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CHILDREN/TEEN AUTHORS ANNOUNCED TO SPEAK
AT NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL

Festival to take place April 23-24, 2010 in venues throughout downtown Newburyport

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. – This year's Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF) is pleased to announce a diverse line-up of children authors to speak during the duration of the festival.

Children / Teens Participants (Listed in alphabetical order):

Nora Baskin: Baskin is the author of seven novels for young people (Little, Brown, S&S, HarperCollins, and Candlewick Press). She was a 2001 *Publishers Weekly* "Flying Start". *The Truth about my Bat Mitzvah* was chosen as a Jewish Book Council Network Selection, a Parent's Choice Silver Award, and Junior Library Guild Selection. Her latest, *Anything But Typical* was chosen Booklist top middle grade novels for 2009, as well as the recipient of the 2010 ALA Schnieder Award for middle grade fiction.

Fred Bowen: Bowen is a sportswriter for kids ages 8 and up. His new book *No Easy Way* is a gorgeous picture-book biography of Ted Williams, the amazing Red Sox Slugger, and was named a Junior Library Guild Selection for fall 2009.

Nancy Butler: Butler is known for recent adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice* for Marvel Comics' illustrated classics line. The hardcover compilation became a *New York Times* bestseller in the graphic novel category, and when it reached No. 2 on the list there was great rejoicing. Butler also writes nonfiction for middle-schoolers under her real name, Nancy J. Hajeski, and is the author of *The Hammond Book of Presidents* and of three Hammond Undercover titles: *Rocks & Minerals*, *Princesses*, and *Sharks*.

Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord: Kapuscinski Gaylord has been a passionate promoter of making handmade books for over twenty years. She has taught thousands of children, teachers and parents in schools and libraries. Her new book, *Handmade Books for a Healthy Planet*, shares sixteen projects from around the world made with recycled materials.

Giles LaRoche: LaRoche enjoys introducing children to paper relief in hands-on workshops he conducts as an artist-in-residence in schools throughout the Northeast. An experienced teacher, Giles also worked for twelve years in the children's art program at his alma matter, Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Massachusetts

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Rose Lewis: Lewis is the author of the three illustrated children's books including the just released *Orange Peel's Pocket* (Abrams), illustrated by Grace Zong. Rose is also the author of The *New York Times* bestseller, *I Love You Like Crazy Cakes* (Little, Brown and Company, 2000) and the award winning *Every Year On Your Birthday* (Little, Brown and Company, 2007). Both are illustrated by Jane Dyer.

Gregory Maguire: Maguire is the bestselling author of *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister*, *Lost, Mirror Mirror*, and the *Wicked Years*, a series that includes *Wicked*, *Son of a Witch*, and *A Lion Among Men*. *Wicked*, now a beloved classic, is the basis for the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical of the same name.

Ann McCrea: McCrea has fostered children's love of literature with storytelling and sculpting. A clay and collage artist, she is the director of Kids•Art, programs for six-to-twelve-year-olds in her Newburyport studio.

Sy Montgomery: Montgomery's 15 books for both adults and children have garnered many honors. *The Good Good Pig*, her memoir of life with her pig, Christopher Hogwood, is an international bestseller. She is the winner of the 2009 New England Independent Booksellers Association Nonfiction Award, the 2009 Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award (to be bestowed in April 2010), the Henry Bergh Award for Nonfiction and dozens of other honors.

Jenny Sawyer: Sawyer, book critic for *The Christian Science Monitor*, has achieved national recognition for her reviews of books written for kids, tweens, and young adults. Sawyer has become the next generation's champion of the great works of literature, making these books newly relevant to teens everywhere.

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The Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF), organized by the Newburyport Literary Association, annually celebrates reading, and the love of books. The NLF in 2010 features more than 40 writers of distinguished fiction and non-fiction – including short story writers, children's authors, biographers, nature writers, critics, screenwriters, poets, novelists, and journalists – who will read and discuss their work in venues throughout Newburyport's historic downtown

For more information on the NLF, including authors and their work, please visit
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