## Beck's Summer Reading Book Sale Sponsored by our community partner, Barnes and Noble of Cherry Hill Friday, June 8th 10:30 - 12:30 Beck Media Center

**Discounted Summer Reading Books for Students entering 8th grade:** 



#### Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – The World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steven Sheinken (\$10.00 Paperback)

In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb.



# Black Diamond: The Story of the Negro Baseball Leagues by Patricia and Fredrick McKissack (\*currently unavailable for purchase through B&N)

The history of the Negro Leagues is the story of legendary heroes such as Cool Papa Bell, who some say was the fastest runner ever to steal a base, and Satchel Paige, whose fastball was called a Bee Ball because all the batter heard was a buzz as it zinged over the plate. Players were forced to endure segregated, second-rate living and playing conditions, but their talent, courage, and determination were always first-rate.



#### Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (\$8.50 Paperback)

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become.



### Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick (\$5.50 Paperback)

Meet Maxwell Kane, a timid soul stuck in the body of a teenage giant with size 14 shoes. Haunted by a dark secret in his past, he hides out in the basement room, avoiding the world. But when a new kid moves in next door, Max's life changes forever. The two outcasts from the "normal" world team up to become "Freak the Mighty". Like knights of old, they defend the weak, right every wrong – and solve the mystery of Max's past – proving once and for all that courage comes in all sizes.

#### *Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen (\$8.00 Paperback)



When track star Jessica loses her leg in a school bus accident, she is devastated that she will never run again. She's not comforted by the news that she'll be able to walk with the help of a prosthetic leg. Her family, friends and teammates support her as she returns to school and practice. However, it is her friendship with Rosa, a girl with cerebral palsy, which helps Jessica accept the limitations and discover the gifts of her new life.

All books are being sold at the discounted rate for educational institutions. Sales are cash only and returns are not accepted. All students will have the opportunity to purchase any of the above books on June 8th.

For Pre-Orders

To reserve your book(s), please complete this form and return to the Beck Media Center by June 6th. Student Name\_\_\_\_\_Grade\_\_\_\_Homeroom\_\_\_\_\_ Title of Book(s):