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ATLANTIC
(Pennsylvania / Delaware / New Jersey / Washington D.C. / Virginia / West Virginia / Maryland)

GRASSES K-2

**Apple Days: A Rosh Hashanah Story**
by Allison Sarnoff Soffer, illustrated by Bob McMahon
Picture Book
Description: A touching story about a child's beloved apple-picking tradition, disappointment, and the power of community. Applesauce recipe included.
Author's Residence: Washington, D.C.
Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

**Aunt Matilda's Almost Boring Party**
by Jane Morris Udovic, illustrated by David Udovic
Picture Book
Description: When a little boy attends his aunt’s fancy party, he is bored and falls asleep. His imagination takes flight and so do the custard pies.
Author's Residence: Washington, D.C.
Publisher: Front Street

**Barn Savers**
by Linda Oatman High, illustrated by Ted Lewin
Picture Book
Description: A father and his son recycle and reclaim an antique barn, saving it from bulldozers and landfill. A unique tale of recycling.
Author's Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

**Bed Hog**
by Georgette Noullet, illustrated by David Slonim
Picture Book
Description: Poor Bailey! The lovable pooch can’t find a comfortable place to snuggle. Everyone calls him a “bed hog,” and they make him move!
Author's Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Two Lions

**Belle's Wild Ride: The Artful Adventure of a Butterfly and a Cabbie**
by Mary Lee Corlett, illustrated by Sophie Cayless
Picture Book
Description: A feisty butterfly from a National Gallery of Art painting embarks on a fast-paced adventure looking for her grandma at the Cleveland Museum of Art.
Author's Residence: Falls Church, Virginia
Publisher: D Giles Limited

**The Big Spider Goes to School**
by Kris Bonnell
Fiction Series
Description: Join Andy and his pet spider on another hilarious adventure! The Big Spider Goes to School is a must read for all Kindergarten beginning readers.
Author's Residence: Reading, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Reading Reading Books

**The Boy Who Said Nonsense**
by Felicia Sanzari Chernesky, illustrated by Nicola Anderson
Picture Book
Description: Tate can count just by looking at things! All this counting makes everyone think Tate talks nonsense—until his brother sees everything from Tate’s perspective.
Author's Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**Brother Giovanni's Little Reward: How the Pretzel Was Born**
by Anna Egan Smucker, illustrated by Amanda Hall
Picture Book
Description: Giovanni is the best baker his monastery has ever had, but teaching the children their prayers is a challenge—until he invents the tasty treat we now know as the pretzel!
Author's Residence: West Virginia
Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

**Can You Count Ten Toes?: Count to 10 in 10 Different Languages**
by Lezlie Evans, illustrated by Denis Roche
Picture Book
Description: Learn to count in ten different languages: Spanish, French, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Russian, Hindi, Hebrew, and even Zulu!
Author's Residence: Ashburn, Virginia
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Cat Napped!**
by Leeza Hernandez
Picture Book
Description: Cats are naturally curious, but sometimes too much curiosity can get them into trouble! That's what happens when one kitty wakes from a nap to find she might be lost.
Author's Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

**City Street Beat**
by Nancy Viau, illustrated by Barbara Bakos
Picture Book
Description: Join two friends as they use their senses to explore the city's rhythmic beat.
Author's Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**The Daring Prince Dashing**
by Marilou T. Reeder, illustrated by Karl West
Picture Book
Description: Prince Dashing bathes with crocodiles and toasts
s’mores by dragon’s breath. Will he ever find a friend as daring as he is?
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

The Deductive Detective
by Brian Rock, illustrated by Sherry Rogers
Picture Book
Description: Who stole a cake from the cake contest? Twelve animal bakers are suspects and Detective Duck uses his deductive reasoning skills to quack the case.
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Sylvan Dell Publishing

Dino Treasures
by Rhonda Lucas Donald, illustrated by Cathy Morrison
Picture Book
Description: Go into the field with paleontologists to learn what dinosaurs ate, how they raised their young, and how they slept and fought.
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

The Doodles of Sam Dibble
by J. Press, illustrated by Michael Kline
Humorous Fiction Series (Grades 1-4)
Description: Sam Dibble tells his friends that Demo Dan, the world’s greatest wrestler, is coming to his birthday party. The problem is, Sam doesn’t exactly know Demo Dan.
Author’s Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

A Fairy Friend
by Sue Fliess, illustrated by Claire Keane
Picture Book
Description: Explore an enchanting world of fairies. They’re all around us, if you know where to look. Build a fairy house of twigs and blooms and one may visit!
Author’s Residence: Ashburn, Virginia
Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

Feathers for Peacock
by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Helen Cann
Picture Book
Description: How did Peacock end up with such a beautiful array of tail feathers? Was it magic or a community effort? An original just-so story.
Author’s Residence: Arlington, Virginia
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Finding Wild
by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Abigail Halpin
Picture Book
Description: A lovely, lyrical picture book that explores the ways the wild makes itself known to us and how much closer it is than we think.
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Wisdom Tales Press

Five Little Ducklings Go to School
by Carol Roth, illustrated by Sean Julian
Picture Book
Description: It’s time for five little ducklings to go to school. Four of them are excited, but not the fifth little duckling. Can Mama reassure him?
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: NorthSouth Books

Gazpacho for Nacho
by Tracey Kyle, illustrated by Carolina Farias
Picture Book
Description: Nacho likes to eat only one thing: gazpacho! He won’t try other dishes—until he discovers miles and piles of mouthwatering vegetables at the market.
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Two Lions

The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School
by Laura Murray, illustrated by Mike Lowery
Picture Book Series
Description: A freshly baked Gingerbread Man is on a quest to find the children who made him in this humorous rhyming romp through a school.
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

Good Crooks: Missing Monkey!
by Mary Amato, illustrated by Ward Jenkins
Humorous Fiction Series (Grades 2-4)
Description: Billy and Jillian Crook have a big problem: they want to do good deeds, but their parents are crooks! Follow the twins’ hilarious adventures.
Author’s Residence: Maryland
Publisher: Egmont

Goodnight, Ark
by Laura Sassi, illustrated by Jane Chapman
Picture Book
Description: It’s bedtime in this rhyming picture book, and a storm has animals piling into Noah’s bed! How will Noah get them to sleep?
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Zonderkidz

Helen Thayer’s Arctic Adventure: A Woman and Her Dog Walk to the North Pole
by Sally Isaacs, illustrated by Iva Sasheva
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Helen Thayer was the first woman to walk solo to the Magnetic North Pole, strengthened by her determination and the friendship of Charlie, the dog who walked by her side.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Capstone Press

High Tide for Horseshoe Crabs
by Lisa Kahn Schnell, illustrated by Alan Marks
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Horseshoe crabs, shorebirds, and scientists converge each spring on the shores of Delaware Bay. Lyrical text and watercolors detail this natural-world extravaganza.
Hope Somewhere in America: The Story of a Child, a Painting, and a President
by Sydelle Pearl, illustrated by Astrid Sheckels
Picture Book
Description: A little African-American girl from Harlem becomes the subject of a 1934 New Deal painting and meets President and First Lady Roosevelt.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Charlesbridge

I Am Not a Copycat!
by Ann Bonwill, illustrated by Simon Rickerty
Picture Book
Description: Hugo Hippo and Bella Bird are best buddies—but that doesn’t mean they have to be exactly the same. Does it?
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Twin Lights Publishers

I Said No! A Kid-to-Kid Guide to Keeping Private Parts Private
by Zack and Kimberly King, illustrated by Sue Rama
Picture Book
Description: Helping kids set healthy boundaries for their private parts can be a daunting task for caregivers. Written from a kid’s point of view, this book makes the task easier.
Authors’ Residence: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Just One More
by Jennifer Hansen Rolli
Picture Book
Description: Little Ruby is always asking for “just one more” of everything until one more is just too much!
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Lighthouse Seeds
by Pamela Love
Picture Book
Description: The daughter of a Maine lighthouse keeper struggles to start a garden on an island with no soil. (Based on a true story.)
Author’s Residence: Maryland
Publisher: Down East Books

The Magic Owl
by Lisa Stammerjohann, illustrated by Claudia Gadotti
Picture Book
Description: An owl discovers that by sharing his love of reading, he can create magic and build friendships, and he decides to spread his gifts with the world.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Dog Ear Publishing

Mira Forecasts the Future
by Kell Andrews, illustrated by Lissy Marlin
Picture Book
Description: Mira can’t see the future like her mother, boardwalk fortune teller Madame Mirabella. Then Mira discovers “magic” in the science of predicting the weather.
Author’s Residence: Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Sterling Children’s

A Morning with Grandpa
by Sylvia Liu, illustrated by Christina Forshay
Picture Book
Description: Mei Mei learns tai chi from her Gong Gong and teaches him yoga. They have different styles and attitudes, but have a great time together.
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Mrs. Cow Knits a Sweater
by Sharon Patterson Stanley, illustrated by Robert Lee Beers
Picture Book
Description: After knitting sweaters for everyone on the farm, Mrs. Cow runs out of wool and the sheep are cold! Whatever will she do?
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Nobody!
by Erin Frankel, illustrated by Paula Heaphy
Picture Book
Description: Thomas feels like he can’t escape Kyle’s bullying. Support from friends, classmates, and adults, helps Thomas feel
more confident, while Kyle learns the importance of kindness.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Free Spirit Publishing

**Now It Is Summer**
by Eileen Spinelli, illustrated by Mary Newell DePalma
Picture Book
Description: A young mouse is encouraged by his mother to enjoy summer while waiting for autumn to come. . . . to be happy “in the now.”
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

**One Word Pearl**
by Nicole Groeneweg, illustrated by Hazel Mitchell
Picture Book
Description: Pearl is a collector of words. One day her words are blown away. What will she do when she has no words left?
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**Oscar and The Mooncats**
by Lynda Gene Raymond, illustrated by Nicoletta Ceccoli
Picture Book
Description: One night, a cat named Oscar jumps to the moon. The Mooncats want him to stay forever, but Oscar’s boy won’t give up on him.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Peanut Butter & Brains**
by Joe McGee, illustrated by Charles Santoso
Picture Book
Description: Reginald doesn’t shuffle along with the rest of the zombies. He doesn’t want brains; all he wants is a PB&J sandwich. Be true to yourself!
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

**Peep and Egg: I’m Not Hatching**
by Laura Gehl, illustrated by Joyce Wan
Picture Book
Description: Peep can’t wait for Egg to hatch so they can have fun together. But Egg is not hatching! It is way too scary out there!
Author’s Residence: Maryland
Illustrator’s residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

**The Penguin Lady**
by Carol A. Cole, illustrated by Sherry Rogers
Picture Book
Description: A counting book featuring Penelope Parker. Penelope’s neat little house is slowly taken over with ten different species of messy penguins.
Author’s Residence: Vienna, Virginia
Publisher: Sylvan Dell Publishing

**Penny & Jelly: Slumber Under the Stars** (available June 14, 2016)
by Maria Gianferrari, illustrated by Thyra Heder
Picture Book
Description: It’s a sleepover under-the-stars party, but no pets are allowed. With some creativity and a lot of heart, Penny brings her beloved Jelly.
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Penny and the Punctuation Bee**
by Moira Rose Donohue, illustrated by Jenny Law
Picture Book
Description: Elsie, an exclamation point, announces that she will win the school Punctuation Bee. But Penny, a period, decides to take her on. Can she do it?
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**Petunia Pepper’s Picture Day**
by Cathy Breisacher, illustrated by Christian Elden
Picture Book
Description: Every year disaster strikes Petunia on school picture day. She is determined to get a good picture, even when she faces a series of misadventures.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Warner Press

**Playground Day!**
by Jennifer J. Merz
Picture Book
Description: Each page offers clues to a friendly guessing game capturing the pleasures of a day at the playground in this celebration of creative play.
Author’s Residence: Bergen County, New Jersey
Publisher: Clarion Books

**The Rain Forest Party / Fiesta en el bosque tropical**
by Lorraine Dey
Bilingual Picture Book
Description: Winner of a Mom’s Choice Award, a bilingual English/Spanish picture book about a young armadillo trying to find his own special talent for the upcoming rain forest party.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Raven Tree Press

**The Remarkable David Wordsworth**
by Richard Kopley, illustrated by Michael Fazio
Picture Book
Description: The story of a boy who makes up compound words—and whose compound words come to life as creatures in his classroom.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

**Scuba Dog**
by Ann Marie Stephens, illustrated by Jess Golden
Picture Book
Description: A bond between a scuba-diving dog and musical whale shows that friendship—even with language barriers, time constraints, and heavy equipment—is worth the effort.
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Little Bee Books
**Shape Shift**  
by Joyce Hesselberth  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Reinforces identification of different shapes while encouraging kids to pair shapes together to make new forms.  
Author’s Residence: Maryland  
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

**Siggy's Parade**  
by Blanche R. Dudley, illustrated by John Hazard and Robert Blakenship  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Siggy, a friendly one-winged mockingbird, organizes a village parade to celebrate National “I Like Me!” Day. Diversity and self-esteem take center stage.  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: New Horizon Press

**Sleepover with Beatrice & Bear**  
by Mônica Carnesi  
*Picture Book*  
Description: How can two friends share winter when one of them is hibernating? Beatrice, an irrepressible bunny, comes up with a brilliant plan!  
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

**Someday I’ll Fly**  
by Rebecca Evans  
*Picture Book (Grades K-4)*  
Description: Pam meets the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, discovering what she loves. But when her friend becomes sick, Pam has to decide what’s most important.  
Author’s Residence: Maryland  
Publisher: Red Engine Press

**The Sound of All Things**  
by Myron Uhlberg, illustrated by Ted Papoulas  
*Picture Book (Grades 1-4)*  
Description: A young hearing boy and his deaf parents enjoy an exciting day at Brooklyn's Coney Island. The father desires descriptions of the sounds encountered.  
Illustrator’s Residence: New Jersey  
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

**Sounds of the Savanna**  
by Terry Catasús Jennings, illustrated by Phyllis Saroff  
*Picture Book*  
Description: From dawn to midnight, explore sound and how prey and predators interact in the African Savanna. (Includes science activities and explanations.)  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

**A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin**  
by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Melissa Sweet  
*Nonfiction Picture Book*  
Description: The true story of a self-taught artist who overcame poverty, racism, disability and war to become an American master.  
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

**“Stand Back,” Said the Elephant, “I’m Going to Sneeze!”**  
by Patricia Thomas, illustrated by Wallace Tripp  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Animals are panicked. Elephant's sneeze could blow stripes off zebras--and worse! This tale of an enormous oncoming sneeze bounces to a giggle-guaranteed surprise ending.  
Author’s Residence: Carbondale, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books

**Stripes of All Types**  
by Susan Stockdale  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Introduces young readers to the many ways in which animals around the world wear and benefit from their stripes.  
Author’s Residence: Maryland  
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

**These Rocks Count!**  
by Alison Formento, illustrated by Sarah Snow  
*Picture Book*  
Description: At first the children in Mr. Tate’s class think learning about rocks will be boring, but they learn that rocks are all around us in ways we might not expect!  
Author’s Residence: New Jersey  
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**Too Many Frogs!**  
by Sandy Asher, Illustrated by Keith Graves  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Rabbit lives alone and loves to read. Froggie barges in and loves to listen. Their road to friendship is cluttered with books, snacks, pillows, and fun.  
Author’s Residence: Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Philomel Books

**Truman’s Aunt Farm**  
by Jama Kim Rattigan, illustrated by G. Brian Karas  
*Picture Book*  
Description: After receiving an ant farm for his birthday, Truman sends away for his ants, but gets aunts instead.  
Author’s Residence: Fairfax, Virginia  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Vampirina Ballerina**  
by Anne Marie Pace, illustrated by LeUyen Pham  
*Picture book*  
Description: Being a vampire makes dance class tougher than Vampirina anticipated, but she won’t give up working to achieve her dream of becoming a ballerina.  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

**What a Beautiful Morning**  
by Arthur A. Levine, illustrated by Katie Kath  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Grandpa's house is filled with music. But when he starts to lose his memory, Noah—and Grandma—find ways to keep the songs going.  
Author’s Residence: New Jersey  
Publisher: Running Press Kids
What About Me?: 12 Ways to Get Your Parents’ Attention (Without Hitting Your Sister)
by Eileen Kennedy-Moore, illustrated by Mits Katayama
Picture Book
Description: A gentle remedy for sibling rivalry. Shows kids kind, helpful, and creative ways they can ask for the attention they need.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Parenting Press

When a Dragon Moves In
by Jodi Moore, illustrated by Howard McWilliam
Picture Book
Description: If you build a perfect sandcastle, a dragon moves in. But is it real or imaginary? Readers decide for themselves when a dragon moves in!
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Flashlight Press

Who Wants Broccoli?
by Val Jones
Picture Book
Description: Can a big, fun dog get picked as someone’s perfect pet without getting himself in trouble—again?! A story about being true to who you are.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: HarperCollins

Why Do Rainbows Have So Many Colors?
by Jennifer Shand, illustrated by Daniele Fabbri
Picture Book
Description: Have fun while learning about nature in this book. This title is part of the Why Do series—books that are humorous, silly and educational!
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Flowerpot Press

Wolf’s Coming!
by Joe Kulka
Picture Book
Description: All the animals in the forest run and hide as Wolf is coming. A suspenseful tale with a surprising ending.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Yogi Bear’s Guide to Animal Tracks
by Mark Weakland, illustrated by Christian Cornia
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Yogi Bear and Boo Boo spot tracks in the snow. But what is making them? Join in the science mystery and learn all about animal tracks.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

By Lizzie
by Mary Eccles
Humorous Fiction
Description: With the aid of a manual typewriter, Lizzie, a middle-child, embellishes the misadventures in her life, month-by-month, during the year she turns ten.
Author’s Residence: Maryland
Publisher: Puffin Books

Cool Things to Do If a Bully’s Bugging You
by Catherine DePino
Nonfiction
Description: Targets students facing bullying while they’re actually experiencing it. The activities feature a multidisciplinary approach for use in bully prevention programs.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Rowman and Littlefield

Counting Thyme
by Melanie Conklin
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: When eleven-year-old Thyme’s family moves from...
California to New York City for her little brother’s cancer treatment, she must discover the true meaning of home.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

Dear Opl
by Shelley Sackier
Realistic Fiction
Description: A tale about a snarky, overweight, thirteen-year-old girl who suffers from loss everywhere in her life except on her body.
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Jabberwocky/Sourcebooks

Eat Your U.S. History Homework: Recipes for Revolutionary Minds
by Ann McCallum, illustrated by Leeza Hernandez
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Explore the past with historically inspired recipes. Satisfy your hunger with snacks and stories from the arrival of the Pilgrims to the Revolutionary War.
Author’s Residence: Maryland
Publisher: Charlesbridge

The Flame in the Mist
by Kit Grindstaff
Fantasy (Grades 4-7)
Description: A spooky, magical mystery-adventure featuring feisty thirteen-year-old Jemma, held captive in Agromond Castle yet destined to save her mist-shrouded country.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

The Future Architect’s Handbook
by Barbara Beck
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Learn how architects really work, with Aaron the Architect guiding the reader through the entire process and drawings needed to design a house.
Author’s Residence: Maryland
Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

Greenhorn
by Anna Olswanger, illustrated by Miriam Nerlove
Historical Fiction
Description: A young Holocaust survivor arrives at a Brooklyn yeshiva in the 1940s with only a small box that he won’t let out of his sight.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: NewSouth Books

Hands Around the Library: Protecting Egypt’s Treasured Books
by Susan L. Roth and Karen Leggett Abouraya, illustrated by Susan L. Roth
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: The invigorating and heartwarming story of a powerful moment during the Arab Spring in Egypt 2012—and a story about the immense importance of libraries.
Author’s Residence (Abouraya): Silver Spring, Maryland
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Heart on Fire: Susan B. Anthony Votes for President
by Ann Malaspina, illustrated by Steve James
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: On November 5, 1872, Susan B. Anthony made history—and broke the law—when she voted in the U.S. presidential election. She was arrested, tried, and found guilty.
Author’s Residence: Ridgewood, New Jersey
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Henry David Thoreau for Kids: His Life and Ideas
by Corinne Hosfeld Smith
Nonfiction
Description: An activity-filled biography based on the life of someone who still inspires us by his thoughtful words about individual rights, social justice, and nature.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Investigating Why Leaves Change Their Color
by Ellen René
Description: Important science concepts are introduced as readers explore the “secret lives” of leaves and discover why they change their color.
Author’s Residence: Reston, Virginia
Publisher: PowerKids Press

Ivy in the Shadows
by Chris Woodworth
Realistic Fiction
Description: Ivy’s family feels broken and she wants to fix it by herself. Eavesdropping doesn’t supply many answers. What happens if she lets others in?
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

Joshua and the Lightning Road
by Donna Galanti
Fantasy
Description: When Joshua’s friend is stolen from a world that steals children for energy, he must travel the Lightning Road to get him back.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Month9Books

The Jumbies
by Tracey Baptiste
Fantasy (Grades 3-7)
Description: A fast-paced adventure based on Caribbean fairy tales that follows one brave girl and an epic battle with a monstrous jumbie.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Algonquin Young Readers

Krumbuckets!
by L.C. Mohr
Science Fiction (Grades 3-7)
Description: It’s 2106 and Nick lives with a hat-loving robot named Sam. When a new law takes away students’ career choices, Nick and his friends must stop it.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Blooming Tree Press
The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary  
by Laura Shovan  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Inspired by Ms. Hill’s past as a peaceful protester, students in her diverse classroom learn to voice their opinions about the closing of their school. (Novel in verse.)  
Author’s Residence: Maryland  
Publisher: Wendy Lamb Books

Little Dead Riding Hood (Scarily Ever Laughter, Book 2)  
by Amie & Bethanie Borst, illustrated by Rachael Caringella  
Fantasy (Grades 4-7)  
Description: You know things are going to suck when you’re the new kid; but when you’re the new kid and a vampire, then it totally bites.  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Jolly Fish Press

Loser  
by Jerry Spinelli  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)  
Description: Others may view Zinkoff as a “loser,” but he’s not. He’s first in playing right, having fun and gumption. He doesn’t know how brave he is.  
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania  
Publisher: HarperCollins

Nanny X  
by Madelyn Rosenberg  
Mystery  
Description: A secret-agent nanny comes to help care for the Pringle kids, but she needs their help, too, to solve a mystery and save the day.  
Author’s Residence: Arlington, Virginia  
Publisher: Holiday House

National Wildlife Federation’s World of Birds: A Beginner’s Guide  
by Kim Kurki  
Nonfiction  
Description: This fun collection of fascinating facts, folklore and poems, accompanied by colorful, dynamic illustrations, introduces young readers and curious adults to the realm of birds.  
Author’s Residence: Penns Park, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Black Dog and Leventhal

Noah Webster: Man of Many Words  
by Catherine Reef  
Nonfiction  
Description: A biography of the writer and activist who authored the first American dictionary and influenced the Founding Fathers and the shaping of the United States.  
Author’s Residence: Maryland  
Publisher: Clarion Books

A Place Where Sunflowers Grow  
by Amy Lee-Tai, Illustrated by Felicia Hoshino  
Picture Book  
Description: Can anything bloom in a Japanese American internment camp during WWII? For Mari, glimmers of hope begin to surface under the harsh desert sun.  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Children’s Book Press

Rebel McKenzie  
by Candice Ransom  
Humorous Fiction (Grades 4-7)  
Description: Rebel tries to earn money for the Ice Age Kids’ Dig by entering a beauty pageant against prissy Bambi and bully Lacey Jane.  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Seaborne: The Lost Prince  
by Matt Myklusch  
Adventure  
Description: A boy raised by pirates finds an island where gold grows on trees. Posing as a long lost prince, he plots to steal the treasure.  
Author’s Residence: New Jersey  
Publisher: Egmont

Service Dog Heroes  
by Linda Bozzo  
Nonfiction Picture Book  
Description: Kazi is a service dog. He helps his owner around her house and while she is at work. Read about the history and training, as well as what being on the job is like for a service dog.  
Author’s Residence: New Jersey  
Publisher: Enslow Publishers

Super Freak  
by Vanessa Barger  
Fantasy  
Description: Caroline is a freak in a world where everyone has magic, but when her BFF disappears and magic can’t help, Caroline saves the day.  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Month9Books

The Town That Fooled the British: A War of 1812 Story  
by Lisa Papp, illustrated by Robert Papp  
Picture Book  
Description: No one listens to young Henry Middle. But in 1812, when British forces threaten his town, Henry proves small ideas can make a big difference.  
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Treasury of Norse Mythology: Stories of Intrigue, Trickery, Love, and Revenge  
by Donna Jo Napoli  
Mythology (Grades 4 and up)  
Description: These eighteen stories about the Norse gods are organized to form a whole, as though you’re reading a novel. Good for boys and girls.  
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania  
Publisher: National Geographic Children’s Books
Under the Freedom Tree  
by Susan VanHecke, illustrated by London Ladd  
Picture Book  
Description: Taut free verse tells of the Civil War’s first contraband camp, seen by some historians as the “beginning of the end of slavery in America.”  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Charlesbridge

The Walking Fish  
by Rachelle Burk and Kopel Burk  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: A humorous, exciting tale of an ordinary girl who makes an extraordinary discovery—a blind fish that walks.  
Author’s Residence: New Jersey  
Publisher: Tumblehome Learning

What’s Up in the Amazon Rainforest  
by Ginjer L. Clarke  
Nonfiction  
Description: Get lost in the largest rainforest in the world to climb ancient trees, swim with a pink dolphin, avoid deadly poison dart frogs, and sleep with howler monkeys.  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Wheels of Change  
by Darlene Beck Jacobson  
Historical Fiction (Grades 3-7)  
Description: Racial intolerance, social change, and sweeping progress confront twelve-year-old Emily Soper in Washington, D.C., in 1908. How will Emily decide which changes matter most?  
Author’s Residence: Sewell, New Jersey  
Publisher: Creston Books

When the Ragman Sings  
by Judith Logan Lehne  
Historical Fiction  
Description: When Dorothea’s mother dies, she believes the grizzly ragman is somehow responsible. Searching for answers, she discovers some things aren’t what they appear to be.  
Author’s Residence: New Jersey  
Publisher: HarperCollins

The Whispering Town  
by Jennifer Elvgren, illustrated by Fabio Santomauro  
Picture Book  
Description: Set in 1943 Denmark during the Danish Resistance, young Anett and her family hide Jews from the Nazis until they can escape to neutral Sweden.  
Author’s Residence: Barboursville, Virginia  
Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Who Was Maya Angelou?  
by Ellen Labrecque  
Nonfiction  
Description: The adored poet and writer Maya Angelou had a challenging childhood, but her writing and spirit lifted her to international acclaim.  
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

The Wreck of the Ethie  
by Hilary Hyland  
Historical Fiction  
Description: Adventure at its finest. Based on a dramatic 1919 true event of a Newfoundland dog who rescued passengers on a sinking ship caught in a violent storm.  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

GRADES 6-8

Alan Turing  
by Rebecca Kraft Rector  
Nonfiction  
Description: About one of the founders of computer science who helped break Nazi secret codes during World War II, and was persecuted for his homosexuality.  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Rosen Publishing

Beyond Jupiter: The Story of Planetary Astronomer Heidi Hammel  
by Fred Bortz  
Nonfiction  
Description: The fascinating true story of a scientist and her science—drawn from firsthand observations and accounts from the scientist, her friends, family, and colleagues.  
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Scholastic Library Publishing/Franklin Watts

The Brain: Journey Through the Universe Inside Your Head  
by Carla Mooney, illustrated by Tom Casteel  
Nonfiction  
Description: Introduces students to the fascinating world of the human brain and its effect on behavior.  
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Nomad Press

Bright Coin Moon  
by Kirsten Lopresti  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Seventeen-year-old Lindsey Allen aspires to be an astronomer but her eccentric mother decides they must move to Los Angeles to become psychics to the stars.  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Brotherhood  
by A.B. Westrick  
Historical Fiction  
Description: In this Reconstruction-era novel, a fourteen year-old boy joins the Klan and comes to question the racial prejudices he has been taught.  
Author’s Residence: Virginia  
Publisher: Puffin Books
Come August, Come Freedom: The Bellows, the Gallows, and the Black General Gabriel
by Gigi Amateau
Historical Fiction
Description: In 1800, Gabriel, a young blacksmith, plots a rebellion involving thousands of enslaved men seeking the freedom promised by the American Revolution.
Author's Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Daisy to the Rescue: True Stories of Daring Dogs, Paramedic Parrots, and Other Animal Heroes
by Jeff Campbell
Nonfiction
Description: These fifty exciting, true tales of animals saving human lives—including dogs, dolphins, pigs, parrots, gorillas, and more—celebrate the intelligence and compassion of other animal species.
Author's Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Zest Books

The Eighth Day
by Dianne K. Salerni
Fantasy
Description: Jax discovers a secret day of the week hidden between Wednesday and Thursday with ties to Arthurian legend.
Author Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: HarperCollins

The Freedom Summer Murders
by Don Mitchell
Nonfiction
Description: Story of the 1964 murders of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner by the KKK in Mississippi for trying to help black Americans vote.
Author's Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Scholastic Press

From Blue Ground
by Joe Harvey
Historical Fiction
Description: Patrick and Sissy are running for their lives. Their only hope lies in unlocking the mystery of a stone that emerged from blue ground.
Author's Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Sunbury Press

Paper Hearts
by Meg Wiviott
Historical Fiction
Description: Based on the true story of Fania and Zlatka and the bond that helped them to hope for the best in the face of the worst.
Author's Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Prairie Dog Song
by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore
Nonfiction
Description: In text and collage art, the Sibert medalists (Parrots Over Puerto Rico) tell how scientists are saving North America's grasslands and their iconic prairie dogs.

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Predator
by Janice Gable Bashman
Fantasy
Description: A werewolf story with a unique spin, blending suspense, mythology, bog bodies, romance, genetic engineering, super soldiers, and the fight between good and evil.
Author's Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Month9Books

Prisoner 88
by Leah Pileggi
Historical Fiction
Description: Ten-year-old Jake serves time in the Idaho Penitentiary in 1885. Based on a real boy, this is Jake's story of survival.
Author's Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Project Jackalope
by Emily Ecton
Adventure
Description: When his eccentric neighbor entrusts him with a dangerous jackalope, Jeremy and his classmate Agatha are forced to go on the run from government agents.
Author's Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Chronicle Books

The Rosemary Spell
by Virginia Zimmerman
Adventure
Description: After they accidentally invoke a spell hidden in a Shakespeare poem, Rosemary and Adam struggle to keep Adam's sister from disappearing forever—even from memory.
Author's Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Clarion Books

The Star Child
by Stephanie Keyes
Fantasy Romance Series (Grades 7 and up)
Description: When a geeky kid gets sucked into a world of Celtic prophecy, he'll need to save the world from darkness. Only one can stop the night.
Author's Residence: Allegheny, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Inkspell Publishing

The Star Shard
by Frederic S. Durbin
Fantasy
Description: Cymbril, a slave on board a gigantic, mysterious wagon city, discovers friendship and her own inner strength in her quest for freedom.
Author's Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

The Summer After You & Me
by Jennifer Salvato Doktorski
Realistic Fiction
Description: Sixteen-year-old Lucy struggles to mend her broken heart and rebuild her life at the Jersey Shore in the devastating...
aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Sourcebooks Fire

Survival Colony 9
by Joshua David Bellin
Science Fiction
Description: In a war-torn future, Querry Genn, a teen without memory, might be humanity’s last hope against the Skaldi, monsters that consume and mimic human hosts.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Traitor Angels
by Anne Blankman
Historical Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: In 1666 England, Elizabeth discovers an explosive secret hidden in the epic poem “Paradise Lost”—a secret that could destroy the world.
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Balzer & Bray

GRADERS 9-12

Between the Notes
by Sharon Huss Roat
Realistic Fiction
Description: Forced to move to “the wrong side of the tracks,” sixteen-year-old musician Ivy discovers that not everything, or everyone, is what they seem—even herself.
Author’s Residence: Delaware
Publisher: HarperTeen

Cracked
by K.M. Walton
Realistic Fiction
Description: A bully and his victim end up as psych ward roommates with no way to escape each other. Things get much worse before getting better.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Simon Pulse

A Criminal Magic
by Lee Kelly
Fantasy
Description: A sorcerer and an undercover agent cat-and-mouse in an alternative Prohibition-era America, where magic instead of alcohol has been prohibited.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Saga Press/Simon & Schuster

Crossing Into Brooklyn
by Mary Ann McGuigan
Realistic Fiction
Description: A sixteen-year-old girl from a privileged family meets a grandfather who’s been kept secret as she confronts the pain of poverty and learns who she really is.
Author’s Residence: Jersey City, New Jersey
Publisher: Merit Press

A Curse of Ash and Iron
by Christine Norris
Fantasy
Description: Ellie Banneker, under her stepmother’s curse, meets a childhood friend who she hopes can help her break the spell before it binds her forever.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Curiosity Quills Press

Em & Em
by Linda Budzinski
Realistic Fiction
Description: Ember O’Malley gets an epic do-over when she is relocated through Witness Protection from the Jersey Shore to a small town in the Midwest.
Author’s Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Swoon Romance

An Infinite Number of Parallel Universes
by Randy Ribay
Realistic Fiction
Description: A group of friends who play Dungeons & Dragons together face various real life problems and go on a road trip.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Merit Press

Pandemic
by Yvonne Ventresca
Adventure
Description: During a contagious outbreak, an emotionally traumatized teenage girl must face disease, death, and her personal demons in order to survive.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Safe
by Susan Shaw
Realistic Fiction
Description: In the aftermath of an unspeakable crime, Tracy must fight her way back to safety and find comfort in her mother’s memory once again.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Dutton Children’s Books

Sword and Verse
by Kathy MacMillan
Fantasy
Description: “A tense, romantic fantasy epic about prejudice, political struggle, and the power of words.”—R.J. Anderson
Author’s Residence: Maryland
Publisher: HarperTeen

Try Not to Breathe
by Jennifer R. Hubbard
Realistic Fiction
Description: In the summer after his suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Ryan struggles with guilty secrets and an unlikely new friendship.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Speak/Puffin Books
Zero Day
by Jan Gangsei
Thriller
Description: Eight years after being kidnapped, the President’s sixteen-year-old daughter miraculously returns to her White House family. But Addie’s come home . . . with a mission.
Author’s Residence: Washington, D.C.
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion
GRADES K-2
(ages 3-7)

**Actually, I Can**  
by Nicky Johnston  
Picture Book  
Description: Being a worry bunny often stops Connor from having fun. He wishes he was brave like his best friend—and by going on an adventure, Connor discovers that he can.  
Author’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia  
Publisher: Rough Draft

**Alphabet Town**  
by Bryan Evans, illustrated by Kimberly Moon  
Picture Book  
Description: Zero the number is sad because she doesn’t amount to anything. Then she discovers Alphabet Town and learns that curiosity and imagination can change everything.  
Author’s Residence: Perth, Australia  
Publisher: New Frontier Publishing

**Annabel’s Dance**  
by Diane Jackson Hill, illustrated by Lois Bury  
Picture Book  
Description: Annabel is no ordinary sheep. She is wiggly and jiggly. Loud noises hurt her ears and no matter how hard she tries, she just can’t fit in with the mob.  
Author’s Residence: Australia  
Publisher: Wombat Books

**Arthur and the Curiosity**  
by Lucinda Gifford  
Picture Book  
Description: Arthur and his class are on trip to the museum—but Arthur notices something “extra-curious” in each exhibition. Is Arthur’s imagination running wild?  
Author’s Residence: Victoria, Australia  
Publisher: Five Mile Press

**Baby Tawnies**  
by Judy Paulson  
Picture Book (Ages 3-7)  
Description: Tawny frogmouths are Australian nocturnal birds often mistaken for owls. Two babies are left in their nest while their parents find food. They bravely learn to fly.  
Author’s Residence: Queensland, Australia  
Publisher: Random House Australia

**Being Agatha**  
by Anna Pignataro  
Picture Book  
Description: A story about differences and how being yourself is the very best thing you can be.  
Author’s Residence: Australia  
Publisher: Five Mile Press

**Bob the Railway Dog: The True Story of an Adventurous Dog**  
by Corinne Fenton, illustrated by Andrew McLean  
Picture Book  
Description: In the early days of the Australian railway, there was an adventurous dog who rode the rails. Everyone knew him—Bob the Railway Dog.  
Author’s Residence: Victoria, Australia  
Publisher: Candlewick Press

**Calpepper’s Place**  
by Trudie Trewin, illustrated by Donna Gynell  
Picture Book  
Description: Calpepper’s had enough of the hot desert sand. He wants excitement and faraway places. Will a bus bound for adventure find the perfect place?  
Author’s Residence: Queensland, Australia  
Publisher: Windy Hollow Books

**Celia and Nonna**  
by Victoria Lane and Kayleen West  
Picture Book  
Summary: A heartwarming picture book about the special bond between children and grandparents and what happens when life changes.  
Author’s Residence (Lane): Melbourne, Australia  
Publisher: Ford Street Publishing

**Chip**  
by Kylie Howarth  
Picture Book  
Description: Chip, like most other gulls, would do anything for fish and chips. When he’s banned from his favorite food, he is desperate to get it back on the menu.  
Author’s Residence: Australia  
Publisher: Five Mile Press

**Clementine’s Bath**  
by Annie White  
Picture Book (Ages 3-6)  
Description: Clementine’s family is insisting she needs a bath. Desperate to escape, Clementine runs away and hides in all sorts of places—even Baby’s toy box.  
Author’s Residence: Victoria, Australia  
Publisher: New Frontier Publishing

**Construction**  
by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Brian Lovelock  
Picture Book  
Description: Build the frame. Hammer all day long. Make the stairs and floors and walls. Bing! Bang! Bong! What’s being constructed? A library!  
Author’s Residence: New Zealand  
Publisher: Candlewick Press
Dandelions
by Katrina McKelvey, illustrated by Kirrili Lonergan
Picture Book
Description: Beautifully explores the bond between father and daughter while reflecting the resilience of nature and the importance of forgiveness and hope. A heartwarming story!
Author’s Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Exisle Publishing

Desert Animal Adaptations
by Julie Murphy
Nonfiction Picture Book (Grades 1-2)
Description: Desert animals' special features help them to survive in the heat and cold of their bone-dry homes. Read all about the amazing adaptations of desert animals.
Author’s Residence: Australia
Publisher: Capstone

Fearlessly Madison
by Penny Reeve, illustrated by Jemima Trappel
Picture Book
Description: Madison’s fun at Grandma’s is threatened by her fear of the dog, but when a storm begins and Grandma disappears, Madison’s courage saves the day.
Author’s Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Christian Education Publications

The Great and Wondrous Storyteller
by Michael Scott Parkinson
Picture Book
Description: This is a story about books. It’s about the amazing stories they contain. But mostly it’s about taking baby steps before you take on the world.
Author’s Residence: Australia
Publisher: Five Mile Press

The Great Garden Mystery
by Renee Treml
Picture Book
Description: Join a group of animals as they examine evidence from a mysterious garden heist. Can this clever cast catch the thief before they strike again?
Author’s Residence: Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Random House Australia

Lulu
by Georgie Donaghey, illustrated by Ann-Marie Finn
Picture Book
Description: Lulu’s life was quite cozy and nice, but something was missing. She dreamed of the stage. See what Lulu discovers.
Author’s Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Dragon Tales

The Mice and the Shoemaker
by Gabriel Evans
Picture Book Series
Description: A retelling of the classic story, The Mice and the Shoemaker is a story of family, friends and giving.
Author’s Residence: Western Australia
Publisher: Five Mile Press

New Year Surprise!
by Christopher Cheng
Picture Book
Description: Little Brother is told that he’s too small to help out at the Spring Festival, but Father says he has a special job to do. What can it be?
Author’s Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: National Library of Australia

Once a Creepy Crocodile
by Peter Taylor
Picture Book (Ages 3-6)
Description: Is Crocodile’s afternoon tea invitation a trap? Meet Aussie creatures and sing along to the tune Waltzing Matilda. (CD included)
Author’s Residence: Australia
Publisher: The Five Mile Press

Sad, the Dog
by Sandy Fussell, illustrated by Tull Suwannakit
Picture Book
Description: A lyrical tale about finding the one who brings out the best in you—and makes you feel as special as you are.
Author’s Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Small and Big
by Karen Collum
Picture Book
Description: Best friends Small and Big have very different personalities. When Small gets lost in the city, they discover what truly binds them together.
Author’s Residence: Queensland, Australia
Publisher: Windy Hollow Books

Smile / Cry
by Tania McCartney, illustrated by Jess Racklyeft
Picture Book (Ages 2 – 6)
Description: A charming flip-over picture book, and an innovative creation for little ones, showcasing the emotional range of their formative years.
Author’s Residence: Australian Capital Territory, Australia
Publisher: EK Books/Exisle Publishing

Supermum
by Leah Russack
Picture Book
Description: Superheroes have many special powers. They are super clever, super brave and super fun. And so are mums! What amazing superpowers does your Supermum have?
Author’s Residence: South Australia, Australia
Publisher: Scholastic Australia

Too Busy Sleeping
by Zanni Louise, illustrated by Anna Pignataro
Picture Book
Description: It’s baby Rueben’s first day at home. Big sister Eleanor desperately wants to play with Rueben, but Reuben is always too busy sleeping.
Author’s Residence: New Zealand
Publisher: Little Hare
Trouble at Home
by Cate Whittle, illustrated by Kim Gamble
Description: When Georgia's baby brother, Godfrey, is stolen by a giant green dragon, Georgia takes matters into her own hands and sets off to vanquish the dragon.
Author's Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Omnibus Books/Scholastic Australia

When I See Grandma
by Debra Tidball, illustrated by Leigh Hedstrom
Picture Book
Description: The visits of a little girl and her brother brighten Grandma's dreams and bring warmth and laughter to residents of an aged care home.
Author's Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Wombat Books

Ash Rover: Keeper of the Phoenix
by Aleesah Darlison
Fantasy (Ages 4 and up)
Description: Ash Rover wants to do something important with his life. When he discovers a phoenix egg, he gets his wish.
Author's Residence: Australia
Publisher: Walker Books Australia

At My Door
by Deb Fitzpatrick
Realistic Fiction (Ages 2-6)
Description: When Poppy's dad opens the door to find a small, distressed child alone, the family calls the police and looks after her while the authorities search for her family.
Author's Residence: Australia
Publisher: Fremantle Press

Being Jack
by Susanne Gervay, illustrated by Cathy Wilcox
Realistic Fiction (Ages 8-12)
Description: Jack's a real-life kid who was really bullied. He's funny, invents and fixes things. When his friend is cyber bullied, Jack has a plan.
Author's Residence: Sydney, Australia
Publisher: HarperCollins

Darcy Moon and the Deep-Fried Frogs
By Catherine Carvell
Humorous Fiction (Ages 7-12)
Description: A humorous adventure story involving freaked-out frogs, endangered turtles, a slimy villain and a large pile of poo.
Author's Residence: Australia
Publisher: Fremantle Press

Double Dare You (Ella Diaries, Book 1)
by Meredith Costain, illustrated by Danielle McDonald
Humorous Fiction Series (Ages 7 – 10)
Description: A peek into the mind of Ella: a quirky 10-year-old who loves friends, fun, fashion and animals—and writing poetry in times of great angst!
Author's Residence: Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Scholastic Australia

