

*Volume IX Issue 3: Open Theme*

Editor's Note:

In this volume's open theme, reviewers share their thoughts about narratives that introduce new ideas about the world, new actions to take, and new ways of knowing.

Books such as *My First Book of Korean Words: An ABC Rhyming Book* and *Samira and the Skeletons* delight while presenting new ways of seeing the world. Not all ways of knowing are easy, however. Some are quite painful, as in *Asking for It, Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story*, *The Raven's Children*, and *Bone Gap*, exceptional books for older readers. Others invite us into magical worlds or reality touched by magic, as in *The Head of the Saint* and *The Lie Tree*, two novels that highlight what can be learned through the discovery of truths often hidden. And then there are books for middle readers such as *Somewhere Among* and *Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey* that highlight intercultural experiences both enlightening and thoughtful.

This issue presents a number of deeply moving books that will touch your heart and compel you to think about the world as it is as well as inspire you to take action to create a better world. Enjoy and think about submitting for our next issue! Due: May 15, 2017.

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