

Me, Myself, and I Tell My Story: A First-Person Narrative Dozens

A Bulletin Dozen Booklist

No one tells a story better than the person whose story it is, and this month's dozens features fourteen young narrators sharing adventures and moments – small and large – in their various lives. From losing an uncle to gain an aunt, learning your family history, to finding a new favorite book at the public library, there is much to enjoy.

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The *Bulletin* Dozen is a monthly theme-based booklist available from the *Bulletin's* website. Since we're awfully fond of bakers here at the *Bulletin*, we thought we'd adopt their philosophy of generosity and throw in an extra one or two when we have them to offer—so don't expect an even dozen.

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Borden, Louise. *Across the Blue Pacific: A World War II Story*; illus. by Robert Andrew Parker. Houghton. 2006. Gr. 3-5

Ted Walker is a neighborhood favorite and when he is reported missing in action during World War II, young Molly and others who knew him must face the possibility that he is gone forever. (BCCB, 6/06)

Cheng, Andrea. *Shanghai Messenger*; illus. by Ed Young. Lee & Low, 2005. Gr. 3-6

Xiao Mei's grandmother makes her promise to look at and remember everything on her summer trip to China, so she can share the memories when she returns home. (BCCB, 1/06)

Child, Lauren. *But Excuse Me That is My Book*; written and illus. by Lauren Child. Dial, 2006. 4-7 yrs

Big brother Charlie must help younger sister Lola find a new favorite book at the library. (BCCB 4/06)

Diakit , Penda. *I Lost My Tooth in Africa*; illus. by Baba Wagu  Diakit . Scholastic, 2006. 5-7 yrs

When African-American Amina loses her tooth in Mali (Africa) she is rewarded not with money but with two chickens – a hen and a rooster. (BCCB, 3/06)

English, Karen. *The Baby on the Way*; illus. by Sean Qualls. Farrar, 2005. 4-7 yrs

An African-American boy hears how his grandma was once so young she was the “baby on the way.” (BCCB, 12/05)

Garza, Xavier. *Lucha Libre: The Man in the Silver Mask: A Bilingual Cuento*; written and illus. by Xavier Garza. Cinco Puntos, 2005. 5-9 yrs

Carlitos attends his first lucha libre (wrestling match) where he watches the great Man in the Silver Mask overcome all his adversaries. Can you guess the masked man's secret? (BCCB, 10/05)

Harrington, Janice N. *Going North*; illus. by Jerome Lagarrigue. Kroupa/Farrar, 2004. 5-8 yrs.

An African-American girl narrates the trip, as she and her family move from their home in Alabama to Lincoln, Nebraska, hoping to escape segregation and start a better life. (BCCB, 11/04)

Look, Lenore. *Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding*; illus. by Yumi Heo. Schwartz/Atheneum, 2006. 5-9 yrs

When her favorite uncle gets married, Jenny is sad and lost until her new aunt makes her an important part of the day. (BCCB, 1/06)

Lorbiecki, Marybeth. *Jackie's Bat*; illus. by Brian Pinkney. Simon, 2006. 7-10 yrs

A young batboy joins the Brooklyn Dodgers the same year as Jackie Robinson, and learns to overcome his own prejudices while watching Robinson face jeers and cheers from the crowd. (BCCB, 2/06)

Michelson, Richard. *Happy Feet: The Savoy Ballroom Lindy Hoppers and Me*; illus. by E.B. Lewis. Gulliver/Harcourt, 2005. 6-9 yrs

A father welcomes his son into the world on the same night the famous Savoy Ballroom opens its doors in Harlem. (BCCB, 3/06)

Pham, LeUyen. *Big Sister, Little Sister*; written and illus. by LeUyen Pham. Hyperion, 2005. 3-6 yrs

Big sisters can be a pain in the neck, but they also tell good stories, care for you when you're sick, and protect you from things that go bump in the night. (BCCB, 9/05)

Soto, Gary. *My Little Car/Mi Carrito*; illus. by Pam Paparone. Putnam, 2006. 4-7 yrs

Teresa's Grandpa Benny gives her a nifty new pedal-powered car, but she soon begins to take it for granted. (BCCB, 6/06)

Uhlberg, Myron. *Dad, Jackie, and Me*; illus. by Colin Bootman. Peachtree, 2005. 6-8 yrs

It is the summer of 1947, and a young boy and his deaf father see Jackie Robinson break the color barrier in baseball – and bring the pennant home for the Dodgers. (BCCB 5/05)

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Coming On Home Soon*; illus. by E.B. Lewis. Putnam, 2004. 5-8 yrs

A World War II job opportunity takes Ada Ruth's mother to Chicago, but her grandmother and a long-awaited letter from her mother let Ada Ruth know she'll be coming home soon. (BCCB 2/05)