The Family with Two Front Doors
by Anna Ciddor
Nonfiction
Description: The nine Rabinovitch children dance, laugh and cook their way through an extraordinary life in 1920s Poland—a true Jewish story that is not a Holocaust story!
Author's Residence: Australia
Publisher: Allen & Unwin

Grimsdon
by Deborah Abela
Fantasy (Ages 8-13)
Description: When the city of Grimsdon floods, most are rescued, except a group of children. To survive, they must battle sea monsters, sneaker waves, and evil harbor lords.
Author's Residence: Sydney, Australia
Publisher: Random House Australia

Fizz and the Police Dog Tryouts
by Lesley Gibbes, illustrated by Stephen Michael King
Fiction Series (Ages 6-9)
Description: Meet Fizz, the daring dog detective. He's brave, clever and super-fast, but there's one problem: he's the smallest, fluffiest dog at the police dog tryouts.
Author's Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Allen & Unwin

If Wishes Were Horses
by Bernadette Kelly
Fiction Series
Description: The only good thing about Annie's new life in Ridgeview is the riding club. But will she ever feel like she fits in?
Author's Residence: Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Stone Arch Books

Jason Chen and the Time Banana
by Duncan Richardson
Adventure (Upper Primary)
Description: Using a time machine hidden inside a big plastic banana, Jason travels back one hundred and forty years to save his city from burning.
Author's Residence: Queensland, Australia
Publisher: Interactive Press

PS: Who Stole Santa's Mail?
by Dimity Powell
Mystery
Description: An action-packed Christmas mystery about disappearing mail, an evil elf and weird smells, guaranteed to have you laughing all the way to the North Pole.
Author's Residence: Queensland, Australia
Publisher: Morris House Publisher

My Name is Lizzie Flynn
by Claire Saxby, illustrated by Lizzy Newcomb
Picture Book (Mid-primary and up)
Description: The story of a convict girl, transported to Australia

GRADES 3-6
(Ages 8-11)
in 1841. Also a story of the Rajah quilt, one of Australia’s most important textiles.
Author’s Residence: Australia
Publisher: Black Dog/Walker Books Australia

Race to the End of the World (The Mapmaker Chronicles)
by A. L. Tait
Fantasy Middle Grade (Grades 4-7)
Description: Adventure and danger lie just off the edge of the map—as fourteen-year-old Quinn is about to find out.
Author’s Residence: Australia
Publisher: Hachette Australia

Racing the Moon
by Michelle Morgan
Historical Fiction
Description: Joe’s carefree existence is a thing of the past when he is sent to a Catholic boarding school in Sydney during the Depression.
Author’s Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Allen & Unwin

Rescue on Nim’s Island
by Wendy Orr, illustrated by Geoff Kelly
Adventure (Grades 3-6)
Description: In her third gripping adventure, Nim unearths an amazing opalised fossil, but this discovery puts her island in terrible danger.
Author’s Residence: Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Allen & Unwin

Roses are Blue
by Sally Murphy, illustrated by Gabriel Evans
Realistic Fiction (Grades 3 and up)
Description: When her teacher invites all the mothers to school for afternoon tea, Amber is worried. Her mother is very different from the other mothers. How will she cope?
Author’s Residence: Western Australia
Publisher: Walker Books Australia

Takeshita Demons
by Cristy Burne
Adventure (Ages 8-12)
Description: A thrilling adventure weaving Japanese mythology into the battle of good versus evil. Winner of the Frances Lincoln Diverse Verses award for diversity.
Author’s Residence: Australia
Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children’s Books

You Choose: Super Sports Spectacular
by George Ivanoff
Fiction Series (Mid to upper primary)
Description: An interactive book that puts you into the story. Will you become a sporting star, or a victim of the weirdest world domination plan ever?
Author’s Residence: Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Penguin Random House

GRDES 7-8
(Ages 12-14)

Anzac Heroes
by Maria Gill, illustrated by Marco Ivancic
Nonfiction (Grades 5-8)
Description: The intense and hair-raising front-line experiences of thirty courageous Anzacs who served in WWI and WWII are shown in dramatic detail in this action-packed book.
Author’s Residence: New Zealand
Publisher: Scholastic New Zealand

The Art of Magic
by Ann Harth
Mystery (Middle Grade)
Description: Twelve-year-old Andrew is drawn into the mystery behind an aging artist’s obsession with one 19th century cottage in Tasmania.
Author’s Residence: Queensland, Australia
Publisher: Solstice

Battlesaurus: Rampage at Waterloo
by Brian Falkner
Historical Fiction/Fantasy (Ages 12-18)
Description: This riveting alternative history reimagines the 1815 Battle of Waterloo. Part historical fiction, part dinosaur fantasy mash-up, this book will appeal to history buffs and dinosaur fanatics alike.
Author’s Residence: Australia
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

Bro
by Helen Chebatte
Realistic Fiction (Ages 12 and up)
Description: The life-changing consequences of a fight club in a racially divided boys’ high school.
Author’s Residence: Sydney, Australia
Publisher: Hardie Grant Egmont

Dying to Tell Me
by Sherryl Clark
Mystery (Grades 5-8)
Description: When Sasha moves to a country town, she teams up with ex-police dog King to solve a local suspicious death. Their telepathic bond and a strange ghost add to the mystery.
Author’s Residence: Australia
Publisher: Kane Miller

Fear My Mortality
by Everly Frost
Science Fiction (Ages 7 and up)
Description: In a world where people are invincible, a sixteen-year-old witnesses her brother’s failure to regenerate after death, after which she suspects she may be mortal.
Author’s Residence: Queensland, Australia
Publisher: Month9Books

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Here Come the Marines, Warkworth, 1943
by Lorraine Orman
Historical Fiction
Description: In 1943 rural New Zealand, fourteen-year-old Lillian and her big sister develop close friendships with two young United States Marines whose unit is camping close to their family farm.
Author's Residence: New Zealand
Publisher: Scholastic New Zealand

My Holocaust Story: Hanna
by Goldie Alexander
Historical Fiction (Ages 9 and up)
Description: In September 1941, Hanna and her family are sent by the SS to the Warsaw Ghetto, where they must use whatever skills they have to survive.
Author's Residence: Australia
Publisher: Scholastic Australia

To See the World
by Elaine Forrestal
Historical Fiction (Upper primary/lower secondary)
Description: In 1817, Rose de Freycinet stowed away on board a sailing ship to sail around the world. Her story includes pirates, cannibals, shipwreck and heartwarming friendships.
Author's Residence: Australia
Publisher: National Library of Australia

May Day Mine
by Verity Croker
Realistic Fiction (Grades 9-12)
Description: Set in a fictional town during a mining disaster, the main character, fifteen-year-old Jodi, is deciding whether she prefers girls to guys.
Author’s Residence: Tasmania, Australia
Publisher: Harmony Ink Press

The Devil's Intern
by Donna Hosie
Adventure/Mystery (Grades 10 and up)
Description: Once you’re dead and in Hell, there's no way out. Or is there? Seventeen-year-old Mitchell Johnson is willing to find out.
Author’s Residence: Australia
Publisher: Holiday House

Genesis (The Rosie Black Chronicles, Book 1)
by Lara Morgan
Science Fiction (YA)
Description: In a future where corporations rule, Rosie Black stumbles on a secret that could change her world—if she can stay alive to expose it.
Author’s Residence: Australia
Publisher: Walker Books Australia

Hunter's Moon
by Sophie Masson
Fantasy (YA)
Description: Inspired by the fairytale Snow White, this novel glitters with magic and treachery, as the glamorous life of heiress Bianca Dalmatin takes a dark turn.
Author's Residence: Australia
Publisher: Random House Australia
ABC School’s for Me
by Susan B. Katz, illustrated by Lynn Munsinger
Picture Book
Description: Cuddle up with your little bear and learn about all the activities that make a school day special. Publisher's Weekly calls this book, “verse that never misses a beat.”
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Scholastic Press

The Airport Book
by Lisa Brown
Picture Book
Description: Follow a family and the youngest member’s favorite sock monkey through all the inner and outer workings of a modern-day airport.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Always Mom, Forever Dad
by Joanna Rowland, illustrated by Penny Weber
Description: Provides children from two homes with a reassuring message: although things may be different because Mom and Dad have separate homes, love remains the same.
Author’s Residence: Carmichael, California
Publisher: Tilbury House

An Ambush of Tigers
by Betsy R. Rosenthal, illustrated by Jago
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: A prickle of porcupines? A tower of giraffes? The names for groups of animals are brought to life in funny ways through clever rhymes and rich illustrations.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Millbrook Press

Are We There, Yeti?
by Ashlyn Anstee
Picture Book
Description: When Yeti, the school bus driver, takes the class on a surprise trip, everyone wants to know: “Are we there, Yeti?”
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Armando and the Blue Tarp School
by Edith Hope Fine and Judith Pinkerton Josephson, illustrated by Hernán Sosa
Picture Book
Description: Armando and other garbage dump children toil as trash pickers. Then a teacher arrives, spreads a blue tarp, and offers them hope and an education.
Authors’ Residence: Encinitas, California
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Astro the Steller Sea Lion
by Jeanne Walker Harvey, illustrated by Shennen Bersani
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Based on real events, an orphaned sea lion is cared for at a California marine mammal center. When released, he keeps swimming back!
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Sylvan Dell Publishing

Beastly Babies
by Ellen Jackson, illustrated by Brendan Wenzel
Picture Book
Description: This hilarious book showcases naughty animal babies, from wriggling chicks to jumpy kangaroos. All are perfectly, adorably beastly! A Bank Street Best Children’s Book.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

The Biggest Pumpkin
by Sandra Horning, illustrated by Holly Stone-Barker
Picture Book
Description: Starting with a tiny seed and plenty of determination, Gavin’s plan to grow the biggest pumpkin blossoms into a fun project for the entire neighborhood.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Blue Skies for Lupe
by Linda Kurtz Kingsley
Picture Book
Description: Based on the real-life adventures of a Mexican immigrant born with physical disabilities, this book offers lessons about working hard to achieve your dream.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Woodbine House

A Boy, a Ball, and a Dog (available June 21, 2016)
by Gianna Marino
Picture Book
Description: There was never a ball the boy wouldn’t throw. Luckily, there was never a ball that his dog couldn’t catch. But then a balloon floats by and the boy and dog get separated.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Buster the Little Garbage Truck
by Marcia Berneger, illustrated by Kevin Zimmer
Picture Book
Description: Buster is afraid of loud noises. Can he conquer his fear in time to save his best friend, Kitty?
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press
**California, the Magic Island**  
by Doug Hansen  
Picture Book  
Description: Mythical Queen Calafia is angry that California took her good name. Twenty-six animals tell stories about their California homeland to save it from her wrath.  
Author’s Residence: Clovis, California  
Publisher: Heyday

**Call Me Tree / Llámame árbol**  
by Maya Christina Gonzalez  
Bilingual Picture Book  
Description: An imaginative story about becoming your fullest self that empowers young readers to dream and reach, and be as free and unique as trees.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Children’s Book Press

**Caterina and the Best Beach Day**  
by Erin Etter Kono  
Picture Book  
Description: Caterina tries to create the perfect beach day for her and her brother. But can she set aside her plans to experience a wondrous whale?  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

**Clara and the Bookwagon**  
by Nancy Smiler Levinson, illustrated by Carolyn Croll  
Early Reader  
Description: Historical fiction based on the first (horse-drawn) bookmobile. Papa says farm people have no time to read and refuses Clara’s learning—until the new wagon arrives.  
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Harper Trophy

**Cowpoke Clyde Rides the Range**  
by Lori Mortensen, illustrated by Michael Allen Austin  
Picture Book  
Description: Cowpoke Clyde learns to ride a bike in a story of perseverance and friendship, with plenty of Western flair and a big dollop of humor.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Clarion Books

**Crankenstein**  
by Samantha Berger, illustrated by Dan Santat  
Picture Book  
Description: Sometimes even the best kids have the WORST days. When they do, beware of Crankenstein! He’s alive! And he is cranky! MEHRRRRR!  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

**The Dessert Garden**  
by Diane de Anda, illustrated by Eugene Ruble  
Picture Book  
Description: Julio dreams the Dessert Garden has donuts growing on trees, but finds nature’s sweet treats instead and a Café offering lots of delicious fruit desserts.  
Author’s Residence: Playa del Rey, California  
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

**Dig In!**  
by Cindy Jenson-Elliott, illustrated by Mary Peterson  
Picture Book  
Description: Dig in to this vibrant picture book that celebrates all the surprises found down in the dirt!  
Author’s Residence: San Diego, California  
Illustrator’s Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

**Don’t Sneeze at the Wedding**  
by Pamela Mayer, illustrated by Martha Avilés  
Picture Book  
Description: Anna is so excited to be the flower girl at Aunt Rachel’s wedding. But will she stop sneezing long enough to walk down the aisle?  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

**Ewe and Aye**  
by Candace Ryan, illustrated by Stephanie Ruble  
Picture Book  
Description: Ewe loved wheels and Aye loved wings. But it wasn’t until Ewe and Aye found each other that things really got off the ground.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

**Felicity the Dragon**  
by Ruthie Briggs-Greenberg  
Picture Book  
Description: Felicity is not a typical dragon—no smoke from her nose, no spikes on her toes—but she stills wants to help and make friends.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Taylor Trade

**From Apple to Zipper**  
by Nora Cohen, illustrated by Donna Kern  
Picture Book  
Description: A rhyming alphabet book told in lyrical, evocative text and illustrated with highly imaginative paintings rendered in vivid, saturated colors. (Includes a wall poster.)  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Little Simon

**Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas**  
by Natasha Yim, illustrated by Grace Zong  
Picture Book  
Description: A multicultural retelling of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, set during the Chinese New Year Festival with a spunky protagonist and a new ending.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**Good Night, Baddies**  
by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Juli Kangas  
Picture Book  
Description: At day’s end, fairy tale baddies—Dragon, Troll, witches, wolves, and more—go home to their castle and have a perfectly lovely evening together.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Beach Lane Books
**Grambo**
by Beth Navarro, illustrated by Betsy Hamilton
Picture Book
Description: Grambo is about a boy who finds out his grandma is not your average grandma. She’s a spy!
Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Be There Bedtime Stories

**Harriet Can Carry It**
by Kirk Jay Mueller, illustrated by Sarah Vonthron-Laver
Picture Book
Description: A heartwarming, uniquely playful story about a hardworking kangaroo mom who just wants to spend some quality time with her little Joey.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Star Bright Books

**Hawaiian Night Before Christmas**
by Carolyn Macy
Picture Book
Description: Santa brings presents to *keiki* (children) living in the Hawaiian Islands using *honu* (turtles) to pull his outrigger canoe and is greeted with a lei.
Author's Residence: Hawaii
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

**Helping Herbie Hedgehog**
by Melissa Abramovitz, illustrated by Robert Lee Beers
Picture Book
Description: Readers laugh and learn while helping Herbie the clueless hedgehog. Can Herbie roller skate to Mars? Buy bread at a bank? Ooooh, he needs kids’ help!
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

**His Majesty’s Goldfish**
by Leslie Hayashi, illustrated by Bryson Luke and Molly Branch
Picture Book
Description: Teased by the neighborhood boys, Austin Strong must decide whether to steal King Kalakaua’s goldfish for his family’s horse trough and face the ultimate punishment.
Author's Residence: Honolulu, Hawaii
Publisher: Mutual Publishing

**Holly Bloom’s Garden**
by Sarah Ashman and Nancy Parent, illustrated by Lori Mitchell
Picture Book
Description: Holly has no luck planting beautiful flowers like her green-thumbed mother and sister. Eventually, she finds a unique way to create her own garden.
Author’s Residence (Parent): Burbank, California
Publisher: Flashlight Press

**Hooray for Hat!**
by Brian Won
Picture Books
Description: An irresistible celebration of friendship, sharing, and fabulous hats.
Author's Residence: Azusa, California
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**How Do You Know?**
by Deborah W. Trotter, illustrated by Julie Downing
Picture Book
Description: There are things we just know. But how? Polly and her mother learn some truths on a foggy morning walk around their farm.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Clarion Books

**I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Dreidel**
by Caryn Yacowitz, illustrated by David Slonim
Picture Book
Description: *The Scream* and *Starry Night* with a twist! A funny art history lesson hidden within a humorous Chanukah parody of the folksong.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books

**I’m Trying to Love Spiders**
by Bethany Barton
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Join a hilarious narrator in learning all about spiders— and squishing a few that get too close for comfort. *Publishers Weekly* starred review; *Kirkus* starred review.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

**The Invisible String**
by Patrice Karst, illustrated by Geoff Stevenson
Picture Book
Description: This bestselling children’s classic about The Invisible String made of love, reassures children everywhere of the transcendent power of love to bind, connect and comfort us.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: DeVorss and Company

**It’s the First Day of Kindergarten, Chloe Zoe!**
by Jane Smith
Picture Book
Description: On the first day of kindergarten, Chloe Zoe discovers her friends are in a different class. Will kindergarten be any fun without them?
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**Jackson and Bud’s Bumpy Ride: America’s First Cross-Country Automobile Trip**
by Elizabeth Koehler-Pentacoff, illustrated by Wes Hargis
Nonfiction Picture Book (Grades 2-4)
Description: In 1903 Dr. Horatio Jackson, mechanic Sewall Crocker, and bulldog Bud travel from San Francisco to New York in the first cross-country automobile trip.
Author's Residence: Pleasant Hill, California
Publisher: Millbrook Press

**Lana’s World: Let’s Have a Parade**
by Erica Silverman, illustrated by Jess Golden
Early Reader
Description: *Rat-a-tat-tat! Dum-da-da-dum! Sis-boom-bo!* Lana wants a parade and the rain won’t stop her. Welcome to Lana’s
World—where imagination rules!
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Little Cloud Wants Snow!**
by Gwen Lee
Picture Book
Description: Little Cloud wants a snowman but he lives in the tropics. In his search for snow, he learns about the water cycle and snow formation.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Marshall Cavendish

**Little Monk and the Mantis: A Bug, a Boy, and the Birth of a Kung Fu Legend**
by John Fusco, illustrated by Patrick Lugo
Picture Book
Description: Discouraged, Shaolin Temple’s youngest orphan runs away. Befriending a praying mantis, he returns to a joyous welcome having invented a new style of Kung Fu.
Illustrator’s Residence: Alameda, California
Publisher: Tuttle Publishing

**The Little Tree**
by Muon Van, illustrated by JoAnn Adinolfi
Picture Book
Description: When the Little Tree sees the world around her narrowing, she worries about what life will be like for her Little Seed.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Creston Books

**Lucy in the City: A Story About Developing Spatial Thinking Skills**
by Julie Dillemuth, illustrated by Laura Wood
Picture Book
Description: When Lucy the raccoon gets separated from her family one night, she enlists the help of an owl’s bird’s-eye view to navigate herself home.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Magination Press

**The Lunch Thief**
by Anne C. Bromley, illustrated by Robert Casilla
Picture Book
Description: When the new kid steals his lunch, Rafael wonders what to do. When more lunches are stolen, Rafael finally acts, but only after discovering the real problem.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

**My Brother Needs a Boa**
by Soma Han and John C. Stickler, illustrated by Soma Han
Picture Book
Description: An authentic Cinderella story from ancient Korea about a magic turtle and an unusually brave and loyal girl.
Authors’ Residence: Berkeley, California
Publisher: Tuttle Publishing

**Miss Brook’s Story Nook (where tales are told and ogres are welcome!)**
by Barbara Bottner, illustrated by Michael Emberley
Picture Book
Description: When Story Nook’s lights go out, the children invent stories. Missy’s tale about Graciela’s disgusting pet animals helps her figure out the way to put mean Billy Toomey in his place forever.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

**Monday, Wednesday, and Every Other Weekend**
by Karen Stanton
Picture Book
Description: Henry Cooper and his dog Pomegranate live in two houses after Henry’s parents’ divorce. A loving look into the life of a beloved child and his dog adjusting to a new life.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

**Monster Goose Nursery Rhymes**
by Henry, Josh, and Harrison Herz, illustrated by Abigail Larson
Picture Book
Description: Mythological and fantastical creatures abound in these monstrously funny rhymes that are retellings of classic Mother Goose poems.
Authors’ Residence: California
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

**Mother Goose’s Pajama Party**
by Danna Smith, illustrated by Virginia Allyn
Picture Book
Description: You’re invited to a magical slumber party! Join Little Bo-Peep, Georgie Porgie, and all their pals as they march merrily toward Mother Goose’s house for story time.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Doubleday Books for Young Readers

**Murphy in the City**
by Alice Provensen
Picture Book
Description: Murphy, a feisty terrier, leaves his farm to visit the city. Will curiosity get the best of him amidst all the exciting dog-friendly activities there?
Author’s Residence: Southern California
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**The Musubi Man: Hawaii’s Gingerbread Man**
by Sandi Takayama, illustrated by Pat Hall
Picture Book
Description: Join the musubi man as he leads his pursuers on a merry chase. This familiar tale has a surprise ending and a uniquely Hawaii flavor.
Author’s Residence: Hawaii
Publisher: Bess Press

**My Brother Needs a Boa**
by Anne Weston, illustrated by Cheryl Nathan
Picture Book
Description: A rat moves into Benito’s rainforest store and scares his customers. Can he find the right boa constrictor to chase away the rat?
Ninja Baby
by David Zeltser, illustrated by Diane Goode
Picture Book
Description: “A funny and pitch-perfect story about independence (and its flipside, loneliness), girl power, and sibling rivalry.”
—Publishers Weekly, starred review.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Star Bright Books

No Yeti Yet
by Mary Ann Fraser
Picture Book
Description: Two brothers go in search of a yeti to take its picture, unaware that it is following them.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Chronicle Books

Ouch! Moments: When Words Are Used in Hurtful Ways
by Michael Genhart, illustrated by Viviana Garofoli
Picture Book
Description: Increases awareness of “ouch!” moments—hurtful insults like “gay” and “lame,” which can communicate that being a part of the LGBT community or having a disability is bad.
Author’s Residence: San Francisco, California
Publisher: Magination Press

Outer Space Bedtime Race
by Rob Sanders, illustrated by Brian Won
Picture Book
Description: Aliens from every planet rocket through silly bedtime routines—they sink into steamy crater bubble baths, and shimmy into deep-sleep suits, just like you (almost)!
Illustrator’s Residence: California
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Patient for Pumpkins
by Linda L. Knoll
Picture Book
Description: T.J. is anxious to buy a pumpkin at the farmer’s market. Dad urges him to “be patient”—each fruit or vegetable ripens in its own time.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: North Atlantic Books

Pirate’s Lullaby: Mutiny at Bedtime
by Marcie Wessels, illustrated by Tim Bowers
Picture Book
Description: Yo, ho, ho! It’s bedtime. But this little swashbuckler will do anything to avoid going to sleep.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Doubleday Books for Young Readers

Planet Kindergarten
by Sue Ganz-Schmitt, illustrated by Shane Prigmore
Picture Book
Description: Cleverly prepares young explorers to boldly go where they’ve never gone before: Planet Kindergarten. Hilarious and confidence-boosting. Kindergarteners will be ready for lift-off!
Author’s Residence: Malibu, California
Publisher: Chronicle Books

Roar!
by Julie Bayless
Picture Book
Description: A humorous bedtime book using eight words, encouraging kids to read along. A boisterous lion cub goes on a nighttime adventure to find a friend.
Author’s Residence: Hayward, California
Publisher: Running Press Kids

Roy’s House
by Susan Goldman Rubin, illustrated by Roy Lichtenstein
Picture Book
Description: An early concept book that is also a fun and accessible introduction to one of the twentieth century’s most iconic artists.
Author’s Residence: Malibu, California
Publisher: Chronicle Books

Signs of Trouble
by Janet Ann Collins, illustrated by Jack Foster
Picture Book
Description: Children with learning disabilities get separated from their class on a field trip and use what they’ve learned about signs and safety rules to get reunited.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Sleepytime Me
by Edith Hope Fine, illustrated by Christopher Denise
Picture Book
Description: “Splashy sunset paints the sky. Shy moon tiptoes, climbs up high . . .” Lilting poetry lulls sleepyheads; a child observes the world settling down.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Sofia’s Dream
by Land Wilson, illustrated by Sue Cornelison
Picture Book
Description: Sofia befriends the moon and sees Earth from Moon’s point of view. She sees that Earth needs better care and pledges to spread the word.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Little Pickle Press

Spring According to Humphrey
by Betty G. Birney
Fiction Series (Grades 1-4)
Description: As spring arrives and Family Fun night approaches, Humphrey wonders about his own hamster roots and learns that he has the biggest, best family ever!
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Son’s Books for Young Readers

This Day in June
by Gayle E. Pitman, illustrated by Kristina Litten
Picture Book
Description: In a wildly whimsical, validating, and exuberant reflection of the LGBT community, This Day in June welcomes young
Two Hands to Love You  
by Diane Adams, illustrated by Paige Keiser  
Picture Book  
Description: Various family members tell how their hands will help a baby as he grows. Easy to read rhyme pulls the new reader in.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: Magination Press

¡Vámonos! Let’s Go!  
by René Colato Laínez, illustrated by Joe Cepeda  
Bilingual Picture Book  
Description: An adaptation of “The Wheels on the Bus,” written in Spanish and English, which follows two children who see and hear many vehicles.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: Chronicle Books

The View at the Zoo  
by Kathleen Long Bostrom, illustrated by Guy Francis  
Picture Book  
Description: As a day unfolds at the zoo, lots of observations are made. But just who is talking about whom? Follow the clues to find out!  
Author's Residence: Carlsbad, California  
Publisher: Holiday House

What Does It Mean to Be Kind?  
by Rana DiOrio, illustrated by Stéphane Jorisch  
Picture Book  
Description: A young girl finds the courage to be kind to a new student. Her kindness spreads until everyone experiences what it means to be kind.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: Little Pickle Press

What if Your Best Friends Were Blue?  
by Vera Kochan, illustrated by Viviana Garofoli  
Picture Book  
Description: A child imagines a world where people in his community have different skin colors. This book teaches colors while showing that it is what’s on the inside that matters.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: Two Lions

Won Ton and Chopstick: A Cat and Dog Tale Told in Haiku  
by Lee Wardlaw, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin  
Poetry / Picture Book  
Description: Won Ton cat’s purrfect life with Boy is changed forever when the family adopts a (gasp!) puppy. An NCTE Notable Poetry Book.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Henry Holt

The Wrong Side of the Bed  
by Lisa M. Bakos, illustrated by Anna Raff  
Picture Book  
Description: When Lucy wakes up to a menagerie of mayhem-making animals, can she turn her all-wrong day into an all-right one?  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

You Can’t Drink a Meatball Through a Straw  
by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver  
Humorous Chapter Book Series (Grades 1-3)  
Description: Hank Zipzer’s learning challenges make the second grade difficult. In this comic adventure, he enters a cooking contest and surprises even himself with the results.  
Authors’ Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Yukon Sled Dog  
by Judith Janda Presnall, illustrated by Mark Elliott  
Pseudok Book  
Description: A sled dog named Yukon loves her job, obeys commands, and gets along with her teammates. All are traits for success in life.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Two Lions

Appleblossom the Possum  
by Holly Goldberg Sloan, illustrated by Gary A. Rosen  
Humorous Fiction  
Description: Fans of E.B. White’s Charlotte’s Web and Dick King-Smith’s Babe, will adore this heartwarming and funny animal adventure by the award-winning author of Counting by 7s.  
Author’s Residence: Santa Monica, California  
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

African Americans in Law and Politics  
by Mary Main and Cathy Thomason  
Nonfiction  
Description: Profiles African-American lawyers and politicians whose efforts have ensured that all African Americans have the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution.  
Author’s Residence (Thomason): California  
Publisher: Mason Crest

All About China: Stories, Songs, Crafts and More for Kids  
by Allison Branscombe, illustrated by Lin Wang  
Nonfiction (Grades 3-8)  
Description: An engaging tour of China’s extraordinary culture: its people, holidays, history, folktales, inventions, beliefs and ancient arts.  
Author’s Residence: Sacramento, California  
Publisher: Tuttle Publishing

Armando and the Blue Tarp School  
by Edith Hope Fine & Judith Pinkerton Josephson, illustrated by Hernán Sosa  
Pseudok Book  
Description: Armando and other garbage dump children toil as trash pickers. Then a teacher arrives, spreads a blue tarp, and offers them hope and an education.  
Residence (Josephson): California  
Publisher: Lee & Low Books
Bessie Coleman, First Black Woman Pilot
by Connie Plantz
Nonfiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: Racial bigotry, gender bias and poverty don’t stop Bessie Coleman from becoming a famous pilot and starting her own flight school for African Americans.
Author’s Residence: San Diego, California
Publisher: Enslow Publishers

Billy Bobble Makes a Magic Wand
by R.S. Mellette
Science Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: Twelve-year-old Billy Bobble is into quantum physics. His best friend, Suzy Quinofski, is into microbiology. Together they make a real, working, magic wand.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Elephant’s Bookshelf Press

Budgeting, Spending, and Saving
by Bitsy Kemper
Nonfiction
Description: Money is a key part of our world. How should you use it? Read to learn how to save, safely spend, and build a budget.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

Call Me Ixchel: Mayan Goddess of the Moon (A Treasury of Glorious Goddesses)
by Janie Havemeyer
Mythology Series
Description: Ixchel, Mayan Moon Goddess, is a spunky young goddess throwing lightning bolts until she meets and falls in love with the hot-headed Sun God.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Goosebottom Books

Crenshaw
by Katherine Applegate
Fantasy (Grades 4-6)
Description: Imaginary friend Crenshaw—a bubble-bathing, purple-jelly-bean-loving giant cat—reappears when ten-year-old Jackson needs him most.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

Curious Cat Spy Club
by Linda Joy Singleton
Mystery
Description: Spy expert Kelsey, animal expert Becca, and tech specialist Leo rescue three kittens trapped in a dumpster, then create a club to solve animal mysteries.
Author’s Residence: Northern California
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Dance Me a Story: Twelve Tales from the Classic Ballets
by Jane Rosenberg
Fantasy
Description: Retellings of fairy tales from the enchanted world of ballet. Text and sumptuous full-color art bring the excitement of real dance performances to children.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Thames & Hudson

Danger! Tiger Crossing (The Fantastic Frame #1)
by Lin Oliver
Fiction Series
Description: Two kids are sucked into a magical picture frame to have exciting adventures inside the world’s great paintings. This adventure brings them face-to-face with a fierce tiger.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Daisy’s Big Night
by Sandra V. Feder, illustrated by Susan Mitchell
Fiction Series
Description: Daisy loves words and an invitation to a poetry party provides the solution to a problem and a splendid end to the school year.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Kids Can Press

Dolls of Hope
by Shirley Parenteau
Historical Fiction
Description: Bullying girls and unexpected celebrity force eleven-year-old Chiyo to decide just how traditionally Japanese she wants to be. Based on the historical 1926 Friendship Doll Exchange.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Candlewick Press

The Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming
by Laurie David and Cambria Gordon
Nonfiction
Description: The first comprehensive resource that kids can look to for understanding why climate change happens, the ways it impacts our planet, and how we can work together to stop it.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Orchard Books

Draculiza
by Bianca Bagatourian, illustrated by Seitu Hayden
Picture Book
Description: Draculiza, a feisty little vampire, wants to be a princess. So, she finds a way to break into the fairytale world and turn it upside down!
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Cedar Grove Publishing

Earthquake: 2nd Edition
by Susan J. Berger, illustrated by Eugene Ruble
Nonfiction
Description: What causes earthquakes? How are earthquakes measured? A simple explanation of earthquakes with fun factoids, earthquake preparation tips, and a few experiments.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

The Flight of the Union
by Tekla White, illustrated by Ralph Ramstad
Historical Fiction
Description: In this historical retelling, Homan Walsh flies his kite across the Niagara River from Canada to the United States. His kite helped build the bridge.
Author’s Residence: Woodland, California
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books
For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai's Story  
by Rebecca Langston-George, illustrated by Janna Bock  
Nonfiction  
Description: This powerful true story of how one brave girl named Malala changed the world proves that one person really can make a difference.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: Capstone Press

Full Cicada Moon  
by Marilyn Hilton  
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-8)  
Description: In 1969, a girl of mixed heritage adjusts to life in her new home as she holds fast to her dreams of becoming an astronaut.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Gabby Duran and the Unsittables  
by Elise Allen and Daryle Conners  
Humorous Fiction  
Description: Twelve-year-old super-sitter Gabby Duran has her world turned upside-down when she's called on to babysit for aliens living among us on Earth.  
Author's Residence (Allen): California  
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Giveaways: An ABC Book of Loanwords from the Americas  
by Linda Boyden  
Nonfiction Picture Book  
Description: American English simmers with loanwords from other languages, but “Giveaways” celebrates the contribution our own Native American languages have made to its cultural diversity.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: University of New Mexico Press

Gullible Gus  
by Maxine Rose Schur, illustrated by Andrew Glass  
Humorous Fiction  
Description: Gullible Gus is a cowboy who believes everything! Luckily, Doc Hickory has a cure: visit Fibrock, a town of liars, and doubt just one of their tall tales.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: Clarion Books

Ice Island  
by Sherry Shahan  
Adventure (Grades 4-7)  
Description: Set on an island off the coast of Alaska, featuring two young teens and their hard-driving sled dogs. History and culture woven in.  
Author's Residence: Morro Bay, California  
Publisher: Yearling

Imogene and the Case of the Missing Pearls  
by Elizabeth Varadan  
Mystery Series  
Description: Ten-year-old Imogene partners with a mud lark named Rusty to help Sherlock Holmes find her mother’s stolen pearls.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: MX Publishing

Ira’s Shakespeare Dream  
by Glenda Armand, illustrated by Floyd Cooper  
Historical Fiction  
Description: In early 1800s New York, only white actors performed Shakespeare. So how did African American Ira Aldridge become a world famous Shakespearean actor?  
Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Kaboom Academy  
by Maiya Williams  
Mystery  
Description: When a journalism class investigates strange occurrences at Kaboom Academy, their very experimental middle school, they discover a mystery behind the magical teaching tools.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: Yearling

Kat McGee Saves America  
by Kristin Riddick  
Historical Fiction Series  
Description: It’s 1776. Thomas Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence are missing. The country's brilliant past rests on Kat McGee. Join the magical holiday adventure!  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: In This Together Media

The Kite that Bridged Two Nations: Homan Walsh and the First Niagara Suspension Bridge  
by Alexis O’Neill, illustrated by Terry Widener  
Picture Book  
Description: This true story shows how an ordinary boy and his kite beat tremendous odds to help build the first suspension bridge over the Niagara River in 1848.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: Calkins Creek

Lulu in LA LA Land  
by Elisabeth Wolf  
Humorous Fiction  
Description: Lulu’s convinced she’s the world's biggest Not-Fitter-Inner. She’s determined to get her glamorous Hollywood family to notice her, but first she has to re-write everyone’s script!  
Author's Residence: Pacific Palisades, California  
Publisher: Jabberwocky/Sourcebooks

Mark Zuckerberg: Creator of Facebook  
by Jamie Weil  
Nonfiction Series  
Description: Mark Zuckerberg launched social media while still a teenager. Here’s the captivating story of Chairman and CEO of Facebook Inc. and the youngest self-made billionaire.  
Author's Residence: Northern California  
Publisher: ABDO Publishing

Mr. Ferris and His Wheel  
by Kathryn Gibbs Davis, illustrated by Gilbert Ford  
Nonfiction Picture Book  
Description: The against-all-odds true story of engineer George Ferris’s fight to invent, finance and build his iconic wheel in time for the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair.
Mumbet’s Declaration of Independence
by Gretchen Woelfle, illustrated by Alix Delinois
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Mumbet, enslaved in Massachusetts during the Revolution, dared to sue her owner for her freedom—and won. Her case helped to free 5,000 other slaves.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

The Mystery of the Missing Ming (Cedar Creek Mystery, Book 2)
by Anne Loader McGee
Mystery (Grades 3-8)
Description: Thirteen-year-old paranormal sleuth Mallory Gilmartin must solve the strange mystery of a missing antique vase and its connection to a ghostly World War II airplane.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Never Insult a Killer Zucchini
by Elana Azose and Brandon Amancio, illustrated by David Clark
Picture Book
Description: This is one science fair you’ll never forget! Hilarious havoc ensues as the science projects become part of a zucchini’s vendetta.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Vendera Publishing

Paper Son: Lee’s Journey to America
by Helen Foster James and Virginia Shin-Mui Loh, illustrated by Wilson Ong
Picture Book
Description: This is an immigration story about Lee who is detained and interrogated at Angel Island. This book is nominated for a California Young Reader Medal award.
Author’s Residence (Loh): San Diego, California
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Plastic, Ahoy!: Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch
by Patricia Newman, photographs by Annie Crawley
Nonfiction
Description: Meet a team of researchers who explored the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Follow along on their expedition to find out what alarming discoveries they made.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Millbrook Press

Playing Juliet
by JoAnne Stewart Wetzel
Adventure/Mystery
Description: Beth Sondquist is breaking so many theater superstitions as she tries to keep her Children's Theater from closing, she may never get onstage again.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Playing With Fire (School for S.P.I.E.S., Book 1)
by Bruce Hale
Adventure/Mystery (Grades 4-7)
Description: When orphan Max Segredo lands at Merry Sunshine Orphanage, little does he suspect that it’s a school for junior spies.
Author’s Residence: Santa Barbara, California
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Pockets Full of Gold
by Martha Tolles
Historical Fiction
Description: Josh and Billy take the boat to California to join the Gold Rush in 1849 in hopes of finding gold.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Pearson

The Poem That Will Not End: Fun with Poetic Forms and Voices
by Joan Bransfield Graham, illustrated by Kyrsten Brooker
Poetry/Picture Book
Description: Ryan O’Brien can’t stop writing poetry. In the cafeteria with French fries. In the bathroom with toothpaste. On the soccer field with mud. What next?
Author’s Residence: Agoura Hills, California
Publisher: Two Lions

Precious Bones
by Mika Ashley-Hollinger
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: Set in the swamps of Florida in 1949, this story addresses our environment, racial discrimination for that time and bigotry.
Author’s Residence: Hawaii
Publisher: Yearling

The Rock of Ivanore
by Laurisa White Reyes
Fantasy
Description: Lord of the Rings for kids! An enchanter’s apprentice struggling to control his powers must use magic to locate and defend a valuable, mythical object.
Author’s Residence: Santa Clarita, California
Publisher: Tanglewood Press

Shark Wars
by EJ Altbacker
Fiction Series
Description: A young shark is exiled from his reef home and ventures into the Big Blue to find adventure and unlock the secrets of his destiny.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Razorbill

Sheep
by Valerie Hobbs
Adventure
Description: With nothing but the courage he was born with and a dream, a homeless Border collie searches for the life he once knew.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Square Fish
Shivers! The Pirate Who’s Afraid of Everything
by Annabeth Bondor-Stone and Connor White
Humorous Fiction
Description: In this action-packed, laugh-out-loud adventure series, Shivers—the scaredy-est pirate in the Seven Seas—must save his parents from the clutches of evil!
Authors’ Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: HarperCollins

Soar (available July 5, 2016)
by Tracy Edward Wymer
Realistic Fiction (Grades 3-7)
Description: Seventh grader Eddie is determined to honor his father’s legacy and win the school science fair in this quirky, heartfelt debut novel.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Aladdin

Snowize & Snitch: Highly Effective Defective Detectives
by Karen Briner
Adventure/Mystery
Description: A once-intrepid spy, a dignified rat, and a girl with a perplexing past team up to unravel a plot threatening the minds of scientists.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Holiday House

Spirit’s Key
by Edith Cohn
Mystery
Description: A twelve year old girl named Spirit works with the ghost of her pet dog to solve the mysterious deaths of wild dogs on the remote island where she lives.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

Starfire (The Guardian Herd, Book 1)
by Jennifer Lynn Alvarez
Fantasy
Description: Star is prophesied to become the most powerful pegasus in Anok, if he can survive until his first birthday.
Author’s Residence: Windsor, California
Publisher: HarperCollins

The Thunder Egg
by Tim J. Myers, illustrated by Winfield Coleman
Picture Book
Description: A Cheyenne girl faces a painful decision: should she give up something she loves for her people? There is sacrifice—and wonder—in store.
Author’s Residence: Santa Clara, California
Publisher: Wisdom Tales

Twins, United in Freedom
by Marcia Lynch
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-8)
Description: The lives of twins, separated at birth, are compared and contrasted as they grow up during the Civil War. They meet at the Gettysburg battle.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Perfection Learning

The Voice of Thunder
by Mirka M. G. Breen
Historical Fiction
Description: Jerusalem, June 1967. Mira and her friend Gili share an awful secret. They have discovered a new radio station that is calling for their destruction.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: WiDo Publishing

Walter Plume and the Dehydrated Imagination
by Rebecca Lynn Morales
Fantasy
Description: Before Ickabod Von Snot-hook sucks everyone’s joy dry with his never-ending rules, Walter must save everyone with his new life-giving powers and his imagination!
Author’s Residence: San Bernardino, California
Publisher: Cedar Fort

The Wild Parrots of San Francisco
by Ellen Leroe, illustrated by Kathy O’Malley
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Learn fascinating facts about the famous wild parrots, their history, playful behavior, personal habits—with full-color artwork to complement the kid-friendly, informative text.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Richard C. Owen Publishers

Women Who Broke the Rules: Judy Blume
by Kathleen Krull
Nonfiction Chapter Book Series
Description: Chapter book about a rule-breaking pioneer as a person and a writer. Part of a six-book women’s history series combining spicy facts with humor.
Author’s Residence: San Diego, California
Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children’s Books

Zeke Meeks vs. the Stinky Soccer Team
by D.L. Green
Humorous Chapter Book
Description: Nine-year-old Zeke is dismayed that none of his buddies are on his soccer team. Even worse, the team uniforms are the color of pee!
Author’s Residence: Orange County, California
Publisher: Picture Window Books

The Blue Door (Threshold Series, Book 1)
by Christa Kinde
Adventure
Description: Invisible doors, angels in disguise, kidnapped comrades, demonic minions, divine messengers, sword fights, winged rescuers, shared dreams, and apple pie.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Zondervan
**Bruised**  
by Sarah Skilton  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: When Imogen, a sixteen-year-old black belt, freezes during an armed robbery, she is left wondering whether martial arts failed her or she failed it.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

**Buoy: Home at Sea**  
by Bruce Balan, illustrated by Raúl Colón  
Adventure  
Description: Three friends—Buoy, Gull, and Seal—live in a world of whale songs and storms, shooting stars and sharks ponder what makes a place home.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Delacorte Press

**Dietary Supplements: Harmless, Helpful, or Hurtful?**  
by Connie Goldsmith  
Nonfiction (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: There’s no easy way to lose weight or improve athletic performance. Learn how to do it right this summer without dangerous or illegal dietary supplements.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

**Emerge**  
by Tobie Easton  
Fantasy Series (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: Lia may be a mermaid, but she’s never lived in the ocean. She’s safe living on land, until she risks everything to save the human boy she loves.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Month9Books

**Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir**  
by Margarita Engle  
Nonfiction  
Description: A verse memoir about the author’s childhood travels between her parents’ homelands, Cuba and the U.S., during the Cold War.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**Fad Mania!: A History of American Crazes**  
by Cynthia Overbeck Bix  
Nonfiction  
Description: Daredevils swallowing live goldfish! Flash mobs taking over city streets! Pet rocks and selfies. Loads of photos accompany lively stories surrounding a century of crazy American fads.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

