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Children's Series and Tie-ins **Bestsellers**

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There's plenty of film news for Twilighters these days. *New Moon*, the second book in the franchise, is currently filming in Vancouver and Tuscany, directed by Chris Weitz, and is slotted for a November 20 release. After much speculation, David Slade (*Hard Candy*; *30 Days of Night*) has just been chosen to direct the next movie, *Eclipse*, scheduled for release on June 30, 2010. And there's an Internet rumor that *Breaking Dawn* has been greenlighted and will begin production in spring 2010 (though Summit Entertainment denies the report). Stay tuned.



This summer, *Clique* is getting a spinoff series, called *Alphas*. According to the publisher,

it features Skye Hamilton from the *Clique* series, who has "scored an invitation to the ultra-exclusive Alphas-only boarding school." The first book has an August 25 laydown, and a 350,000-copy first printing.

- 1 **Twilight saga.**
Stephenie Meyer.
Little, Brown/Tingley
- 2 **Diary of a Wimpy Kid.**
Jeff Kinney. Abrams/Amulet
- 3 **House of Night.**
PC Cast and Kristin Cast.
St. Martin's Griffin
- 4 **The Mortal Instruments.**
Cassandra Clare.
S&S/McElderry
- 5 **Night World.**
L.J. Smith. Simon Pulse
- 6 **Maximum Ride.**
James Patterson.
Little, Brown
- 7 **The 39 Clues.**
Scholastic
- 8 **Percy Jackson and the Olympians.**
Rick Riordan. Disney-Hyperion
- 9 **Magic Tree House.**
Mary Pope Osborne, illus. by Sal Murdocca.
Random House
- 10 **Junie B. Jones.**
Barbara Park, illus. by Denise Brunkus.
Random House
- 11 **Clique.**
Lisi Harrison.
Little, Brown/Poppy
- 12 **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas.**
John Boyne. Random House/Fickling
- 13 **Alex Rider.**
Anthony Horowitz.
Philomel and Puffin
- 14 **Harry Potter.**
J.K. Rowling. Scholastic/Levine
- 15 **Vampire Academy.**
Richelle Mead. Razorbill



Peter Lerangis signing totebags and other 39 Clues items, at the Skyline School.

Peter Lerangis, author of Book 3 in The 39 Clues series, has been traveling the country in recent weeks, visiting schools, bookstores and libraries. At one stop, the Skyline School in Solana Beach, Calif., Lerangis was greeted like a rock star, complete with screaming fans. From his blog: "We spent the whole day at Skyline—talking about *The Sword Thief*, investigating theories about The 39 Clues, admiring costumes and awesome art projects, participating in a bicoastal Q&A with editors Rachel and Mallory via live video feed. We ate lunch with the winners of a trivia contest, one of whom had created Cahill-branch pins for all students and a special 39 Clues pin for me! Afterward I signed hundreds of books and got to meet every student personally." More than 2.5 million copies of the first three titles are in print. The fourth book, *Beyond the Grave* by Jude Watson, will be released on June 2.



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