyikos & Shawn Sisneros

#### Stonehorse Publishing

10632 South Memorial Avenue, #245

Tulsa, OK 74133

www.stonehorsepublishing.com

0976419904 \$15.95

Imaginatively written by Stacy Nyikos and charmingly illustrated by Shawn Sisneros, *Squirt* is a rhyming picturebook story about a young squid who loves sea horse rides, sand castles, and games of ink and hide. When he becomes very attached to a cartoon on his "holoclam", he withdraws from his usual outside activities, preferring to watch TV all day. Even when his "holoclam" disappears, he can't break away from his desire to do nothing but watch TV... until his inky tantrum prompts a sudden discovery of the wonders of the world outside, and the possibility of finding his most beloved cartoon hero inside of himself. A page of true facts about squid offers a fascinating wrap-up to this uplifting tale with a message about hidden qualities inside oneself and beyond rote passivity.

### *Georgia's Bones*

Jen Bryant & Bethanne Andersen

#### Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company

255 Jefferson Avenue, S.E.

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

www.eerdmans.com

0802852173 \$16.00 1-800-253-7521

*Georgia's Bones* by Jen Bryant is a children's picturebook based on the life of artist Georgia O'Keeffe. Introducing young readers the world of a talented female artist, who sees the natural of beauty of New Mexico, even in such mundane things as bones, *Georgia's Bones* blends lyrical rhyme with sweeping color illustrations by Bethanne Andersen, and introduces the reader to the soul-stirring natural world, that can be summoned to mind and memory even when far away.

### Books in Series

#### Capstone Press

7825 Telegraph Road

Bloomington, MN 55438

1-800-747-4992 www.capstonepress.com

Two new non-fiction books in series from Capstone Press are especially recommended for school and community library Biography, Black Studies, Geography, and International Studies collections for young readers in grades 2 and 3. The "Fact Finder" biography series (22.60 list/\$16.95 library) offers six, 32-page, biographies of African-Americans who made significant contributions to the music, athletics, and civil rights: *Duke Ellington: Jazz Composer* (0736837418MG); *Ella Fitzgerald: First Lady Of Jazz* (073683742MG), *Harriet Tubman: Conductor Of Freedom* (0736837434MG), *Jesse Owens: Track-and-field Champion* (0736837442MG), *Langston Hughes: Great American Writer* (0736837450MG), and *Rosa Parks: Civil Rights Pioneer* (0736837469MG).

The "Fact Finder" geography series offers sixteen titles (\$22.60 list/\$16.95 library) showcasing the people and countries of *Australia* (0736837477MG), *Chile* (0736837485MG), *Cuba* (0736837493MG), *El Salvador* (0736837507MG), *India* (0736837515MG), *Iran* (0736837523MG), *Israel* (0736837531MG), *Italy* (073683754XMG), *Liberia* (0736837558MG), *North Korea* (0736837566MG), *Pakistan* (9736837574MG), *Peru* (0736837582), *Rwanda* (0736837590MG), *Saudi Arabia* (0736837604MG), *South Korea* (0736837612MG), and *Turkey* (0736837620MG). The text for both of these superbly written and illustrated series are thoroughly "kid friendly" and would make informed and informative additions to any school, community, or homeschooling library.

#### Child's World Press

PO Box 326, Chanasson, MN 55317

1-800-599-7323 www.childsworld.com

"Might Math" (1567663230, \$145.26) is a superbly presented, six volume series of instructional books for children grades 1 through 3. The hallmark of these strongly recommended books are their clear design which encompasses everyday examples of the practical application of mathematics set forward in clear, concise, "student friendly" language based on nationally recognized standards for first-grade mathematics. Written by Sara Pistoia (an experienced classroom teacher); each volume is enhanced with full-color photos accessibly illustrating intangible concepts. Of special note is the inclusion of a series mascot -- Math Mutt -- who provides young students with tips and encouragement as they tackle the diverse exercises designed to provide a fundamental understanding of basic applied math. Invaluable as classroom curriculum texts, the titles comprising this series (*Counting, Fractions, Graphs, Measurement, Money, and Time*) are ideal for homeschooling instructional programs as well.

#### Carolrhoda Books

c/o The Lerner Publishing Group

241 First Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55401

1-800-328-4929 www.lernerbooks.com

Don Lessem has earned his nickname of "Dino" Don through having authored more than 30 dinosaur books for children along with a popular dinosaur column in "Highlights" magazine. He was even an adviser for the film "Jurassic Park". Now he has authored six books comprising the Carolrhoda "Meet the Dinosaur" series designed for young readers ages 7 to 10 and detailing the dinosaurs' habitats, daily lives, and eventual extinction. Replete with "reader friendly" fun facts, and eye-catching artwork by John Bindon, along with descriptive photographs, the individual, 32-page titles comprising this outstanding and enthusiastically recommended series are *The Deadliest Dinosaurs* (0822526190, \$6.95), *The Fastest Dinosaurs* (0822526204, \$6.95), *Feathered Dinosaurs* (0822526212, \$6.95), *Flying Giants Of Dinosaur Time* (0822526220, \$6.95), *Sea Giants Of Dinosaur Time* (0822526239, \$6.95), *The Smartest Dinosaurs* (0822526182, \$6.95). Although each title is available separately, community libraries in behalf of their young patrons, and school libraries would be especially well advised to acquire the entire series for the benefit of their young students grades 2 through 4.