**Fight in the Fields: Cesar Chavez**  
by Margo Sorenson  
Historical Fiction Series  
Description: Kenneth and Aleesa travel back in time, meeting Cesar Chavez during the farmworkers’ strike for fair pay and treatment, and must protect Chavez from sabotage.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Perfection Learning

**Flipped**  
by Wendelin Van Draanen  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: A romantic comedy told in alternating boy/girl chapters about learning to see beneath the surface of people. A *School Library Journal* “Top 100 Children’s Novel.”  
Author: Residence: California  
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

**Goodbye Tchaikovsky**  
by Michael Thal  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: A twelve-year-old violin virtuoso is plunged into the deaf world. How will he adapt to survive?  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Royal Fireworks Press

**Good Enough**  
by Paula Yoo  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: Patti Yoon’s Korean parents expect the best from her. But she prefers her violin and a cute guy over the Ivy League. Will she ever be “good enough” in her family’s eyes?  
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: HarperTeen

**Holding Court**  
by K.C. Held  
Humorous Fiction (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: A girl with a blurtin problem takes a job at a castle-turned-dinner-theater where she stumbles over a dead body that promptly disappears.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Entangled Teen

**How to be Brave**  
by E. Katherine Kottaras  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: Georgia tries to live life to honor her late mom. This deeply moving book will make you laugh and cry, as well as inspire you to be brave.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: St. Martin’s Griffin

**Koolura and the Mayans**  
by Michael Thal  
Science Fiction  
Description: Koolura uncovers a mysterious device that hurtles her 2,000 years back in time. Invaders from another star system have enslaved the Mayans. Can she stop them in time?  
Author’s Residence: Encino, California  
Publisher: Solstice

**Lara’s Gift**  
by Annemarie O’Brien  
Historical Fiction  
Description: Set in Imperial Russia, a powerful story of one girl’s love for her dog and desire to fulfill her prophetic destiny.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers
**The Latte Rebellion**  
by Sarah Jamila Stevenson  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: When her club for mixed race students spins out of control, Asha must decide how much she’s willing to risk for something she truly believes in.  
Author’s Residence: Modesto, California  
Publisher: Flux

**Lay-ups and Long Shots**  
by CS Perryess, Joseph Bruchac, David Lubar, Terry Trueman & more  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Anthology of sports-related short stories for middle-grade readers: *Lay-ups and Long Shots* covers stories about kayaking, basketball, track, dirt-biking, and more.  
Author’s Residence (Perryess): California  
Publisher: Darby Creek

**A Less Than Perfect Peace**  
by Jacqueline Levering Sullivan  
Historical Fiction  
Description: Annie Howard is determined to help her father, blinded in WWII, embrace life again. She befriends twin Dutch refugees, and together they confront the invisible wounds of war.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

**Lewis Carroll: Through the Looking Glass**  
by Angelica Shirley Carpenter  
Nonfiction Biography Series  
Description: A biography of the author of *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*, the first modern children’s book. This Oxford mathematician tutor was a famous early photographer, too.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

**Losing It**  
by Erin Fry  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Thirteen-year-old Bennett is tired of being “Fat Boy.” When his father’s stroke shatters his world, he discovers that running may be his only escape.  
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles County, California  
Publisher: Two Lions

**My Mixed-Up Berry Blue Summer**  
by Jennifer Gennari  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: June’s pie-making plans get muddled when Mom decides to marry her girlfriend now that Vermont has made civil unions legal. An ALA Rainbow List title.  
Author’s Residence: Vallejo, California  
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

**My Name is Cool: 18 Stories from a Cuban-Irish-American Storyteller**  
by Antonio Sacre  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: “Standout stories, as funny as they are touching” (Kirkus review) weave Spanish language, Cuban family, and Irish humor into tales full of humor, tradition, family.  
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Familius Books

**The Night Olympic Team: Fighting to Keep Drugs Out of the Games**  
by Caroline Hatton  
Nonfiction  
Description: A science adventure of Olympic proportions: walk in the shoes of scientists catching cheaters who doped themselves with forbidden performance-enhancing drugs to win medals.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

**Peas and Carrots**  
by Tanita S. Davis  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: Inseparable differences between snarky foster sisters as “alike as peas and carrots,” are settled through trial and error, and realization that they both want the same thing—to belong.  
Author’s Residence: Vallejo, California  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Running Out of Night**  
by Sharon Lovejoy  
Historical Fiction  
Description: Discover the suspense-filled journey that explores why being a slave is about more than the color of a person’s skin.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Yearling

**Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune**  
by Pamela S. Turner, illustrated by Gareth Hinds  
Nonfiction  
Description: The epic true story of Japan’s most famous warrior. “Kids who think history is boring will lose their heads over this one.”—Booklist, starred review.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**The Shadow Behind the Stars**  
by Rebecca Hahn  
Fantasy (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: Chloe and her older sisters—the three Greek Fates—find themselves wrapped up in the destiny of a mortal girl that could end the world.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**She Takes a Stand: 16 Fearless Activists Who Have Changed the World**  
by Michael Elsohn Ross  
Nonfiction  
Description: Megan designed a better bra. Sampat summoned a gang. Leymah demanded peace. Kalpona contested giants. Discover sixteen bold, brave women who stood up for change.  
Author’s Residence: El Portal, California  
Publisher: Chicago Review Press
Shifty
by Lynn E. Hazen
Realistic Fiction
Description: Funny and tender, this fast-paced summer story follows fifteen-year-old Shifty's misadventures in San Francisco as he tries to stay out of trouble.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Tricycle Press

Silence
by Deborah Lytton
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: When a tragic accident changes fifteen-year-old Stella's life forever, a boy named Hayden reaches out to give her hope in seventeen days.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Shadow Mountain

Starters
by Lissa Price
Futuristic Thriller
Description: In a near-future Los Angeles, desperate teens rent out their bodies to senior citizens so they can be young temporarily. International bestseller.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Strays
by Jennifer Caloyeras
Realistic Fiction
Description: Iris Moody is forced to spend the summer training an aggressive dog in Santa Cruz, California, after her temper gets the best of her.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Ashland Creek Press

Surviving the Angel of Death: The True Story of a Mengele Twin in Auschwitz
by Eva Mozes Kor and Lisa Rojany Buccieri
Nonfiction
Description: Eva Kor is ten when she arrives in Auschwitz with her twin. Her parents and two older sisters disappear. A memoir told with emotion and restraint.
Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Tanglewood Press

Tankborn
by Karen Sandler
Science Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Two enslaved genetically engineered girls discover deep secrets about their creation, and with the help of two high-status boys, fight for their freedom and equality.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Tu Books

The Thief of Mirrors (Enchanted Emporium, Book 4)
by P.D. Baccalario, translated from Italian into English by Nanette Cooper-McGuinness
Fantasy
Description: When the Enchanted Emporium's families reunion turns out to be a deadly trap, Finley must rescue his friend, Aiby, defeat evil Semueld, and face his deepest inner self.
Translator's Residence: California
Publisher: Capstone Press

Tomorrow's Magic
by Pamela F. Service
Fantasy
Description: In a future of nuclear winter, Merlin returns, and with young friends strives to return King Arthur and the forces of magic to the world.
Author's Residence: Eureka, California
Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Under a Painted Sky
by Stacey Lee
Historical Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: A Chinese girl in 1849 Missouri commits a crime in self-defense and flees down the Oregon Trail with a runaway slave.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Where the Staircase Ends
by Stacy Stokes
Fantasy (Grades 7 and up)
Description: After an accident leaves Taylor stranded on an endless staircase, she must journey to the top and face her truth—before the staircase breaks her.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Month9Books

Who Needs Magic?
by Kathy McCullough
Humorous Fiction
Description: When two teen fairy godmothers face off to see which one can grant a wish first, sparks fly—literally.
Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Ember

Windfork Secrets
by Lee Tidball
Historical Mystery
Description: Sixth-grader Diona's report based on "little old lady" Nessy Scanlon's stories re-writes her town's notorious history, exploding the mystery of its infamous "bogeyman" legends.
Author's Residence: Modesto, California
Publisher: Short On Time Books

Write Back Soon!: Adventures in Letter Writing
by Karen Benke
Nonfiction
Description: A delicious permission of a book that invites readers to write to one person at a time in one's own hand.
Author's Residence: Mill Valley, California
Publisher: Roost Books

Yakimali's Gift
by Linda Covella
Historical Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: In 1775 New Spain, fifteen-year-old Fernanda, half Spanish and half Pima Indian, discovers romance and ancestral truths on a journey from Mexico to California.
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Zodiac
by Romina Russell
Science Fiction/Fantasy (Grades 7 and up)
Description: In a galaxy where one’s sign determines their home planet, the teen Guardian of Cancer must unite the divided Houses of the ZODIAC before an ancient evil destroys them.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Razorbill

Are You Still There
by Sarah Lynn Scheerger
Realistic Fiction
Description: Can Gabi and her Helpline friends stop an act of school violence before it occurs? Maybe. Gabi keeps finding clues. But who’s leaving them? And why?
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Evernight Publishing

Careers in Sports and Fitness
by Debra Schmidt
Nonfiction
Description: Highlighting seven fast-growing sports and fitness careers, this book features quotes from practitioners, education requirements, salary, internships, and professional organizations. Full-color photos.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: ReferencePoint Press

Crow’s Rest
by Angelica R. Jackson
Fantasy
Description: Sixteen-year-old Avery is determined to reclaim her almost-boyfriend from the Fae, with the help of the creature who stole his body in the first place.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Spencer Hill Press

The Crown’s Game
by Evelyn Skye
Fantasy
Description: A thrilling and atmospheric historical fantasy follows two enchanters in a deadly, magical duel set in Imperial Russia.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Balzer & Bray

Future Shock
by Elizabeth Briggs
Science Fiction
Description: Elena Martinez is sent to the future, but discovers she’ll be murdered when she returns—and only has twenty-four hours to change her fate.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: AW Teen

In Real Life
by Jessica Love
Realistic Fiction
Description: Online-only friends meet for the first time over a crazy weekend in Las Vegas where secrets are revealed.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: St. Martin’s Griffin

Key of Mystery (Night Angels Chronicles, Book 1)
by K. H. Mezek
Fantasy Series
Description: When Sera’s father dies in a horrific accident, all he leaves behind is an ancient key. Sera vows to solve the mystery of the key and avenge her father.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Evernight Publishing

Learning Not to Drown
by Anna Shinoda
Realistic Fiction
Description: Family secrets cut to the bone in this mesmerizing novel about a teen whose drug-addicted, incarcerated brother is the prodigal son one time too many.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

The Leaving Season
by Cat Jordan
Realistic Fiction
Description: After her boyfriend Nate goes missing in Central America, grief-stricken Middie picks up the pieces of her life with the help of Nate’s best friend.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: HarperTeen

Mara
by Veronica Bane
Fantasy
Description: A group of unruly and ‘unusual’ teenagers, led by fire-wielding Mara Tucker, come together to use their supernatural powers to battle enemies in their town.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Black Hill Press

Not If I See You First
by Eric Lindstrom
Realistic Fiction
Description: Blind sixteen-year-old Parker Grant navigates friendships, romantic relationships, and trying out for the track team, while coping with her father’s recent death.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Poppy

Plus One
By Elizabeth Fama
Fantasy
Description: Divided by day and night and on the run from authorities, star-crossed young lovers unearth a sinister conspiracy in this compelling romantic thriller.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers
The Princess of Las Pulgas
by C. Lee McKenzie
Realistic Fiction
Description: Carlie Edmund has everything, and then suddenly almost nothing. Follow Carlie and her family as they rebuild their lives.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: WestSide Books

Punishment Summer
by Peggy Rothschild
Adventure/Mystery
Description: From hidden pot farms to human trafficking, sixteen-year-old Nicki learns how dangerous uncovering secrets can be during her summer in Punishment, California.
Author’s Residence: Ventura, California
Publisher: Evernight Publishing

Romancing the Dark in the City of Light
by Ann Jacobus
Realistic/Contemporary Fiction
Description: After being kicked out of four boarding schools, Summer Barnes has to get on the right track or risk losing her inheritance.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Thomas Dunne/St. Martin’s

South of Sunshine
by Dana Elmendorf
Realistic Fiction
Description: In a town like Sunshine, Tennessee, Kaycee knows better than to fall for the new girl.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: AW Teen

Survival Strategies of the Almost Brave
by Jen White
Realistic Fiction
Description: If you can, be brave. Liberty and her sister, Billie, are abandoned at a gas station by their father and must find their way home to San Diego.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

Where’s My Wand?: One Boy’s Magical Triumph Over Alienation and Shag Carpeting
by Eric Poole
Humorous Nonfiction
Description: Memoir of a boy whose obsession with magic helps him cope with bullies, an OCD mother, and unexpected catastrophes. Sometimes, being the outsider can be magical.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Penguin Random House

Whirligig
by Paul Fleischman
Realistic Fiction
Description: To atone for a death, Brent must build four wind toys and place them in the country’s corners. Only we know their effect on others.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Square Fish
GRADES K-2

**Bagels from Benny**
by Aubrey Davis, illustrated by Dusan Petricic
Picture Book
Description: Every week Benny thanks God with a bagful of bagels he leaves in the synagogue. Every week they disappear. Did God really eat the bagels?
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Kids Can Press

**Bringing the Outside In**
by Mary McKenna Siddals, illustrated by Patrice Barton
Picture Book
Description: A rollicking book that reminds young readers to go outside and play! Fun, lyrical text, and beautiful illustrations.
Author’s Residence: British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

**The Chicken Cat**
by Stephanie Simpson McLellan, illustrated by Sean Cassidy
Picture Book
Description: When an old hen named Guinevere adopts an abandoned kitten named Merlin, the unimaginable gift he gives her in return changes both their lives forever.
Author’s Residence: Newmarket, Ontario
Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside

**Driftwood Dragons: and other seaside poems**
by Tyne Brown, illustrated by Tamara Thiebaux-Heikalo
Poetry/Picture Book
Description: A collection of lyrical seaside poems celebrating the coastal region. From snails to whales, Driftwood Dragons captures the beauty, diversity, and joy of maritime beaches.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Nimbus Publishing

**Families Around the World**
by Margriet Ruurs, illustrated by Jessica Rae Gordon
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: How do families in Pakistan, Mongolia, England and other countries celebrate life together? Meet children from around the world and find out how cultures are the same and different!
Author’s Residence: British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: Kids Can Press

**Fire Pie Trout**
by Melanie Mosher, illustrated by Renée Benoit
Picture Book
Description: Grace is not sure about trying fishing. But with some encouragement from her Gramps, and a little creativity of her own, she ends up with the catch of the day!
Author’s Residence: Nova Scotia, Canada
Publisher: Fifth House Publishers

**Gabby: Wonder Girl**
by Joyce Grant, illustrated by Jan Dolby
Picture Book Series
Description: Gabby’s magic letters spell words that come to life! Can they help her find the mysterious girl in the photo?
Illustrator’s Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside

**In a Cloud of Dust**
by Alma Fullerton, illustrated by Brian Deines
Picture Book
Description: When the bicycle library pulls into her schoolyard, Anna gets there too late. She helps her friends learn to ride and is rewarded in the end.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Pajama Press

**La magie du corps humain** (French)
by Dr. Nicole Audet, illustrated by Mylène Villeneuve
Nonfiction Picture Book Series
Description: Félix visits the human body museum with his magical doctor suitcase. Boubou, the captain of the nine instruments, will help him to do his homework.
Author’s Residence: Montréal, Canada
Publisher: Boomerang

**Mae and the Moon**
by Jami Gigot
Picture Book
Description: When the moon disappears, Mae begins to worry. Determined to find her glowing friend, she sets off on a wonderful voyage through her imagination.
Author’s Residence: Vancouver, Canada
Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

**Malaika’s Costume**
by Nadia L. Hohn, illustrated by Irene Luxbacher
Picture Book
Description: Mummy moved to Canada to provide for Malaika and her grandmother. But when the promised money for a Carnival costume doesn’t arrive, what will Malaika do?
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Groundwood Books

**Mama’s Day with Little Gray**
by Aimee Reid, illustrated by Laura J. Bryant
Picture Book
Description: “Mama, when I grow up will you grow down?” Little Gray imagines being big enough to care for his mama, and she affirms his competence.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers
**Manners are Not for Monkeys**  
*by Heather Tekavec, illustrated by David Huyck*  
*Picture Book*  
Description: When monkeys start behaving like children and children start behaving like monkeys, nobody is impressed. But the confused zookeeper fixes the problem to almost everybody’s satisfaction!  
Author’s Residence: British Columbia, Canada  
Publisher: Kids Can Press

**No More Beige Food**  
*by Leanne Shirtliffe, illustrated by Tina Kügler*  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Tired of her parents’ bland meals, Wilma Lee Wu visits neighbors who teach her to make global recipes. Then someone suggests cooking her favorite wild animal . . .  
Author’s Residence: Calgary, Canada  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**The Old Ways**  
*by Susan Margaret Chapman, illustrated by John Mantha*  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Simon lives in Canada’s North and loves TV and video games. His Inuit grandparents can’t interest him in traditional stories or building an igloo until . . .  
Author’s Residence: Canada  
Publisher: Fifth House Publishers

**Peach Girl**  
*by Raymond Nakamura, illustrated by Rebecca Bender*  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Armed with peach dumplings, a girl born from a peach leads a team of animal friends to test rumors about a fearsome ogre.  
Author’s Residence: British Columbia, Canada  
Publisher: Pajama Press

**A Picnic at the Lighthouse**  
*by Rebecca North, illustrated by Nancy Keating*  
*Picture Book*  
Description: A heartwarming story about a young boy and his father as they have a picnic near a lighthouse and spend a fun-filled day together.  
Author’s Residence: Newfoundland, Canada  
Publisher: Tuckamore Books

**The Pocket Mommy**  
*by Rachel Eugster, illustrated by Tom Goldsmith*  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Samuel wishes his mommy would fit into his pocket to keep him company at school. When it comes true, things don’t go quite as expected!  
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Tundra Books

**Shaping Up Summer**  
*by Lizann Flatt, illustrated by Ashley Barron*  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Combines mathematical problem solving with lyrical text, bringing children to an understanding of basic geometry and special-sense math concepts through observing the natural world.  
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Owlkids Books

**Sky Pig**  
*by Jan L. Coates, illustrated by Suzanne Del Rizzo*  
*Picture Book*  
Description: A pig who wants to fly. A boy with a knack for invention. This is an inspiring story of two dreamers winging it.  
Illustrator’s Residence: Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Pajama Press

**Squish Rabbit**  
*by Katherine Battersby*  
*Picture Book*  
Description: A story about a very little rabbit who gets a big chance to make a difference.  
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

**West Coast Wild: A Nature Alphabet**  
*by Deborah Hodge, illustrated by Karen Reczuch*  
*Nonfiction Picture Book*  
Description: A celebration, in lyrical text and breathtaking art, of nature on the Pacific west coast—a magnificent place where an ancient rainforest meets the sea.  
Author’s Residence: Vancouver, Canada  
Publisher: Groundwood Books

**Worms for Breakfast: How to Feed a Zoo**  
*by Helaine Becker, illustrated by Kathy Boake*  
*Nonfiction Picture Book*  
Description: 2016 Junior Library Guild Selection; Kirkus starred review! Discover what’s on zoo menus in this yummy compendium of real recipes, with nutrient-dense facts. Adaptation, conservation issues.  
Author’s Residence: Canada  
Publisher: Owlkids Books

**The Yoga Game by the Sea**  
*by Kathy Beliveau, illustrated by Denise Holmes*  
*Picture Book*  
Description: Play with words, guess the riddles, and enjoy an actual yoga practice—down by the sea. Enchanting rhymes connect children with the magic of nature.  
Author’s Residence: Vancouver, Canada  
Publisher: Simply Read Books

**GRADES 3-5**

**Bite into Bloodsuckers**  
*by Kari-Lynn Winters and Ishta Mercurio*  
*Nonfiction*  
Description: Cool facts and fun activities for kids curious about bloodsucking bugs, birds, bats, and fish. Bite into it!  
Authors’ Residence: Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside
**Bog**  
by Karen Krossing  
Fantasy  
Description: A cave troll with a grudge against humans is forced to confront his own prejudice when he embarks on a quest into human territory.  
Author’s Residence: Canada  
Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside

**Dunces Rock**  
by Kate Jaimet  
Humorous Fiction  
Description: When hockey-loving Principal Hale cancels the school Drama and Music program, the Dunces gang bands together to save the day.  
Author’s Residence: Canada  
Publisher: Orca Books

**Everyday Hero**  
by Kathleen Cherry  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Alice, a student with Asperger’s, meets school tough girl, Megan. The two become unlikely comrades and learn about courage, resilience and friendship.  
Author’s Residence: British Columbia, Canada  
Publisher: Orca Books

**Feathered**  
by Deborah Kerbel  
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-8)  
Description: A troubled young girl learns that flying away isn’t the answer to her problems. Sometimes, right where you are is the best place to be.  
Author’s Residence: Canada  
Publisher: Orca Books

**Hala’s Window**  
by Farida Mirza  
Picture Book  
Description: Curious Hala has many unanswered questions. Her village has no school. Her parents are uneducated. Then something happens and Hala’s joyful journey of learning begins.  
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada  
Publisher: Kids Can Press

**A Hole in My Heart**  
by Rie Charles  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)  
Description: It’s 1959. Shortly after her mother’s death, Nora learns her favorite cousin has to undergo risky open-heart surgery. How can both hearts be mended?  
Author’s Residence: Canada  
Publisher: Dundurn Press

**The Island Horse**  
by Susan Hughes  
Historical Fiction  
Description: After her mother’s death, heartbroken Ellie moves to remote Sable Island. Will she rise to the challenge of saving a wild stallion and his herd?  
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada  
Publisher: Kids Can Press

**Last Airlift: A Vietnamese Orphan’s Rescue from War**  
by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch  
Nonfiction  
Description: Based on personal interviews and including archival photos, Tu Yet’s story of the Saigon orphanage and her flight to Canada is an emotional and suspenseful journey.  
Author’s Residence: Brantford, Canada  
Publisher: Pajama Press

**Lost in the Backyard**  
by Alison Hughes  
Adventure (Grades 4-6)  
Description: When Flynn gets seriously lost in the woods, he wishes he’d paid way more attention in his supposedly useless Outdoor Education class.  
Author’s Residence: Alberta, Canada  
Publisher: Orca Books

**Mission Mumbai, A Novel of Sacred Cows, Snakes and Stolen Toilets**  
by Mahtab Narsimhan  
Humorous Fiction (Grades 4-7)  
Description: A story of two boys who bond over their love for fantasy/adventure stories, and a memorable trip to Mumbai that threatens to shatter their friendship.  
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada  
Publisher: Scholastic Press

**Prove It, Josh**  
by Jenny Watson  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Eleven-year-old Josh might be dyslexic, but he’s the best sailor in Arbutus Bay. Can he prove it, and avoid reading aloud on Literacy Day?  
Author’s Residence: British Columbia, Canada  
Publisher: Sono Nis Press

**Road Block**  
by Yolanda Ridge  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: When eleven-year-old Bree is shipped off to Ontario for the summer, she ends up fighting the development of a highway through her grandmother’s farmland.  
Author’s Residence: British Columbia, Canada  
Publisher: Orca Books

**Survival Secrets of Turkey Vultures**  
by Debra Toor  
Nonfiction  
Description: Explore turkey vulture adaptations as you join mother vulture on a hunt to feed her chicks. Combines science, photographs and learning activities.
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

**Up in the Air**
by Ann Marie Meyers
Fantasy (Grades 4-6)
Description: Dreams come true in Chimeroan, but will new friends, a quest, and magic wings let Melody outfly memories of the accident that hurt her father?
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Jolly Fish Press

**Upstaged**
by Patricia McCowan
Realistic Fiction
Description: Ellie, who loves performing in musical theater, has to learn she can’t always be center stage when she joins a new theater company.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Orca Books

**Beggar Charlie**
by Madeleine McLaughlin
Adventure
Description: This tween adventure is a finalist in the Wishing Shelf Awards. Read about three boys who learn to trust one another.
Author’s Residence: Ottawa, Canada
Publisher: MuseltUp Publishing

**Best Friends Through Eternity**
by Sylvia McNicoll
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7-9)
Description: After taking an ill-fated shortcut on a railroad track, Paige discovers uncomfortable truths about her adoption from China. This book tackles the topic of cultural identity.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Tundra Books

**Betting Game**
by Heather M. O’Connor
Realistic Fiction
Description: Jack’s a rising star in an elite soccer academy. When a slick bookie introduces the cocky teen to illegal gambling, the “beautiful game” turns ugly.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Orca Books

**Breaking Big**
by Penny Draper
Realistic Fiction
Description: Everyone is shocked when Rob is the only student dancer picked to understudy with the company. Will his big break kill his career before it even starts?
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Orca Books

**Cherry Blossom Baseball**
by Jennifer Maruno
Historical Fiction
Description: Cherry Blossom Baseball isn’t just about a firecracker female pitcher. All of Michiko’s family have Japanese faces, making the government suspicious and their lives fearful.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Dundurn Press

**The Co-Walkers Awakening**
by Hermine G. Steinberg
Fantasy
Description: Ashley, Brian, and Matthew are citizens of two Realms. A dangerous conspiracy threatens their worlds. Join their battle to fix what magic alone can’t repair.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Prizm Books

**The Kayak**
by Debbie Spring
Realistic Fiction
Description: When a storm picks up, Teresa notices a windsurfer in the distance and realizes that he’s in trouble. It’s up to her to rescue him.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Thistledown Press

**Lightning Lou**
by Lori Weber
Historical Fiction
Description: Quebec, 1916: a girl’s hockey team is recruiting players. This is thirteen-year-old Lou Lou’s big chance. Will the secret spoil everything?
Author’s Residence: Quebec, Canada
Publisher: Dancing Cat Books

**Meyers’ Rebellion**
by Connie Brummel Crook
Historical Fiction
Description: An action packed story about the 1837 Upper Canada Rebellion. Two major subplots include romance and buried treasure. A Geoffrey Bilson Award finalist.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside

**MiNRs**
by Kevin Sylvester
Science Fiction
Description: Perses is attacked. Christopher Nichols and a handful of other kids escape to the maze of tunnels. They run. They hide. But can they survive?
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

**Restoring Harmony**
by Joëlle Anthony
Speculative Fiction
Description: Set in 2041 after economic collapse, Restoring Harmony is a riveting, fast-paced tale complete with adventure, hope, and romance that readers will devour.
Author’s Residence: British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers
Safety Stars: Players who fought to make the hard-hitting game of professional hockey safer
by Sue Irwin
Nonfiction
Description: The story of hockey’s safety heroes, the opposition they faced, and how they persisted and ultimately succeeded in their campaigns.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Lorimer

Seeking Shelter
by Catherine Goodwin
Realistic Fiction
Description: Filled with emotions and memories, thirteen-year-old Marcie Chisholm returns to the city where her mother died. Can she now overcome the challenges that await her?
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Ronsdale Press

The Shepherd’s Granddaughter
by Anne Laurel Carter
Realistic Fiction
Description: Amani is her family’s first female shepherd in contemporary Palestine. Then their land is usurped by an Israeli settlement and Amani struggles with the conflict.
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Groundwood Books

Tagged Out
by Joyce Grant
Realistic Fiction
Description: The Toronto Blues play baseball with heart, if not talent. Will they still welcome MVP Jock with open arms when they find out he’s gay?
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Canada
Publisher: Lorimer

Time Meddlers
by Deborah Jackson
Science Fiction Series
Description: Two Canadian kids discover a laboratory with a multiverse time machine. They’re sent back to the 1600’s into a war between the Algonquin and Iroquois.
Author’s Residence: Ottawa, Canada
Publisher: LBF Books

Transferral
by Kate Blair
Science Fiction
Description: In an alternate London, criminals are given diseases removed from the innocent. A chilling look at a world gone wrong while trying to do right.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Dancing Cat Books

Blank Canvas
by Mere Joyce
Realistic Fiction
Description: Three years ago, Maddie Deacon was abducted. Five months ago, she escaped. Before being taken, painting was Maddie’s life. Now, it’s her nightmare.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Evernight Teen

Cape Town
by Brenda Hammond
Historical Fiction
Description: A young Afrikaans girl’s awakening to life, love and the evils of the apartheid system—set in South Africa, the year leading up to Mandela’s release.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Great Plains Publications

How It Ends
by Catherine Lo
Realistic Fiction
Description: Told through alternating points of view—the story of a friendship from first meeting to breakup, set against a tumultuous sophomore year of bullying, boys, and backstabbing.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

How to Tend a Grave
by Jocelyn Shipley
Realistic Fiction
Description: Two grieving teens meet in a cemetery in this unforgettable book about family, love and healing. Gold Medal Moonbeam Award for YA—Mature Issues.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Great Plains Teen

With Malice
by Eileen Cook
Adventure/Mystery
Description: Two friends, an exotic location, the potential for jealousy, and an accident that looks like murder. The truth doesn’t matter—only who you believe.
Residence: Vancouver, Canada
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Worlds of Ink and Shadow
by Lena Coakley
Fantasy
Description: Charlotte, Branwell, Emily, and Anne: the Brontë siblings. Magic and their vivid imaginations transport them to the countries they write about—but at what price?
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Harry N. Abrams
GRADES K-2

*Amadi's Snowman*
by Katia Novet Saint-Lot, illustrated by Dimitrea Tokunbo
Picture Book (Grades 1-4)
Description: The story of an opinionated, curious Nigerian boy, a book, and how reading opens up windows into worlds.
Author’s Residence: Belgrade, Serbia
Publisher: Tilbury House

*The Daddy Store*
by Sanne Miltenburg
Picture Book
Description: “I’m going to bring Dad to the Daddy Store. To exchange him for a better one.” But are the dads in the Daddy Store really more fun?
Author’s Residence: The Netherlands
Publisher: Clavis

*King for a Day*
by Rukhsana Khan, illustrated by Christiane Krömer
Picture Book
Description: Although confined to a wheelchair, a Pakistani boy tries to capture the most kites during Basant, the annual spring festival.
Illustrator’s Residence: Germany
Publisher: Lee & Low

*Trees (Árboles)*
by Lemniscates
Picture Book
Description: A poetic picture book with an ecological message. Trees are marvelous beings that teach us a lot of things!
Author’s Residence: Spain
Publisher: Ekare Europa

*Versos del mar*
by Carlos Reviejo and Javier Ruiz Taboada, illustrated by Paz Rodero
Poetry/Picture Book
Description: A picture book with thirty poems about the sea. All poems are illustrated in a large double page. In this book the children will discover life at sea and become familiar with poetry.
Author’s Residence: Spain
Publisher: Ediciones SM

GRADES 3-5

*A Minhoca Dorminhoca em Apuros*
by Daniela Weil
Picture Book
Description: Sleepy Worm is in trouble. She is captured with her new friend Vanity. Follow her adventure, and learn how to produce your own worm fertilizer.
Author’s Residence: Brazil
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media, Brazil

*El bailarín del sol y otros cuentos mayas*
by Judy Goldman, illustrated by Israel Barrón
Picture Book
Description: *El bailarín del sol* has five entertaining folktales from the Mexican Maya region.
Author’s Residence: Mexico
Publisher: Ediciones Castillo

GRADES 6-8

*Kira and the Immigrant Thief*
by Patricia Cleary
Realistic Fiction
Description: Kira, an American student in Madrid, is robbed then suffers hard-core culture shock. The police arrest the wrong person—how can she make things right?
Author’s Residence: Spain
Publisher: Desert Breeze Publishing
**The Master's Book**  
by Philip Coleman  
Adventure  
Description: An Irish boy and a Belgian girl (of Congolese/English parents) become embroiled in an art theft.  
Author’s Residence: France  
Publisher: MuseItUp

**Mer-Charmer**  
by Amy Bearce  
Fantasy Series  
Description: To save the merfolk from an ancient sea beast, fourteen-year-old Phoebe dives deep to warn them, but discovers a powerful magic that endangers them all.  
Author’s Residence: Germany  
Publisher: Curiosity Quills Press

**GRADES 9-12**

**Bajo el paraguas azul**  
by Elena Martínez  
Nonfiction  
Description: This book talks about cyberbullying, how your life can be ruined in just two seconds.  
Author’s Residence: Spain  
Publisher: Nowevolution

**Dragon Fire**  
by Dina von Lowenkraft  
Fantasy  
Description: In Tromso, a small Norwegian town north of the Arctic Circle, a young shape-shifting dragon must decide what is worth living—or dying—for.  
Author’s Residence: Belgium  
Publisher: Paladin Timeless Books

**Fjord Blue**  
by Nina Rossing  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Seventeen-year-old Benjamin is sent to his grandparents’ farm in Norway for the summer after crashing his dad’s vintage car in a car-chase duel in Miami.  
Author’s Residence: Norway  
Publisher: Harmony Ink Press
**GRADES K-2**

*Bea Garcia: My Life in Pictures*
by Deborah Zemke
Humorous Fiction Chapter Book Series (Grades 1-3)
Description: Judy Moody meets Calvin and Hobbes in this story about friendship, family, monsters, and geography, as told in words and pictures by the artistic protagonist herself.
Author’s Residence: Missouri
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

*Cookies for Punch*
by Allyn M. Stotz, illustrated by Jack Foster
Picture Book
Description: Punch the dog loves his master, Tyler. When Tyler eats some of Punch’s dog cookies, a magical thing happens . . . and it isn’t good.
Author’s Residence: Louisiana
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

*Dexter the Very Good Goat*
by Jean M. Malone, illustrated by Jia Min Lim
Picture Book
Description: When it’s time for the petting-zoo keepers to trim his hooves, a frightened Dexter leads them on a wild goat chase through the zoo.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

*Duncan the Story Dragon*
by Amanda Driscoll
Picture Book
Description: Duncan the Dragon loves to read. When he reads a story, his imagination catches fire! Unfortunately, so does his book.
Author’s Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

*Emma’s Dilemma*
by Molly McCluskey-Shipman, illustrated by Valerie Bouthyette
Picture Book
Description: Emma is certain that everyone in her class won’t understand and accept what it means to be adopted. Can she solve her dilemma?
Author’s Residence: Kansas
Publisher: Goldminds Publishing

*Kooky Crumbs: Poems in Praise of Dizzy Days*
by J. Patrick Lewis, illustrated by Mary Reaves Uhles
Poetry/Picture Book
Description: From National Hat Day to National Vinegar Day, Children’s Poet Laureate J. Patrick Lewis rejoices in this poetic celebration of lesser-known holidays.
Illustrator’s Residence: Nashville, Tennessee
Publisher: Kane Miller

*The Legend of Papa Noël: A Cajun Christmas Story*
by Terri Hoover Dunham, illustrated by Laura Knorr
Picture Book (Grades 1-5)
Description: On a foggy Christmas Eve, Papa Noël rides the river in a pirogue pulled by alligators to deliver toys to good little boys and girls.
Author’s Residence: Louisiana
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

*The Little Float That Could*
by Yvonne Spear Perret
Picture Book
Description: “Oh, no! The wheel is broken!” When their Mardi Gras float breaks down, these little riders don’t give up. Climb aboard for their exciting ride!
Author’s Residence: Louisiana
Publisher: River Road Press

*Meditation is an Open Sky: Mindfulness for Kids*
by Whitney Stewart, illustrated by Sally Rippin
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Explore simple meditation exercises to help kids manage emotions, find focus, and face challenges. When nothing seems to go right, sit down and meditate.
Author’s Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

*More Than Anything Else*
by Marie Bradby, illustrated by Chris K. Soentpiet
Historical Fiction Picture Book
Description: Nine-year-old Booker works in a saltworks, but dreams of the day when he will be able to read.
Author’s Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: Orchard Books

*Name that Dog!: Puppy Names from A to Z*
by Peggy Archer, illustrated by Stephanie Buscema
Picture Book
Description: For pet owners and dog lovers alike, this funny, rhyming collection of puppy poems is sure to inspire love and laughs for any puppy personality.
Author’s Residence: Missouri
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

*Nature Calls*
by Jessica Young
Fiction Series
Description: Summer is here, and Finley is heading to Camp Acorn! She can’t wait to make crafts, eat s’mores, and get back to nature.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Picture Window Books
Ollie’s Odyssey
by William Joyce
Picture Book
Description: One night. One boy. His favorite toy. An evil clown doll with an army of sneaky creepy ghost dolls! An epic adventure in ten blocks!
Author’s Residence: Louisiana
Publisher: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

Poppy’s Best Paper
by Susan Eaddy, illustrated by Rosalinde Bonnet
Picture Book
Description: When her teacher assigns a paper, Poppy’s delusions of grandeur are brought up short when her best friend’s paper is chosen as the best.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Rio Grande Valley ABC
by Rickey Pittman, illustrated by Julie Dupré Buckner
Picture Book
Description: The Rio Grande Valley, the southernmost tip of Texas, is featured in this ABC book with maps, cities, animals, historical figures, and Mexican folklore.
Author’s Residence: Louisiana
Publisher: River Road Press

The Story Catcher
by Donna L. Martin
Picture Book
Description: Addie tries to corral wiggly words so she can read her favorite book, but it will take some perseverance to become the next Story Catcher.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Anaiah Press

That Cat Can’t Stay
by Thad Krasnesky, illustrated by David Parkins
Picture Book
Description: Everyone in the family keeps trying to rescue cats but Dad is intent on “unrescuing” them. A hilarious story in verse for the whole family.
Author’s Residence: Kansas City, Kansas
Publisher: Flashlight Press

Twist and Shout (Mermaid Tales, Book 14)
by Debbie Dadey
Fantasy Series
Description: Echo loves riding Rocky’s sea horse until disaster strikes. Will Pearl’s secret formula help Echo swim again? She is ready to try anything!
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Aladdin

The Way the Cookie Crumbled
by Jody Jensen Shaffer, illustrated by Kelly Kennedy
Nonfiction Early Reader
Description: In this delicious nonfiction Level 3 Ready-to-Read, kids will learn the history of cookies—from the Persians to Queen Elizabeth to the Girl Scouts to Oreos.
Author’s Residence: Missouri
Publisher: Simon Spotlight

What Really Happened to Humpty?
by Jeanie Franz Ransom, illustrated by Stephen Axelsen
Picture Book
Description: Detective Joe Dumpty doesn’t think his brother Humpty’s fall was an accident. Suspects abound—as do puns—in this Mother Goose mystery noir.
Author’s Residence: Missouri
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Words
by Linda Ragsdale, illustrated by Imodraj
Picture Book
Description: Pax, the Peace Dragon, shows how powerful positive labels and words provide comfort, courage, and resolution when challenges arrive in a child’s life.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Flowerpot Press

You’re A Crab! A Moody Day Book
by Jenny Whitehead
Picture Book
Description: Gorgeous illustrations and catchy dialogue make You’re a Crab the perfect book to help young readers understand emotions and the feelings that they may experience.
Author’s Residence: Missouri
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

Callahan Crossroads
by Anola Pickett
Historical Fiction
Description: In the summer of 1918, twelve-year-old George Callahan finds that war overseas has brought surprising, sometimes dangerous, changes to his life on the home front.
Author’s Residence: Missouri
Publisher: Cedar Fort

Graph Grapplers
by Evelyn B. Christensen
Nonfiction
Description: Have fun reading brief stories, graphing data from them, answering questions about the graphs, and using your responses to decipher the answers to riddles!
Author’s Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: MindWare

How Did Tea and Taxes Spark a Revolution?: And Other Questions about the Boston Tea Party
by Linda Gondosch
Nonfiction
Description: This book vividly describes the Boston Tea Party of 1773, events leading up to it, and the consequences that sparked battles in Lexington and Concord.
Author’s Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group
The Key & the Flame
by Claire M. Caterer
Fantasy (Grades 4-7)
Description: Trapped in a world where a tyrant king outlaws magic, three children must choose their allies and wield their own magic to make it home.
Author’s Residence: Kansas
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals in Nature
by Sarah C. Campbell, photographs by Sarah C. Campbell and Richard P. Campbell
Nonfiction
Description: Nature’s repeating patterns, known as fractals, are beautiful, universal, and explain much about how things grow. Discover math principles defining broccoli, river systems, trees, etc.
Author’s Residence: Mississippi
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Navigating Early
by Clare Vanderpool
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-9)
Description: An odyssey-like adventure of two boys’ incredible quest on the Appalachian Trail, where they encounter pirates, buried secrets, accidental treasures, and their own fears and strengths.
Author’s Residence: Kansas
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Perfect Timing: How Isaac Murphy Became One of the World’s Greatest Jockeys
by Patsi B. Trollinger, illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Born a slave, Isaac Murphy found freedom and fame by riding to three Kentucky Derby victories. A story marked by action, inspiration, and award-winning art.
Author’s Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: Benjamin Press

Saving Wonder
by Mary Knight
Realistic Fiction (Grades 3-7)
Description: Twelve-year-old Curley Hines from Wonder Gap, Kentucky, uses the words his papaw gives him to try to save his mountain from mountaintop removal coal mining.
Author’s Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: Scholastic Press

The Seventh Level
by Jody Feldman
Adventure/Mystery (Grades 4-7)
Description: If the mysterious puzzles really hold Travis’s chance to become part of The Legend, why are they getting him into so much trouble?
Author’s Residence: Missouri
Publisher: Greenwillow Books

Summer of the Skunks
by Wilmoth Foreman
Historical Fiction
Description: Skunks under the house, a down-on-his-luck stowaway, and lazy Cousin Hershel’s too-long visit literally lead to fireworks amid hilarious misadventures for the Clark siblings.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Front Street

Swing Low, Sweet Harriet
by Rhonda Hicks Rucker
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-8)
Description: A slave boy who finds mysterious objects in a river near his plantation gets entangled in a Union spy operation during the Civil War.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: MotesBooks

The Vanishing Island
by Barry Wolverton
Fantasy (Grades 4-8)
Description: A twelve-year-old boy living in an alternate Seafaring Age embarks on a dangerous quest for the mythical lost treasure of Marco Polo.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Walden Pond Press

You’re Invited
by Jen Malone and Gail Nall
Realistic Fiction Series
Description: When twelve-year-olds Sadie, Vi, Becca, and Lauren start their own party-planning business in their small beach town, nothing goes exactly as planned.
Authors’ Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: Aladdin

GRADES 6-8

The 13th Sign
by Kristin O’Donnell Tubb
Fantasy
Description: When Jalen Jones unlocks the missing 13th sign of the zodiac, she must battle the other 12 signs back into the heavens.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Square Fish

25 Roses
by Stephanie Faris
Realistic Fiction
Description: Thirteen-year-old Mia Hartley is tired of only some people getting roses during the annual Valentine’s Day flower sale. So she buys some of her own and attaches secret admirer cards to them.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Aladdin

The Adventurous Deeds of Deadwood Jones
by Helen Hemphill
Historical Fiction
Description: Inspired by Nat Love’s autobiography, thirteen-year-old Prometheus Jones heads west from his Tennessee home to join a Texas cattle drive and look for his father.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press
The Bayou Bogeyman Presents Hoodoo and Voodoo
by Gary Alipio, Laura Roach Dragon, Terri Hoover Dunham, Julie Gonzalez, Patricia Hebler, Sue Houston, Virginia Howard, Cheryl Mathis and Josephine Schloegel
Horror
Description: These thirteen tales set in spooky Louisiana, told by nine southern writers, are for kids who like creepy stories and sleep with one eye open.
Author's Residence (Mathis): Louisiana
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Black Lives Matter
by Sue Bradford Edwards and Duchess Harris JD PhD
Nonfiction
Description: This book covers the shootings that touched off protests, activists' work for a more just legal system, and U.S. tensions that these events brought to light.
Author's Residence (Bradford): Missouri
Publisher: Essential Library

