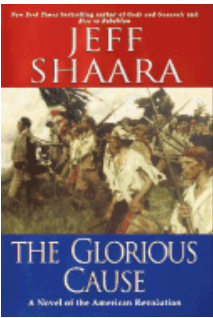
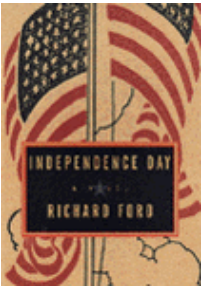


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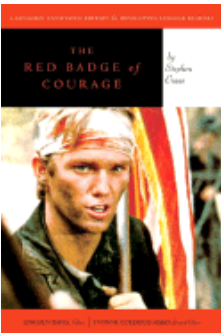
ADULT FICTION



The Glorious Cause: A Novel of the American Revolution by Jeff Shaara. A novel about a pivotal period in the American Revolution relates the colonists' uphill battle in their quest for freedom, while General George Washington makes a fateful decision to cross the Delaware River and confront the enemy in **New Jersey**. This is vivid and compelling historical fiction.\



Independence Day by Richard Ford. Awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the Pen-Faulkner Award in 1996. Frank Bascombe lives in **Haddam, New Jersey**, where he sells real estate. Frank has high hopes for the upcoming 4th of July weekend that involves a search for a house for deeply hapless clients relocating to Vermont and a rendezvous on the **Jersey shore** with his girlfriend. Somehow nothing turns out the way he expects.

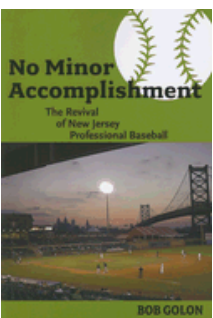


The Red Badge of Courage: An Episode of the American Civil War by Stephen Crane. Stephen Crane was born in **Newark, New Jersey** in 1871 and wrote this novel when he was twenty-one. It immediately brought him wide and deserved fame. He was the first American writer to depict the horrors of war, the ambiguities of courage, and the absence of heroic illusions among soldiers.

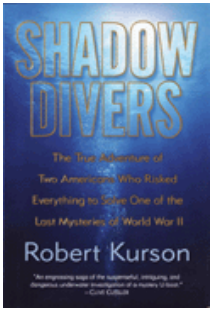


The War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells. A classic science-fiction novel. Facing ecological disaster on their own planet, the Martians invade earth, landing in Victorian England. Their alien fighting machines are unstoppable—until the other-worldly conquerors meet an adversary that even their advanced technology cannot defeat.

ADULT NON-FICTION



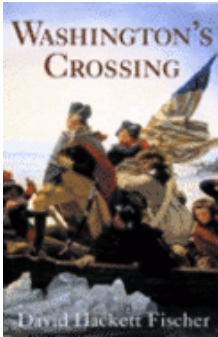
No Minor Accomplishment: The Revival of New Jersey Baseball by Bob Golon. Sports historian and **New Jersey native** (and former Bernards Township Reference Librarian) Bob Golon tells the story of the state's baseball scene since the Trenton Thunder arrive in 1994. For the fans, baseball in New Jersey is wholesome, exciting family entertainment.



Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II by

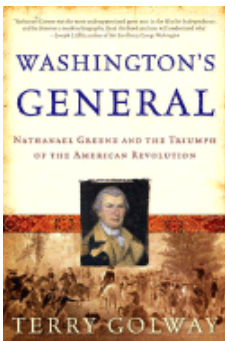
Robert Kurson.

This superlative journalistic narrative tells of two deep-sea wreck divers who in 1991 dove to a mysterious wreck lying at the perilous depth of 230 feet, **off the coast of New Jersey**.



Washington's Crossing by David Hackett Fischer.

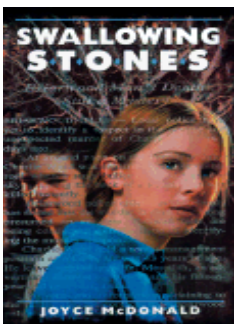
Even as the British and Germans spread their troops across **New Jersey**, the people of the colony began to rise against them. On Christmas night, as a howling nor'easter struck the Delaware Valley, Washington led his men across the Delaware River and attacked the exhausted Hessian garrison at **Trenton**, killing or capturing nearly a thousand men.



Washington's General: Nathanael Greene and the Triumph of the American Revolution by Terry Golway.

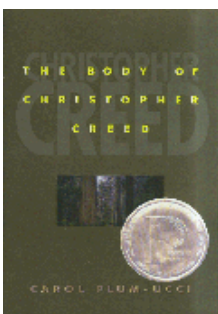
"When Charles Lee, marching ever so slowly south toward Washington's column, was taken prisoner in **the New Jersey town of Basking Ridge**, the end certainly seemed in sight." (pg. 105). "In late February, Greene and the division he commanded moved from Morristown to **Basking Ridge**, some ten miles south of Washington's headquarters" (pg. 119). "After long days spent in his headquarters in the village of **Basking Ridge**, Greene retired each evening to a room in the home of his friend Lord Stirling, who owned a fine mansion surrounded by a magnificent estate, kept neat and lovely thanks to the hard work of Lord Stirling's slaves" (pg. 121). Terry Golway has written a number of books, is a frequent newspaper contributor, and lives in Maplewood.

TEENS



Swallowing Stones by Joyce McDonald.

