2006 Top Ten Quick Picks

50 Cent. **From Pieces to Weight: Once Upon a Time in Southside, Queens.** 0-7434-8644-7. Getting rich, dealing drugs, and trying not to die. Street life in 50 Cent's words.

Fullmetal Alchemist, Volume 1. Viz, 2005. 1-59116-920-8.

Volume 2. Viz, 2005. 1-59116-923-2.

Volume 3. Viz, 2005. 1-59116-925-9.

Volume 4. Viz, 2005. 1-59116-929-1.

Fullmetal trouble: Meet Cartoon Network stars Edward and Alphonse, piecing their lives and their bodies back together.

Benton, Jim. **It's Happy Bunny: Life. Get One.** Scholastic, 2005. 0-439-69346-2. "Always remember, your enemies are just friends that really, really bite." Snarky philosophy from Happy Bunny.

De la Pena, Matt. **Ball Don't Lie.** Delacorte, 2005. 0-385-73232-5. When playing the game, come strong or don't come at all. Sticky Reichard rules the basketball court in this gritty novel.

Meyer, Stephenie. **Twilight.** Little Brown, 2005. 0-316-16017-2. Bella's attraction to Edward does not diminish even when he admits to being a vampire.

Oh, Minya. **Bling Bling: Hip Hop's Crown Jewels.** Wenner Books, 2005. 1-932958-02-9. Diamonds (and gold and platinum) are a rapper's best friend. Hundreds of color pictures and uncensored interviews that show surprising depth.

Perel, David. **Bat Boy Lives! The Weekly World News Guide to politics, culture, celebrities, alien abductions, and the mutant freaks that shape our world.** Sterling, 2005. 1-4027-2823-9. The twisted world of tabloid news, from the checkout line to you.

Shan, Darren. **Lord Loss.** Little, Brown, 2005. 0-316-11499-5. Blood and gore, we want more! Werewolves, demons and a death-defying chess match.

Volponi, Paul. **Black and White.** Penguin Viking, 2005. 0-670-06006-2. Marcus and Eddie, aka Black and White: who takes the rap when your best friend pulls the trigger?

Whyman, Matt. **Boy Kills Man.** Harper Tempest, 2005. 0-06-074664-5. 12-year old assassins trapped in a Colombian drug lord's war.