Blues Bones
by Rick Starkey
Horror (Grades 4-6)
Description: Thirteen-year-old Rodney Becker has found the perfect cure for stage fright. Voodoo! How much will Rodney risk to become a guitar legend?
Author's Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Leap Books

Cool Beans: The Further Adventures of Beanboy
by Lisa Harkrader
Humorous Fiction
Description: Combines comic illustrations and an epic game of dodgeball as Tucker MacBean tries to make art—and himself—seem cool in seventh grade.
Author's Residence: Kansas
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Cry of the Sea
by D. G. Driver
Fantasy
Description: Teen environmentalist Juniper Sawfeather discovers real mermaids during an oil spill. Can she protect them from being exploited or killed?
Author's Residence: Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
Publisher: Melange Books

The Devil's Backbone
by Rae Ann Parker
Mystery
Description: After a school suspension forces David Baxter on a road trip to redemption, he encounters a ghost with the key to a two-hundred-year-old mystery.
Author's Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Gamekeeper Press

Emerald Bound
by Teresa Richards
Fantasy
Description: Maggie learns the true story of “The Princess and the Pea” when her friend becomes the victim of an ancient curse.
Author's Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: Evernight Teen

Footer Davis Probably Is Crazy
by Susan Vaught
Mystery
Description: A terrible fire. Two missing kids. One very exploded copperhead. Footer Davis is on the case, solving the mysteries plaguing her small southern town.
Author's Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Fourth Down and Inches: Concussions and Football’s Make-or-Break Moment
by Carla Killough McClafferty
Nonfiction
Description: Would you like to understand the controversy surrounding concussions in football players? After interviewing leading experts, McClafferty explains the issues.
Author's Residence: Arkansas
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

The Great Wide Sea
by M.H. Herlong
Adventure (Grades 7-10)
Description: Once three brothers were lost at sea. One almost drowned. One almost went crazy. One fell off a cliff. Who survived? YALSA Top Ten Winner 2010.
Author's Residence: Louisiana
Publisher: Puffin Books

Hurricane Boy
by Laura Roach Dragon
Realistic Fiction
Description: A coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of Hurricane Katrina’s devastation. Separated from his family, Hollis Williams strives to find them again. Crystal Kite winner.
Author's Residence: Louisiana
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

King of Ithaka
by Tracy Barrett
Historical Fiction (Grades 6-10)
Description: In this coming-of-age adventure tale, the teenage son of Odysseus goes in search of his wandering father, guided only by a mysterious prophecy.
Author's Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Square Fish

Mosquitoland
by David Arnold
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Mim takes a cross-country bus ride to figure out what's going on with her mom, and meets a cast of bizarre characters along the way.
Author's Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers
Mrs. Ravenbach's Way
by William M. Akers
Humorous Fiction Series
Description: A grim fourth grade teacher goes to war with an irrepressible boy. Hilarious, heartbreaking and triumphant, about a child battling to unleash his voice.
Author's Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Regan Arts

My Seventh-Grade Life in Tights
by Brooks Benjamin
Realistic Fiction
Description: Dillon, a self-taught street dancer, must choose between sticking with his crew or a chance at a dance-studio scholarship in this humorous MG story.
Author's Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Paper Wishes
by Lois Sepahban
Historical Fiction
Description: When Manami is sent to a prison camp with her family in 1942, she tries to sneak her dog under her coat, but she is caught and forced to abandon him.
Author's Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

Salt to the Sea
by Ruta Sepetys
Historical Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: An epic WWII novel that shines a light on one of the world’s most devastating, yet unknown, tragedies—the sinking of the Wilhelm Gustloff.
Author's Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Philomel Books

The War That Saved My Life
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Historical Fiction (Grades 5-8)
Description: Siblings Ada and Jamie are evacuated from a life of poverty and abuse to freedom (and bombs) in England during World War II.
Author's Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Young Andrew Jackson in the Carolinas: A Revolutionary Boy
by Jennifer Hunsicker
Nonfiction
Description: Andrew Jackson grew up during the Revolutionary War. His childhood formed the foundation for developing the seventh president of the United States.
Author's Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: The History Press

The Broken One
by Christine H. Bailey
Realistic Fiction
Description: What becomes of the girl left behind after the tragic death of her best friend?
Author's Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Vinspire Publishing

Deadly Design
by Debra Dockter
Science Fiction
Description: Genetically-altered identical twins are born years apart. Kyle lives in his perfect older brother’s shadow, but when his brother dies mysteriously, Kyle must race to save his own life.
Author's Residence: Haysville, Kansas
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

Everything That Makes You
by Moriah McStay
Realistic Fiction
Description: Ever wonder “What if?” Everything That Makes You is a romantic, epic story about one girl and her two possible lives after an accident changes her fate.
Author's Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

The Fall
by Bethany Griffin
Horror
Description: Madeline Usher has been buried alive. Told through short bursts of memory, the reader must determine whether she can survive.
Author's Residence: Kentucky
Publisher: Greenwillow Books

The Obvious Game
by Rita Arens
Realistic Fiction
Description: The reality of Diana’s complicated life finds her helpless against new eating rules taking shape in her mind in this psychological and realistic YA novel.
Author's Residence: Kansas City, Kansas
Publisher: InkSpell Publishing

Rachel Maddow: Primetime Political Commentator
by Amy Houts
Nonfiction
Description: Traces the life and career of Rachel Maddow, including education, work as an AIDS activist, and move from radio to TV show host.
Author's Residence: Missouri
Publisher: Rosen Publishing

Running on Empty
by Colette Ballard
Realistic Fiction
Description: After a seventeen-year-old girl kills her boyfriend in self-defense, she runs away with the help of her closest friends.
Spark
by Holly Schindler
Realistic Fiction
Description: Part history, mystery, Shakespeare redo, contemporary friendship tale, drama, fantasy. Clean, classroom-friendly. Get swept away by the magic of the theater.
Author's Residence: Missouri
Publisher: HarperTeen

The Unicorn Tree
by Cynthia Collins
Adventure/Mystery
Description: A high school senior explores a 19th-century mansion as an assignment and learns what happened to her brother who is lost at sea.
Author's Residence: Missouri
Publisher: Mockingbird Lane Press

While I Danced
by Lynn Slaughter
Realistic Fiction
Description: In the midst of an intense dance workshop and the beginnings of a new romance, fifteen-year-old Cass makes a devastating discovery about her past.
Author's Residence: Louisville, Kentucky
Publisher: Write Words Inc.
GRADES K-2

A Curious Bundle for Bo Bo and Cha Cha
by Jason Erik Lundberg, illustrated by Patrick Yee
Picture Book
Description: Bo Bo and Cha Cha discover a mysterious baby animal on their doorstep, and have to find out what it is, and who it belongs to.
Author’s Residence: Singapore
Publisher: Epigram Books

A Day with the Duchess
by David Seow, illustrated by Soefara Janney
Picture Book Series
Description: In this Sam, Sebbie and Di-Di-Di adventure, Sam’s hamster disappears during a royal visit. Will Sam find her and get to meet the royals, too?
Author’s Residence: Singapore
Publisher: Epigram Books

Ears Hear
by Chu-Ren Huang and Kathleen Ahrens, illustrated by Marjorie Van Heerden
Bilingual Picture Book
Description: This English-Chinese bilingual picture book explores the five senses as it celebrates the love between a father and child.
Author’s Residence: Hong Kong
Publisher: Sun Ya Publications

Fred
by Kaila Eunhye Seo
Picture Book
Description: A young boy’s world is filled with colorful playmates, but as he gets older, his magical friends fade away. But maybe magic and wonder never really do disappear.
Author’s Residence: Seoul, Korea
Publisher: Peter Pauper Press

Princess Easy Pleasy
by Natasha Sharma, illustrated by Priya Kuriyan
Picture Book
Description: Princess Easy Pleasy is all but easy to please. She drives the royal packer crazy with her fussing on every royal vacation. Where does it all stop?
Author’s Residence: India
Publisher: Karadi Tales

Why Am I Blue? (The Adventures of Squirky the Alien, Book 1)
by Melanie Lee, illustrated by David Liew
Picture Book
Description: The first book of a series about a blue alien, Squirky, who discovers he is adopted and wants to find out more about where he came from.

Author’s Residence: Singapore
Publisher: MPH Group Publishing

GRADES 3-5

Bench Brawl
by Trevor Kew
Realistic Fiction
Description: Two hockey teams from opposing sides of town get a chance to play in a big city tournament. Can these former rivals make it work?
Author’s Residence: Tokyo, Japan
Publisher: Lorimer

Big Bully And M-me
by Arti Sonthalia
Chapter Book
Description: Krish has to give a speech in school, but how can he when he stammers? And what’s worse, his partner is the big bully! Will Krish get out of this mess?
Author’s Residence: Telangana, India
Publisher: Duckbill Books

Falling into the Dragon’s Mouth
by Holly Thompson
Realistic Fiction/Verse
Description: Jason Parker lives in Japan, has an orange belt in aikido, and doesn’t want trouble, but some kids at school just won’t leave him alone. Novel in verse.
Author’s Residence: Japan
Publisher: Henry Holt

Moin and the Monster
by Anushka Ravishankar
Fantasy
Description: One night, Moin finds a monster under his bed that says it’s going to live with him forever. How can Moin get rid of this banana-eating, silly-song-singing monster?
Author’s Residence: India
Publisher: Duckbill Books

Petu Pumpkin: Tooth Troubles
by Arundhati Venkatesh
Humorous Fiction
Description: The Gap Club has challenged the fourth graders to football. The fate of the match rests on Petu Pumpkin’s tooth. Will it fall in time?
Author’s Residence: India
Publisher: Duckbill Books
Sherlock Sam and the Obento Bonanza in Tokyo
by A.J. Low, illustrated by drewscape (aka Andrew Tan)
Mystery
Description: Sherlock Sam and the Supper Club travel to Tokyo, where a famous animator has gone missing. Will Sherlock Sam find her, or will he get lost in translation?
Author’s Residence: Singapore
Publisher: Epigram Books

Somewhere Among
by Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu
Historical Fiction/Verse (Grades 4-7)
Description: Set in Japan 2001, eleven-year-old Ema hopes to find peace in her relationships at home, with a bully at school, and within herself. Novel in verse.
Author’s Residence: Tokyo, Japan
Publisher: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

Wisha Wozzariter
by Payal Kapadia
Fantasy
Description: Ten-year-old Wishawozzariter wishes she were a writer. When she meets Bookworm, she stops wishing and starts writing. Join them on this writer’s adventure . . .
Author’s Residence: India
Publisher: Puffin

Caravan to Tibet
by Deepa Agarwal
Historical Fiction
Description: Debu is searching for his father in the wilds of Tibet. Braving snowstorms, mysterious lamas and ferocious robbers, he uncovers an unexpected lode of strength.
Author’s Residence: India
Publisher: Penguin

Dear Mrs. Naidu
by Mathangi Subramanian
Realistic Fiction
Description: When Sarojini’s best friend moves, she thinks she’s lost him. Then she discovers the Right to Education, a law that might save her friendship and her school.
Author’s Residence: India
Publisher: Young Zubaan

Freefall
by Anna Levine
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7-10)
Description: Courage, cosmetics, conflict and kissing are on Aggie’s mind as she prepares, at the age of eighteen, for her military service in the Israeli Army.
Author’s Residence: Israel
Publisher: Greenwillow Books

Screaming Divas
by Suzanne Kamata
Realistic Fiction
Description: Harumi, Trudy, Esther, and Cassie—four misfit but talented teens—come together for punk rock and friendship. On the verge of success, tragedy strikes.
Author’s Residence: Japan
Publisher: Merit Press

Up from the Sea
by Leza Lowitz
Historical Fiction
Description: A powerful novel about a boy caught up in the March 11, 2011 Japan tsunami. BuzzFeed called it a “YA Book You Should Be Reading.”
Author’s Residence: Tokyo, Japan
Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers

GRAD 6-8

GRAD 9-12
### GRADES K-2

**Ah-Choo!**  
by Lana Wayne Koehler and Gloria G. Adams, illustrated by Ken Min  
Picture Book  
Description: When hunting for his new best friend, a boy goes through an alphabetical menagerie of animals. But each creature just makes his sister go AH-CHOO!  
Author’s Residence (Koehler): Ohio  
Publisher: Sterling Children’s

**Andrew McGroundhog and His Shady Shadow**  
by Peter J. Welling  
Picture Book  
Description: The tale of the groundhog began in Scotland where this tale takes place. It explains the reason that groundhogs today are afraid of their shadows.  
Author’s Residence: Indiana  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

**Anne Frank and the Remembering Tree**  
by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, illustrated by Erika Steiskal  
Picture Book  
Description: The story of the chestnut tree that Anne could see from the attic window of the Secret Annex. When the tree dies, saplings are planted around the world.  
Author’s Residence: Indianapolis, Indiana  
Publisher: Skinner House Books

**A Bird About to Sing**  
by Laura Nyman Montenegro  
Picture Book (Grades K-5)  
Description: For Natalie, writing a poem is easy. But reading it OUT LOUD is not! How will she muster her courage to share her verse with an audience?  
Publisher: Cartwheel Books

**Ava the Monster Slayer**  
by Lisa Maggiore, illustrated by Ross Felten  
Picture Book  
Description: Ava is “cute” and wears “adorable glasses” but she’s really a fierce monster slayer. When her beloved Piggy is left in the basement, it’s Ava to the rescue!  
Author’s Residence: Illinois  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**Bear and Squirrel are Friends . . . Yes, Really!**  
by Deb Pilutti  
Picture Book  
Description: Yes, bears sometimes eat squirrels. But can they still be friends? Find out if this unlikely friendship survives in this funny picture book. Great for read-alouds!
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Boom Boom**
by Sarvinder Naberhaus, illustrated by Margaret Chodos-Irvine
Picture Book
Description: A thunderstorm’s **Boom Boom** instigates a riot of onomatopoeia knit into narrative. *Hear, hear!* to this diverse and playful romp of seasons.
Author’s Residence: Iowa
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

**Boundary Waters ABC**
by Wes Erwin, illustrated by Kathie Kemp
Picture Book
Description: Captivating stories, beautiful illustrations and fun activities are featured in this fun and educational ABC book about the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota.
Author’s Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Adventure Publications

**Chicken Lily**
by Lori Mortensen, illustrated by Nina Victor Crittenden
Picture Book
Description: Chicken Lily is afraid to try new things. Will she find the courage to read her poem at the Grand Slam Poetry Jam?
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

**Choose Your Days**
by Paula Wallace
Picture Book
Description: Old Bear gives Corky keys to her days. “Choose your days,” he whispers. “Make them sunny or grey.” Will little Corky live her life fully?
Author’s Residence: Omaha, Nebraska
Publisher: Cinco Puntos Press

**Cock-a-Doodle Oops!**
by Lori Degman, illustrated by Deborah Zemke
Picture Book
Description: When Rooster leaves for a week’s vacation, the other animals try to wake Farmer McPeeper. The hilarious twist ending will have readers crowing with laughter.
Author’s Residence: Vernon Hills, Illinois
Publisher: Creston Books

**A Cool Summer Tail**
by Carrie A. Pearson, illustrated by Christina Wald
Picture Book
Description: Explains animal adaptations to heat using rhythm, rhyme and humor. Creative Minds backmatter extends learning through further clarification and related games.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Sylvan Dell Publishing

**The Day David Wasn’t There**
by Linda Rae Apolzon
Early Reader
Description: One day David wakes up to find himself invisible. How will he get through the day?

Author’s Residence: Chicago, Illinois
Publisher: Caramel Tree

**Dino-Swimming**
by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Barry Gott
Picture Book
Description: The Land Sharks take on the Algae Eaters in a dino-swimming showdown! The newest in the popular Dino-Sports series is sure to make a splash.
Author’s Residence: Addison, Michigan
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

**Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers**
by Sarah Warren, illustrated by Robert Casilla
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: The story of Dolores Huerta’s extraordinary battle that she waged to ensure fair and safe work places for migrant workers.
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Two Lions

**Ella and Penguin Stick Together**
by Megan Maynor, illustrated by Rosalinde Bonnet
Picture Book
Description: Ella and Penguin want to see their new glow-in-the-dark stickers glow, but they don’t want to go into the dark. It’s so—
dark!
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: HarperCollins

**Farmers’ Market Day**
by Shanda Trent, illustrated by Jane Dippold
Picture Book
Description: Follow a curious little girl as she searches for the perfect treat. Broccoli? Honey straw? Kitten?!
*Farmers’ Market Day* is a feast for the senses!
Illustrator’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Tiger Tales Books

**Flip, Float, Fly!: Seeds on the Move**
by JoAnn Early Macken, illustrated by Pam Paparone
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Seeds use ingenious methods to travel to new places. They spin like green helicopters, soar through the sky, and bob along on ocean waves.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Holiday House

**Grandma Is a Slowpoke**
by Janet Halfmann, illustrated by Michele Coxon
Picture Book
Description: A little girl is happy to go on a walk with Grandma, but Grandma is such a slowpoke! She stops to point out or listen to the different creatures they meet.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Star Bright Books

**Grandpa and Me on Tu B’Shevat**
by Marij E. Gold-Vukson, illustrated by Leslie Evans
Picture Book
Description: This warm, rhyming tale about the tradition of planting during the Jewish New Year for Trees blossoms into a celebration of nature and family.
**Grinelda the Mad Hatter**  
by Mary Jo Reinhart, illustrated by Paula Nathan  
Picture Book  
Description: A modern-day Cinderella story about being true to yourself and not being afraid to stand out in a crowd.  
Author’s Residence: Lincolnshire, Illinois  
Publisher: Blue Marlin Publications

**Hanni and Beth: Safe & Sound**  
by Beth Finke, illustrated by Anthony Alex LeTourneau  
Picture Book  
Description: Beth, who is blind, travels safely around the city with the help of Hanni, a specially-trained Golden/Labrador Retriever.  
Author’s Residence: Chicago, Illinois  
Publisher: Gumboot Books

**I Had a Favorite Dress**  
by Boni Ashburn, illustrated by Julia Denos  
Picture Book  
Description: A stylish story about favorite things, creativity, growing up, and letting go.  
Author’s Residence: Michigan  
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

**I Haiku You**  
by Betsy Snyder  
Poetry/Picture Book  
Description: Who do you haiku? Cheery expressions of love and friendship take flight in this haiku collection for both the young and the young at heart.  
Author’s Residence: Ohio  
Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

**Ike and His Dog Both Fight Cancer: A Tale of Chemotherapy and Caring**  
by Jewel Kats, illustrated by Claudia Marie Lenart  
Picture Book  
Description: Jenny, a young girl undergoing treatment for cancer, discovers that her best dog-friend, Dolly, also has cancer. The two support each other.  
Author’s Residence: Rochelle, Illinois  
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

**Kisses From Heaven**  
by Nancy Rogers Schacht  
Picture Book  
Description: A must-have heart-warming children’s devotional for families with small children. Filled with precious rhymes, whimsical illustrations, and Bible verses.  
Author’s Residence: Michigan  
Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

**Little Bird’s Bad Word**  
by Jacob Grant  
Picture Book  
Description: Little Bird learned a new word! He loves it so much he has to share it with everyone. Unfortunately, this isn’t a very nice word.  
Author’s Residence: Illinois  
Publisher: PomegranateKids

**Madeleine’s Light: A Story of Camille Claudel**  
by Natalie Ziarnik, illustrated by Robert Dunn  
Picture Book  
Description: In nineteenth century France, the sculptor Camille Claudel and a young girl, Madeleine, become friends and learn about art and life from each other.  
Author’s Residence: Illinois  
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

**Mama Built a Little Nest**  
by Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Steve Jenkins  
Picture Book  
Description: A delightful exploration of the incredible variety of nests birds build for their babies. An ALSC Notable Book for Children.  
Author’s Residence: Illinois  
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

**Michelle Wie**  
by Mary Dunn  
Nonfiction Picture Book  
Description: A biography of a young golfer who began learning...
the sport at age four. Through hard work, she became a standout superstar.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Capstone Press

Monster Baby
by Lee Carr
Picture Book
Description: Jake wants to play with Mom but first his baby sister has to nap. When she doesn’t sleep she turns into an adorable, fun-loving monster!
Author’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Red Fox/Random House UK

Mr. Koob Loves to Read
by Marina Anisimova
Early Reader
Description: Does Mr. Koob read too much? Find out in this funny story!
Author’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Reading Reading Books

Mr. McGinty’s Monarchs
by Linda Vander Heyden, illustrated by Eileen Ryan Ewen
Picture Book
Description: Mr. McGinty and his dog, Sophie, are on a mission to save the monarch caterpillars. How? With help from the local schoolchildren, of course!
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Mr. Worry: A Story about OCD
By Holly L. Niner, illustrated by Greg Swearingen
Picture Book
Description: Kevin can’t sleep until he checks under his bed for a light he knows isn’t there. Kevin wants to stop, but the worry thoughts keep coming.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

My Grandfather’s Coat
by Jim Aylesworth, illustrated by Barbara McClintock
Picture Book
Description: A retelling of the much-loved Yiddish folksong about a coat that is “worn and torn” and recycled over the course of four generations.
Author’s Residence: Chicago, Illinois
Publisher: Scholastic Press

No Pirates Allowed! Said Library Lou
by Rhonda Gowler Greene, illustrated by Brian Ajhar
Picture Book
Description: Crusty Pirate Pete storms into Seabreezy Library ready to dig up treasure. But witty Library Lou helps him discover the true treasure—reading and books!
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Og’s Ark
by Allison and Wayne Marks, illustrated by Martina Peluso
Picture Book
Description: Noah enlists Og the Giant’s help gathering animals for the ark. Og is rewarded with an iron bed that allows him to finally sleep.
Authors’ Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

The Olive Tree
by Elsa Marston, illustrated by Claire Ewart
Picture Book
Description: Following civil war, two neighboring children quarrel over an olive tree growing between their village homes, until a destructive storm offers a surprising solution.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Wisdom Tales Press

Once Upon an Elephant
by Linda Stanek, illustrated by Shennen Bersani
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Elephants keep the savanna in balance, providing water, planting seeds, maintaining grasslands—even helping to contain wildfires. Unfortunately, they could become “once upon a time.”
Author’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

One Day I Went Rambling
by Kelly Bennett, illustrated by Terri Murphy
Picture Book
Description: Meet Zane, an imaginative and inventive scavenger boy. His friends don’t understand his weird ways, but eventually curiosity overcomes doubt and together they build something fantastic!
Illustrator’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Bright Sky Press

Open This Little Book
by Jesse Klausmeier, illustrated by Suzy Lee
Picture Book
Description: Open this book and find another book . . . and another . . . and another! “This charming format creates a thoughtful package of interwoven beginnings and connected endings.”—School Library Journal, starred review.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Chronicle Books

PB&J Hooray!
by Janet Nolan, illustrated by Julia Patton
Picture Book
Description: From peanut, grape, and wheat seeds to sandwich, PB & J Hooray! is all about how peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are made.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Penelope Perfect
by Shannon Anderson, illustrated by Katie Kath
Picture Book
Description: Penelope has a penchant for perfection, until a topsy-
turvy day helps her learn to let go of perfect and just be herself.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Free Spirit Publishing

**Penguin Cha-Cha**
by Kristi Valiant
Picture Book
Description: Follow a determined girl named Julia as she tries to join in the fun of a mischievous group of dancing penguins.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

**Pirate’s Lullaby: Mutiny at Bedtime**
by Marcie Wessels, illustrated by Tim Bowers
Picture Book
Description: Yo, ho, ho! It’s bedtime. But this little swashbuckler will do anything to avoid going to sleep.
Illustrator’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Doubleday Books for Young Readers

**The Quickest Kid in Clarksville**
by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Frank Morrison
Historical Fiction Picture Book
Description: A timeless story of dreams, determination, and the power of friendship—inspired by Olympic gold medal sprinter Wilma Rudolph.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Chronicle Books

**Rabbi Benjamin’s Buttons**
by Alice B. McGinty, illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt
Picture Book
Description: “A happy congregation is the sunshine of my heart!” Rabbi Benjamin eats their delicious meals, but his vest stretches tighter with each holiday. Until . . . pop!
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**Raindrops Roll**
by April Pulley Sayre
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: An award-winning photo-illustrated exploration of rain, raindrops, and the water cycle from the creator of Rah, Rah, Radishes! and The Slowest Book Ever.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

**Rhoda’s Rock Hunt**
by Molly Beth Griffin, illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell
Picture Book
Description: Hike alongside Rhoda as she collects rock after rock, from forest and river and lake, on a north woods adventure. Can she carry them all?
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Minnesota Historical Society Press

**A Rock Can Be . . .**
by Laura Purdie Salas, illustrated by Violeta Dabija
Picture Book
Description: A rock can be a stepping stone or a dinosaur bone. A rock can spark a fire or glow in the dark. Discover our world of rocks!
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Millbrook Press

**Sadie’s Seed Adventures: Learning About Seeds**
by Tina Dybvik, illustrated by Adam Record
Fantasy Adventure/Science
Description: Sadie and Gardener Marv set out to clear weeds from a garden and go on a magic journey to learn how seeds disperse.
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Picture Window

**Salad Pie**
by Wendy BooydeGraaff, illustrated by Bryan Langdo
Picture Book
Description: When Maggie arrived at the park, it was empty and it was quiet. Perfect for making Salad Pie. Then Herbert arrived.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

**The Seagoing Cowboy**
by Peggy Reiff Miller, illustrated by Claire Ewart
Picture Book (Grades 1-3)
Description: A young man finds more than the adventure he seeks delivering livestock on a cattle boat to Poland after World War II.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Brethren Press

**Sheep Go to Sleep**
by Nancy Shaw, illustrated by Margot Apple
Picture Book
Description: Five sheep can’t settle down. A trusty collie helps them fall asleep, then sleeps from exhaustion.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Shmulik Paints the Town**
by Lisa Rose, illustrated by Catalina Echeverri
Picture Book
Description: Shmulik, the town artist, is chosen to create a mural for Israeli Independence Day. But what should he paint? Then he gets help from an unlikely source—his dog!
Author’s Residence: Detroit, Michigan
Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

**Show Me Dinosaurs!**
by Janet Riehecky
Nonfiction
Description: From plant-munching beasts to meat-eating hunters—more than one hundred facts and definitions about how dinosaurs lived and died on ancient Earth.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Capstone Press

**Show Me Happy**
by Kathryn Madeline Allen, photographs by Eric Futran
Picture Book
Description: A delightful read-aloud “showing” simple concepts children learn as they begin to socialize. Colorful photos illustrate real kids doing important activities like helping and sharing.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company
Slickety Quick: Poems About Sharks
by Skila Brown, illustrated by Bob Kolar
Poetry/Picture Book
Description: Fourteen shark species—from the utterly terrifying to the surprisingly docile—glide through the pages of this vibrantly illustrated, poetic picture book.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Candlewick Press

The Song of Delphine
by Kenneth Kraegel
Picture Book
Description: Delphine is a poor servant girl whose beautiful lonely songs end up helping her to make surprising new friends.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Sonia Sotomayor
by Barbara Kramer
Early Reader
Description: Readers will learn about Sonia Sotomayor’s rise to become the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice, and the trials she faced along the way.
Author’s Residence: Iowa
Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Stories from Bug Garden
by Lisa Moser, illustrated by Gwen Millward
Picture Book
Description: Come peek between the blades of grass and read short, humorous stories about all of the bugs who call the garden home.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Stowaway! (Puppy Pirates, Book 1)
by Erin Soderberg
Early Chapter Book Series
Description: The Puppy Pirates chapter book series is perfect for kids who love animals and adventure. Join a swashbuckling crew of pups as they sail the seven seas.
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Penguin Young Readers

Sweet Dreams, Wild Animals!: A Story of Sleep
by Eileen R. Meyer, illustrated by Laurie Caple
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: “A cozy combination of restful rhymes, natural history notes and close-up pictures of snoozing creatures . . .”—Kirkus Reviews, 2015.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Mountain Press

Sweet Music in Harlem
by Debbie A. Taylor, illustrated by Frank Morrison
Picture Book
Description: C. J. races through Harlem to find Uncle Click’s signature hat when a photographer from Highnote magazine comes to photograph Uncle Click, a popular jazz musician.
Author’s Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

The Swimming Lesson (Cork and Fuzz)
by Dori Chaconas, illustrated by Lisa McCue
Early Reader Series (Grades 1-3)
Description: Cork (a short muskrat) is babysitting a porcupine. Cork needs Fuzz’s (a tall porcupine) help, but Fuzz is too busy. But then the porcupine goes missing!
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Penguin Young Readers

Teeny Tiny Toady
by Jill Esbaum, illustrated by Keika Yamaguchi
Picture Book
Description: When Teeny’s mama and all seven of her big, strong brothers become trapped in a bucket, Teeny must find a way to rescue them all.
Author’s Residence: Iowa
Publisher: Sterling Children’s

Three Scoops and a Fig
by Sara Laux Akin, illustrated by Susan Kathleen Hartung
Picture Book
Description: When Sofia is told she is too little to help in the busy kitchen of her family’s Italian restaurant, she creates her own special recipe.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Time for Cranberries
by Lis H. Detlefsen, illustrated by Jed Henry
Picture Book
Description: From the cranberry bog to the Thanksgiving table, join Sam and his family as they harvest a classic American fruit.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Timmy Triangle in Square Park
by Ruth Wacker
Early Reader
Description: Square Park is for squares only. What will happen when Timmy Triangle makes a plan to play there?
Author’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Reading Reading Books

The Twelve Days of Christmas in Illinois
by Gina Bellisario, illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler
Picture Book
Description: From giant statues along Route 66 to the mighty Mississippi River, Mia sees everything Illinois has to offer when she visits her cousin for Christmas.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Sterling Children’s

Two is Enough
by Janna Matthies, illustrated by Tuesday Mourning
Picture Book
Description: A 2016 Bank Street Book, this story celebrates two-person families—every day, in any season, and for always, two is perfect for lots of love!
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Running Press Kids
**What Kinds of Seeds Are These?**
*by Heidi Bee Roemer*

*Picture Book*

Description: Spirited text enumerates in riddle-form the many ways different seeds travel. Fun seed-related activities are included. A perfect companion to Roemer’s *Who’s Nest is This?*

Author’s Residence: Orland Park, Illinois

Publisher: NorthWord Press

**Where Do Mountains Come from, Momma?**
*by Catherine Weyerhaeuser Morley*

*Nonfiction Picture Book*

Description: A look at geology with easy-to-understand terms and engaging, colorful illustrations. Readers will be introduced to earth science in a fun and charming way.

Author’s Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Mountain Press

**Whose Hands Are These?**
*by Miranda Paul, illustrated by Luciana Navarro Powell*

*Picture Book*

Description: The community helpers in this book do all sorts of helpful work. Can you guess their jobs based on the actions of their busy hands?

Author’s Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Millbrook Press

**Whose Story Is This, Anyway?**
*by Mike Flaherty, illustrated by Oriol Vidal*

*Picture Book*

Description: A kid tries to get his story told despite interrupting pirates, dinosaurs, and aliens. Can they all get on the same page?

Author’s Residence: New Albany, Ohio

Publisher: Sterling Children’s

**Woolbur**
*by Leslie Helakoski, illustrated by Lee Harper*

*Picture Book*

Description: A young sheep bleats to his own beat.

Author’s Residence: Michigan

Publisher: HarperCollins

**Worm Loves Worm**
*by J.J. Austrian, illustrated by Mike Curato*

*Picture Book*

Description: Their friends want to know: Who will wear the dress? Who will wear the tux? The answer is: It doesn’t matter. Because Worm loves Worm.

Author’s Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Balzer & Bray

**The American Revolution: Experience the Battle for Independence**
*by Judy Dodge Cummings, illustrated by Tom Casteel*

*Nonfiction*

Description: Engaging text, hands-on activities, and links to primary sources show readers how rebel soldiers fought in horrific conditions for the sake of freedom.

Author’s Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Nomad Press

**Beyond Lucky**
*by Sarah Aronson*

*Realistic Fiction*

Description: This middle-grade story combines soccer action with strong themes of heroism, friendship, forgiveness and trust.

Author’s Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**Bird**
*by Crystal Chan*

*Realistic Fiction*

Description: When a boy moves into Jewel’s town with the same name as Jewel’s dead brother, secrets start to come out in her family.

Author’s Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**The Book of Dares for Lost Friends**
*by Jane Kelley*

*Realistic Fiction (Grades 3-7)*

Description: After Lanora tries to reinvent herself, Val must save her friend with the help of a feral cat, a mysterious book, and a precocious boy.

Author’s Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

**Can an Old Dog Learn New Tricks?: And Other Questions About Animals**
*by Buffy Silverman*

*Nonfiction*

Description: Bats are blind. The early bird catches the worm. You may have heard common sayings or beliefs about animals. Find out which ones are true!

Author’s Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

**Canned and Crushed**
*by Bibi Belford*

*Realistic Fiction*

Description: Holy guacamole! You’ve got to meet soccer star Sandro and see the trouble he causes while trying to raise money for his sister’s heart surgery.

Author’s Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**Alexandre Dumas’s The Three Musketeers (A Can You Survive? Book)**
*adapted by Debrah J. Peters*

*Adventure*

Description: A sword. A secret. A sworn enemy. Step into this adventure and choose your path. But choose wisely, or else . . .

Author’s Residence: Rogers, Minnesota

Publisher: Lake 7 Creative
City Birds
by Dean Norman
Humorous Fiction
Description: Stars and Stripes were peregrine falcons born on the Terminal Tower in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Based on a true story.
Author’s Residence: Cleveland, Ohio
Publisher: Star Bright Books

Cody and the Mysteries of the Universe
by Tricia Springstubb, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler
Realistic Fiction Series
Description: Irrepressible Cody ponders friendship, patience, the baton of love and other mysteries in this sweet, funny story set in a lively and diverse neighborhood.
Author’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Cold War on Maplewood Street
by Gayle Rosengren
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-8)
Description: Joanna’s courage is tested when she and the rest of the world are caught up in the terrifying week of the Cuban Missile Crisis.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

Copper Magic
by Julia Mary Gibson
Historical Fiction
Description: A girl who has nothing finds something that she hopes will change everything.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Starscape

Dorothea’s Eyes
by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Gérard DuBois
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: After polio left her with a limp, Dorothea Lange wanted to disappear. Instead, she became a photographer and focused her lens on the unseen victims of the Great Depression.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Calkins Creek

Dragon Girl: The Secret Valley
by Jeff Weigel
Fantasy Graphic Novel (Grades 4-7)
Description: When a girl stumbles upon a cave full of dragon eggs, she soon discovers a mysterious valley filled with dragons—and adventure, action, suspense and humor!
Author’s Residence: Belleville, Illinois
Publisher: Andrews McMeel

Enchanted Gardening
by Lisa Amstutz
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Readers of all ages will enjoy creating these charming gardens—includes various projects for miniature and fairy gardens, as well as other magically inspired gardens.
Author’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Capstone

Gracefully Grayson
by Ami Polonsky
Realistic Fiction (Grades 5-7)
Description: In this coming-of-age novel about a transgender sixth grader, controversy surrounds Grayson’s decision to audition for the female lead in the school play.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

The Homemade Stuffing Caper (Charlie Collier, Snoop for Hire, Book 1)
by John Madormo
Mystery Series
Description: The adventures of a twelve-year-old private detective who sets up shop in his parents’ garage and solves cases for fellow sixth graders.
Author’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Puffin

Into the Killing Seas
by Michael P. Spradlin
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: Stranded in the war torn Pacific, two young boys stow away aboard the USS Indianapolis. When the ship is sunk by Japanese torpedoes, the boys must find a way to survive.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Scholastic Press

The Inventor’s Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford
by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt
Picture Book
Description: The true story of how a young, struggling car inventor discovered the secret of the famous inventor Thomas Edison. (NSTA 2016 Outstanding Science Trade Book)
Author Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Just Like Me
by Nancy J. Cavanaugh
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: A funny, uplifting summer camp story about unlikely friendships and finding your place in the world.
Author’s Residence: Willowbrook, Illinois
Publisher: Jabberwocky

Kate Walden Directs: Night of the Zombie Chickens
by Julie Mata
Humorous Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: Kate Walden is shooting a movie, but fights with friends and diva hens prove that real life has way more plot twists than her film.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Liberty Porter, First Daughter
by Julia DeVillers, illustrated by Paige Pooler
Realistic Fiction Series
Description: Liberty Porter’s dad has been elected President of the United States. That means Liberty is now the First Daughter and moving into the White House!
Author’s Residence: Columbus, Ohio
Publisher: Aladdin
Little Dog Lost
by Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell
Realistic Fiction
Description: A lost dog, a boy who needs a dog, and a lonely old man, all come together in this easy-to-read novel in verse.
Author's Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Lizzie and the Lost Baby
by Cheryl Blackford
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: When Lizzie discovers an abandoned baby, her dangerous friendship with a gypsy boy is tested. Will she have the courage to do the right thing?
Author's Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Malcolm at Midnight
by W.H. Beck, illustrated by Brian Lies
Adventure
Description: When Malcolm the rat is adopted as pet mouse in a fifth grade room, he meets the Midnight Academy, a secret society of classroom pets.
Author's Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Military Life: Stories and Poems for Children
by Peggie Brott, Alison Buckholtz, Judy Hissong, Amy Houts, Jennifer Jesseph, Charlene Kochensparger, Julie LaBelle, Christy Lyon, Karen Pavlicin-Fragnito, Donna Portelli, Cindy Shaw, Michelle Tonsmeire, illustrated by Quinette Cook
Picture Book
Description: From deployment to homecoming, this collection of original stories and poems touches on the joys and challenges military children experience.
Illustrator’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Elva Resa Publishing

Miss Colfax’s Light
by Aimée Bissonette, illustrated by Eileen Ryan Ewen
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: The story of Harriet Colfax, a Great Lakes lighthouse keeper from 1861-1904, who kept her light burning through war, storms, harsh winters, and changing times.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Journey Forth

My Near-Death Adventures: (99% True!)
by Alison DeCamp
Humorous Fiction
Description: A “hilarious and heartbreaking” (A Fuse #8 Production, SLJ) story about a boy determined to find his long-lost father in a Michigan logging camp.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers

Northern Moraine and Lake Region
by Katie Mitschelen
Nonfiction Book
Description: Explore the fascinating history and unique geographic features of Indiana's most northern geographic region.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: State Standards Publishing

Odin’s Promise
by Sandy Brehl
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: Mari must grow up fast when Nazi soldiers occupy her Norwegian village in 1940. With Odin, her elkhound, Mari discovers inner strength and courage.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Crickhollow Books

Operation Tree Roper: An Eye Above
by Robert A. Polk
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-6)
Description: One-eyed twelve-year-old Declan Parker confronts his disability while trying to save his injured father’s tree care business (and his own hopes for cosmetic surgery).
Author’s Residence: Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Publisher: Anaiah Press

Prairie Anna
by Peggy House
Historical Fiction
Description: Anna’s life is decided for her. When hardship takes her from the familiar, Anna must decide what to do with one choice she is given.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Journey Forth

Reality Natalie
by Katie Sparks
Realistic Fiction
Description: When the most popular kid-hosted TV show, Kidz Konnection, holds guest host auditions, the show’s biggest fan, eleven-year-old Natalie Greyson, decides to try out.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Firedrake Books

Red: The True Story of Red Riding Hood
by Liesl Shurtliff
Fantasy
Description: Red has always feared magic, but when Granny falls gravely ill, Red must go on a magical quest to save Granny’s life.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Rescuing Ivy
by Karen Kulinski
Historical Fiction
Description: A sheltered girl finds strength to overcome outside
obstacles and her inner fears to save the wrongly-accused circus elephant she loves from being killed.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: High Hill Press

*The Robin Makes A Laughing Sound: A Birder’s Journal*
by Sallie Wolf, designed by Micah Bornstein
Picture Book
Description: Bird observations conveyed in poetry, sketches, lists, and journal entries in a journal/scrapbook format, are both an invitation and a peek into the creative process.
Author’s Residence: Oak Park, Illinois
Publisher: Charlesbridge

*Sara Jane is a Pain*
by Rebecca Williams Spindler and Madelyn Spindler
Realistic Fiction
Description: Eleven-year-old Liz prefers farm animals over her bratty big sister, Sara Jane. A humorous and heartwarming story of conflict between unpredictable siblings.
Authors’ Residence: Madison, Wisconsin
Publisher: Little Creek Books

*Sea of Echoes*
by J. Mac Reed, illustrated by Ruthie Briggs-Greenberg
Picture Book
Description: Finn, a finback whale, meets other orphaned whale calves, makes friends, and learns that working together is best for everyone, in this ocean adventure.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Taylor Trade

*Seeds, Bees, Butterflies, and More!: Poems for Two Voices*
by Carole Gerber, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin
Poetry/Picture Book
Description: Funny, rhyming conversations among seeds, flowers, birds, and butterflies educate and amuse children about natural science. Selected as a “Notable Poetry Book” by the NCTE.
Author’s Residence: Powell, Ohio
Publisher: Henry Holt and Company

*Seeds of Change*
by Jen Cullerton Johnson, illustrated by Sonia Lynn Sadler
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: The empowering story of Wangari Maathai, the first African woman, and environmentalist, to win a Nobel Peace Prize.
Author’s Residence: Chicago, Illinois
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

*Seeking Cassandra*
by Lutricia Clifton
Adventure/Mystery (Grades 4-7)
Description: Seeking the truth about her dad’s involvement in the disappearance of prehistoric artifacts leads twelve-year-old Cassandra to discover truths about herself.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Holiday House

*Serendipity and Me*
by Judith L. Roth
Realistic Fiction
Description: Sara has less than a week to persuade her father that this kitten is exactly what their lonely, broken family of two needs to heal.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

*The Sign of the Cat*
by Lynne Jonell
Fantasy
Description: A boy who can speak Cat runs away to sea and unwittingly puts himself in the hands of the man who murdered his father.
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

*The Sixty-Eight Rooms*
By Marianne Malone
Adventure Series
Description: Follow the time traveling adventures of Ruthie and Jack, who magically enter the Thorne Miniature Rooms at the Art Institute of Chicago.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Yearling

*Snoogers Rule, Mammoths Drool!: Introducing the Amazing Mucus Phlegmball*
by Kerry Crowley
Fiction Series Book
Description: Mucus Phlegmball, a radioactive snot-blowing superhero, must save his town from mutant squirrels in this time-traveling hilarious adventure.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: MuseItUp Publishing

*The Stepping Stones Journals*
by Diana R. Jenkins
Realistic Fiction
Description: Four friends face life’s challenges with faith and fun, sharing their struggles in their own words.
Author’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

*Summer of Courage*
by Karen Pavlinic
Realistic Fiction
Description: In a summer filled with family, friendship, and fishing, ten-year-old Andy discovers what happens when you mix rotten apples with a little bit of faith.
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Alma Little

*Summer of the Wolves*
by Polly Carlson-Voiles
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-8)
Description: In northern the Minnesota wilderness, a transplanted orphan and an abandoned wolf pup, torn from refuge of family, help each other in their search for belonging.
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers
**Tango: The Tale of an Island Dog**
by Eileen Beha
Adventure
Description: Lost at sea while sailing with his wealthy owners, a Yorkshire terrier washes up on a shore where he discovers that sometimes it takes getting lost to find what matters most.
Author's Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children's Books

**Thomas and the Dragon Queen**
by Shutta Crum, illustrated by Lee Wildish
Fantasy
Description: A young knight named Thomas proves that despite his small size, he is up to the task of completing his quest and facing a dragon queen.
Author's Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Yearling

**Tornado!**
by Judith and Dennis Fradin
Nonfiction
Description: Using spectacular photos, graphics, and first-person accounts, this book explores the science behind this powerful and disastrous force of nature.
Authors' Residence: Illinois
Publisher: National Geographic Kids

**The Ugly One**
by Leanne Statland Ellis
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-8)
Description: Micay is bullied for the scar that runs like a river across her face in this novel set during the height of the Incan Empire.
Author's Residence: Illinois
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Where the River Grins: The History of Evansville, Indiana**
by Angie Karcher
Nonfiction
Description: This Bicentennial Edition celebrates the history of Evansville, Indiana. Written to third grade standards, it is used in classrooms to teach state-required local history.
Author's Residence: Indiana
Publisher: M.T. Publishing

**While You Were Out**
by Judith Irvin Kuns
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-6)
Description: A funny and moving story that offers hope and comfort to children who have lost loved ones. A Junior Library Guild Selection.
Author's Residence: Sandusky, Ohio
Publisher: Puffin

**Zachary Zormer Shape Transformer**
by Joanne Anderson Reisberg, illustrated by David Hohn
Picture Book
Description: Zachary can double a strip of paper without cutting it and change the perimeters of a sheet of paper and walk through it.
Author's Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**GRDES 6-8**

**Ashfall**
by Mike Mullin
Science Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Alex, a seemingly unremarkable teenager, must survive and find his family after the Yellowstone supervolcano erupts, plunging the world into a cataclysmic natural disaster.
Author's Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Tanglewood Press

**Assassin's Heart**
by Sarah Ahiers
Fantasy (Grades 7 and up)
Description: With shades of The Godfather and Romeo and Juliet, this richly imagined debut fantasy is a story of love, lies, and the ultimate vengeance.
Author's Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: HarperTeen

**Bayard Rustin: The Invisible Activist**
by Jacqueline Houtman, Walter Naegle, and Michael G. Long
Nonfiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Biography of an important, but often overlooked, leader in the Civil Rights Movement. Bayard Rustin mentored Dr. King and organized the 1963 March on Washington.
Author's Residence (Houtman): Wisconsin
Publisher: QuakerPress

**Code of Silence**
by Tim Shoemaker
Adventure/Mystery
Description: Three friends witness a violent robbery and, fearing for their lives, make a pact to hide what they know. But silence isn’t always golden . . . sometimes it’s deadly.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Zonderkidz

**The Colored Car**
by Jean Alicia Elster
Historical Fiction
Description: During the summer of 1937, a twelve-year-old African American girl’s worldview changes in unexpected ways after a train trip south to Clarksville, Tennessee.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Wayne State University Press

**Double Exposure**
by Bridget Birdsall
Realistic Fiction
Description: The story of a teen born with an intersex condition who transitions genders, overcomes bullying, and learns to stand in her own personal power.
Author’s Residence: Madison, Wisconsin
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**Eddie’s War**
by Carol Fisher Saller
Historical Fiction
Description: A farm boy’s WWII coming-of-age. “An authentic
window into the past”—Horn Book 2012; “a quick, excellent read”—Kirkus Best 2011; “outstanding merit”—Bankstreet Best 2012.

