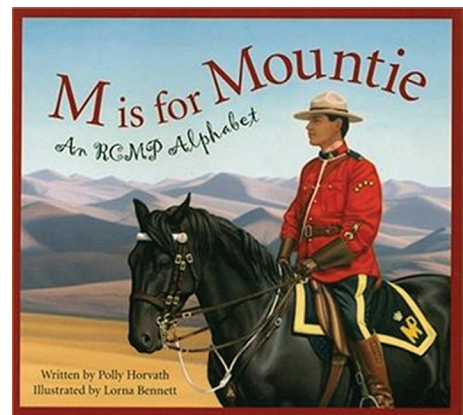


# Book Buzz

**F**or the first time in several columns, I am relieved not to have to explain in detail the thematic connection between the books suggested in Book Buzz and the theme of this issue. Although I won't give it any further attention, I will point out that Fyodor Dostoevsky's original classic is available for free from Project Gutenberg ([www.gutenberg.org/files/2554/2554-h/2554-h.htm](http://www.gutenberg.org/files/2554/2554-h/2554-h.htm)) and a free audio version can be downloaded from Librivox ([www.librivox.org/crime-and-punishment-by-fyodor-dostoyevsky](http://www.librivox.org/crime-and-punishment-by-fyodor-dostoyevsky)). The audio version can be streamed from Archive.org ([www.archive.org/details/crime\\_and\\_punishment\\_0902\\_librivox](http://www.archive.org/details/crime_and_punishment_0902_librivox)). I hope that you will find some of the titles that follow (as well as these links to Dostoevsky's classic *Crime and Punishment*) useful to you, your teacher colleagues, and your students, as you reflect on crime and punishment in your learning commons.



**M is for Mountie**  
by Polly Horvath  
illustrated by Lorna Bennett  
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An alphabet book aimed at an audience from the age 4 and up, *M is for Mountie* is also a celebration of the history and traditions of the R.C.M.P. It discusses a variety of topics of interest ranging from obvious ones like the origins of the uniform and the training to become a member of the R.C.M.P., to more obscure ones like how the Dempster Highway got its name. This is a 32 page goldmine for young trivia buffs with an interest in Canada's national police force.