

Talking Book Center News
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NOT JUST FOR KIDS

Beginning with this issue of the newsletter, Voices of Vision staff will talk about books they've read and enjoyed. Here are some books the Reader Advisors find are not just for kids. These books, meant for junior high school readers, are filled with action and suspense, humor and good dialogue, and they tell interesting stories.

Reader's Advisor: Jean

Recently made into a movie, RC 50083 *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis is a series I read and reread on a regular basis. It's a fantasy story where the children step through to another world and to me it's so well done I go with them. The children in Narnia don't get treated like children. They have to solve their own problems and escape from some pretty intense circumstances. Narnia is a place I love to get lost in, filled with mystery and strange creatures.

Reader's Advisor: Fay

If you like historical fiction, you might like RC 39832 *Catherine, Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman. It was nominated for the Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Award and was a Newbery Honor book. Birdy tells the story through journal entries of her day-to-day life. The story is very descriptive of the Middle Ages and a girl's place in that time period.

Reader's Advisor: Ross

Another historical fiction book is RC 24350 *Back Home* by Michelle Magorian. This story is about a disadvantaged twelve-year-old from wartime England who, beginning in 1940, spends her formative years in an American home. At twelve, she wants to "go home" to England and when she gets to be seventeen, she wants to "go home" to the U.S.

If you'd prefer humorous fiction, you might try RC 55806 *Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie Tolan. It's a funny story of a hard-edged teen forced to go along with the flow at a family-run theater academy because it's his last chance to avoid the juvenile detention system.

For those who like heart-warming family stories, there is RC 47105 *What Child is This? A Christmas Story* by Caroline Cooney. It's a story about divergent people who join to form a family. It exposes the shallowness of "Mr. and Mrs. Nouveau-Riche." There's a happy ending, but not until there's two out in the ninth.

For more information on these or other books for young readers, contact us or visit our online public access catalog: <http://www.klas.com/ilbph>

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Let us know! If you are not getting the types of books you want, we can adjust this. For example, you may decide to read more adventure stories and fewer mysteries. Or, you may wish to borrow specific types of biographies, or books about a specific period in history. Contact us; our reader's advisors will be happy to check on available books.

How many books can I request at one time?

You may request as many books as you wish – they will not all be sent at once! For optimal service, you should keep plenty of requests on file with us so there are selections waiting to replace each book you return.

For your information

AWARENESS DAY

The DuPage Center for Independent Living is presenting its annual Visually Impaired Awareness Day, Wednesday, June 20, 2007 from 3 to 6 PM at the College of DuPage, Student Resource Center, Room 2800. The college is located at 425 Fawell Blvd in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. This event will feature over 20 exhibits on services and products for persons with visual impairments. The keynote speaker will be Judge Nicholas T. Pomaro, retired Cook County Circuit Court Judge and current head of the Kane Legal Clinic at the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind. For further information, contact Pat Byrne at 630-469-2300, or by email pat_dupagecil@sbcglobal.net