Author's Residence: Illinois
Publisher: namelos

Fairest of Them All
by Jan Blazanin
Realistic Fiction
Description: A fifteen-year-old beauty queen’s modeling and acting dreams are dashed when alopecia causes her to lose her long blond hair.
Author’s Residence: Iowa
Publisher: MTV Books

The Fairy Ring: Or Elsie and Frances Fool the World
by Mary Losure
Nonfiction
Description: True story of the two girls who took the world-famous Cottingley Fairy Photographs and accidentally fooled Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes.
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Fantastic Fugitives: Criminals, Cutthroats, and Rebels Who Changed History (While on the Run!)
by Brianna DuMont
Nonfiction
Description: Follow the law-breaking lives of twelve fugitives who annoyed everyone from popes to presidents. They founded countries, won wars, and ended empires—all while on the run!
Author’s Residence: Chicago, Illinois
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

The Forbidden Orchid
by Sharon Biggs Waller
Historical Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: The adventures of a British girl in China, hunting for the orchid that will save her family. Set in the Victorian era after the Opium Wars.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Hidden
by Helen Frost
Realistic Fiction/Verse
Description: Wren and Darra meet at age eight when Wren is accidentally kidnapped by Darra’s father. Six years later, they meet again at a summer camp. Novel in verse.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Square Fish

The Horse Rescuers
by Patricia Gilkerson
Realistic Fiction
Description: Horse lovers Piper and Addie try to take care of the horses that they find in need of help, but things always get complicated.
Author’s Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Melange Books

I Am Drums
by Mike Grosso
Realistic Fiction
Description: A middle-grade debut about dreams, dilemmas, and drums that will resonate with readers trying to keep their ambitions alive during tough times.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Clarion Books

Is It Night or Day?
By Fern Schumer Chapman
Historical Fiction
Description: Inspired by the author’s mother, one girl’s journey from child refugee (from Nazi Germany) to American teenager, mirroring the struggle of every immigrant child.
Author’s Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Square Fish

The Jerrie Mock Story: The First Woman to Fly Solo Around the World
by Nancy Roe Pimm
Nonfiction
Description: Following a childhood dream, Jerrie Mock accomplished what her heroine Amelia Earhart failed to do—fly around the world.
Author’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Ohio University Press

Jumped In
by Patrick Flores-Scott
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: The lives of a depressed slacker and a scary gangbanger are forever changed when they’re paired up for the class poetry slam.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Square Fish

Lucas Mackenzie and the London Midnight Ghost Show
by Steve Bryant
Fantasy
Description: Lucas Mackenzie is a ghost and so are his friends. Join them for their final tour in this spooky tale of love, death, and magic.
Author’s Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Month9Books

Nobody’s Goddess (The Never Veil, Book 1)
by Amy McNulty
Fantasy (Grades 7 and up)
Description: In a village of masked men, Noll is in love with her best friend Jurij, but he is magically compelled to love her sister.
Author’s Residence: Wisconsin
Publisher: Month9Books

Not a Drop to Drink
by Mindy McGinnis
Science Fiction
Description: A post-apocalyptic survival tale set in a world with very little drinkable water. It is a Choose to Read Ohio Title and a nominee for the Buckeye Book Award.
Author’s Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books
Orbiting Jupiter
by Gary D. Schmidt
Contemporary Realism
Description: Twelve-year old Jack tells the story of his foster brother, Joseph: his handling of an abusive father, his detention in a juvenile home, and most of all, his growing willingness to reach toward others—especially his daughter, Jupiter.
Author's Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Clarion Books

Original Fake
by Kirstin Cronn-Mills, illustrated by E. Eero Johnson
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Street art meets sibling rivalry! Introvert Frankie Neumann hates his extroverted sister, and when she screws up, Frankie gets back at her in wild ways.
Author's Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Out of the Dragon's Mouth
by Joyce Burns Zeiss
Historical Fiction
Description: Fourteen year-old Mai flees Vietnam in the hold of a fishing trawler, facing danger, deceit, and first love, hoping to resettle in America.
Author's Residence: Evanston, Illinois
Publisher: Flux

Pig Park
by Claudia Guadalupe Martinez
Realistic Fiction
Description: Masi Burciaga's neighborhood is more of a ghost town each day since the lard company moved away. She enlists into a scheme in hopes of saving it.
Author's Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Cinco Puntos Press

Pretty Girl-13
by Liz Coley
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Three years missing, Angie can't remember what happened, where she's been, why she survived, how she escaped. There are secrets you can't even tell yourself.
Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

Sarah Winnemucca: Scout, Activist, and Teacher
by Natalie M. Rosinsky
Nonfiction
Description: Award-winning biography of the Northern Paiute leader who scouted in wartime, spoke and wrote on behalf of her people, and established an unusual school.
Author's Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Compass Point Books

The Silence of Murder
by Dandi Daley Mackall
Mystery/Crime (Grades 6-12)
Description: Accused: Hope's eighteen-year-old brother, who hasn't spoken in ten years. Witness for the Defense: Hope. Winner of The Edgar Award for Best Mystery.
Author's Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Sticks & Stones
By Abby Cooper
Magical Realism
Description: "Elyse's struggles toward self-confidence will resonate with fans of R.J. Palacio's Wonder and all readers learning how to be comfortable in their own skins."—Kirkus, starred review.
Author's Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

The Summer I Saved the World . . . in 65 Days
By Michele Weber Hurwitz
Realistic Fiction
Description: The summer after eighth grade, Nina does secret kindnesses in her neighborhood to see if doing good really does any good. Nothing goes as expected!
Author's Residence: Illinois
Publisher: Ember

Thin Space
by Jody Casella
Adventure/Mystery
Description: Ever since the car accident that killed his brother, Marsh has been consumed with guilt and crippled by secrets. Until he finds a thin space . . .
Author's Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Simon Pulse

True Colors
by Krysten Lindsay Hager
Realistic Fiction
Description: Landry gets “unfriended” by her friends after a competition. She makes new friends, but is torn between being herself and conforming to the new group.
Author's Residence: Ohio
Publisher: Astraea Press

Turn Left at the Cow
by Lisa Bullard
Adventure/Mystery
Description: Trav searches to learn more about the father he never knew—a search that turns dangerous when he discovers his dad was a bank robber.
Author's Residence: Hennepin County, Minnesota
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Waiting to Forget
by Sheila Kelly Welch
Realistic Fiction
Description: T.J. waits in a hospital, wondering if his little sister will live, and struggling with the memories of their troubled past before they were adopted.
Author's Residence: Illinois
Publisher: namelos

Wilder's Ghost
by Diane Bradley
Adventure/Mystery
Description: In a journey of closure, four friends kayak the
wilderness where Arla’s parents once disappeared. Storm wrecked, they become perilously stranded on a haunted island.

**Grades 9-12**

**Angelhood**  
by A.J. Cattapan  
Fantasy  
Description: Seventeen-year-old Nanette expected a heavenly afterlife, but now she must play guardian angel to a girl who thinks life isn’t worth living.

**Arrows**  
by Melissa Gorzelanczyk  
Fantasy  
Description: A modern-day cupid story set in Wisconsin combining the fantastical elements of Greek mythology with the contemporary drama of MTV’s Teen Mom.

**Asher’s Fault**  
by Elizabeth Wheeler  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Asher attempts to make sense of his parents’ divorce and the charismatic new kid by looking at the world through a camera lens. Then tragedy strikes . . .

**Blood Stitches**  
by Erin Fanning  
Fantasy  
Description: Gabby and her best friend Frank travel to the Mayan underworld to destroy a series of magical tapestries capable of causing an apocalyptic disaster.

**The Boy Next Door**  
by Katie Van Ark  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Maddy and Gabe are friends, skating partners, and next-door neighbors. Maddy still wants more, but which hurts worse: falling on ice or falling in love?

**City of Cannibals**  
by Ricki Thompson  
Historical Fiction  
Description: It’s 1536, and sixteen-year-old Dell is running away to London where—her father has warned her—she’ll be eaten alive.

**Embrace**  
by Cherie Colyer  
Fantasy  
Description: Anything can happen in a town where people possess magical powers. Madison will need to embrace these powers if she hopes to save her friends.

**Escape from the Past: The Duke’s Wrath**  
by Annette Oppenlander  
Adventure  
Description: A nerdy gamer tries out an experimental computer game and time-travels to medieval Germany where he must survive a hornet’s nest of feuding lords and find a way home.

**Future Perfect**  
by Jen Larsen  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: An absorbing look at the cultural obsession with women’s weight and how much energy and effort it takes to live an authentic life on one’s own terms.

**Hello?**  
by Liza Wiemer  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Linked and transformed by a call, Hello? weaves five teens’ stories into a compelling narrative of friendship, family, loss, love, heartbreak, healing, serendipity, and hope.

**The Last Sister**  
by Courtney McKinney-Whitaker  
Historical Fiction  
Description: After a band of fellow settlers fakes a Cherokee raid to conceal their murder of her family, seventeen-year-old Catie Blair embarks on a quest to bring the killers to justice.

**Learning to Swear in America**  
by Katie Kennedy  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Seventeen-year-old physics genius Yuri is called in to help NASA stop an asteroid. He meets Dovie and learns to create a life worth saving.

**LGBTQ Families**  
by Eva Apelqvist  
Nonfiction  
Description: Discusses LGBTQ issues that today's modern diverse families face. It also considers the international scene and makes suggestions for how to be an activist or an ally.
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<td>Kym Brunner</td>
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What She Left Behind
by Tracy Bilen
Realistic Fiction
Description: In this suspenseful thriller, Sara and her mother are going to secretly escape her abusive father—when her mother mysteriously disappears.
Author’s Residence: Michigan
Publisher: Simon Pulse

When You Leave
by Monica Ropal
Mystery
Description: Skater girl, Cass, puts herself and friends at risk to find the truth when her secret boyfriend is killed.
Author’s Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota
Publisher: Running Press

Women of the Frontier: 16 Tales of Trailblazing Homesteaders, Entrepreneurs, and Rabble-Rousers
by Brandon Marie Miller
Nonfiction
Description: Award-winner. Children’s Book Council-National Council of the Social Studies Notable Book, YALSA Nonfiction Award Nominee, Choose to Read Ohio Title.
Author’s Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio
Publisher: Chicago Review Press
GRADES K-2

Achoo! Why Pollen Counts
by Shennen Bersani
Picture Book
Description: Spring has arrived and pollen is in the air. Baby Bear does not like the pollen—it sticks to his fur and makes him sneezy.
Author's Residence: Wayland, Massachusetts
Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

Ada’s Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay
by Susan Hood, illustrated by Sally Wern Comport
Nonfiction Picture Book (Grades 1-4)
Description: The extraordinary true story of children living on a landfill in Paraguay who created musical instruments from recycled trash and are now touring the world.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers

Always Twins
by Teri Weidner
Picture Book
Description: A gentle picture book about identical twin ducklings who appear to be exactly alike, but whose differences lead to squabbles.
Author’s Residence: New Hampshire
Publisher: Holiday House

Big Night for Salamanders
by Sarah Marwil Lamstein, illustrated by Carol Benioff
Picture Book
Description: Evan finds a way to help spotted salamanders cross a road on the delicate creatures’ spring migration to a vernal pool, where they mate and lay their eggs.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Bunjitsu Bunny’s Best Move
by John Himmelman
Picture Book
Description: Isabel is the best bunjitsu artist in her class—she can throw farther, kick higher, and hit harder than anybunny else. But her strongest weapon is her mind!
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

By Mouse & Frog
by Deborah Freedman
Picture Book
Description: Two friends try to write a story together . . . and discover that listening to one another can lead to the most beautiful stories of all.

Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Call Me Oklahoma!
by Miriam Glassman
Humorous Fiction (Grades 2-4)
Description: Paige Turner starts fourth grade with a new name in hopes of becoming bolder and braver, especially when dealing with stage fright and the class bully.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Holiday House

Captain’s Castaway
by Angeli Perrow, illustrated by Emily Harris
Picture Book
Description: A dog is injured in a shipwreck off the Maine coast and nursed back to health by a lighthouse girl in this true, heartwarming story.
Author’s Residence: Maine
Publisher: Down East Books

Come Back, Ben
by Ann Hassett and John Hassett
Picture Book
Description: “Imaginative, funny, and charming . . . Children will want to read this one again and again. A must-have for both classrooms and libraries.”—School Library Journal.
Authors’ Residence: Maine
Publisher: Holiday House

Cricket Song
by Anne Hunter
Picture Book
Description: A bedtime book evoking the sounds and animals of the night shows how two children on different continents are connected by all that is between them.
Author’s Residence: Vermont
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Daniel Finds a Poem
by Micha Archer
Picture Book
Description: “The curious hero of this beautiful celebration of spring could be a contemporary version of Peter, the boy in Ezra Jack Keats’s classic The Snowy Day.”—Boston Globe
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

Dario and the Whale
by Cheryl Lawton Malone, illustrated by Bistra Masseva
Picture Book
Description: Dario moves to Cape Cod from Brazil. He doesn’t speak English well. But one day, Dario meets someone who doesn’t speak any English at all . . .
Erin
By Monette Pangan
Picture Book
Description: Erin, the youngest in a large family, decides it's best to
be loud to be heard.
Author's Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Anchor Group Publishing

Faraway Friends
by Russ Cox
Picture Book
Description: Sometimes friends leave, but there is always a new one
around the corner or on the other side of the fence.
Author's Residence: Maine
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Fearless Flyer: Ruth Law and Her Flying Machine
by Heather Lang, illustrated by Raul Colón
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: On November 19, 1916, Ruth bundled up in four flying
suits and a skirt, ready to make history. Join Ruth Law on her
record-breaking flight!
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Calkins Creek

Finding Wild
by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Abigail Halpin
Picture Book
Description: A lovely, lyrical picture book that explores the ways the
wild makes itself known to us and how much closer it is than we
think.
Illustrator's Residence: Maine
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

A Fire Truck Named Red
by Randall de Sève, pictures by Bob Staake
Picture Book
Description: Papa gives Rowan his broken childhood fire truck and
the promise to fix it up “better than new.” What could be better
than new for a child?
Illustrator’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

Full Worm Moon
by Margo Lemieux, illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker
Picture Book
Description: A family investigates the legend of the Full Worm
Moon. “Text and artwork capture the beauty and majesty of the
natural world”—Publishers Weekly.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: William Morrow

Gilbert, the Surfer Dude
by Diane deGroat
Early Reader
Description: Surfing and oversized trunks can only lead to one
thing!
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: HarperCollins

Goodnight, Good Dog
by Mary Lyn Ray, illustrated by Rebecca Malone
Picture Book
Description: This story captures how a reluctant pup warms to
bedtime in a way that children will recognize immediately and find
as reassuring as their own beds.
Illustrator’s Residence: Brimfield, Massachusetts
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Helen Keller’s Best Friend Belle
by Holly M. Barry, illustrated by Jennifer Thermes
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Highlights Helen Keller’s life-long love of dogs,
especially her Irish setter, Belle. Includes the alphabet illustrated in
Braille and in sign language.
Author’s Residence: Rhode Island
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Hiding Dinosaurs
by Dan Moynihan
Humorous Fiction
Description: When a boy discovers dinosaurs hatching from a
carton of eggs, it’s a dream come true. But how will Mom and Dad
react?
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Holiday House

I Forgive You: Love We Can Hear, Ask For and Give
by Nicole Lataif, illustrated by Katy Betz
Picture Book
Description: Forgiving is one of the most difficult things to do, even
for adults. I Forgive You communicates the most difficult concepts of
forgiveness to kids.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

I Like Gum
by Doreen Tang Hampton, illustrated by Gina Pfleegor
Picture Book
Description: The fun, rhyming likes and dislikes of a little girl create
an ideal read-aloud story. Simple text allows beginning readers to
sound out words on their own.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Shenanigan Books

I Love You More Than Moldy Ham
by Carey F. Armstrong-Ellis
Picture Book
Description: A furry monster creates a dubious-looking feast for a
special someone. A slimy, goopy version of the treacly “I Love You
More” books for young children!
Author’s Residence: Maine
Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

The Ice Cream Shop (A Steve and Wessley Reader)
by Jennifer E. Morris
Early Reader
Description: Steve really wants ice cream but the ice cream shop
doors won’t open. Could knowing how to read be the solution to all
his problems?
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Scholastic
If You Were a Parrot
by Katherine Rawson, illustrated by Sherry Rogers
Picture Book
Description: Imagine what your life would be like if you were a pet parrot.
Author’s Residence: Vermont
Publisher: Sylvan Dell Publishing

Jackhammer Sam
by Peter Mandel, illustrated by David Catrow
Picture Book
Description: Atta-Ratta-Tatta-Bam! “If Walt Whitman broke up sidewalks,” says the Chicago Tribune, “this is exactly what his ‘Song of Myself’ would be.”
Author’s Residence: Rhode Island
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Lady Pancake & Sir French Toast
by Josh Funk, illustrated by Brendan Kearney
Picture Book
Description: Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast race through the fridge for the last drop of maple syrup, causing culinary chaos along the way.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Sterling Children’s

Little Loom
by Fran Hodgkins, illustrated by Karel Hayes
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: A loon is born on a New England lake, and a summer of adventure and discovery follows as she grows up.
Author’s Residence: Maine
Publisher: Down East Books

The Little Tree
by Muon Van, illustrated by JoAnn Adinolfi
Picture Book
Description: When the Little Tree sees the world around her narrowing, she worries about what life will be like for her Little Seed.
Illustrator’s Residence: New Hampshire
Publisher: Creston Books

Mommy’s Little Wordlings
by Linh Nguyen-Ng
Picture Book
Description: Little words hold big meanings. The Little Wordlings are children who use their simple words to show Mommy how much she is appreciated and loved.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Anaiah Press

Monkey Ono
By J. C. Phillipps
Picture Book
Description: Monkey Ono wants a fun beach day, but he’s left at home. Can he devise a plan to get to the beach? Boom—Beach day!
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

My Favorite Place
by Maryellen Heller, illustrated by Joanne Friar
Picture Book
Description: About the sadness a child feels when the farm down his street is sold to develop houses. He and his dog will miss the cows.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Richard C. Owen Publishers

My Name is Yoon
by Helen Recorvits, illustrated by Gabri Swiatkowska
Picture Book
Description: Yoon’s name looks happy when it’s written in Korean—like dancing figures. Written in English, lines and circles stand alone—just how Yoon feels in the United States.
Author’s Residence: Rhode Island
Publisher: Square Fish

Nadia: The Girl Who Couldn’t Sit Still
by Karlin Gray, illustrated by Christine Davenier
Picture Book
Description: “Poised for the 2016 Summer Games, this pays a respectful, 40th-anniversary tribute to Comaneci’s soaring achievements.”—Kirkus Reviews
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

A Night at the Zoo
by Kathy Caple
Early Reader
Description: What happens when Sam and Pop fall asleep at the zoo and the animals borrow Pop’s smart phone?
Author’s Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts
Publisher: Holiday House

Orangutanka: A Story in Poems
by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Renée Kurilla
Poetry/Picture Book
Description: A colorful depiction of an orangutan family in the Borneo rainforest, written in the tanka style, a Japanese form of poetry.
Illustrator’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

The Prehistoric Games
by Janet Lawler, illustrated by Martin Davey
Picture Book
Description: Rollicking rhyme and vibrant illustrations will enthral readers in this humorous dino-fantasy from the torch-lighting at volcano’s edge right up until the closing march.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Rosa’s Very Big Job
by Ellen Mayer, illustrated by Sarah Vonthron-Laver
Picture Book
Description: Spunky Rosa and Grandpa surprise busy Mama by putting the clean laundry away—sharing imaginative adventures and new vocabulary along the way!
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Star Bright Books
Sand Dollar, Sand Dollar / Galleta de Mar, Galleta de Mar
by Joyce Audy dos Santos
Bilingual Picture Book
Description: The beach is a world full of possibilities for Peter and his dog, Urchin.
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: J. B. Lippincott/Harper & Row

Seashells: Treasures from the Northeast Coast
by Joanne Roach-Evans
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: This beautifully illustrated pocket guide helps young beachcombers find and identify shells of animals commonly found on Northeast Atlantic shores.
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Islandport Press

Seed Magic
by Jane Buchanan, illustrated by Charlotte Riley-Webb
Picture Book
Description: Rose is introduced to the beauty of birds by wheelchair-bound Bird Man in this picture book, which celebrates the moment of discovery.
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

The Story I’ll Tell
by Nancy Tupper Ling, illustrated by Jessica Lanan
Picture Book
Description: A moving story of adoption and parental love that will touch the hearts of readers everywhere, no matter how they came to be a family.
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Thesaurus Rex
by Laya Steinberg, illustrated by Debbie Harter
Picture Book
Description: Thesaurus Rex is a playful young dinosaur who bounces, jumps, springs and flies through the colorful pages, introducing readers to the wide world of synonyms.
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Barefoot Books

Too Much Glue
by Jason Lefebvre, illustrated by Zac Retz
Picture Book
Description: Matty loves glue so much that during class he pours a sticky lake, belly-flops into the middle, and the fun begins!
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Flashlight Press

Tooth by Tooth: Comparing Fangs, Tusks, and Chompers
by Sara Levine, illustrated by T.S. Spookytooth
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: This playful and informative book will keep you guessing as you read about how human teeth are like—and unlike—those of other animals.
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Millbrook Press

Two Little Birds
by Mary Newell DePalma
Picture Book
Description: In this story, two plucky young birds launch into their first journey, which proves to be full of challenge, peril, and wonder.
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

Up Close: Bugs & Butterflies
by Heidi Fiedler
Nonfiction (Grades 1-3)
Description: Fascinating micro and macro photography of all things creepy and crawly, including butterfly wings and spider legs. Paired with fun facts, activities, and brain teasers.
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Walter Foster, Jr.

What Do Wheels Do All Day?
by April Jones Prince, illustrated by Giles Laroche
Picture Book
Description: Short, rhyming text and distinctive cut-paper illustrations capture kids’ fascination with “things that go” and open their minds to the wheels all around them.
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

What Not to Give Your Mom on Mother’s Day
by Martha Simpson, illustrated by Jana Christy
Picture Book
Description: A little boy gives advice on what would not make a good Mother’s Day gift, unless the mom is an animal.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Two Lions

What’s Up with this Chicken?
by Jane Sutton, illustrated by Peter J. Welling
Picture Book
Description: One of Grandma’s backyard chickens refuses to let Sylvia collect her eggs. When Sylvia learns why, she comes up with an “egg-cellent” solution. (Includes chicken facts.)
Author’s Residence: Lexington, Massachusetts
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Worm Weather
by Jean Taft, illustrated by Matt Hunt
Picture Book
Description: Drip, drop! Skip and hop! It’s worm weather! Join in the rainy day fun as children splash through puddles with other wet weather friends, earthworms!
Author’s Residence: Rhode Island
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Zero, Zilch, Nada: Counting to None
by Wendy Ulmer, illustrated by Laura Knorr
Picture Book
Description: Harry’s math skills are challenged when he tries to count one hundred balloons. What is the best way to count to one hundred if you are easily confused?
Author’s Residence: Maine
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press
**GRADES 3-5**

**13 Hangmen**  
by Art Corriveau  
Adventure/Mystery (Grades 4-7)  
Description: When a boy inherits a Boston townhouse, he finds himself in the middle of a murder mystery and treasure hunt spanning three hundred years of history.  
Author's Residence: Vermont  
Publisher: Amulet Books

**Also Known as Harper**  
by Ann Haywood Leal  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: When eleven-year-old Harper loses her home, she struggles to keep her family together with a whole lot of hope and the power of words.  
Author's Residence: Connecticut  
Publisher: Square Fish

**Azalea, Unschooled**  
by Liza Kleinman, illustrated by Brook Gideon  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: When a mysterious bandit threatens the family business, eleven-year-old Azalea must use her new freedom as an “unschooler” to save the day.  
Author's Residence: Maine  
Publisher: Islandport Press

**B is for Berkshires**  
by Joan Duris, photographs by Gillian Jones  
Nonfiction Picture Book  
Description: Explore the Berkshire area of Western Massachusetts from A to Z. Discover things to do and fun places to explore while on vacation.  
Author's Residence: Massachusetts  
Publisher: Islandport Press

**Boy, Were We Wrong About the Human Body!**  
by Kathleen V. Kudlinski, illustrated by Debbie Tiley  
Nonfiction Picture Book Series  
Description: A hilarious romp through the centuries as medical knowledge progresses from ancient mummies through to today’s MRI scans. A Bank Street Best Book and Read-Aloud.  
Author's Residence: Connecticut  
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

**Captain Mac: The Life of Donald Baxter MacMillan, Arctic Explorer**  
by Mary Morton Cowan  
Nonfiction (Grades 4 and up)  
Description: The true story of a man who explored the Arctic for nearly fifty years, featuring his daring adventures, sailing expeditions, and scientific contributions. Includes photographs.  
Author's Residence: Maine  
Publisher: Calkins Creek

**The Casting**  
by Joyce Shor Johnson  
Historical Fiction  
Description: Lyrical prose tells the story of Robyn, a Celtic twelve-year-old girl in ancient Ireland who dreams of being a bronze caster like her father.  
Author's Residence: New Hampshire  
Publisher: Pugalicious Press

**Catch the Wind, Harness the Sun: 22 Super-Charged Science Projects for Kids**  
by Michael J. Caduto, illustrated by Clayton Hanmer  
Nonfiction  
Description: Produce and play with renewable energy and fight global climate change. Teachers’ Choice Award. “... help make the dream of a better tomorrow possible.”—NSTA Recommends.  
Author's Residence: Vermont  
Publisher: Storey Publishing

**Clouds of Terror**  
by Catherine A. Welch, illustrated by Laurie K. Johnson  
Historical Fiction  
Description: Living on a Minnesota prairie farm in the 1870s, Helga and Erik help their parents cope with a plague of locusts that eat their crops.  
Author's Residence: Connecticut  
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

**The Courage of Cat Campbell**  
by Natasha Lowe  
Fantasy  
Description: Cat Campbell dreams of being a witch, but when she doesn’t get accepted into witch school, she has to take matters into her own hands.  
Author's Residence: Massachusetts  
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

**The Distance to Home** (available June 28, 2016)  
by Jenn Bishop  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 3-7)  
Description: For fans of Lynda Mullaly Hunt and Rita Williams-Garcia, this heartwarming book is a celebration of sisterhood and summertime, and of finding the courage to get back in the game.  
Author's Residence: Massachusetts  
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

**The Entirely True Story of the Unbelievable FIB**  
by Adam Shaughnessy  
Fantasy  
Description: To save their town from frost giants, eleven-year-olds Pru and ABE must find a lost Viking artifact and discover the truth behind “The Unbelievable FIB.”  
Author's Residence: Connecticut  
Publisher: Algonquin Young Readers

**The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island**  
by Dana Alison Levy  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 3-6)  
Description: The Fletcher family—four adopted boys, two dads, and various pets—arrive for their summer visit to Rock Island, only to find things have changed.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts  
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers  

The Fenway Foul-Up (Ballpark Mysteries, Book 1)  
by David A. Kelly, illustrated by Mark Meyers  
Mystery Series  
Description: First book in the Ballpark Mysteries series, set in different ballparks. Mike and Kate go to see a Red Sox game, but encounter a mystery.  
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts  
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers  

Fish in a Tree  
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 3-8)  
Description: Sixth grader Ally Nickerson misbehaves in school to hide the fact that she can’t read, until she meets the teacher who can help her.  
Author’s Residence: Connecticut  
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books  

Galaxy Games: The Challengers  
by Greg R. Fishbone  
Science Fiction  
Description: In one crazy week Tyler Sato turned eleven, met an alien squid-girl, and won Earth its first-ever slot in the Galaxy Games Tournament.  
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts  
Publisher: Lee & Low Books  

The Gorillas of Gill Park  
by Amy Gordon  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)  
Description: When the owner of a magical park mysteriously disappears and the park comes under sale to developers, Willy Wilson and his friends set about to save it.  
Author’s Residence: Gill, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Holiday House  

Hapenny Magick  
by Jennifer Carson, illustrated by P.A. Lewis  
Fantasy/Adventure  
Description: Trolls have invaded the village of the Wedge and it’s up to Maewyn, the littlest Hapenny, to save her best friend from becoming dinner.  
Author’s Residence: New Hampshire  
Publisher: Spencer Hill Press  

It Ate My Sister  
by Mark Binder  
Humorous Fiction  
Description: From giant slugs and bullies to exploding turkeys and a mysterious “Running Head,” Mark Binder’s chapter book of stories is a fun and funny read.  
Author’s Residence: Rhode Island  
Publisher: Light Publications  

Kiki and Jacques  
by Susan Ross  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)  
Description: A Somali refugee girl and a boy from Maine face cultural differences to become friends. Bank Street Best Children’s Books of the Year List, 2016.  
Author’s Residence: Westport, Connecticut  
Publisher: Holiday House  

The Lost Crown of Apollo  
by Suzanne Cordatos  
Adventure/Mystery  
Description: Greek island summer promises boating adventures and ruins to explore, but fifth-grader Elias finds danger and mystery when he unearths Apollo’s legendary leaves.  
Author’s Residence: Colchester, Connecticut  
Publisher: Sunberry Books  

Manuel and the Lobsterman  
by Cat Urbain  
Adventure  
Description: A multicultural adventure story about a thirteen-year-old Latino from New Haven, Connecticut, who spends the summer working on a lobster boat in Rockport, Maine.  
Author’s Residence: Connecticut  
Publisher: Front Street  

The Mechanical Mind of John Coggin  
by Elinor Teele  
Humorous Fiction  
Description: Roald Dahl meets The Penderwicks in a Kirkus-starred adventure about two siblings who run away from home to escape working in the family coffin business.  
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts  
Publisher: Walden Pond Press  

Missing on Superstition Mountain  
by Elise Broach  
Mystery  
Description: In this adventure trilogy full of hidden canyons, ghost towns, and strange disappearances, four kids try to unravel the mystery of spooky Superstition Mountain.  
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts  
Publisher: Square Fish  

Monstrous  
by MarcyKate Connolly  
Fantasy  
Description: Frankenstein meets the Brothers Grimm in an original fairy tale.  
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts  
Publisher: HarperCollins  

My Dog Ate It  
by Saragail Katzman Benjamin  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: When Danny Wilder decides not to grow up, his magic teacher and her magic dog come to his aid! Fun and funny, kids love it.  
Author’s Residence: Vermont  
Publisher: Scholastic
The National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry
edited by J. Patrick Lewis, Matt Forrest Esenwine—contributor
Poetry
Description: The awesomeness of nature comes alive as classic, contemporary, and never-before-published poetry is paired with the beauty of National Geographic’s photography.
Contributor’s Residence: Warner, New Hampshire
Publisher: National Geographic Children’s Books

Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story (available June 28, 2016)
by Nora Raleigh Baskin
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: A touching look at the days leading up to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and how that day impacted the lives of four middle schoolers.
Author’s Residence: Weston, Connecticut
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

No Monkeys, No Chocolate
by Melissa Stewart and Allen Young, illustrated by Nicole Wong
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: From aphid-munching lizards to brain-eating maggots and, oh yes, even monkeys, discover all the rain forest creatures that make our favorite dessert possible.
Author’s Residence (Stewart): Massachusetts
Publisher: Charlesbridge

The Problem with the Puddles
by Kate Feiffer, illustrated by Tricia Tusa
Humorous Fiction
Description: When rushing home from the country, the Puddles mistakenly leave their dogs, big Sally and little Sally, behind. That’s when the adventure begins.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Raising Rufus
by David Fulk
Fantasy (Grades 4-7)
Description: A lonely eleven-year-old has his world turned upside down when he discovers an ancient, frozen egg—and soon finds himself as surrogate mom to a fast-growing T. Rex.
Author’s Residence: Boston, Massachusetts
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Red Thread Sisters
by Carol Antoinette Peacock
Realistic Fiction
Description: Wen is adopted by an American family and must leave her best friend, Shu Ling, behind. Will Wen find Shu Ling a family too? Time is running out . . .
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Rosy and the Secret Friend (The Fairy Bell Sisters, Book 2)
by Margaret McNamara, illustrations by Julia Denos
Fiction Series
Description: Rosy is Tinker Bell’s little sister. She knows it’s forbidden to make friends with human children, but what if one of them needs her help?
Author’s Residence: Maine
Publisher: HarperCollins

Ruby Reinvented
by Ronni Arno
Realistic Fiction
Description: When Ruby flees Hollywood and her celebrity parents, she tells a lie that could ruin the life she loves at her new Maine boarding school.
Author’s Residence: Maine
Publisher: Aladdin

The Secret of the Village Fool
by Rebecca Upjohn, illustrated by Renné Benoit
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: The true story of an unlikely hero who saved a family and two orphaned young women in Poland during the Holocaust. Includes photographs.
Author’s Residence: New Hampshire
Publisher: Second Story Press

The Sleepover
by Jen Malone
Humorous Fiction
Description: A sleepover goes comically awry after a misguided hypnotist act. Kirkus calls this kid-friendly spoof of The Hangover “[a] boisterous whirl of capers, pranks, and mystery.”
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Aladdin

Stormstruck!
by John Macfarlane
Adventure
Description: A Kirkus 2015 Best Book, this adventure-at-sea blends suspenseful survival story, heart-wrenching boy-and-his-dog tale and dealing with a family member’s death.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Holiday House

Teddy Mars: Almost a World Record Breaker
by Molly B. Burnham, illustrated by Trevor Spencer
Fiction Series
Description: Teddy Mars is determined to break a world record, but thanks to his little brother, The Destructor, nothing goes the way he plans.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

The Struggle for Freedom (World Black History Series)
by Spring Hermann
Nonfiction
Description: Traces the fight for emancipation by black slaves, featuring leaders in American freedom uprisings and the Underground Railroad—with biographical insets and vivid illustrations.
Author’s Residence: West Hartford, Connecticut
Publisher: Heinemann Library

This Book Makes No Sense: Nonsense Poems and Worse
edited by Michael Heyman
Humorous Poetry
Description: An anthology of classic and new nonsense poems and stories from India, including a story-guide on how to write your own nonsense poetry!
The Universe of Fair
by Leslie Bulion, illustrated by Frank Dormer
Humorous Fiction
Description: For a young science whiz, an eagerly awaited day at the Fair turns into a wacky adventure with more twists and loops than the Gravity Whirl ride!
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Where am I Sleeping tonight?: A Story of Divorce
by Carol Gordon Ekster, illustrated by Sue Ramá
Realistic Fiction
Description: Two brothers in elementary school struggle with their parents’ divorce, shared custody arrangement, and being responsible and organized. Book offers hope and compassion.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Boulden Publishing

Why’d They Wear That?: Fashion as the Mirror of History
by Sarah Albee
Nonfiction
Description: A richly-illustrated history of the outrageous, politically perilous, funky, disgusting, regrettable, and life-threatening fashions people have worn from ancient times to the present.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Will’s Words: How William Shakespeare Changed the Way You Talk
by Jane Sutcliffe, illustrated by John Shelley
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: No one could use words like William Shakespeare. Four hundred years later, his marvelous words are everywhere. Will’s words changed the way we talk forever.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Another Kind of Hurricane
by Tamara Ellis Smith
Realistic Fiction
Description: A hurricane, a tragic death, two boys, and one marble intertwine at the heart of this novel about lives connecting in unexpected, even magical, ways.
Author’s Residence: Vermont
Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

Bad Girls: Sirens, Jezebels, Murderesses, Thieves & Other Female Villains
by Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y. Stemple, illustrated by Rebecca Guay
Nonfiction
Description: A sassy, irreverent encyclopedia of felonious females throughout history, set into historical context in interstitial comic panels.
Authors’ Residence: Hatfield, Massachusetts
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Becoming Jinn
by Lori Goldstein
Fantasy
Description: Named one of the Best Science Fiction, Fantasy, or Horror of 2015 by VOYA Magazine, Becoming Jinn is a modern spin on the tale of wish-granting genies.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

The Disappearance of Amanda Wrenn
by Joyce A. Stengel
Mystery
Description: When Maine teenager Lou finds the diary of a missing girl, she sets out to solve the mystery and finds more than she bargained for.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Elixir Bound
by Katie L. Carroll
Fantasy
Description: In this sweeping fantasy adventure, Katora Kase must decide if she will become guardian of a secret healing Elixir and bind herself to its magic.
Author’s Residence: Milford, Connecticut
Publisher: MuseItUp Publishing

Feathers & Trumpets: A Story of Hildegard of Bingen
by Joyce Ray, illustrated by Lisa Greenleaf
Historical Fiction
Description: Hildegard, a dynamic twelfth century female mystic and abbess, builds a new monastery, fights to keep her daughter nun, and defies an archbishop’s command.
Author’s Residence: New Hampshire
Publisher: Apprentice Shop Books

Freaks of Nature
by Wendy Brotherlin
Science Fiction (Grades 6-10)
Description: Captured by authorities, six psychically gifted teens...
recount their harrowing lives in a bid for freedom.
Author’s Residence: Maine
Publisher: Spencer Hill Press

**Gil Marsh**
by A.C.E. Bauer
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: After Gil’s best friend dies, he runs off to Quebec to visit his grave, but instead finds questions only a mysterious immortal man can answer.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Ember

**Girls Who Looked Under Rocks: The Lives of Six Pioneering Naturalists**
by Jeannine Atkins, illustrated by Paula Conner
Nonfiction
Description: An empowering book introducing Jane Goodall, Rachel Carson, and others who loved exploring the outdoors as girls and went on to forge careers in science.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Dawn Publications

**Half in Love with Death**
by Emily Ross
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: A chilling and enthralling novel inspired by a true crime about a teen girl’s search for her missing sister in Tucson in the 1960s.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Merit Press

**In a World Just Right**
by Jen Brooks
Fantasy (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Jonathan Aubrey creates alternate worlds for escape, but suddenly, the world where a popular girl is his long-term girlfriend intersects reality in startling ways.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**Marked**
by Laura Williams McCaffrey
Fantasy (Grades 7 and up)
Description: In this dystopian fantasy, sixteen-year-old Lyla is tattooed—marked—as a criminal. She is offered redemption by betraying the boy she might love.
Author’s Residence: Vermont
Publisher: Clarion Books

**Mending Horses**
by M. P. Barker
Historical Fiction
Description: Three misfits—an Irish horse whisperer, a young runaway, and a peddler—mend one another’s broken lives as they heal a traveling circus’s mistreated ponies.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Holiday House

**My Beautiful Failure**
by Janet Ruth Young
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Having helped his father through a depression, sophomore Billy Morrison volunteers at a suicide hotline and falls in love with one of the callers.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**The Order of the Trees**
by Katy Farber
Realistic Fiction
Description: Cedar has always had a connection to the forest. When she falls ill, her friend Phillip discovers that there may be more to this connection than either of them knew.
Author’s Residence: Vermont
Publisher: Green Writers Press

**Scar**
by J. Albert Mann
Historical Fiction
Description: After one of the bloodiest battles of the American Revolution, two young boys—one Colonial American, one Mohawk—find themselves left wounded on the battlefield.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Calkins Creek

**Schools of Hope: How Julius Rosenwald Helped Change African American Education**
by Norman H. Finkelstein
Nonfiction
Description: The story of Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, and the 5,300 schools he helped build for African American kids in the early 1900s.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Calkins Creek

**Swimming Alone**
by Nina Mansfield
Mystery (Grades 7 and up)
Description: When a body surfaces in Beach Point Bay, fifteen-year-old Cathy Banks is forced to face the question: Has the Sea Side Strangler struck again?
Author’s Residence: Greenwich, Connecticut
Publisher: Melange Books

**A Tale of Highly Unusual Magic**
by Lisa Papademetriou
Adventure
Description: Two girls—one in Texas and one in Pakistan—are bound together by a magical blank book. School Library Journal calls their story “a rollicking adventure.”
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: HarperCollins

**Texting the Underworld**
by Ellen Booraem
Fantasy
Description: Timid Conor finds himself taking a young banshee to school with him, then flies with her to the Underworld to save a relative from death.
A Time to Dance
by Padma Venkatraman
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: An Indian teenager’s understanding of dance deepens and she grows to understand different kinds of love, as she struggles to recover from a leg amputation. Novel in verse.
Author’s Residence: Rhode Island
Publisher: Speak