When 17-year-old Michael discovers that he has accidentally killed the father of a schoolmate, he wrestles with his own guilt until he can no longer keep his terrible secret. A compassionate story focusing on both the killer and the family left to grieve the loss of a father and husband.



Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci.

The often-tortured class weirdo has disappeared, leaving an enigmatic note on the school library computer. Is he a runaway, a suicide, a murder victim?



Dunk by David Lubar.

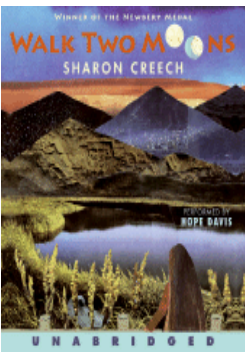
Chad, a teenager living near the New Jersey boardwalk becomes obsessed with the Bozo-- the clown who sits above a tank of water, taunting people until they pay a couple of bucks to try to dunk him. But even as he tries to master the slashing humor of the Bozo, Chad finds he also needs to learn humor's healing power if he is to help his best friend recover from a serious illness.



Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen by Dyan Sheldon.

When native New Yorker Mary Elizabeth Cep and her "astoundingly unimaginative" family move to New Jersey, Mary Elizabeth, who plans to be an actress some day, changes her name to Lola and zealously begins a campaign to enrich the "humdrum" lives of suburbanites. Unfortunately, Lola's new classmates are not quite ready to receive her guidance.

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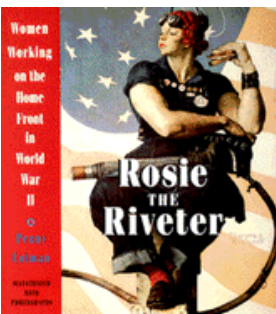
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech of **New Jersey**.

After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.



Blizzard: The Storm that Changed America by Jim Murphy of **New Jersey**.

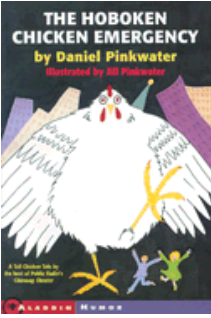
Presents a history, based on personal accounts and newspaper articles, of the massive snow storm that hit the Northeast in 1888, focusing on the events in **New York City**.



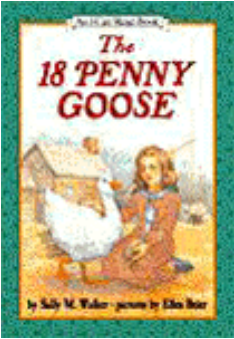
Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Home Front in World War II by Penny Colman of New Jersey.

A WWII history of the over 18 million women serving in the labor force includes first-hand accounts, propaganda posters and numerous period photographs.

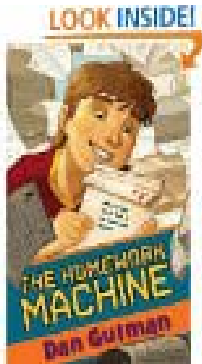
GRADES K – 4TH



The Hoboken Chicken Emergency by Daniel Pinkwater.
Arthur goes to pick up the turkey for Thanksgiving dinner in our own **Hoboken** but comes back with a 266-pound chicken. Fun read-aloud.

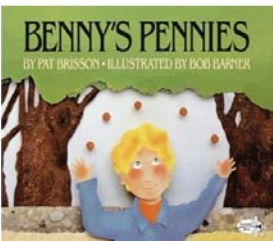


The 18 Penny Goose by Sally M. Walker.
Eight-year-old Letty attempts to save her pet goose from marauding British soldiers in **New Jersey** during the Revolutionary War.



The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman of **New Jersey**.
Four fifth-grade students--a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker--as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

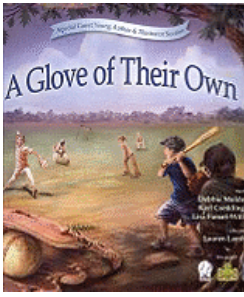
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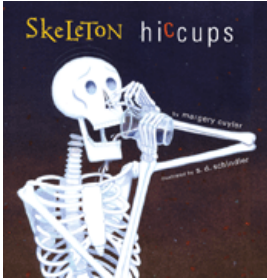
Benny's Pennies by Pat Brisson of **New Jersey**.
Benny sets off in the morning with five shiny new pennies to spend and eventually buys something for his mother, brother, sister, dog, and cat.



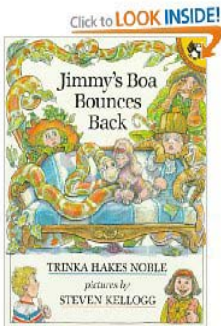
Bedhead by Margie Palatini of **New Jersey**.
After many unsuccessful attempts to control his unruly hair one morning, Oliver and his family think that they have solved the problem—until he gets to school and finds that it is school picture day.



A Glove of Their Own by Debbie Moldovan, Keri Conkling and Lisa Funari-Willever
A story about baseball and life and how many gifts can come as surprises.
The authors live in **Bernards Township**.



Skeleton Hiccups by Margery Cuyler of **New Jersey**.
Ghost tries to help Skeleton get rid of the hiccups.



Jimmy's Boa Bounces Back by Trinkia Hakes Noble of **New Jersey**.
A pet boa constrictor wreaks havoc on a posh garden party.