When Rivers Burned: The Earth Day Story
by Linda Crotta Brennan, illustrated by Lisa Greenleaf
Nonfiction
Description: Deadly smogs, burning rivers, an environment under siege. A senator and a college student teamed up to organize Earth Day and transformed our world.
Author’s Residence: Rhode Island
Publisher: Apprentice Shop Books

The Whispering Rod: A Tale of Old Massachusetts
by Nancy Kelley
Historical Fiction
Description: Quaker preacher Mary Dyer is about to be executed for defying the Puritan elders. Can Hannah Pryor find the courage to stand up against injustice?
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: White Mane Publishing

Another Little Piece of My Heart
by Tracey Martin
Realistic Fiction
Description: A Persuasion retelling about a girl forced to spend a summer with her ex-boyfriend—a rock star famous for the song he wrote about her.
Author’s Residence: New Hampshire
Publisher: Harlequin Teen

Any Way You Slice It
by Kristine Carlson Asselin
Realistic Fiction
Description: A lucky shot, a hot hockey player, and dad’s ban on rink time could change Penelope’s life for good . . . or land her in the penalty box.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Bloomsbury Spark

The Bitter Side of Sweet
by Tara Sullivan
Realistic Fiction
Description: “An unforgettable story of courage and compassion . . . illuminating the terrible truth about how the chocolate we consume is made.”—Kirkus (one of four starred reviews)
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

The Chance You Won’t Return
by Annie Cardi
Realistic Fiction
Description: Alex Winchester thinks navigating driver’s ed and a new crush are hard, until her mother claims to be famously doomed pilot Amelia Earhart.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Consider
by Kristy Acevedo
Science Fiction Series
Description: When holograms appear on Earth heralding the apocalypse and offering an escape route, Alexandra Lucas must brave her anxiety disorder and decide who to trust.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Jolly Fish Press

Hellhole
by Gina Damico
Humorous Fiction
Description: Max accidentally summons a devil who crashes in his basement, eats junk food, plays video games, and refuses to leave—unless a dastardly deal is struck.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

The Loose Ends List
by Carrie Firestone
Realistic Fiction
Description: Maddie’s dying grandmother takes the family on a secret “death with dignity” cruise ship where they share an unforgettable summer of love and loss.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Material Girls
by Elaine Dimopoulos
Science Fiction
Description: Set in a world where teens are the gatekeepers of culture, Material Girls questions our own world’s cult-like obsession with fame and fashion.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Nail Polish and Feathers (Deep Secrets and Hope, Book 1)
by Jo Ramsey
Realistic Fiction
Description: Evan Granger wants to be a drag queen, and he won’t allow bullies to stop him—even when one of them takes things too far.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Harmony Ink Press

October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard
by Lesléa Newman
Poetry
Description: Explores Matthew Shepard’s murder in various voices, including the fence he was tied to, the stars above him, and a deer that kept him company through the night.
Parrotfish
by Ellen Wittlinger
Realistic Fiction
Description: When Grady begins his transition from female to male, his parents, teachers and friends are upset and confused—everyone except oddball Sebastian.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Returning to Shore
by Corinne Demas
Realistic Fiction
Description: This novel explores the poignant reunion of fifteen-year-old Clare and her estranged father on an island off Cape Cod in the summer.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

The Saga of Gudrid the Far-Traveler
by Nancy Marie Brown
Historical Fiction
Description: A Viking girl’s defiance leads to shipwreck, betrayal, isolation, true love, and ultimately adventure, as she leads an expedition to the New World.
Author’s Residence: Vermont
Publisher: namelos

The Secrets We Keep
by Trisha Leaver
Realistic Fiction
Description: When her identical twin is killed in a car accident, seventeen-year-old Ella assumes her sister’s life, only to discover it’s filled with secrets.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

When Reason Breaks
by Cindy L. Rodriguez
Realistic Fiction
Description: Elizabeth Davis and Emily Delgado find solace in the words of Emily Dickinson as they struggle with tumultuous emotions that lead one to attempt suicide.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children’s Books

Will Poole’s Island
by Tim Weed
Historical Fiction
Description: New England, 1643: A meeting between a young Englishman and a visionary Wampanoag causes a dangerous societal collision, an epic sea journey, and an unforgettable friendship.
Author’s Residence: Vermont
Publisher: namelos
GRADES K-2

8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel (divided by) 1 Dog = Chaos
by Vivian Vande Velde, illustrated by Steve Björkman
Humorous Fiction
Description: When the principal’s dog chases Twitch the squirrel into school, the class pets band together to rescue him. The school may never be the same!
Author’s Residence: Rochester, New York
Publisher: Holiday House

Alicia’s Happy Day
by Meg Starr, illustrated by Ying-hwa Hu and Cornelius Van Wright
Picture Book
Description: This book celebrates the vibrancy of the Puerto Rican community in East Harlem, while also being an urban happy birthday book that any child can connect to!
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Star Bright Books

Alley OOps
by Janice Levy, illustrated by CB Decker
Picture Book
Description: A bully understands the impact of his hurtful behavior.
Author’s Residence: Merrick, New York
Publisher: Flashlight Press

Bark Park
by Karen Gray Ruelle
Picture Book
Description: Welcome to Bark Park, where dogs of every shape, size, and personality romp and roam. Energetic rhymes are punctuated with cheerful watercolor-and-collage illustrations.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Be Careful What You Sniff For (Magic Bone, Book 1)
by Nancy Krulik, illustrated by Sebastien Braun
Early Chapter Book Series (Grades 2-4)
Description: When Sparky bites into his magic bone, he is magically transported to London, where sees the sights, makes friends, and gets into big trouble.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

The Book Boat’s In
by Cynthia Cotton, illustrated by Frane Lessac
Picture Book
Description: Wanting a book from the Erie Canal book boat, Jesse must earn enough money before the boat returns on its last trip for the season.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Holiday House

Cleo’s Big Ideas: One Thing Leads to Another
by Janice Milusich, illustrated by Jennifer Ball
Early Chapter Book (Grades 2-3)
Description: Cleopatra W. Darby was full of grand ideas—like the letters in her name, she had a slew of them, and one always led to another . . .
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

The Cow That Went OINK
by Bernard Most
Picture Book
Description: A cow that goes “OINK!” is laughed at by all the other animals on the farm until she meets a pig that goes “MOO!”
Author’s Residence: Scarsdale, New York.
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Dee and Deb Off They Go: Kindergarten First Day Jitters
by Donna M. McDine, illustrated by Jack Foster
Picture Book
Description: The anxiety of finding friends in kindergarten without her fraternal twin sister overwhelms Dee. Until she realizes her classmates are in the same boat.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Dinner at the Panda Palace
by Stephanie Calmenson, illustrated by Nadine Bernard Wescott
Picture Book
Description: A PBS Storytime Book celebrating 25 years in print—a rollicking, rhyming counting book featuring animals, food, hospitality and laughs.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: HarperCollins

Every Day Birds
by Amy Ludwig VanDerwater, illustrated by Dylan Metrano
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: A poetic field guide highlighting twenty common North American birds. Stunning cut-paper illustrations and lyrical facts bring birds to life!
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Orchard Books

Ewe and Aye
by Candace Ryan, illustrated by Stephanie Ruble
Picture Book
Description: Ewe loved wheels and Aye loved wings. But it wasn’t until Ewe and Aye found each other that things really got off the ground.
Illustrator’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion
A Fire Truck Named Red  
by Randall de Sève, pictures by Bob Staake  
Picture Book  
Description: Papa gives Rowan his broken childhood fire truck and the promise to fix it up “better than new.” What’s could be better than new for a child?  
Author’s Residence: Brooklyn, New York  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Flowers for Pudding Street  
by Christine Mannone Carolan  
Picture Book  
Description: When sunflowers pop up all over Pudding Street, no one knows who is planting them, except for a clever dog and a very busy bird.  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Shenanigan Books

Fly, Butterfly  
by Bonnie Bader  
Nonfiction Picture Book  
Description: Find out how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly, and then follow her journey down to Mexico.  
Author’s Residence: Brooklyn, New York  
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Go, Little Green Truck!  
by Roni Schotter, illustrated by Julia Kuo  
Picture Book  
Description: Fern, the farmer’s daughter, refurbishes Little Green, saving him from replacement. With new paint and biofuel, he soon becomes the star of the Farmers’ Market!  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

The Honeybee Man  
by Lela Nargi and Kyrsten Brooker  
Picture Book  
Description: Fred makes his home, and harvests honey from his three beehives, in Brooklyn, New York. What will his honey taste like this year?  
Author’s Residence (Nargi): New York  
Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

Ida, Always  
by Caron Levis, illustrated by Charles Santoso  
Picture Book  
Description: An exquisitely told story of two best friends—inspired by a real bear friendship—and a gentle, moving, needed reminder that loved ones lost will stay in our hearts, always.  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Jimi Sounds Like a Rainbow: A Story of the Young Jimi Hendrix  
by Gary Golio, illustrated by Javaka Steptoe  
Nonfiction Picture Book  
Description: Legendary music-maker Jimi Hendrix’s creative roots in 1950s Seattle. A New York Times bestseller and recipient of a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award in 2011.  
Author’s Residence: Ossining, New York  
Publisher: Clarion

Kindergarten is Cool!  
by Linda Elovitz Marshall, illustrated by Chris Chatterton  
Picture Book  
Description: “Kindergarten’s begun, Big kids say that it’s fun . . . ” Starting kindergarten’s exciting, but can cause jitters. This sweet, bouncy story explores new experiences, challenges and changes.  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Cartwheel Books

The Klezmer Bunch  
by Amalia Hoffman  
Picture Book  
Description: Klezmer musicians pack their instruments in a baby carriage on their way to a faraway wedding. When the carriage rolls away, a Klezmer lullaby saves the day.  
Author’s Residence: Westchester County, New York  
Publisher: Gefen Publishing House

Let’s Go to the Hardware Store  
by Anne Rockwell, illustrated by Melissa Iwai  
Picture Book  
Description: When the new house needs fixing up, it’s off to the hardware store to find the tools and materials needed to get the job done.  
Illustrator’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

Lorenzo, the Pizza-Loving Lobster  
by Claire Lordan  
Picture Book  
Description: When Lorenzo discovers pizza, it becomes his favorite food! He and Kalena then try to make a pizza together but Lorenzo can’t remember the ingredients!  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Little Bee Books
Made by Raffi
by Craig Pomranz, illustrated by Margaret Chamberlain
Picture Book
Description: Affirming and inspirational. Raffi, a shy boy who knits, is no longer teased because everyone wants to have something that is . . . made by Raffi!
Author's Residence: New York
Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children’s Books

Market Maze
by Roxie Munro
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Follow food trucks from maze-like apple orchards, farms, fish factories, fields, dairies, bakeries and more as they progressively drive into the city and Farmer's Market.
Author's Residence: Long Island City, New York
Publisher: Holiday House

Marvelous Cornelius: Hurricane Katrina and the Spirit of New Orleans
by Phil Bildner, illustrated by John Parra
Picture Book
Description: A modern-day folktale about Cornelius Washington, a dynamic street sweeper in New Orleans, and the heroic difference he made in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
Illustrator's Residence: New York
Publisher: Chronicle Books

Mousterpiece
by Jane Breskin Zalben
Picture Book
Description: Janson the mouse discovers contemporary art in a museum where she lives, and follows her dream to become an artist in her own right.
Author's Residence: New York
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club
by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat and Mitchell Sharmat, illustrated by Jody Wheeler
Early Chapter Book Series
Description: Nate the detective, with his friends and dog Sludge, try to track down an evil page monster who is tearing up Rosamond's book club’s books.
Illustrator's Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Yearling

The Nutcracker’s Night Before Christmas
by Keith Brockett, illustrated by Joseph Cowman
Picture Book
Description: On opening night, The Nutcracker cast faces many problems: misprinted programs, sick stagehands, destroyed costumes and a nasty theater cat. Can anyone save this show?
Author's Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

The Peddler’s Bed
by Lauri Fortino, illustrated by Bong Redila
Picture Book
Description: The peddler fails to sell a handcrafted bed to a penniless man. He offers a wager: “Make the bed squeak by sunset and it’s yours.”
Author's Residence: New York
Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

Plant Secrets
by Emily Goodman, illustrated by Phyllis Limbacher Tildes
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Examines the life cycles of plants from seed to flower to fruit to seed using four varied but familiar plants as examples. Simple, lyrical text.
Author's Residence: New York
Publisher: Charlesbridge

A Puddle for Poo
by Mary Vigliante Szyladowski, illustrated by KC Snyder
Early Chapter Book/Humorous Fiction
Description: Poo used to be a good dog but not anymore. Her behavior is upsetting her owners, annoying the neighbors, and disrupting the whole neighborhood.
Author's Residence: New York
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Ready for School, Murphy?
by Brendán Murphy
Picture Book
Description: Murphy doesn’t want to go to school, but no amount of made-up excuses convince his dad to let him stay home. Unless!
Author's Residence: Bronxville, New York
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Rude Cakes
by Rowboat Watkins
Picture Book
Description: A not-so-sweet cake—who never says please or thank you or listens to its parents—gets its just desserts.
Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York
Publisher: Chronicle Books

Song of the Poison Dragon (Dragon Masters, Book 5)
by Tracey West
Fantasy Series (Grades 1-3)
Description: Petra, the newest Dragon Master, doesn’t want to connect with her four-headed dragon. But she’ll need to when something terrible happens to the king!
Author Residence: New York
Publisher: Scholastic Paperbacks

There’s a Dog on the Dining Room Table
by Elizabeth Maginnis, illustrated by Annie Dwyer Internicola
Picture Book
Description: A rhyming story about a little girl who discovers a dog on her dining room table. She imagines funny scenarios explaining his appearance.
Author's Residence: Western New York State
Publisher: Xist Publishing

The Thing About Yetis
by Vin Vogel
Picture Book
Description: Everyone knows yetis love winter. But even yetis get the shivers, and even yetis get crabby from all the cold. So
sometimes they miss summer.
Author's Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

**A Tour of Your Respiratory System**
by Mary Reina, illustrated by Chris B. Jones
Nonfiction Series
Description: In a humorous graphic style, an oxygen molecule speaks directly to readers as it shows the path oxygen takes through the body.
Author's Residence: New York
Publisher: Capstone Press

**Urban Animals**
by Isabel Hill
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Selected for the RIF 2015 Multicultural Collection, *Urban Animals* uses rhyme and a search for animals in architecture to introduce children to our built environment.
Author's Residence: New York
Publisher: Starbright Books

**Vampire Baby**
by Kelly Bennett, illustrated by Paul Meisel
Picture Book
Description: When little sister, Tootie, goes from cuddly to Vampire Baby overnight, Mom and Dad insist it’s just a phase, but Tootie’s brother knows better.
Author’s Residence: Westhampton Beach, New York
Publisher: Candlewick Press

**Virgil & Owen Stick Together**
by Paulette Bogan
Picture Book
Description: Virgil and Owen show how best friends can be polar opposites and still work things out. Mom’s Choice Awards Gold Medal Recipient.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children’s Books

**Weird and Wild Animal Facts**
by Jessica Loy
Nonfiction (Grades 1-4)
Description: There are lots of fascinating animals throughout the world with unusual characteristics. For example, did you know a giraffe can clean its own ears with its tongue?
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

**What Does It Mean to be an Entrepreneur?**
by Rana DiOrio and Emma D. Dryden, illustrated by Ken Min
Picture Book
Description: When Rae witnesses an ice cream-and-dog mishap, she’s inspired to help get dogs clean. Drawing on her imagination and determination, Rae learns what it means to be an entrepreneur.
Author’s Residence (Dryden): New York, New York
Publisher: Little Pickle Press

**Worm Loves Worm**
by J.J. Austrian, illustrated by Mike Curato
Picture Book
Description: Their friends want to know: Who will wear the dress?
Who will wear the tux? The answer is: It doesn’t matter. Because Worm loves Worm.
Illustrator’s Residence: Brooklyn, New York
Publisher: Balzer & Bray

**Zinnia’s Flower Garden**
by Monica Wellington
Picture Book
Description: Summer is the season for growing flowers! Facts and fiction come together in this bright, sunny picture book for budding natural scientists.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Puffin

**GRADES 3-5**

**4 Kids in 5E & 1 Crazy Year**
by Virginia Frances Schwartz
Realistic Fiction
Description: Told in four voices, this heartfelt and hilarious story chronicles the ups and downs of the school year as kids write about their complicated lives.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Holiday House

**Baker’s Magic**
by Diane Zahler
Fantasy
Description: Bee, an orphan, discovers she can bake magic into her pastries. But will her small magic be enough to save her friend—and the kingdom?
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Capstone Press

**Bat 6**
by Virginia Euwer Wolff
Historical Fiction (Grades 3-7)
Description: 1949: sixth-grade girls’ softball game. On opposing teams: a Japanese-American girl released from Internment Camp, and a girl whose father died at Pearl Harbor.
Author’s Residence: Dutchess County, New York
Publisher: Scholastic Paperbacks

**The BFF Bucket List**
by Dee Romito
Realistic Fiction
Description: Two best friends. Twelve challenges. Can the BFF Bucket List save their friendship or will that get crossed off too?
Author’s Residence: Buffalo, New York
Publisher: Aladdin

**The Dragon of Trelian**
by Michelle Knudsen
Fantasy (Grades 4-8)
Description: A fantasy adventure involving a princess, a dragon, a mage’s apprentice, and an evil plot against the kingdom that must be stopped at all costs!
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Candlewick Press
Fab Four Friends: The Boys Who Became the Beatles
by Susanna Reich, illustrated by Adam Gustavson
Nonfiction
Description: Four boys find music to be a powerful, even life-saving, force. “Ideal for those seeking to introduce older elementary school students to the quartet.”—School Library Journal
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

Forest of Wonders (Wing & Claw Trilogy, Book 1)
by Linda Sue Park
Fantasy (Grades 3-7)
Description: Raffa and his friends—including a talking bat named Echo—must use their wits to foil a plot threatening the people and animals of Obsidia.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: HarperCollins

Fractions in Disguise
by Edward Einhorn, illustrated by David Clark
Picture Book
Description: When a valuable fraction goes missing, George Cornelius Factor (a.k.a. GCF) vows to track it down. A funny, action-filled detective story and introduction to simplifying fractions.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Charlesbridge

A Girl Called Vincent: The Life of Poet Edna St. Vincent Millay
by Krystyna Poray Goddu (Grades 4-7)
Nonfiction
Description: This exciting new biography explores the life and work of the celebrated American poet (1892-1950) who was a rock star of her times.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Madhattan Mystery
by John J. Bonk
Mystery
Description: Small-town siblings Lexi and Kevin McGill get sucked into solving the crime of the century while summering in New York City.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Walker Books

Michael at the Invasion of France, 1943
by Laurie Calkhoven
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: Michael guides American airmen to safety in WWII France. When the Gestapo come knocking, will he be able to keep his pilot and his family safe?
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reverso Poems
by Marilyn Singer
Poetry/Picture Book
Description: A book of reverso poems based on fairy tales. Winner of the 2015 NCTE Award for Excellence in poetry.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Dutton Children’s Books

Mr. Ferris and His Wheel
by Kathryn Gibbs Davis, illustrated by Gilbert Ford
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: The against-all-odds true story of engineer George Ferris’s fight to invent, finance and build his iconic wheel in time for the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair.
Illustrator’s Residence: New York
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Mutt’s Promise
by Julie Salamon, illustrated by Jill Weber
Fiction (Grades 3-7)
Description: When their owner moves away, two puppies are trapped in a puppy mill until they take matters into their own paws.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

My Name Is River
by Wendy Dunham
Realistic Fiction
Description: One school project + one class dork + one town bully = one unexpected summer. A story of an unlikely friendship, loss, and hope.
Author’s Residence: Monroe County, New York
Publisher: Harvest House

Myth-Busting Columbus
by Kelly Bakshi
Nonfiction
Description: Columbus introduced Europe to a new world. He also murdered Native Americans. You decide, is he a hero or a villain?
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Odd Ball: Hilarious, Unusual, & Bizarre Baseball Moments
by Timothy Tocher, illustrated by Stacy Curtis
Graphic Nonfiction
Description: Adjust your helmet and step up to the plate to meet some of the oddest characters in baseball history—all told through comic strips!
Author’s Residence: Hudson Valley, New York
Publisher: Two Lions

The Only Girl in School
by Natalie Standiford
Realistic Fiction
Description: Fifth grader Claire faces challenges big and small when her best friend moves away and she becomes the only girl in her entire school.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Scholastic Press

Rescue on the Oregon Trail (Ranger in Time, Book 1)
by Kate Messner
Series
Description: Ranger’s a time-traveling golden retriever who’s trained as a search and rescue dog. His first mission: helping a family through a dangerous journey over the Oregon Trail.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Scholastic Press
Rope Burn
by Jan Siebold
Realistic Fiction
Description: As a school assignment, Richard uses well-known proverbs as a framework to write about his parents’ divorce and his move to a new neighborhood.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

The Secret Destiny of Pixie Piper
by Annabelle Fisher
Fantasy
Description: Fifth grader and poetry whiz Pixie Piper doesn’t welcome the news that she’s descended from Mother Goose. Then she realizes her rhymes have powers she needs.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Greenwillow Books

Summer of Lost and Found
by Rebecca Behrens
Adventure/Mystery
Description: As Nell and Ambrose spend summer days searching for clues about the Lost Colony of Roanoke, someone—or something—is keeping watch over their quest . . .
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Aladdin

Thomas Jefferson Grows a Nation
by Peggy Thomas, illustrated by Stacy Innerst
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Jefferson loved to grow things. After planting the seed of freedom in the Declaration of Independence, he had something new to nurture: a new nation.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Calkins Creek

The Wild Ones
by C. Alexander London
Adventure
Description: A heroic raccoon and a band of crooked alley creatures are caught in a high stakes turf war against evil house pets in this talking animal epic.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Philomel Books

The Wild Robot
by Peter Brown
Science Fiction/Fantasy
Description: By studying her environment, Robot Roz slowly learns to find harmony on a remote, wild island—until her mysterious past catches up with her.
Author’s Residence: Brooklyn, New York
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

The World’s Strangest Foods
by Alicia Z. Klepeis
Nonfiction
Description: Filled with amazing photos and fun trivia facts, young readers will learn about weird foods from around the world, like deep-fried bugs and fermented fish.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Capstone Press

The (Almost) Perfect Guide to Imperfect Boys
by Barbara Dee
Humorous Fiction
Description: When two eighth grade girls categorize all boys as tadpoles, croakers or frogs, a mysterious boy shatters their assumptions and starts a boy/girl war.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Aladdin

Cast Off: The Strange Adventures of Petra De Winter and Bram Broen
by Eve Yohalem
Historical Fiction
Description: In this sea adventure set in 1663, twelve-year-olds Petra and Bram sail for the East Indies and face pirates, storms, mutiny and more!
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Change of Heart
by Shari Maurer
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: A teen soccer player struggles to maintain a normal life waiting for a heart transplant, and learns about love, loss and the meaning of true friendship.
Author’s Residence: New York
Originally Published by: WestSide Books

Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary
by Gail Jarrow
Nonfiction
Description: A true medical thriller set in the early 1900s about Typhoid Mary, the epidemiologist who found her, and the health department that decided her fate.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Calkins Creek

Forgotten Bones: Uncovering a Slave Cemetery
by Lois Miner Huey
Nonfiction
Description: Information about enslaved life in the North in the 18th century is presented based on archaeological excavations of three previously unknown burial grounds.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Millbrook Press

Odette’s Secrets
by Maryann Macdonald
Historical Fiction
Description: Inspired by a true story, Odette’s Secrets tells of a young Jewish girl who is forced to hide in plain sight in Nazi-occupied France.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children’s Books
**Pieces of Why**  
by K. L. Going  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Tia lives in a high-risk neighborhood in New Orleans, loves singing gospel, and dreams of changing the world with her voice. But after a neighborhood shooting, Tia finds she can’t sing anymore.  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Kathy Dawson Books

**Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound**  
by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
Nonfiction  
Description: The story of music that defined a generation and changed the world. A behind-the-scenes look at the most famous recording empire of the century.  
Author’s Residence: Brooklyn, New York  
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

**Riding the Flume**  
by Patricia Curtis Pfitsch  
Mystery  
Description: Set in 1894 in California’s sequoia groves, Francie risks her life to solve her sister’s mystery and heal her family’s grief.  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Aladdin

**Scared Stiff: Everything You Need to Know About 50 Famous Phobias**  
by Sara Latta  
Nonfiction  
Description: “Imparting the ideas that phobic people are in good company and that hope exists for eliminating persistent fears, this is factual, fun, and encouraging.”—Booklist  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Zest Books

**The Story of Seeds: From Mendel’s Garden to Your Plate, and How There’s More of Less to Eat Around the World**  
by Nancy Castaldo  
Nonfiction  
Description: Something as small as a seed can have a worldwide impact. Read about where our food comes from, where it’s going, and the importance of seeds in our world.  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Things Are Not What They Seem**  
by Anne Rothman-Hicks and Kenneth Hicks  
Fantasy  
Description: What would you do if a pigeon started talking to you in Central Park, New York City? Jenny talked back and had an amazing adventure.  
Authors’ Residence: New York, New York  
Publisher: MuseltUp Publishing

**The Truth About Twinkie Pie**  
by Kat Yeh  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Twelve-year-old GiGi and sister DiDi win one million dollars, move from a South Carolina trailer park to Long Island, New York, and discover family secrets.  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

**The Vine Basket**  
by Josanne La Valley  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Her emerging basket-weaving skills save Mehrigul, a Muslim, from leaving school and her family from becoming forced labor in a distant Chinese factory.  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Clarion Books

**Whose Eyes Are These?**  
by Marcia Byalick  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: An unknown sperm donor first arouses curiosity, jealousy, and anger . . . ultimately leading to a better understanding of forgiveness, loyalty, and the unbreakable bonds of love.  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Black Rose Writing

**Yankee Doodle Gals: Women Pilots of World War II**  
by Amy Nathan  
Nonfiction  
Description: Tells about the WASPs—Women Airforce Service Pilots—of World War II, the first women to fly U.S. military missions, opening the skies for women.  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: National Geographic Society

**GRADES 9-12**

**Change Places with Me**  
by Lois Metzger  
Science Fiction  
Description: Set in the near future, Change Places with Me centers on a teenage girl who undergoes new and mysterious transformations in her appearance and personality.  
Author’s Residence: New York, New York  
Publisher: Balzer & Bray

**Draw the Line**  
by Laurent Linn  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: In this groundbreaking illustrated YA, a gay teen fights brutality through his art. A gripping journey of self-discovery, romance, art making, and justice.  
Author’s Residence: New York, New York  
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

**The Fix**  
by Natasha Sinel  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: While falling for recovering addict Sebastian Ruiz, seventeen-year-old Macy Lyons must decide whether to reveal a secret from her past that could destroy her family.  
Author’s Residence: New York  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press
How it Feels to Fly
by Kathryn Holmes
Realistic Fiction
Description: A struggle with body dysmorphia forces one girl to decide if letting go of her insecurity also means turning her back on her dance dreams.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: HarperTeen

Hurricane Kiss
by Deborah Blumenthal
Realistic Fiction
Description: Two teens are forced to seek shelter during a hurricane. As they wait out the storm, they realize survival is about more than just staying alive—it’s about fighting for yourself.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

I Am the Weapon (The Unknown Assassin, Book 1)
by Allen Zadoff
Adventure/Mystery
Description: A highly-trained teen assassin finds himself torn between a girl and his mission.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Infinite In Between
by Carolyn Mackler
Realistic Fiction
Description: This novel follows five teenagers over all four years of high school, from when they meet at their freshmen orientation until the morning of graduation.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: HarperTeen

The Loop
by Shandy Lawson
Science Fiction
Description: Two teens are trapped in a loop of time that always ends in their murder.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Reproductive Rights: Who Decides?
by Vicki Oransky Wittenstein
Nonfiction
Description: Examine reproductive rights through a historical lens, from early history’s methods for contraception, to the Pill, Roe v. Wade, and contemporary legal and societal battlegrounds.
Author’s Residence: Brooklyn, New York
Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

Surviving Santiago
by Lyn Miller-Lachmann
Historical Fiction
Description: Chilean exile Tina makes a perilous return to Santiago in 1989, at the end of the military regime, to reconnect with her alcoholic activist father.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Running Press Kids

Touching the Surface
by Kimberly Sabatini
Paranormal Fiction
Description: Elliot’s dead for the third time and she knows she messed up. Back in the afterlife again, this is her last chance to get things right.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: Simon Pulse

Under My Skin
by Laura Diamond
Realistic Fiction
Description: Bookish Adam needs a heart transplant. Artist Darby’s twin brother could be a donor. When they meet, the secret inside of Adam may push them apart forever.
Author’s Residence: New York
Publisher: My Swoon Romance

Unlovely
by Celeste Conway
Mystery
Description: Lovely ballerinas at a seaside summer ballet school engage in dark, unlovely acts. The perfect read for a stormy summer night.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Merit Press

The Unmoving Sky
by K.L. Hallam
Adventure
Description: Two brothers, lost and wounded, must survive the elements and their grief, and escape the clutches of a man out to destroy their town—without getting killed.
Author’s Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Leap Books
GRADES K-2

by Loreen Leedy and Andrew Schuerger
Picture Book
Description: The awesome abilities of plants include making food for themselves and fighting drought, floods, fires, wind, heat waves, freezing temperatures, hungry animals, and insects.
Author's Residence (Leedy): Florida
Publisher: Holiday House

Being Frank
by Donna W. Earnhardt, illustrated by Andrea Castellani
Picture Book
Description: Frank always tells the truth . . . always. But when Frank’s honest opinion is honestly hurtful, he must decide if being frank is really the best policy.
Author's Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Flashlight Press

Can’t-Wait Willow! (Shine Bright Kids, Book 1)
by Christy Ziglar, illustrated by Luanne Marten
Picture Book Series
Description: The first book in this award-winning series teaches patience. Search for the star following Willow to the circus for fun, teachable moments.
Author's Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Flashlight Press

The Children at the Playground
by Tracey M. Cox, illustrated by Dolores Costello
Picture Book
Description: A look at different activities you enjoy while at the playground and encourages exercise—a twist on “The Wheels on the Bus.”
Author's Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Xist Publishing

Don’t Let the Bedbugs Bite!
by Niki Masse Schoenfeldt, illustrated by John Wes Thomas
Picture Book
Description: “Don’t let the bedbugs bite,” isn’t exactly a comforting phrase, but it isn’t so scary when a beneficial bug shows how friendship has many rewards.
Author's Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Shenanigan Books

Fine Life for a Country Mouse
by Susan Detwiler
Picture Book
Description: A retelling of a favorite fable by Aesop: shy Tillie mouse visits the city and learns a valuable lesson.

Fresh Delicious: Poems from the Farmers’ Market
by Irene Latham, illustrated by Mique Moriuchi
Picture Book
Description: Playful and imaginative, these poems will inspire you to see fruits and vegetables—and the world around you—in fresh and delicious ways.
Author's Residence: Birmingham, Alabama
Publisher: Wordsong

The Giant Book of Creativity for Kids: 500 Activities to Encourage Creativity in Kids Ages 2-12
by Bobbi Conner
Nonfiction
Description: Recommended by Parents’ Choice Awards (Fall 2015). With 500 age-appropriate and absolutely doable activities, this well-written organized guide is an encyclopedia of fun.
Author's Residence: South Carolina
Publisher: Roost Books

Hedgehog Goes to Kindergarten
by Lynne Marie
Picture Book
Description: Spike’s afraid to ride the bus alone. But no one wants to sit by his SHARP quills. Will he find someone to share his seat?
Author's Residence: Florida
Publisher: Scholastic Paperbacks

Her Brown Hair
by Jill Dana
Picture Book
Description: A poetic look at friendship through ups and downs: sharing and imagining books, feeling well and unwell, and visiting each other.
Author's Residence: Florida
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

The House on Dirty-Third Street
by Jo S. Kittinger, illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez
Picture Book
Description: When circumstances require starting over, a girl and her mother purchase a dilapidated house and learn that when you reach out, people respond and hope grows.
Author's Residence: Alabama
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

If You Are a Kaka, You Eat Doo Doo: And Other Poop Tales from Nature
by Sara Martel, illustrated by Sara Lynn Cramb
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Ever-inventive Nature finds a thousand uses for poop. Nothing goes to waste. This book is a guaranteed crowd-pleaser with a lot of information to share.
Illustrator’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Tilbury House

I’ll Take My Chances
by Mark Burrows, illustrated by Sally Springer
Picture Book
Description: Everyday opportunities for failure and ultimate growth are pictured in humorous experiences or embarrassing disasters that encourage youngsters to take a chance on life.
Illustrator’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Into the Deep: The Life of Naturalist and Explorer William Beebe
by David Sheldon
Nonfiction Picture Book (Grades 1-3)
Description: The story of a young man with a passion for Nature who became one of the first scientists to explore the mysteries of the deep.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Jeremiah Lucky Finds Puppy Love
by Jane Ellen Freeman, illustrated by Eric Hammond
Fantasy Chapter Book (Grades 2-4)
Description: Third-grader Jeremiah Lucky dodges a kiss from the princess in his school play. After summer begins, a special puppy becomes lost. Can Jeremiah find her?
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Lailah’s Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story
by Reem Faruqi, illustrated by Lea Lyon
Picture Book
Description: When Lailah moves to a new continent, she misses her friends. With help from the school librarian, she manages to tell her class about Ramadan.
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Lewis Tewanima: Born to Run
by Sharon Solomon, illustrated by Lisa Fields
Nonfiction Picture Book (Grades 1-3)
Description: When Lewis Tewanima left his mesa in Arizona, he missed his Hopi tribe. After winning a silver medal in the 1912 Olympics, he returned home.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Tilbury House

Lost. Found.
by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Matthew Cordell
Picture Book
Description: A bear and a bunch of mischievous animals individually lose and find a red scarf, using it in unusual ways. Unraveled in a scuffle, community is found.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Two Lions

Loud Lula
by Katy S. Duffield, illustrated by Mike Boldt
Picture Book
Description: In this southern-flavored tall tale, little ol’ Lula’s big ol’ voice may not be a great fit for the classroom. Or then again maybe it is . . .
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Two Lions

The Magic Babushka
by Phyllis Limbacher Tildes
Picture Book (Grades 1-4)
Description: An original Eastern European folktale about Nadia, a peasant girl with poor eyesight who longs to create the beautifully decorated Easter eggs called pysanky.
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Maple
by Lori Nichols
Picture Book
Description: Maple’s parents plant a maple tree in her honor. Maple and her tree grow to be best friends, then Maple becomes a big sister. Maple and her tree know what the baby needs.
Author’s Residence: Alabama
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

A Monster on the Loose
by Amanda Huneke, illustrated by Guy Wolek
Picture Book
Description: When a child awakes to chaos and pure untidiness, she realizes it is no ordinary day. Yes, she was sure, a monster came her way!
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Magic Wagon

The Monster Who Ate My Peas
by Danny Schnitzlein, illustrated by Matt Faulkner
Picture Book
Description: A boy makes a deal with a monster, but the price keeps escalating. Will he betray his best friend or face his food fears?
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

More-igami
by Dori Kleber, illustrated by G. Brian Karas
Picture Book
Description: Joey loves everything that folds. He’s determined to master the art of origami. Practice makes perfect in this multicultural story. Includes a simple origami craft.
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Candlewick Press

More Than Enough: A Passover Story
by April Halprin Wayland, illustrated by Katie Kath
Picture Book
Description: Illustrations and simple text portray children and their
family as they prepare for, then celebrate, a Passover Seder with food, games, songs, and even a sleepover. Illustrator’s Residence: North Carolina Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

**Mountain Wedding**
by Faye Gibbons, illustrated by Ted Rand
Picture Book
Description: When Mrs. Searcy and Mr. Long decide to get married, their children fuss and fight. Ultimately, shared problems reconcile the group into a happy blended family.
Author’s Residence: Deatsville, Alabama Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

**Mousetropolis**
by R. Gregory Christie
Picture Book
Description: A retelling of Aesop’s “The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse” with an exquisite palette and stunning compositions.
Author’s Residence: Georgia Publisher: Holiday House

**Mr. Pants: Camping Catastrophe** (available June 7, 2016)
by Scott McCormick, illustrated by R. H. Lazzell
Graphic Novel Chapter Book Series (Grades 1-3)
Description: Three goofy cats explore the great outdoors in the fourth book of this hilarious graphic chapter book series, perfect for fans of Squish and Bad Kitty!
Author’s Residence: North Carolina Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

**My Dog’s a Chicken**
by Susan McElroy Montanari, illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf
Picture Book
Description: When told she can’t have a dog, Lula Mae chooses a chicken to be her canine companion. Pookie soon proves to be a worthy choice.
Author’s Residence: Savannah, Georgia Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

**Nana’s Favorite Things**
by Dorothy H. Price, illustrated by TeMika Grooms
Picture Book
Description: Sasha loves her Nana’s snacks. When she learns her Nana has diabetes, Sasha creates a clever plan to help her become active and healthy.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

**Nothing Like a Puffin**
by Sue Soltis, illustrated by Bob Kolar
Picture Book
Description: Bold, charming artwork enlivens a fun and clever game of compare-and-contrast for curious kids and puffin lovers alike.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina Publisher: Candlewick Press

**Over on a Mountain: Somewhere in the World**
by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Jill Dubin
Picture Book
Description: Children discover ten animals living on ten mountain ranges and seven continents. Included are hidden animals and facts from both author and illustrator.
Illustrator’s Residence: Georgia Publisher: Dawn Publications

**Outer Space Bedtime Race**
by Rob Sanders, illustrated by Brian Won
Picture Book
Description: Aliens from every planet rocket through silly bedtime routines—they sink into steamy crater bubble baths, and shimmy into deep-sleep suits, just like you (almost)!
Author’s Residence: Florida Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

**Pirates Don’t Change Diapers**
by Melinda Long, illustrated by David Shannon
Picture Book
Description: Pirates don’t babysit . . . unless there’s buried treasure to be found. It’s a swashbuckling companion to How I Became a Pirate.
Author’s Residence: South Carolina Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Purple Frog Pajamas**
by San Hoy
Picture Book
Description: A re-deployed Army mother, an anxious bed-wetting six-year-old, a gift of pajamas, and a smart-aleck frog combine to create a nighttime adventure.
Author’s Residence: Florida Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

**Queen Emilene**
by Theresa Burns
Picture Book
Description: A funny story of a little boy who is expecting a Saint Bernard and instead gets a little sister, Emilene.
Author’s Residence: Wilton Manors, Florida Publisher: Taylor & Seale

**Rainbow of Friendship**
By Joni Klein-Higger, illustrated by Eileen Goldenberg
Picture Book
Description: A red girl moves from her red town to Rainbow Row City and discovers that friendship comes in many colors, shapes, and sizes. Addresses diversity.
Author’s Residence: Florida Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

**Ready, Set . . . WAIT!: What Animals Do Before a Hurricane**
by Patti R. Zelch, illustrated by Connie McLennan
Picture Book
Description: Book explains how wild animals sense an approaching hurricane and what they do to prepare for it.
Author’s Residence: Florida Publisher: Sylvan Dell Publishing
Robot Zombie Frankenstein!
by Annette Simon
Picture Book
Description: An Indie Next pick and Buckeye Children's Award nominee, it's a tale of competition, friendship, and . . . pie.
Author's Residence: Florida
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Rockabye Baby Jesus
by Heather Tietz, illustrated by Nancy Miller
Picture Book
Description: Rockabye Baby Jesus is a retelling of the Christmas story with a twist. This recounting of Christ’s birth can be sung to the song, “Rockabye Baby.”
Illustrator’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Paulist Press

Superhero Instruction Manual
by Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Mark Fearing
Picture Book
Description: Join an aspiring hero as he consults a guidebook promising to turn him super in 7 easy steps!
Author's Residence: South Carolina
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova
by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Julie Morstad
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: The journey of the most famous prima ballerina of all time—the brave, the generous, the transcendently gifted Anna Pavlova. Perfect for aspiring ballerinas of all ages.
Author's Residence: Atlanta, Georgia
Publisher: Chronicle Books

Ten Easter Eggs
by Vijaya Bodach, illustrated by Laura Logan
Picture Book
Description: Follow and count along in this sweet story as ten touchable eggs hatch into fuzzy, flocked chicks one by one in a rhyming adventure.
Author’s Residence: South Carolina
Publisher: Cartwheel Books

There Was an Old Lady Who Gobbled a Sink
by Tamera Will Wissinger, illustrated by Ana Bermejo
Picture Book
Description: “Why would she think to gobble a skink? Perhaps she’ll sink.” Young readers will delight in anticipation as the old lady gobbles through this story.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Tortoise and Hare’s Amazing Race
by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Cathy Morrison
Picture Book
Description: A retelling of the classic story with a math twist. Tessie Tortoise and Henry Hare race to the finish line as distance measurements mark their progress.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

Trosclair and the Alligator
by Peter Huggins, illustrated by Lindsey Gardiner
Picture Book
Description: Trosclair, a Cajun boy living on Bayou Fontaine in Louisiana, uses his wits to save himself and his dog Ollie from Gargantua, the rogue alligator.
Author’s Residence: Alabama
Publisher: Star Bright Books

USS Alabama: Hooray for the Mighty A!
by Karyn W. Tunks, illustrated by Julie Dupré Buckner
Nonfiction Picture Book (Grades 2-3)
Description: She had welcomed visitors to Mobile Bay since 1965, but without the help of dedicated schoolchildren, the mighty battleship might have been lost forever.
Author’s Residence: Alabama
Publisher: River Road Press

What in the World? Numbers in Nature
by Nancy Raines Day, illustrated by Kurt Cyrus
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: This book uses playful rhyming text to explore number sets found in nature—from birds’ wings in twos to octopus arms in eights, and more.
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Winslow Homer's Snap the Whip (Gatsby’s Grand Adventures, Book 1)
by Barbara Cairns, illustrated by Eugene Ruble
Picture Book Series
Description: Gatsby the art gallery cat explores famous paintings at night. If he forgets to jump out by dawn, strange things happen.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

You May Just Be a Dinosaur
by Heather Macht, illustrated by Jason Gillard
Picture Book
Description: How can you tell if you’re a dinosaur? Well, if you’re bigger than a school bus and have razor-sharp teeth, You May Just Be a Dinosaur!
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Z is for Moose
by Kelly Bingham, illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky
Picture Book
Description: Zebra thinks the alphabet should be simple. But Moose has other plans! Exuberant storytelling presents one hilarious comedy of errors about friendship, sharing, and compromise.
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Greenwillow Books
GRADES 3-5

Always with You
by Ruth Vander Zee, illustrated by Ronald Himler
Historical Fiction
Description: Four-year-old Kim is the lone survivor after her village is bombed by the Viet Cong. Her courage is sure to inspire.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

Arctic Danger
by Barbara Bockman, illustrated by Eugene Ruble
Picture Book
Description: Two Alaskan youngsters encounter dangers and a pipeline oil spill as they kayak down a stream to the store.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Clayton Stone, At Your Service
by Ena Jones
Adventure
Description: Twelve-year-old Clayton Stone is recruited as a decoy by the Special Service to help save a senator’s kidnapped wife and daughter.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Holiday House

Clifton Chase and the Arrow of Light
by Jaimie M. Engle
Fantasy
Description: A magic arrow leads a bullied boy through history, where he finds courage and faces his own bully.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Wayman Publishing

Echo the Copycat (Goddess Girls, Book 19)
by Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams
Chapter Book Series
Description: This series gives Greek mythology a modern spin. A new, talkative forest-mountain nymph named Echo mimics all the cool Mount Olympus Academy students.
Author’s Residence (Holub): North Carolina
Publisher: Aladdin

Edible Science: Experiments You Can Eat
by Jodi Wheeler-Toppen
Nonfiction
Description: It’s a cookbook! It’s a science book! It’s both! This National Geographic Kids book provides fun recipes and explains the science behind how they work.
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: National Geographic Children’s Books

Extraordinary
by Miriam Spitzer Franklin
Realistic Fiction
Description: Pansy hasn’t always been there for her best friend, Anna. But when Anna gets sick, Pansy is determined to be an extraordinary friend.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Frostborn (Thrones & Bones, Book 1)
by Lou Anders
Fantasy Series
Description: Karn is a gamer. Thiana is a half-giant. Together, they face trolls, wyverns, undead warriors, and an ancient dragon in this humorous fantasy adventure.
Author’s Residence: Alabama
Publisher: Yearling

The Great Monkey Rescue: Saving the Golden Lion Tamarins
by Sandra Markle
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Find out how scientists and concerned citizens worked to give these monkeys a hopeful future—on the Bank Street College 2016 Best Children’s Books List.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Millbrook

Greetings from Nowhere
by Barbara O’Connor
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: Told from the alternating perspectives of four characters, the story weaves together the lives of a multi-generational cast when they intersect at a run-down motel.
Author’s Residence: Asheville, North Carolina
Publisher: Square Fish

Hiding Carly (A Sean Gray Junior Special Agent Mystery)
by Ann E. Eisenstein
Mystery (Grades 5-6)
Description: The hero, eleven-year-old Sean, searches for the truth about the murder of his FBI-agent father and a connection with a new girl in his class.
Author’s Residence: Columbia, South Carolina
Publisher: Peak City Publishing

How Rude! 10 Real Bugs Who Won’t Mind Their Manners
by Heather L. Montgomery, illustrated by Howard McWilliam
Nonfiction
Description: Bugs who burp? Bugs who slurp? Bugs who eat their sisters?! Part illustration, part photography, this book will have you giggling, learning and screaming “gross!”
Author’s Residence: Alabama
Publisher: Scholastic Nonfiction

How to (Almost) Ruin Your Summer
by Taryn Souders
Humorous Fiction
Description: Chloe McCorkle quickly discovers there’s only one area in which she excels at camp: she manages to get more demerits than anyone else.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Jabberwocky

Imagine That!: Imagery Stories & Activities to Help Young People Learn to Improve Their Behavioral Self-Control
by Janis Silverman
Nonfiction
Description: Children use imagination with guided imagery stories. They learn to calm themselves, to focus, to solve everyday problems, to gain self-control and self-esteem.
**Last in a Long Line of Rebels**  
by Lisa Lewis Tyre  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)  
Description: Lou researches her family's history and learns that during the Civil War, a shipment of gold was stolen. The chief suspect: her great, great, great grandfather!  
Author's Residence: Georgia  
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

**The Lost Cipher**  
by Michael Oechsle  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: A grieving Appalachian boy aims to save his family's mountain by deciphering a centuries-old code that could lead to a hidden fortune in gold.  
Author's Residence: North Carolina  
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**Microbes: Discover an Unseen World (Build It Yourself series)**  
by Christine Burillo-Kirch, Ph.D., illustrated by Tom Casteel  
Nonfiction (Grades 3-7)  
Description: Journey through the microscopic worlds of bacteria, fungi, protists and archaea. Safe experiments allow microbiological exploration with fun facts.  
Author's Residence: North Carolina  
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

**Mr. Puffball: Stunt Cat to the Stars**  
by Constance Lombardo  
Humorous Fiction  
Description: Mr. Puffball dreams of becoming a movie star. In Hollywood, he catapults himself into the next best thing: stunt cat to his idol, El Gato!  
Author's Residence: North Carolina  
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

**A Mysterious Egg (The Dino Files, Book 1)**  
by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Mike Boldt  
Chapter Book Series  
Description: The adventures of a nine-year-old dinosaur expert, his paleontologist grandparents, a cat named Saurus, and fossils that might not be extinct!  
Author's Residence: North Carolina  
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

**Nature Girl: A Guide to Caring for God's Creation**  
by Karen Whiting and Rebecca White  
Nonfiction  
Description: A book where girls are encouraged to hang outdoors and explore nature and natural resources with games, facts, quizzes, experiments, puzzles, projects, and more.  
Author's Residence: Florida  
Publisher: Zonderkidz

**The Nez Perce**  
by Doraine Bennett  
Nonfiction  
Description: Explore the creation myth, the history, and the culture of the Nez Perce people. (Includes a glossary and related activities.)  
Author's Residence: Georgia  
Publisher: State Standards Publishing

**One Witch at a Time**  
by Stacy DeKeyser  
Fantasy  
Description: An unsuspecting girl brings one witch's magic into another witch's province, stirring certain disaster, in this exciting twist on “Jack and the Beanstalk.”  
Author's Residence: Key Largo, Florida  
Publisher: Calkins Creek

**The Pigeon Man**  
by Joel Edward Stein  
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-7)  
Description: On the rooftop where Mike Delaney keeps his pigeon coop, both he and Danny Simon, a Holocaust refugee, learn much about pigeons and loyalty and life itself.  
Author's Residence: Port St. Lucie, Florida  
Publisher: Scholastic Press

**The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael and Her Tribute to Veterans**  
by Barbara Elizabeth Walsh, illustrated by Layne Johnson  
Nonfiction  
Description: Biography of Moina Belle Michael, who established the Flanders Field Memorial Poppy as a universal symbol of tribute and support for veterans and their families.  
Author's Residence: Key Largo, Florida  
Publisher: Calkins Creek

**Ruby Lee and Me**  
by Shannon Hitchcock  
Historical Fiction  
Description: When a segregated North Carolina town gets its first black teacher, two girls—one black, one white—come face-to-face with how prejudice affects their friendship.  
Author's Residence: Tampa, Florida  
Publisher: Scholastic Press

**The Safest Lie**  
by Angela Cerrito  
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-7)  
Description: Nine-year-old Anna is smuggled out of the Warsaw Ghetto. National Jewish Book Award Finalist, Notable Social Studies Book and a Sydney Taylor Notable Book.  
Author's Residence: Georgia  
Publisher: Holiday House

**Super Gear: Nanotechnology and Sports Team Up** (available June 7, 2016)  
by Jennifer Swanson  
Nonfiction (Grades 4-7)  
Description: Nanotechnology is the cutting-edge science that is changing the world of sports as we know it. Will it help you stay ahead of the game?
Those Lively Lizards
by Marta Magellan, illustrated by Steve Weaver, photographs by James Gersing
Nonfiction Series
Description: An amusing way to learn facts about lizards. Each spread shows a funny cartoon and a photograph. What’s a dewlap? Read it, and you’ll find out!
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Tofu Quilt
by Ching Yeuung Russell
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: Bucking tradition, a Chinese girl wants to become a writer. Facing hardships but also experiencing success, she is content to be a girl—and a writer. A novel in verse.
Author’s Residence: South Carolina
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Treasure of Panther Peak
by Aileen Kilgore Henderson
Adventure/Mystery (Grades 4-8)
Description: Twelve-year-old Page moves to the eerie Big Bend of Texas, land of haunted mountains, lost Spanish treasure, lurking cougars, and green rattlesnakes.
Author’s Residence: Alabama
Publisher: Milkweed Editions

The Truth About Horses, Friends, and My Life as a Coward
by Sarah P. Gibson
Humorous Fiction
Description: Filled with hilarious horse capers, this laugh-out-loud chapter book shows why a horse isn’t always a girl’s best friend.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Two Lions

Valiant
by Sarah McGuire
Fantasy (Grades 4-6)
Description: In this retelling of Grimm’s “Brave Little Tailor,” Saville, dressed as her tailor-father’s apprentice, must save her city from an approaching army of giants.
Author’s Residence: Lakeland, Florida
Publisher: Egmont

The Way to Stay in Destiny
by Augusta Scattergood
Historical Fiction (Grades 3-7)
Description: Theo loves baseball. And playing the piano. Despite his uncle’s unrealistic rules, and with help from new friends, he figures out how to do both.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Scholastic Press

A Whole Lot of Lucky
by Danette Haworth
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: When twelve-year-old Hailee’s family wins the lottery, her life changes, but not in the ways she expected.
Author’s Residence: Orlando, Florida
Publisher: Walker Books

Write Before Your Eyes
by Lisa Williams Kline
Fantasy
Description: What happens when quiet twelve-year-old Gracie buys a journal at a yard sale and everything she writes in it comes true?
Author’s Residence: Davidson, North Carolina
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

GRades 6-8

The Attic of Sand and Secrets
by Medeia Sharif
Mystery
Description: Lily, a learning-disabled girl, unravels the mystery of her abducted mother using supernatural clues from an ancient stranger, even when it means endangering herself.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Featherweight Press

Been to Yesterdays: Poems of a Life
by Lee Bennett Hopkins
Poetry
Description: An award-winning book about the author’s young years growing up in Newark, New Jersey.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: WordSong

The Book that Proves Time Travel Happens
by Henry Clark
Humorous Fiction
Description: Three diverse students from Ambrose Bierce middle school travel to 1852 with a Gigantopithecus and a trombone, and fail to be inconspicuous. Trouble results.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Code of Honor
by Alan Gratz
Adventure/Mystery (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Persian-American teen Kamran Smith has to go on the run when his older brother claims credit for a terrorist attack against the United States.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Scholastic Press

Dark Light Dance: Refuge
by Carole Rummage
Fantasy
Description: Falling in love shouldn’t be dangerous, but when a grieving girl meets a boy with a dark secret at a wildlife refuge, anything could happen.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Cedar Fort
Dealing with Stress: A How-To Guide
by Lisa A. Wroble
Nonfiction
Description: Explores what stress is, what causes it, and how our bodies handle it with tips from real teens on how to deal with everyday stresses.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Enslow Publishers

Every Day After
by Laura Golden
Historical Fiction
Description: A young girl fights to keep her family, her home, and herself out of the orphanage after her father abandons the family in depression-era Alabama.
Author’s Residence: Alabama
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Facsimile
by Vicki L. Weavil
Science Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Anna-Maria “Ann” Solano will do anything for a ticket to Earth, until she realizes her actions might doom another species on her frontier planet, Eco.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Month9Books

Fortitude
by Carrie Dalby
Historical Fiction
Description: Alabama teenager Claire O’Farrell goes against societal norms to serve alongside her Creole best friend in a Tampa “colored camp” hospital during the Spanish-American War.
Author’s Residence: Alabama
Publisher: Anaiah Surge

Haint Misbehavin’
by Maureen Hardegree
Paranormal
Description: Swimming and flirting? Totally on Heather Tildy’s summer To Do list. Wrangling a mischievous ghost who gets her into big trouble? Not so much.
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Bell Bridge Books

How to Make a Universe with 92 Ingredients: An Electrifying Guide to the Elements
by Adrian Dingle
Nonfiction
Description: An imaginative way for young readers to connect chemistry to their everyday lives. Familiar objects are all made from just a handful of chemical elements!
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Owlkids Books

Jacqueline
by Jackie Minniti
Historical Fiction
Description: Based on a true story, a tale of family, faith, unusual friendships, and the resiliency of the human spirit, set in occupied France in 1944.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Anaiah Press

Just a Drop of Water
by Kerry O’Malley Cerra
Historical Fiction
Description: Set in Florida, this is the story of two boys—one Christian, one Muslim—and how their friendship is tested in the wake of September 11.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

The Last Monster
by Ginger Garrett
Fantasy
Description: A young cancer survivor discovers she is the guardian of monsters who roam the earth.
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Lily and Dunkin
by Donna Gephart
Realistic Fiction
Description: Dual narrative of a transgender thirteen-year-old girl, Lily, and a boy, Dunkin, with bipolar disorder, who slowly spirals toward psychosis.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

The Maypop Kidnapping
by C. M. Surrisi
Mystery
Description: Quinnie Boyd’s teacher has disappeared. Quinnie thinks it’s a kidnapping case, but her mom, the town sheriff, disagrees. Quinnie follows her instincts that something’s wrong.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Mission Libertad
by Lizette M. Lantigua
Historical Fiction
Description: In the 1970s, fourteen-year-old Luisito flees Cuba and becomes immersed in American culture while carrying out a secret mission under the eyes of spies.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Pauline Books & Media

The Perilous Journey of the Not-So-Innocuous Girl
by Leigh Statham
Historical Fiction/Steampunk
Description: Based on a true story, Marguerite’s steampunk adventure follows the footsteps of hundreds of girls who trekked across the pirate-infested Atlantic to Canada.
Author’s Residence: Raleigh, North Carolina
Publisher: Month9Books

Saraswati’s Way
by Monika Schröder
Realistic Fiction
Description: A poor, but gifted boy from rural India leaves his village to pursue his beloved math and faces many challenges after he arrives in New Delhi.
The Scent of Something Sneaky
by Gail Hedrick
Adventure/Mystery
Description: “A top recommendation for preteens and teens; swift action, delicious olfactory intrigue, and spy action that steps fearlessly into danger.”
Author’s Residence: Bradenton, Florida
Publisher: Square Fish

Seven Days to Goodbye
by Sheri S. Levy
Realistic Fiction
Description: While on Edisto Beach, Trina’s service dog makes a magical connection to a boy with autism, and his older brothers cause friction with her BFF.
Author’s Residence: Greenville, South Carolina
Publisher: Tumblehome Learning

The Shifter
by Janice Hardy
Fantasy
Description: A fantasy adventure for ages ten and up, The Shifter follows Nya, a war orphan with the unique ability to heal—or destroy—with her touch.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Barking Rain Press

Sports: The Ultimate Teen Guide
by Gail Fay
Nonfiction
Description: Information and tips for high school athletes in all sports—injury prevention, nutrition, steroids, personal training, mental toughness, and college recruiting.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Balzer & Bray

Steering Toward Normal
by Rebecca Petruck
Realistic Fiction
Description: Newfound half-brother Wayne threatens eighth-grader Diggy’s chances at the Minnesota State Fair steer competition, hones in on his girl, and rattles his relationship with Pop.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Amulet Books

This Is Not a Drill
by Beck McDowell
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Two teens must protect the first graders they tutor from a soldier dad with PTSD who takes them hostage when denied access to his son.
Author’s Residence: Huntsville, Alabama
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

The Writing on the Walls: Discovering Medieval and Ancient Graffiti for Middle School Social Studies
by Toni Blackwell Rhodes
Nonfiction
Description: This book presents a unique approach to the study of history through the lens of graffiti.
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Scarecrow Press

After Me
by Joyce Scarbrough
Humorous Fiction
Description: Being dead is all fun and games until you fall in love.
Author’s Residence: Alabama
Publisher: Buzz Books

All Those Broken Angels
by Peter Adam Salomon
Horror
Description: Nominated for the Bram Stoker Award for YA Horror, it was described by Publishers Weekly as “a complex, intense mystery that surprises and chills.”
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Flux

The Artisans
by Julie Reece
Fantasy
Description: A modern Beauty and the Beast retelling with the perfect blend of romance, mystery, and suspense—sure to be a hit with YA paranormal fans.
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Month9Books

Broken Fate
by Jennifer Derrick
Fantasy
Description: Atropos is the mythological Fate who cuts human lifelines. Alex is a dying human boy. When they meet, all the rules of fate are forfeit.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Clean Teen Publishing

Crazy
by Linda Vigen Phillips
Realistic Fiction
Description: A novel in verse that draws from the author’s experiences coming to terms with her mother’s mental illness growing up in Oregon in the sixties.
Author’s Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina
Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

The Culling
by Steven dos Santos
Science Fiction
Description: Lucian Spark is one of five Recruits competing to join the ruthless Imposer task force. Those who fail must choose a
family member to be brutally killed.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Flux

**Daughter of Chaos**
by Jen McConnel
Fantasy
Description: Will the power of Red magic prove too much for Darlena, or will she learn to control it . . . before it’s too late?
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Month9Books

**Grey**
by Christi J. Whitney
Fantasy Series
Description: Sebastian Grey thinks he’s just a normal teenager—until he’s pulled into a world of secretive Gypsies, shadowy creatures, and a destiny he cannot escape.
Author’s Residence: Georgia
Publisher: Harper Voyager

**Magic and Misery**
by Peter Marino
Realistic Fiction
Description: TJ isn’t prepared for the magic and misery ushered in by two new people in her life—her gay best friend and her first love.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Holiday House

**The Milk of Birds**
by Sylvia Whitman
Realistic Fiction
Description: An American teen who struggles with school and a Sudanese teen who survived genocide in Darfur exchange letters during 2008, transforming their very different lives.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**More Than Good Enough**
by Crissa-Jean Chappell
Realistic Fiction
Description: Half native. Half white. One hundred percent nothing. Trent Osceola is forced to live with his father on the Miccosukee reservation in the Florida Everglades.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Flux

**No Place to Fall**
by Jaye Robin Brown
Realistic Fiction
Description: Amber dreams of singing on bigger stages but her dysfunctional family puts roadblocks in her way. Can she make it from mountains to the stage?
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: HarperTeen

**Painless**
by S. A. Harazin
Realistic Fiction
Description: After eighteen years of dealing with a condition that keeps him from feeling pain, David sets out to complete a “bucket

**The Sister Pact**
by Stacie Ramey
Realistic Fiction
Description: Allie, the surviving sister of a suicide pact, spirals into grief, prescription pill abuse, and mysterious visions, which lead her to uncover unexpected secrets.
Author’s Residence: West Palm Beach, Florida
Publisher: Sourcebooks Fire

**Surf Shop Sisters**
by Laura Kennedy
Realistic Fiction
Description: Brooke Bentley is always there to help her BFF, Maria. But just how far should she go when that friend always gets her in trouble?
Author’s Residence: Pinellas County, Florida
Publisher: Melange Books

**Unspeakable**
by Michelle K. Pickett
Realistic Fiction
Description: The touching story of a girl struggling to survive the weight of a family secret alone, and the boy determined to help her.
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Clean Teen Publishing

**A Work of Art**
by Melody Maysonet
Realistic Fiction
Description: A teenage girl tries to prove her father is innocent of a scandalous crime only to discover she may have been one of his victims.
Author’s Residence: Coconut Creek, Florida
Publisher: Merit Press

**A World Without You** (available July 19, 2016)
by Beth Revis
Realistic Fiction
Description: Bo thinks he can travel through time, but he doesn’t actually have super powers. Can he accept the truth and save himself?
Author’s Residence: North Carolina
Publisher: Razorbill
GRADES K-2

Amazing Armadillos
by Jennifer Guess McKerley, illustrated by Paul Mirocha
Nonfiction Early Reader (Grades 1-3)
Description: The funny-looking armadillo is a digging, bug-eating machine. Follow an armadillo as she escapes predators, forages for food, builds a home, and trains her pups.
Author’s Residence: New Mexico
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Backhoe Joe
by Lori Alexander, illustrated by Craig Cameron
Picture Book
Description: A young boy finds a runaway backhoe and tries to keep it as his own, only to find the digger may belong to someone else.
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: HarperCollins

Barnacle Is Bored
by Jonathan Fenske
Picture Book
Description: For a barnacle stuck to a pier, every day is the same: BOR-INg. The life of a fish is much more exciting. Or so it seems . . .
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Scholastic

Bedtime Bunnies
by Wendy Watson
Picture Book
Description: Time for bunnies to brush their teeth, take a bath, put on pajamas. . . . Time for giggles, good-night hugs. Is a bunny’s bedtime just like yours?
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Clarion Books

A Beetle is Shy
by Dianna Huts Asto, illustrated by Sylvia Long
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: From fireflies to rainbow scarab beetles, an incredible variety of beetles is showcased here, in all their splendor.
Illustrator’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Chronicle Books

Blue on Blue
by Dianne White, illustrated by Beth Krommes
Picture Book
Description: It’s a bright, beautiful, blue-on-blue day, but a summer storm is on its way, and soon . . . Thunder! Lightning! Rain is pouring. Will the sun ever be back?
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Bob & Rob & Corn on the Cob
by Todd McQueen
Picture Book
Description: Bob and Rob LOVE corn on the cob, but Ella Mae Dobbs does not. So what in the world does that have to do with one lost and tiny robot?
Author’s Residence: Phoenix, Arizona
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Busy Builders, Busy Week!
by Jean Reid, illustrated by Leo Timmers
Picture Book
Description: Digging, dumping, ‘dozing and more! A delightful rhyming picture book, where young readers learn the days of the week as a joyous construction crew works together!
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children’s Books

Flora and the Peacocks
by Molly Idle
Picture Book
Description: The darling, dancing Flora is back, and this time she’s found two new friends: a pair of peacocks! But Flora realizes that the push and pull between three friends can be a delicate dance.
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Chronicle Books

Goodnight Selfie
by Scott Menchin, illustrated by Pierre Collet-Derby
Picture Book
Description: After the star of this story gets her brother’s hand-me-down camera-phone and a quick lesson in the “selfie,” there is no stopping her!
Illustrator’s Residence: Nevada
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Grandfather’s Wrinkles
by Kathryn England, illustrated by Richard McFarland
Picture Book
Description: A heart-warming story that teaches all of us that wrinkles are not necessarily a sign of old age; they just indicate where smiles have been!
Illustrator’s Residence: North Las Vegas, Nevada
Publisher: Flashlight Press

The Grumpy Troll and the Three Billy Goats
by Elizabeth Glann, illustrated by Tamara Antonijevic
Early Reader
Description: A humorous retelling of this tale from the troll’s point of view.
Author’s Residence: Arvada, Colorado
Publisher: Reading Reading Books
**How to Surprise a Dad**  
*by Jean Reagan, illustrated by Lee Wildish*  
*Picture Book*  
*Description:* “To surprise a dad, you have to be tricky.” This book is full of tips on how to become a super dad surpriser.  
*Author’s Residence:* Salt Lake City, Utah  
*Publisher:* Knopf Books for Young Readers

**Kitten Caboodle**  
*by Paige Grant, illustrated by Lisa Carol Williams*  
*Picture Book*  
*Description:* Tessa’s family rescues a litter of abandoned kittens and learns the joys of kitty company, and the responsibility to spay and neuter our pets.  
*Author’s Residence:* New Mexico  
*Publisher:* Azro Press

**Lewis & Clark: A Prairie Dog for the President**  
*by Shirley Raye Redmond, illustrated by John Manders*  
*Nonfiction Early Reader*  
*Description:* In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson sends Lewis and Clark out West to draw maps and collect plants. He also tells them to send him presents!  
*Author’s Residence:* New Mexico  
*Publisher:* Random House Books for Young Readers

**The Little Snowplow**  
*by Lora Koehler, illustrated by Jake Parker*  
*Picture Book*  
*Description:* When summer temperatures soar, cool off with this adventure. Has Mighty Mountain Road Crew’s snowplow trained hard enough to handle both blizzards and unexpected trouble?  
*Author’s Residence:* Utah  
*Publisher:* Candlewick Press

**The Lucky Hat**  
*by Matthew Henry Hall, illustrated by Jim Madsen*  
*Picture Book*  
*Description:* When Michael loses his lucky hat in the Grand Canyon, he finds that true luck is enjoying the natural world and being with his family.  
*Author’s Residence:* Arizona  
*Publisher:* Grand Canyon Association

**Luna and Me: The True Story of a Girl Who Lived in a Tree to Save a Forest**  
*by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw*  
*Picture Book*  
*Description:* Inspired by Julia Butterfly Hill’s courageous two-year tree-sit to save an ancient, redwood named Luna. Butterfly is an example of how we can all make a difference!  
*Author’s Residence:* New Mexico  
*Publisher:* Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

**Mad Pig, Sad Pig**  
*by Guy Belleranti, illustrated by Peter Mahr*  
*Early Reader*  
*Description:* Pig’s leg hurt. Will he be able to play with his friends?  
*Author’s Residence:* Arizona  
*Publisher:* Reading Reading Books

**The Mermaid’s Gift**  
*by Claudia Cangilla McAdam, illustrated by Traci Van Wagoner*  
*Picture Book*  
*Description:* Gianni wants to help his starving neighbors, but when his boat capsizes, all seems lost until a mermaid provides a gift that saves the people.  
*Author’s Residence:* Colorado  
*Publisher:* Pelican Publishing

**My Brother is My Best Friend**  
*by Nicole Weaver, illustrated by Clara Batton Smith*  
*Trilingual Picture Book*  
*Description:* Brothers are very special. Meet two brothers that do everything together. This delightful trilingual story transcends all cultural barriers.  
*Author’s Residence:* Littleton, Colorado  
*Publisher:* Guardian Angel Publishing

**Orangutan: A Day in the Rainforest Canopy**  
*by Rita Goldner*  
*Picture Book*  
*Description:* This is a lively adventure of a wild young orangutan learning survival skills, encountering other wildlife, and romping through the rainforest of Borneo.  
*Author’s Residence:* Scottsdale, Arizona  
*Publisher:* Dancing Dakini Press
The Princess in Black
by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale, illustrated by LeUyen Pham
Humorous Fiction Series
Description: Princess Magnolia seems like a typical princess. She loves frilly pink dresses and her unicorn Frimplepants. But when the monster alarm sounds, she becomes the hero, the Princess in Black!
Authors’ Residence: Utah
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Sand Dune Daisy: A Pocket Mouse Tale
by Lili DeBarbieri, illustrated by M. Fred Barraza
Picture Book
Description: Daisy is a playful, young pocket mouse who must navigate her way through a challenging environment, meeting a colorful cast of desert characters.
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Westcliffe Publishers

The Scary Places Map Book
by B. G. Hennessy, illustrated by Erwin Madrid
Picture Book (Grades 1-3)
Description: Need a vacation from normal? Take seven spooktacular tours of places like Transylvania, the Wicked Woods, Nightmare House, or the Western Terror-toires. Bone voyage!
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Space Boy and the Space Pirate
by Dian Curtis Regan, illustrated by Robert Neubecker
Picture Book
Description: In Space Boy’s second adventure, a space pirate kidnaps Niko’s cousin. When the crew attempts a rescue, the space pirate steals Niko’s spaceship! Will they ever get back to Planet Home?
Author’s Residence: Colorado Springs, Colorado
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

The Tumbleweed Came Back
by Carmela LaVigna Coyle, illustrated by Kevin Rechin
Picture Book
Description: Hilarity ensues as Granny and her grandchildren find more and more zany ways to get rid of the tumbleweeds. One tumbleweed turns into ten, then twenty, then thousands!
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Rio Chico Books for Children

Turkey Trouble
by Wendi Silvano, illustrated by Lee Harper
Picture Book
Description: It’s almost Thanksgiving and Turkey’s on the menu. But what if he doesn’t look like a turkey? Will his clever disguises save him?
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Marshall Cavendish

Water Rolls, Water Rises / El agua rueda, el agua sube
by Pat Mora, illustrated by Meilo So
Bilingual Picture Book
Description: Graceful short poems in Spanish and English celebrate water in all its forms; evocative watercolor images depict fourteen different water landscapes and cultural areas around the world.
Author’s Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico
Publisher: Children’s Book Press

Where I Belong
by Linda Kranz
Picture Book
Description: Maximillian feels like an outsider. He’s searching for a place that’s just right. He experiences two very different scenarios and then he makes his choice.
Author Residence: Flagstaff, Arizona
Publisher: Taylor Trade

GRADES 3-5

Book Scavenger
by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
Mystery (Grades 4-8)
Description: When Emily and James find a mysterious book, they uncover a message that launches a scavenger hunt game. But they also draw the attention of the men who attacked the game’s creator.
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

The Deep Time Diaries
by Gary Raham
Science Fiction
Description: Young Jon and Neesha Olifee, inadvertently hurled 800 million years into the past in an alien artifact, struggle to evade prehistoric creatures and return home.
Author’s Residence: Wellington, Colorado
Publisher: Fulcrum Publishing

Fortune Falls
by Jenny Goebel
Fantasy (Grades 3-7)
Description: In a magical town where superstitions are real, can a girl who’s never so much as found a single lucky penny change her fortune?
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Scholastic Press

The Guardian Team: On the Job with Rena and Roo
by Cat Urbigkit
Nonfiction
Description: Watch Rena and Roo, a dog-and-burro guardian team, as they grow to have a close connection with the sheep they protect.
Author’s Residence: Wyoming
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

How the West Was Drawn: Women’s Art
by Linda L. Osmundson
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Questions urge the reader to really look at the art of fourteen female western painters. Text includes tidbits about the women and the art.
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Pelican Publishing
John Muir Wrestles a Waterfall
by Julie Danneberg, illustrated by Jamie Hogan
Picture Book
Description: Take a virtual field trip to Yosemite National Park as you read about John Muir’s death-defying adventure climbing up and behind Yosemite Falls.
Author’s Residence: Denver, Colorado
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Letters From Heaven / Cartas del cielo
by Lydia Gil
Realistic Fiction
Description: Celeste is heartbroken when her grandmother dies, but when letters mysteriously begin to arrive with her grandmother’s advice and recipes, she finds solace in cooking.
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Arte Publico Press

Linda Sue Park: An Author Kids Love
by Michelle Parker-Rock
Nonfiction
Description: In this authorized biography based on personal interviews, find out how Linda Sue Park got started, how she works, and what advice she has for young writers.
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Enslow

Look Both Ways in the Barrio Blanco
by Judith Robbins Rose
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: The clever, lonely twelve-year-old daughter of undocumented immigrants finds her family threatened after she’s paired in a mentoring program with a pushy, fading TV celebrity.
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Look Who Lives in the Ocean!
by Brooke Bessesen
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Through a clever combination of rhyming prose, fascinating facts, humorous illustrations and real-life photographs, young readers laugh and learn about the ocean’s most interesting creatures.
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Arizona Highways Books

Lucky Strike
by Bobbie Pyron
Realistic Fiction
Description: Everyone in Paradise Beach agrees Nate is pure unlucky, especially when he gets struck by lightning on his eleventh birthday. But Nate survives and everything changes.
Author’s Residence: Park City, Utah
Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books

The Midnight Ride of Blackwell Station
by Mary Peace Finley, illustrated by Judith Hunt
Historical Fiction
Description: Raephy lives in an isolated railroad depot, but her wish for a town doesn’t prepare her for the midnight hijacking of Blackwell Station—with her inside!

Morris and Buddy: The Story of the First Seeing Eye Dog
by Becky Hall, illustrated by Doris Ettlinger
Nonfiction
Description: This true story tells of Morris Frank’s determination to lead a normal life after being blinded at sixteen. He became dedicated to training guide dogs for the blind.
Author’s Residence: Utah
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Mothman’s Curse
by Christine Hayes, illustrated by James K. Hinde
Adventure/Mystery
Description: When Josie and her brothers uncover a haunted camera, the Mothman legend becomes a terrifying reality that threatens their entire town.
Author’s Residence: Utah
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

My Teacher Dances on the Desk
by Eugene M. Gagliano, illustrated by Tatjana Mai-Wyss
Poetry/Picture Book
Description: Smiling through these jaunty and downright silly poems—based on classroom teacher Eugene Gagliano’s years of experience—will have young readers everywhere laughing.
Author’s Residence: Wyoming
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

A Nearer Moon
by Melanie Crowder
Fantasy (Grades 3-6)
Description: “Crowder blends gorgeously poetic language with precisely observed detail in this delicate fantasy of sisterly love tested by separation and illness.”—Publishers Weekly, starred review.
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

The Nelig Stones
by Sharon Skinner
Fantasy
Description: Magically transported to Anoria, where dragons rule and fairies carry swords, Stefani and Robbie must find five magic stones in order to get home.
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Brick Cave Books

A Night Divided
by Jennifer A. Nielsen
Historical Fiction
Description: Greta’s family is divided on the night the Berlin Wall goes up. What will she risk to reunite them?
Author’s Residence: Utah
Publisher: Scholastic Press

Nooks & Crannies
by Jessica Lawson
Mystery Book (Grades 4-7)
Description: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory meets Clue in this Junior Library Guild selection. Tabitha Crum receives an invitation
to an estate where secrets abound.
Author’s Residence: Palmer Lake, Colorado
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**Not a Doctor Logan’s Divorce Book**
by Sydney Salter, illustrated by Chelsea Eaton
Realistic Fiction
Description: It’s up to eleven-year-old Logan to end this divorce nonsense! She’ll start by writing her own self-help book: “Not-A-Dr. Logan’s Divorce Book.”
Author’s Residence: Utah
Publisher: Character Publishing

**Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, and a Miracle**
by Major Brian Denis, Kirby Larson, and Mary Nethery
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: An abused Iraqi dog falls so in love with a Marine Major that he treks seventy-five miles through harsh winter snow with a punctured lung to find and be with Brian.
Author’s Residence (Nethery): Santa Fe, New Mexico
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

**Pirates Off the Deep End**
by T.W. Kirchner
Adventure
Description: Action, adventure, trouble, and danger follow the Klopt brothers on the high seas after they meet the evil pirate ghost Francois l’Olonnais.
Author’s Residence: Nevada
Publisher: Short on Time Books

**Rescue in Poverty Gulch: A Ruby and Maude Adventure**
by Nancy Oswald
Historical Fiction
Description: In 1896 Cripple Creek, Ruby and her donkey, Maude, are hurled into school, a devastating fire, and the clutches of an outlaw. Will they survive?
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Filter Press

**Seeds of Freedom: The Peaceful Integration of Huntsville, Alabama**
by Hester Bass, illustrated by E. B. Lewis
Nonfiction
Description: A Civil Rights story of courage and cooperation from 1962-63, revealing how racial discrimination and unfairness were met successfully and nonviolently with perseverance and ingenuity.
Author’s Residence: New Mexico
Publisher: Candlewick Press

**The Stars of Summer**
by Tara Dairman
Adventure
Description: Twelve-year-old Gladys Gatsby—undercover restaurant critic for NYC’s biggest newspaper—must juggle summer camp and her toughest assignment yet: finding the city’s best hot dog.
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Puffin

**Treasure at Lure Lake**
by Shari Schwarz
Adventure/Mystery (Grades 4-7)
Description: When disaster strikes on a backpacking trip, two brothers must work together to survive . . . and find a treasure connected to an old family secret.
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Cedar Fort

**Tug-of-War (Summer Camp Secrets)**
by Katy Grant
Realistic Fiction Series
Description: Another summer at Camp Pine Haven becomes complicated for Chris, who finds herself caught in a friendship triangle between her two BFFs, Maggie and Devon.
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Aladdin

**The Well of Sacrifice**
by Chris Eboch, illustrated by Bryn Barnard
Historical Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: A Mayan girl in ninth-century Guatemala rebels against the High Priest who sacrifices anyone challenging his power.
Author’s Residence: New Mexico
Publisher: Clarion Books

**What’s for Dinner?: Quirky, Squirmy Poems from the Animal World**
by Katherine B. Hauth, illustrated by David Clark
Poetry/Picture Book
Description: “. . . finding food is not a joke. Living things must eat or croak.” Twenty-nine poetic vignettes reveal varied, weird, amusing, and gross animal survival techniques.
Author’s Residence: New Mexico
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**Where Snow Leopard Prowls: Wild Animals of Tibet**
by Naomi C. Rose
Picture Book
Description: Day-in-the-life descriptions and illustrations of Tibetan wildlife. Fascinating facts and intriguing tidbits on the animals and Tibetan Plateau.
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Dancing Dakini Press

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**GRDES 6-8**

**The Ancient One**
by T. A. Barron
Fantasy
Description: In her quest to save a great redwood tree, Kate discovers that all living things are connected, and that true friendship can reach across centuries.
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Puffin Books
**At Home in Her Tomb: Lady Dai and the Ancient Chinese Treasures of Mawangdui**  
by Christine Liu-Perkins  
Nonfiction  
Description: A time capsule with a two-thousand-year-old mummy, the Mawangdui tombs revealed many long-lost secrets of life in the Han Dynasty.  
Author's Residence: Colorado  
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**Blue Birds**  
by Caroline Starr Rose  
Historical Fiction  
Author's Residence: New Mexico  
Publisher: Puffin

**Bull Rider**  
by Suzanne Morgan Williams  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: When Cam’s brother, Ben, is seriously injured in the Iraq war, Cam risks riding a dangerous bull to overcome his grief and give Ben new hope.  
Author's Residence: Nevada  
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

**Eagle Talons (The Iron Horse Chronicles, Book 1)**  
by Robert Lee Murphy  
Historical Fiction  
Description: Newly orphaned, fourteen-year-old Will Braddock embarks upon a quest to determine his own destiny at the time of building the first transcontinental railroad in 1867.  
Author's Residence: Nevada  
Publisher: Five Star Publishing

**Finn Finnegan**  
by Darby Karchut  
Fantasy Series  
Description: Armed with a bit o’ Celtic magic, a bronze dagger, and one hair-trigger temper, Finn will show some local hobgoblins the meaning of “fighting Irish.”  
Author's Residence: Colorado  
Publisher: Spencer Hill Press

**The Great Bicycle Experiment: The Army’s Historic Black Bicycle Corps, 1896-97**  
by Kay Moore  
Nonfiction  
Description: Explores the true story of the Buffalo soldiers who pedaled and pushed across mountains and plains to test bicycles as a replacement for Army horses.  
Author's Residence: Nevada  
Publisher: Mountain Press

**I Lay My Stitches Down: Poems of American Slavery**  
by Cynthia Grady, illustrated by Michele Wood  
Poetry/Picture Book  
Description: Using the folk tradition of quilting as a structural framework, fourteen poems are spoken from different perspectives: including a house slave, a blacksmith, and others.  
Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

**Love, Lucas**  
by Chantele Sedgwick  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7-10)  
Description: Set along the California coast, Love, Lucas is full of hope, first love, and learning to live again after the loss of a sibling.  
Author's Residence: Utah  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**Myth Rider**  
by Cynthia Kennedy Henzel  
Historical Fiction  
Description: In 1910, Tamara flees her homeland to ride in a Wild West Show, but discovers a daunting new challenge in America.  
Author's Residence: Arizona  
Publisher: 4RV Publishing

**Nellie Bly and Investigative Journalism for Kids: Mighty Muckrakers from the Golden Age to Today**  
by Ellen Mahoney  
Nonfiction  
Description: The life and work of courageous reporter, Nellie Bly, as well as other fascinating journalists—including many fun and relevant activities for young readers.  
Author's Residence: Colorado  
Publisher: Chicago Review Press

**Now That You’re Here**  
by Amy K. Nichols  
Science Fiction (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: Danny jumps to a world where he’s a friendless orphan. If he returns, he’ll pay for crimes his parallel-self committed while he was gone.  
Author's Residence: Arizona  
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

**The One Who Came Back**  
by Joann Mazzio  
Mystery  
Description: Two boys hike into the mountains. Eddie disappears. Suspicion falls on Alex. He regrets being the one who came back.  
Author's Residence: New Mexico  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Rock On: A story of guitars, gigs, girls and a brother (not necessarily in that order)**  
by Denise Vega  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Shy but talented Orion Taylor dreams of rock glory in the high school Battle of the Bands. Will he fight for his music, himself, and the girl?  
Author's Residence: Colorado  
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
Wild at Heart: Mustangs and the Young People Fighting to Save Them
by Terri Farley, photographs by Melissa Farlow
Nonfiction
Description: True science, history, eye-witness accounts of America’s wild horses from beloved Phantom Stallion author and National Geographic photojournalist. 
Author’s Residence: Nevada
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

The Year of Lightning
by Ryan Dalton
Adventure/Mystery (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Teenage twins must stop a villain from the future whose plan threatens their town, and discover there’s more to the universe than they ever knew.
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Jolly Fish Press

Blind Spot
by Laura Ellen
Mystery
Description: Sixteen year-old Roswell Hart comes to terms with her visual impairment as she tries to clear her name in the death of a classmate. 
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Curio
by Evangeline Denmark
Fantasy
Description: Transported to a land inside an enchanted cabinet, Grey searches among the living porcelain and clockwork inhabitants for the human who knows the way home. 
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Blink Publishing

Desert Dark
by Sonja Stone
Suspense
Description: Nadia’s life is in danger when she’s framed as a double agent at her new training facility—a high school run by the CIA. 
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Holiday House

Eugene Bullard: World’s First Black Fighter Pilot
by Larry Greenly
Nonfiction
Description: This multi-awarded, fast-paced biography tells the story of the black American fighter pilot Eugene Bullard and his incredible combat experiences in both WWI and WWII. 
Author’s Residence: New Mexico
Publisher: NewSouth Books

Forbidden
by Kimberley Griffiths Little
Historical Fiction
Description: An exotic thriller set in Ancient Mesopotamia where goddess temples, blackmail, and tribal warfare threatens Jayden’s survival after she meets a boy from the mysterious frankincense lands. 
Author’s Residence: New Mexico
Publisher: HarperCollins

How (Not) to Fall in Love
by Lisa Brown Roberts
Realistic Fiction
Description: When her father disappears, Darcy seeks refuge at her uncle’s thrift shop, where she finds companionship, romance, and the courage to save her family.
Author’s Residence: Denver, Colorado
Publisher: Entangled Teen

Mirage (available July 5, 2016)
by Tracy Clark
Adventure
Description: Ryan spends her days hurling herself out of planes. After a brush with death, she must fight the girl she’s become—or lose herself forever. 
Author’s Residence: Nevada
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Miss Fortune Cookie
by Lauren Bjorkman
Realistic Fiction
Description: In this story of friendship, love, loyalty, and rebellion, shy Erin reveals her true opinions on everything in her secret advice column. 
Author’s Residence: New Mexico
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

Not After Everything
by Michelle Levy
Realistic Fiction
Description: A gritty but hopeful love story about a boy coping with his mother’s suicide, standing up to his abusive father, and allowing himself to embrace the future.
Author’s Residence: Denver, Colorado
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

The Perfect Blindside
by Leslea Wahl
Mystery
Description: When their town is threatened, snowboarding silver-medalist Jake and studious Sophie must work together to unravel the mystery and discover who God wants them to be. 
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

Theme Parks
by Bobi Martin
Nonfiction
Description: A great book for teens who want to work as a costumed character, or in other performance roles, at a theme park. 
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Rosen Publishing
Tokens and Omens (available July 19, 2016)
by Jeri Baird
Fantasy
Description: After a time of magic, Zander and Alexa undergo a dangerous trial known as the Quest. Survival depends on earning tokens that counteract the omens.
Author's Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Jolly Fish Press
GRADES K-2

Bears Make the Best Reading Buddies
by Carmen Oliver, illustrated by Jean Claude
Picture Book
Description: Adelaide tells her teacher Mrs. Fitz-Pea that her reading buddy is nothing to be afraid of because bears really do make the best reading buddies!
Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas
Publisher: Capstone Press

Bernice Gets Carried Away
by Hannah E. Harrison
Picture Book
Description: Grumpy Bernice grabs all the balloons at a party and gets carried up and away. Fortunately, on the way back down, she brightens everyone’s day.
Author’s Residence: Oklahoma
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Bizz & Buzz Make Honey Buns
by Dee Leone, illustrated by Maritie
Picture Book
Description: Two bees use a little flower instead of a little flour to follow a recipe, which makes this book a humorous introduction to homophones.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

The Blues Go Birding Across America
by Carol Malnor and Sandy F. Fuller, illustrated by Louise Schroeder
Picture Book
Description: Looking for a new song to sing, five humorous little birds go on an adventurous bird-watching trip to see and hear species all across America.
Illustrator’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Dawn Publications

Bringing the Outside In
by Mary McKenna Siddals, illustrated by Patrice Barton
Picture Book
Description: A rollicking book that reminds young readers to go outside and play! Fun, lyrical text, beautiful illustrations.
Illustrator’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Canta, Rana, canta / Sing, Froggie, Sing
by Carolyn Dee Flores
Bilingual Picture Book
Description: Colorful bilingual picture book based on a traditional folksong that has been sung by parents and children in Spanish-speaking countries for generations.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Arte Público Press

Circus Train
by Jennifer Cole Judd, illustrated by Melanie Matthews
Picture Book
Description: Spotlights glow! Let’s start the show! Circus Train rolls into town, wrapping readers in the wonders of the circus with spare, evocative rhymes and colorful illustrations.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Two Lions

Freddy, Hoppie and the Eyeglasses
by Michelle Nott, illustrated by Robert Lee Beers
Picture Book
Description: Freddy and his frog, Hoppie, jump into each day until numbers smudge, words blur, and classmates snicker. They need to tell Mom, but how?
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

George Ferris, What a Wheel
by Barbara Lowell, illustrated by Jerry Hoare
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Engineer George Ferris’s greatest challenge: building a 250-foot Ferris wheel that will hold 2,160 people in train-size cars for the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair.
Author’s Residence: Oklahoma
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Giant Peach Yodel
by Jan Peck, illustrated by Barry Root
Picture Book
Description: This tale about teamwork proves that kids of any size can accomplish wondrous things. With a recipe for peach cobbler, that’s a yummy reason to yodel!
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Grady’s in the Silo
by Una Belle Townsend, illustrated by Bob Artley
Picture Book
Description: Based on a true story, this award-winning book depicts teamwork and patience as everyone tries to rescue this special cow.
Author’s Residence: Oklahoma
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Grrr . . . Night!
by Susan York Meyers, illustrated by Marla F. Jones
Picture Book
Description: “Grrr Night, Sleep Tight, eat a bedbug tonight,” says Woolsey’s granny. But this little monster isn’t quite ready to go off to nightmare-land.
Author’s Residence: Oklahoma
Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing
The Hole Story of the Doughnut
by Pat Miller, illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Ever wonder who invented your delicious doughnut? Turns out, it was a teenager, on a ship, about 170 years ago. Learn how in this true story!
Author's Residence: Texas
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Hound Dawg
by Patricia Vermillion, illustrated by Cheryl Pilgrim
Picture Book
Description: Bessie, Calico, and Penny work their fingers to the bone down on the cotton farm. But Hound Dawg, he's a couch potato—lazy, lazy, lazy. Until one day . . .
Author's Residence: Texas
Publisher: TCU Press

I Can Do It!
by Trish Holland, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley Newton
Picture Book
Description: Holly is eager to do things for herself and she almost, kind of, nearly can. But there is one thing she does perfectly . . . hug Daddy goodnight.
Author's Residence: Texas
Publisher: Little Golden Books

I Can Help!
by Peggy Perry Anderson
Early Reader
Description: Little Joe the Frog helps Mom run errands. He helps Dad do chores. You never know how things will go when Joe is on the job!
Author's Residence: Oklahoma
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

If I Ran For President
by Catherine Stier, illustrated by Lynne Avril
Nonfiction Picture Book (Grades 1-4)
Description: Perfect for this election season! Six diverse children imagine running for President of the United States. A respectful, factual, entertaining look at the election process.
Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

I Love Cake!: Starring Rabbit, Porcupine, Moose
by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Angie Rozelaar
Picture Book
Description: Irrepressible Moose, orderly Rabbit, and fun-loving Porcupine are set to celebrate Rabbit's birthday, but everything goes south when Moose loses control of his appetite!
Author's Residence: Oklahoma
Publisher: Katherine Tegen & Company

Let's Salsa / Bailemos Salsa
by Lupe Ruiz-Flores, illustrated by Robert Casilla
Bilingual Picture Book
Description: Estella joins her mother in salsa dancing exercise class. One day, children are banned from the class. Estella petitions for a salsa class for kids.
Author's Residence: Texas
Publisher: Pinata Books

Looking for Uncle Louie on the Fourth of July
by Kathy Whitehead, illustrated by Pablo Torrecilla
Picture Book
Description: At the Fourth of July parade, Joe looks for Uncle Louie and gets a big surprise when the ornately decorated low riders arrive to celebrate Independence Day.
Author's Residence: Texas
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Mighty Truck
by Chris Barton, illustrated by Troy Cummings
Picture Book
Description: Meet Clarence, a rickety old truck who goes from average to awesome when an unexpected trip through a mysterious truck wash transforms him.
Author's Residence: Texas
Publisher: HarperCollins

Monkey and Duck Quack Up!
by Jennifer Hamburg, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham
Picture Book
Description: Monkey's eager, Duck's laid-back. Together do they have the knack to be a winning rhyming team and satisfy a monkey's dream?
Author's Residence: Texas
Publisher: Scholastic Press

No Year of the Cat
by Mary Dodson Wade, illustrated by Nicole Wong
Picture Book
Description: Twelve animals crossed the swirling river and have a year named for them. This Chinese folktale explains why the cat was too late.
Author's Residence: Texas
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Rey Antonio and Rey Feo: A San Antonio Fiesta Story
by Kena Sosa, illustrated by Jessica McClure
Bilingual Picture Book
Description: A story of the Fiesta celebration in San Antonio through the adventures of two rivaling brothers who both wish to be King of the City.
Author's Residence: Texas
Publisher: 4RV Publishing

Sleepyheads
by Sandra J. Howatt, illustrated by Joyce Wan
Picture Book
Description: Rhyming text invites readers to find and identify sleeping animals, one nocturnal animal, and one sleepyhead who is asleep but not in bed.
Author's Residence: Texas
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight
by Penny Parker Klostermann, illustrated by Ben Mantle
Picture Book
Description: Meet an old dragon who swallows pretty much an entire kingdom! Written in rollicking rhyme, this book is sure to be requested again and again.
Author's Residence: Texas
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers
**Tumbleweed Baby**  
by Anna Myers, illustrated by Charles Vess  
*Picture Book*  
Description: A large, loving family in the Dust Bowl finds a “tumbleweed baby”—a wild baby—in the plains near their cozy farm home.  
Author’s Residence: Oklahoma  
Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

**What’s Your Angle, Pythagoras?**  
by Julie Ellis, illustrated by Phyllis Hornung  
*Picture Book*  
Description: On a trip to Egypt, Pythagoras’s curiosity helps him discover the secret of the right triangle. A clever introduction to the Pythagorean Theorem.  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**What This Story Needs Is a Munch and a Crunch**  
by Emma J. Virjan  
*Picture Book*  
Description: What this story needs is a pig in a wig baking bread, pouring punch, and meeting a friend for a picnic lunch!  
Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: HarperCollins

**Willy the Texas Longhorn**  
by Alan C. Elliott, illustrated by Stephanie Ford  
*Picture Book*  
Description: A Rudolph-type story, except with a Texas Longhorn, Willy helps Santa deliver his presents on Christmas Eve.  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

**GRDES 3-5**

**Anywhere but Paradise**  
by Anne Bustard  
*Historical Fiction (Grades 4-7)*  
Description: In 1960, Hawaii is not paradise for newcomer Peggy Sue, until a new friend, hula and the beauty of the islands change her mind.  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Egmont

**Bill Wallace: Author of Adventure and Animal Stories**  
by Jane McKellips  
*Nonfiction*  
Description: This chapter book biography is about Bill Wallace, who wrote adventure and animal books because he thought these topics would help students love to read.  
Author’s Residence: Oklahoma  
Publisher: Oklahoma Heritage Association Publishing

**Dinosaur Boy**  
by Cory Putman Oakes  
*Science Fiction Series*  
Description: When Sawyer Bronson’s dinosaur gene kicks in the summer before fifth grade, he must deal with bony plates, tail spikes, and class bullies.  
Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: Jabberwocky

**Don’t Let the Barber Pull Your Teeth: Could You Survive Medieval Medicine?**  
by Carmen Bredeson, illustrated by Gerald Kelly  
*Nonfiction*  
Description: If you needed surgery, would you go to the barber shop? If you lived during the Middle Ages you would!  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Enslow Publishers

**The Great Good Summer**  
by Liz Garton Scanlon  
*Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)*  
Description: Ivy misses her mama, who’s run off with a preacher named Hallelujah Dave. Ivy and her science-loving pal Paul follow them to Florida, looking for answers.  
Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

**Hillary Rodham Clinton: Do all the Good You Can Do**  
by Cynthia Levinson  
*Nonfiction*  
Description: An inspiring and meticulously researched biography of Hillary Rodham Clinton—First Lady, Senator, Secretary of State, and 2016 presidential candidate—by her college roommate.  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Balzer & Bray

**Hummingbirds: Facts and Folklore from the Americas**  
by Jeanette Larson and Adrienne Yorinks, illustrated by Adrienne Yorinks  
*Nonfiction*  
Description: Fascinating little birds pack a huge bunch through their behavior, but are also the subject of myths and legends from various peoples of the Americas.  
Author’s Residence (Larson): Texas  
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**Jordan Tang: Think . . . Create . . . Discover**  
by Cheryl Schuermann  
*Nonfiction*  
Description: You think like a scientist every day! So, how does a scientist think? According to Dr. Tang, it all starts with curiosity.  
Author’s Residence: Norman, Oklahoma  
Publisher: Oklahoma Heritage Association Publishing

**The Lost Track of Time**  
by Paige Britt, illustrated by Lee White  
*Fantasy*  
Description: Every minute of Penelope’s life is carefully planned, until one day there’s a gap in her schedule . . . and she falls into the Realm of Possibility!  
Author’s Residence: Georgetown, Texas  
Publisher: Scholastic Press

**Man in the Moon**  
by Dotti Enderle  
*Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-6)*  
Description: Janine is prepared for a boring, sticky summer. Then a
mysterious man who saved her father’s life in the war appears, and strange things start happening
Author’s Residence: Richmond, Texas
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

**Te Ata: Oklahoma Cultural Treasure**
by Pati Hailey
Nonfiction
Description: Te Ata, a talented Chickasaw performing artist, showcased the beauty and wisdom of her culture and changed attitudes around the world about American Indians.
Author’s Residence: Oklahoma
Publisher: Oklahoma Heritage Association Publishing

**Tiny Stitches: The Life of Medical Pioneer Vivien Thomas**
by Gwendolyn Hooks, illustrated by Colin Bootman
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Vivien Thomas, researcher at Johns Hopkins under Dr. Alfred Blalock, developed a procedure for children’s open-heart surgery, ushering in a new medical era in 1944.
Author’s Residence: Oklahoma
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

**The Treasure in the Tiny Blue Tin**
by Dede Fox DuCharme
Historical Fiction
Description: In 1912, Texas immigrant Max Miller searches for his missing father but can’t succeed without help from Joe Hollis, who taunts him for being Jewish.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: TCU

**The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp**
by Kathi Appelt
Fantasy
Description: The swamp is under attack and the raccoon brothers Bingo and J’miah have to wake up the mysterious Sugar Man in order to save it.
Author’s Residence: College Station, Texas
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**Tut: The Story of My Immortal Life**
by P. J. Hoover
Fantasy
Description: King Tut used to rule Egypt. Now he’s stuck in middle school. Even worse, his crazy uncle, the guy who’s been locked in the tomb for three thousand years, is out to get him.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Starscape

**Voices of Pearl Harbor**
by Sherry Garland, illustrated by Layne Johnson
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Sixteen moving accounts of the lives affected by the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 capture the scope of the day’s emotions and repercussions.
Author’s Residence: Bryan, Texas
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

**Welcome to Mars: Making a Home on the Red Planet**
by Buzz Aldrin and Marianne Dyson
Nonfiction
Description: This 2016 NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book by an astronaut and a flight controller will inspire kids to become Martian pioneers. Includes hands-on activities.
Author’s Residence (Dyson): Texas
Publisher: National Geographic Children’s Books

**Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions**
by Chris Barton, illustrated by Don Tate
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Relays the life of a creative engineer, who invented the Super Soaker toy while trying to create a new cooling system for rockets.
Author’s and Illustrator’s Residence: Austin, Texas
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game**
by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by Jez Tuya
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: William Hoy loved baseball, but was told he couldn’t play because he was deaf. William taught the umpires hand signals and he started to score!
Author’s Residence: Dallas, Texas
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**Will Rogers: Oklahoma’s Favorite Son**
by Darleen Bailey Beard
Nonfiction Series
Description: Will Rogers, a small-town cowboy from Oklahoma, became one of the most beloved cowboys in the world. Find out how in this ropin’ good book!
Author’s Residence: Oklahoma
Publisher: Oklahoma Heritage Association Publishing

**Wish Girl**
by Nikki Loftin
Fantasy (Grades 4-7)
Description: A dying girl gives a boy the strength to live in this magical, lyrical novel that will break your heart . . . and lift your spirit.
Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas
Publisher: Razorbill

**Accidental Mobster**
by M.M. Cox
Adventure
Description: When teenager Danny Higgins gets taken in by a wealthy godfather, he discovers his fun new lifestyle comes at a high cost: keeping family secrets . . . or else.
Author’s Residence: Oklahoma
Publisher: Bluewood Publishing

**Borrowed Time**
by Greg Leitich Smith, illustrated by Leigh Walls
Science Fiction/Fantasy
Description: A dinosaur time-travel adventure and sequel to Chronal Engine.
Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas
Publisher: Clarion Books
**Dry Souls**  
by Denise Getson  
Science Fiction (Grades 7-10)  
Description: In a drying, dying world, Kira must water her flower in secret. When her flower is suddenly in jeopardy, is Kira in jeopardy, too?  
Author’s Residence: Dallas, Texas  
Publisher: Cbay Books

**Evidence of Things Not Seen**  
by Lindsey Lane  
Mystery (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: When a high-school junior goes missing, everyone has a theory about what happened to him. Only one thing is for certain: until one possibility is proven true, all possibilities exist.  
Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

**From Jazz Babies to Generation Next: The History of the American Teenager**  
by Laura B. Edge  
Nonfiction (Grades 6-10)  
Description: Follow the history of the American teenager from before the word teenager existed to the twenty-first century era of social media and powerhouse teen consumers.  
Author’s Residence: Kingwood, Texas  
Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

**House Arrest**  
by K.A. Holt  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: A touching and funny novel-in-verse about Timothy’s path to redemption, navigating life with a sick brother, a grieving mother, and one tough probation officer.  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Chronicle Books

**Illegal**  
by Bettina Restrepo  
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: Nora starts a desperate journey from Mexico to find her father in Texas. How will she survive and reunite her family when she is illegal?  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

**Marooned in the Arctic: The True Story of Ada Blackjack, the “Female Robinson Crusoe”**  
by Peggy Caravantes  
Nonfiction (Grades 7-12)  
Description: Ada Blackjack, a young Inuit woman, finds herself left alone on Wrangel Island north of Siberia. Her only companion for two years: a cat.  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Chicago Review Press

**Mayday**  
by Karen Harrington  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Following a plane crash, Wayne must regain his damaged voice, all while struggling to find his place between an absentee dad and his intimidating grandfather.  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

**The Neptune Project**  
by Polly Holyoke  
Science Fiction  
Description: A group of genetically altered kids must struggle to survive beneath the waves with the help of their dolphin companions.  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

**Polaris**  
by Beth Bowland  
Science Fiction  
Description: A twist on the 1947 Roswell New Mexico UFO incident. Don’t open the door. Don’t invite him in. He is not from here.  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Month9Books

**The Radiant Road**  
by Katherine Catmull  
Fantasy  
Description: An adventure story—with frightening Irish fairies—about dreaming, loving, and making, and what it takes to keep your creativity alive.  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Dutton Children’s Books

**Red Calico Traded for Young Girl**  
by Martha Tannery Jones  
Historical Fiction  
Description: About 1818, a baby’s parents die. Choctaw Indians find and rear her for thirteen years. A white doctor trades for the girl. She feels she belongs to two races.  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Astraea Press

**Shadow of the Hawk**  
by K.S. Jones  
Historical Fiction (Grades 7 and up)  
Description: Sixteen-year-old Sooze Williams sacrifices everything, including love, to save her family during America’s Great Depression. Multi award-winning novel!  
Author’s Residence: Texas  
Publisher: Astraea Press

**Summer of the Mariposas**  
by Guadalupe Garcia McCall  
Fantasy (Grades 7-12)  
Description: A reimagining of *The Odyssey*, five Mexican-American sisters go on a journey across the border and defeat mythic monsters, including a *chupacabra* and thirteen *lechuzas*.  
Author’s Residence: Bexar County, Texas  
Publisher: Tu Books

**Treachery and Truth**  
by Katy Huth Jones  
Historical Fiction
Description: Novelization of the life and times of “Good King Wenceslas” who ruled in tenth-century Bohemia, as narrated by his young servant.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

Watch Out for Flying Kids!: How Two Circuses, Two Countries, and Nine Kids Confront Conflict and Build Community
by Cynthia Levinson
Nonfiction
Description: Black, Muslim, White, Israeli, Jewish, American circus kids toss, catch, and trust each other, changing the world one acrobat, contortionist, and flyer at a time.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Zack Delacruz: Me and My Big Mouth
by Jeff Anderson
Humorous Fiction
Description: Zack never wanted to be a hero, but his classmates’ hopes for the school fundraiser and dance rest on his shoulders. Will he come through?
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Sterling Children’s

COLORS
by Russell J. Sanders
Realistic Fiction
Description: High schooler Neil Darrien works through the trauma of having been molested at age nine by his pastor.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Harmony Ink Press

The Fire Horse Girl
by Kay Honeyman
Historical Fiction
Description: Jade Moon is a Fire Horse—the Chinese zodiac sign said to make girls stubborn and willful. To immigrate to America, she’ll need that stubbornness.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Scholastic

Grendel’s Mother: The Saga of the Wyrd-Wife
by Susan Signe Morrison
Historical Fiction
Description: A historical novel telling the story of the Old English poem, “Beowulf,” from the point of view of the young women in a heroic world.
Author’s Residence: San Marcos, Texas
Publisher: Top Hat Books/John Hunt Publishing

Hillary Rodham Clinton: A Woman Living History
by Karen Blumenthal
Nonfiction
Description: Interested in politics and the election? This book is an insightful and engaging look at America’s most successful—and controversial—female politician.
Author’s Residence: Dallas, Texas
Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

It Wasn’t Always Like This
by Joy Preble
Fantasy
Description: A story of accidental immortality, murder, star-crossed romance, and a forever-seventeen-year-old girl’s century-long search for the boy she loves.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Soho Teen

Life in the No-Dating Zone
by Patricia B. Tighe
Realistic Fiction
Description: A sixteen-year-old girl, who vows not to date during high school, falls for the guy she’s helping to romance her best friend.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Month9Books

No Surrender Soldier
by Christine Kohler
Historical Fiction
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Merit Press

There’s a Name for this Feeling / Hay un nombre para lo que siento: Stories / Cuentos
by Diane Gonzales Bertrand
Realistic Fiction
Description: Bilingual collection of ten short fiction stories for teens who live, work, and love in a complicated world.
Author’s Residence: San Antonio, Texas
Publisher: Arte Publico Press

Twisted
by Marjorie Brody
Realistic Fiction
Description: A desperate lie or a terrible truth. Either will betray. Both will destroy. Fourteen-year-old Sarah must choose. Twisted is an award-winning psychological suspense novel.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Bell Bridge Books

Women in Space: 23 Stories of First Flights, Scientific Missions, and Gravity-Breaking Adventures
by Karen Bush Gibson
Nonfiction
Description: Women in Space profiles twenty-three pioneers in space, from Valentina Tereshkova to Samantha Cristoforetti, who broke the stratospheric ceiling to forge a path for women.
Author’s Residence: Norman, Oklahoma
Publisher: Chicago Review Press
**GRADES K-2**

**Bossy Jonathan Fossy**  
by Julie Fulton, illustrated by Elina Ellis  
Picture Book  
Description: Jonathan bosses everyone around. His disgruntled neighbors devise an ingenious plan, involving pirate costumes and a huge ship, in order to teach him a lesson.  
Author’s Residence: British Isles  
Publisher: Maverick Arts

**Dexter the Very Good Goat**  
by Jean M. Malone, illustrated by Jia Min Lim  
Picture Book  
Description: When it’s time for the petting-zoo keepers to trim his hooves, a frightened Dexter leads them on a wild goat chase through the zoo.  
Illustrator’s Residence: England  
Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

**Giraffe on a Bicycle**  
by Julia Woolf  
Picture Book  
Description: Monkey has found a bicycle. Luckily giraffe knows how to ride it . . . sort of! They could be in for a very bumpy ride!  
Author’s Residence: Kent, United Kingdom  
Publisher: Macmillan Children’s Books

**A Gold Star for George**  
by Alice Hemming, illustrated by Kimberley Scott  
Early Reader  
Description: At the Heavenly Hippos Wildlife Park, everyone is winning gold stars. George the giraffe has the perfect place for one on his fence but will he ever win?  
Author’s Residence: British Isles  
Publisher: Maverick Arts

**Goodnight Sleepy Babies**  
by Janet Bingham, illustrated by Sebastien Braun  
Picture Book  
Description: From cuddly tiger cubs to snoozing songbirds, each spread of this reassuring bedtime book features different parent animals settling their babies down for the night.  
Author’s Residence: British Isles  
Publisher: Scholastic

**It’s Raining Bats & Frogs!**  
by Rebecca Colby, illustrated by Steven Henry  
Picture Book  
Description: When it rains on the Witch Parade, Delia uses magic to change it, but each new type of rain brings new problems.  
Author’s Residence: British Isles  
Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

**Jack’s Worry**  
by Sam Zuppardi  
Picture Book  
Description: An inspiring and reassuring story about the jitters associated with first experiences—and the satisfaction that comes with conquering your fears.  
Author’s Residence: England  
Publisher: Candlewick Press

**A Monster Moved In**  
by Timothy Knapman, illustrated by Loretta Schauer  
Picture Book  
Description: Feeling bored on a rainy day? Then build a den like Barnaby’s—because if you’re very lucky . . . a monster might move in!  
Author’s Residence: British Isles  
Publisher: Tiger Tales Books

**Off to Market**  
by Elizabeth Dale, illustrated by Erika Pal  
Picture Book  
Description: In this rollicking rhyme, Keb shows everyone that when the over-full market bus suddenly stops, the smallest person of all can make a huge difference.  
Author’s Residence: West Chiltington, United Kingdom  
Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children’s Books

**Posie Pixie and the Copper Kettle (The Whimsy Wood Series, Book 1)**  
by Sarah Hill, illustrated by Sarah Mauchline  
Fantasy Series  
Description: The petals from Posie Pixie’s poppy house are falling! What is Posie going to do? Follow this loveable pixie on her first enchanting adventure in Whimsy Wood.  
Author’s Residence: England  
Publisher: Abela Publishing

**Room for Bear**  
by Ciara Gavin  
Picture Book  
Description: Winter has arrived and Bear is supposed to sleep. But he doesn’t want to miss out on any of the fun with his duck family. Can Bear stay awake all winter?  
Author’s Residence: Ireland  
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

**Starting School**  
by Caryn Jenner, illustrated by Arthur Robins  
Picture Book  
Description: Starting school is a big adventure! This funny, reassuring book about life at school helps to prepare children for the big day.  
Author’s Residence: Great Britain  
Publisher: Franklin Watts
Will’s Words: How William Shakespeare Changed the Way You Talk
by Jane Sutcliffe, illustrated by John Shelley
Picture Book
Description: A lavishly illustrated history of William Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre, focusing on how words he invented now form part of our everyday vocabulary.
Illustrator’s Residence: Norwich, United Kingdom
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Yuck said the Yak
by Alex English, illustrated by Emma Levey
Picture Book
Description: When a fussy yak visits Alfie’s house, Alfie tries everything to be a great host. Can Alfie make the yak say “Yum!”?
Author’s Residence: United Kingdom
Publisher: Maverick Arts

GRADES 3-5

Ambushed
By Nayanika Mahtani
Adventure
Description: A jungle holiday adventure where gadget geek Tara stumbles upon a gang of poachers—and needs to save the lives of a tigress and her cubs!
Author’s Residence: United Kingdom
Publisher: Puffin Books

Dave Pigeon: How to Deal with Bad Cats and Keep (most of) Your Feathers
by Swapna Haddow, illustrated by Sheena Dempsey
Humorous Fiction
Description: Join Dave Pigeon and his sidekick, Skipper, on their quest to defeat the most evil cat in town, all in the name of saving pigeonkind.
Author’s Residence: United Kingdom
Publisher: Faber & Faber

Emily Sparkes and the Friendship Fiasco
by Ruth Fitzgerald
Humorous Fiction
Description: Emily Sparkes has a new baby sister, hopeless parents, and no best friend. Can an eleven-year-old’s life get any worse? Definitely!
Author’s Residence: Ipswich, Suffolk, United Kingdom
Publisher: Little Brown UK

The Great Chocoplot
by Chris Callaghan
Mystery
Description: A silly mystery/adventure story about an ancient prophecy that says in six days, the world will run out of chocolate!
Author’s Residence: British Isles, United Kingdom
Publisher: Chicken House

Jack Dash and the Magic Feather
by Sophie Plowden, illustrated by Judy Brown
Humorous Fiction
Description: When Jack Dash finds a magic quill pen that makes his drawings come to life, he fills his world with unexpected chaos.
Author’s Residence: London, England
Publisher: Catnip Publishing

Oliver Fibbs: Attack of the Alien Brain
by Steve Hartley
Humorous Fiction Series
Description: Dull and boring Oliver Tibbs must save the world from evil alien brains. Liar! Liar! Pants on fire! Maybe... but they’re not really fibs, they’re stories!
Author’s Residence: United Kingdom
Publisher: Pan Macmillan

The Phoenix Code (Secret of the Tombs, Book 1)
by Helen Moss
Mystery
Description: When Ryan Flint and Cleo McNeil meet on an archaeological dig in Egypt, they are plunged into a 3,000-year-old murder mystery and a world of danger.
Author’s Residence: British Isles
Publisher: Orion Children’s Books

GRADES 6-8

15 Days Without a Head
by Dave Cousins
Realistic Fiction
Description: A tough and turbulent tale of two brothers fighting to keep their family together—told with heart, humor and nail-biting action.
Author’s Residence: Hertfordshire, United Kingdom
Publisher: Flux

A Bird on Water Street
by Elizabeth O. Dulemba
Historical Fiction
Description: When the birds return to Water Street, will anyone be left to hear them sing?
Author’s Residence: Edinburgh, Scotland
Publisher: Little Pickle Press

Cloud Riders
by Nick Cook
Science Fiction
Description: Dom comes from a family of storm chasers. On the anniversary of his dad’s death in a tornado, a twister hits and an airship emerges!
**Destiny's Rebel**
*by Philip S. Davies*

Fantasy

Description: Kat is seventeen and dreading becoming Queen. In a bid for freedom, she runs away, only to discover where her true destiny lies.

Author's Residence: Banbury, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom
Publisher: Books to Treasure

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**The Skull in the Wood**
*by Sandra Greaves*

Horror

Description: A contemporary ghost story set on Dartmoor, The Skull in the Wood was nominated for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2014.

Author's Residence: British Isles
Publisher: Chicken House

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**Spacejackets**
*by Huw Powell*

Science Fiction

Description: Spacejackets is a fast-paced adventure about a teenage boy called Jake Cutler who is being chased by bloodthirsty space pirates, but he doesn’t know why.

Author's Residence: United Kingdom
Publisher: Bloomsbury

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**Tregarthur’s Promise**
*By Alex Mellanby*

Adventure/Mystery

Description: Alvin faces a life on the streets. He seeks refuge in a school hike across Dartmoor. There is no refuge with Miss Tregarthur’s dreadful promise.

Author’s Residence: England
Publisher: Cillian Press

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**The Wordsmith**
*by Patricia Forde*

Adventure/Dystopia

Description: The Future. Ark—last place on Earth. Their language—List: a list of 500 words. Use any other word and you lose your life.

Author’s Residence: Ireland
Publisher: Little Island Books

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**Little White Lies**
*by Katie Dale*

Adventure/Mystery

Description: Who can you trust when you’re living a lie? A LIE?

When Lou falls for good-looking Christian, she knows he’s hiding dangerous secrets—but so is she . . .

Author’s Residence: England
Publisher: Delacorte Press

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**Minty**
*by Christina Banach*

Description: Minty and Jess are inseparable, until one fateful day the unthinkable happens and their sisterly bond is shattered.

Author’s Residence: Fife, Scotland, United Kingdom
Publisher: Three Hares

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**More of Me**
*by Kathryn Evans*

Science Fiction

Description: Teva’s life seems normal, but at home she hides an impossible secret: eleven other Tevas.

Author’s Residence: West Sussex, United Kingdom
Publisher: Usborne

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**The One Page CV**
*by Paul Hichens*

Nonfiction

Description: Get that job with your very own high impact, stand out CV! Clear examples and easy-to-follow lessons with a difference.

Author’s Residence: Scotland
Publisher: Pearson Education

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**GRADES 9-12**

**Black Dove, White Raven**
*by Elizabeth Wein*

Historical Fiction

Description: Teen pilots Em (white) and Teo (black), raised as adoptive siblings in 1930s Ethiopia, are entangled in the crisis as Italy declares war on Ethiopia.

Author’s Residence: Scotland, United Kingdom
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion
GRADeS K-2

Alphabet Trains
Samantha R. Vamos, illustrated by Ryan O’Rourke
Picture Book
Description: *Alphabet Trains* is a rhyming alphabet book about twenty-six trains from A to Z! Each page features uppercase and lowercase letters. Back matter included.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Charlesbridge

At the Marsh in the Meadow
by Jeanie Mebane, illustrated by Gerald Guerlais
Picture Book
Description: Richly illustrated story of wetlands food chain, from the mud and creatures in the marsh to the birds in the sky.
Author’s Residence: King County, Washington
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

B. Bear and Lolly: Catch That Cookie!
by A. A. Livingston, illustrated by Joey Chou
Picture Book
Description: Best friends B. Bear (formerly known as Baby Bear) and Lolly (short for Goldilocks) are hard at work inventing a Porridge Perfecter, until the Gingerbread Man runs by.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: HarperCollins

Bartholomew Quill: A Crow’s Quest to Know Who’s Who
by Thor Hanson, illustrated by Dana Arnim
Picture Book
Description: Bartholomew Quill is clever and curious, but he doesn’t know who or what he is. Bartholomew won’t stop asking questions until he discovers his identity.
Illustrator’s Residence: King County, Washington
Publisher: Little Bigfoot

Bedtime Kisses
by Karin Larson, illustrated by Ginger Nielson
Picture Book
Description: Mommy will be here really soon, but first I’ll plant some kisses on my friends around the room. So begins a different type of counting book for little ones.
Author’s Residence: Mitchell, South Dakota
Publisher: 4RV Publishing

Been There, Done That: Reading Animal Signs
by Jen Funk Weber, illustrated by Andrea Gabriel
Picture Book
Description: When Cole visits Helena, he can’t wait to see wildlife. During a hike, they see animal signs and learn what they mean: something had been there; something had done that.
Author’s Residence: Alaska
Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

BirdWingFeather
by Siri Schillios
Picture Book
Description: A collection of twelve bird paintings, accompanied by nine details to find within each painting.
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon
Publisher: PomegranateKids

Blueberry Shoe
by Ann Dixon, illustrated by Evon Zerbetz
Picture Book
Description: When a family goes blueberry picking, Baby loses his shoe, which is discovered—and lost again—by various creatures.
Author’s Residence: Alaska
Publisher: Alaska Northwest Books

Brave Like Me
by Barbara Kerley
Nonfiction
Description: When someone is serving our country far from home, their kids have to be brave. This book offers support, reassurance, and resources for families.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: National Geographic Children’s Books

Care for Our World
by Karen S. Robbins, illustrated by Alexandra Ball
Picture Book
Description: Beautifully illustrated award-winning picture book written in rhyme. Teaches kindness and caring of all living things on our planet earth. A perfect story time book.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Compendium Inc.

Civil War Drummer Boy
by Verla Kay, illustrated by Larry Day
Picture Book (Grades 1-3)
Description: Nine-year-old Johnny drums rhythms telling Confederate soldiers what to do amid hot-air balloons, cannons and campfires. Returning home, everything has forever changed.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

Did You Know That I Love You?
by Christa Pierce
Picture Book
Description: “With delightfully endearing illustrations, debut author-illustrator Christa Pierce creates a whimsical tale that will have every reader feeling loved and cherished.”—Nancy Inteli, HarperCollins.
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon
Publisher: HarperCollins
**Dill & Bizzy: An Odd Duck and a Strange Bird**  
by Nora Ericson, illustrated by Lisa Ericson  
***Picture Book***  
Description: Dill is a duck. A perfectly ordinary duck. At least that's what he thinks. Then he meets Bizzy, a strange bird.  
Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon  
Publisher: HarperCollins

**Don't Lick the Dog: Making Friends with Dogs**  
by Wendy Wahman  
***Picture Books***  
Description: This humorous how-to manual shows kids the best ways to interact with unfamiliar dogs, providing helpful tips about all sorts of dog behavior.  
Author's Residence: Washington  
Publisher: Henry Holt

**A Fishing Surprise**  
by Rae A. McDonald, illustrated by Kathleen Kemly  
***Picture Book***  
Description: When the fish don't bite, two little fishers fill their net with a delicious surprise on a hot summer day in this toe-tapping tale.  
Author's Residence: Puyallup, Washington  
Publisher: Cooper Square Publishing

**If You Ever Want to Bring a Piano to the Beach, DON'T!**  
by Elise Parsley  
***Picture Book***  
Description: In a riotous series of mishaps, Magnolia quickly learns that—not surprisingly—a piano doesn’t mix well with sand, sun, and seagulls!  
Author's Residence: South Dakota  
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

**It Came in the Mail**  
by Ben Clanton  
***Picture Book***  
Description: From the author-illustrator of *Something Extraordinary* comes a tale filled with dragons, pickles, friendship, and lots of mail.  
Author's Residence: Washington  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**It's Almost Time**  
by Debbie Bernstein LaCroix, illustrated by Sarah Chalek  
***Picture Book***  
Description: Tick-tick-tock, it's almost time! Get ready. From chimes to ding-dongs, this collection of sounds will have readers buzzing with excitement.  
Author's Residence: South Dakota  
Publisher: Kane Miller

**Kay Kay's Alphabet Safari**  
by Dana Sullivan  
***Picture Book***  
Description: The classroom needs pictures of animals from A to Z, so Kay Kay walks through the Kenyan countryside for inspiration, finally realizing it’s all around!  
Author's Residence: Washington  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

**Maddi's Fridge**  
by Lois Brandt, illustrated by Vin Vogel  
***Picture Book***  
Description: With humor and warmth, this award-winning children's picture book explores friendship, promises and childhood hunger.  
Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington  
Publisher: Flashlight Press

**Magdalena's Picnic / El picnic de Magdalena**  
by Patricia Aguilar Morrissey, illustrated by Gretchen Deahl  
***Bilingual Picture Book***  
Description: This beautifully illustrated story explores a child's imagination as it takes her to the Amazon rain forest—without leaving her backyard!  
Author's Residence: Oregon  
Publisher: Red Heart Books

**The Magical Ms. Plum**  
by Bonny Becker, illustrated by Amy Portnoy  
***Fantasy (Grades 2-4)***  
Description: Ms. Plum's classroom is special—a miniature alligator, a big-mouth parrot, or a tiny wolf can teach kids a thing or two about life.  
Author's Residence: Washington  
Publisher: Yearling

**Mahalia Jackson: Walking with Kings and Queens**  
by Nina Nolan, illustrated by John Holyfield  
***Nonfiction Picture Book***  
Description: The story about the amazing and graceful life of Mahalia Jackson and her journey to becoming “The Queen of Gospel.”  
Author's Residence: Oregon  
Publisher: Amistad

**The Most Amazing Creature in the Sea**  
by Brenda Z. Guiberson, illustrated by Gennady Spirin  
***Nonfiction Picture Book***  
Description: Which creature is the most amazing? Is it one with deadly venom, the best disguise, the most slime, or one of the others?  
Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington  
Publisher: Henry Holt

**Polar Opposites**  
by Erik Brooks  
***Picture Book***  
Description: Alex is a big polar bear. Zina is a tiny penguin. Alex lives in the Arctic. Zina lives in the Antarctic. Alex and Zina are polar opposites!  
Author's Residence: Washington  
Publisher: Two Lions

**The Problem with NOT Being Scared of Monsters**  
by Dan Richards, illustrated by Robert Neubecker  
***Picture Book***  
Description: Who knew there was a problem with not being scared of monsters? This hero does, and will have kids laughing away their fears.  
Author's Residence: Washington  
Publisher: Boyds Mill Press
Puddles!!!
by Kevan Atteberry
Picture Book
Description: Declan the monster (from Bunnies!!!) is excited about the rain and all it brings. Well, almost all it brings. The bunnies, not so much.
Author's Residence: Bellevue, Washington
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

Salmon Stream
by Carol Reed-Jones, illustrated by Michael S. Maydak
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: In compelling rhyming verse, follow salmon eggs in a nest from their hatching to their seaward journey and home again to spawn a new generation.
Author's Residence: Washington
Publisher: Dawn Publications

Sam and Jump
by Jennifer K. Mann
Picture Book
Description: Sam leaves his beloved stuffed bunny, Jump, at the beach after a day of fun with new friend, Thomas.
Author's Residence: Washington
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Samanthasaurus Rex
by B. B. Mandell, illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman
Picture Book
Description: A funny and empowering picture book featuring a fresh new character: a girl dinosaur who marches to the beat of her own drum.
Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Balzer & Bray

See the Colors: Sign Language for Colors
by Dawn Babb Prochovnic, illustrated by Stephanie Bauer
Picture Book Series
Description: Explore the life cycle of a garden and learn American Sign Language (ASL) signs for a full palette of colors, including yellow, red, and blue.
Author's Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Magic Wagon

Sleep, Baby, Sleep
by Calee Lee, illustrated by Elizabeth Miyu Blake
Picture Book
Description: Adapted from a nineteenth-century bedtime poem about families from around the world. Illustrated in painted paper collage.
Illustrator’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Xist Publishing

Smile, Principessa!
by Judith Ross Enderle and Stephanie Jacob Gordon, illustrated by Serena Curmi
Picture Book
Description: When Principessa’s baby brother is born, she stops smiling for Papa’s photos. Who will make her smile again and how?
Authors’ Residence: Washington
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

The Storybook Prince
by Doug Keith
Picture Book
Description: A young prince loves reading storybooks to his many friends that visit the castle. Die-cuts provide a peek into each fairy tale he reads!
Author's Residence: Washington
Publisher: Simply Read Books

The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read
by Curtis Manley, illustrated by Kate Berube
Picture Book
Description: When Nick tries teaching his cats to read, there’s trouble—until they all learn that finding just the right book can make all the difference.
Author's Residence: Washington
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

A Ticket to the Pennant: A Tale of Baseball in Seattle
by Mark Holtzen, illustrated by John Skewes
Picture Book
Description: Huey frantically searches for his ticket to the big game at Seattle’s Sicks Stadium, but he can’t find it anywhere. Will he miss the game?
Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Sasquatch Books

The Ugly Dumpling
by Stephanie Campisi, illustrated by Shahar Kober
Picture Book
Description: A multi-cultural, whimsical retelling of The Ugly Duckling set in a Chinese restaurant.
Author's Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Mighty Media Kids

Ukulele Hayley
by Judy Cox, illustrated by Amanda Haley
Humorous Early Chapter Book
Description: Hayley starts a ukulele band at school. When she learns the music program is cut, she comes up with a bold plan to save it.
Author's Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Holiday House

Weird Rocks
by Michele Corriel, illustrated by Dan Bilyeu
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Rocks glow, travel through space, float and burn. These are just a few of the amazing rocks in this must-have for young rock hounds.
Author's Residence: Belgrade, Montana
Publisher: Mountain Press

Where do Steam Trains Sleep at Night?
by Brianna Caplan Sayres, illustrated by Christian Slade
Picture Book
Description: Freight trains, passenger trains, trolleys—and more—get rocked to sleep by mommy and daddy trains. Perfect for little train lovers with a one-track mind!
Author's Residence: Washington
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers
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house from foreclosure.
Author's Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Capstone Press

**The Legend of the Beaver’s Tail**
by Stephanie Shaw, illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen
Picture Book
Description: This is a Native American story of how boastful Beaver loses his fluffy tail. It combines the legend with interesting facts about this keystone species.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Capstone Press

**The Magic Mirror: Concerning a Lonely Princess, a Foundling Girl, a Schmeling King and a Pickpocket Squirrel**
by Susan Hill Long
Fantasy
Description: The twisty-turny journey of a girl searching for her heart’s desire—glimpsed in a magic mirror. Perfect for fans of Rump or Catherine, Called Birdy.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

**Mary Cassatt: Extraordinary Impressionist Painter**
by Barbara Herkert, illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska
Nonfiction Picture Book
Description: Mary Cassatt was a headstrong, determined girl. She wanted to be an artist in 1860, a time when proper girls didn’t do such things. That didn’t stop Mary!
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

**Maxfield Parrish: Painter of Magical Make-Believe**
by Lois V. Harris
Nonfiction
Description: A biography about the popular American artist Maxfield Parrish, who helped develop the future of visual arts. Parrish’s colorful art images illustrate his life story.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

**The Mighty Quinn**
by Robyn Parnell
Realistic Fiction
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Scarletta Junior Readers

**Muddy Max: The Mystery of Marsh Creek**
by Elizabeth Rusch, illustrated by Mike Lawrence
Graphic Novel
Description: A good messy mystery, featuring a slime-covered superhero, his annoying neat-freak parents, and his tech-savvy sidekick.
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon
Publisher: Andrews McMeel

**Picture Imperfect**
by Susan Thogerson Maas
Realistic Fiction
Description: A wayward cat and mysterious, annoying aunt complicate JJ’s quest to win her dream camera. If photography is her God-given gift, shouldn’t this be easier?
Author’s Residence: Multnomah County, Oregon
Publisher: Ashberry Lane

**Presidential Politics by the Numbers**
by Mary Hertz Scarbrough
Nonfiction
Description: Use numbers to explore election-related facts, including: the Electoral College, women and African American suffrage, amendments, Vice Presidents, inauguration, birth, physical appearance, death, and presidential families.
Author’s Residence: South Dakota
Publisher: Capstone Press

**Promise**
by Judy Young
Realistic Fiction (Grades 3-7)
Description: Kaden is content when he’s alone in his fire tower hide-out with his crow, Kubla, but life becomes complicated when he reads a secret letter.
Author’s Residence: Idaho
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

**Red Butterfly**
by A.L. Sonnichsen, illustrated by Amy June Bates
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-7)
Description: Eleven-year-old Kara, a Chinese orphan, must find her wings after she’s ripped away from the only family she has ever known.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**Rhino Rescue!: And More True Stories of Saving Animals**
by Clare Hodgson Meeker
Nonfiction
Description: Follow National Geographic explorers as they move rhinos out of harm’s way; meet a courageous little Hawaiian monk seal, and a pair of Siberian tiger cubs fighting for survival.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: National Geographic Kids

**Roll Up the Streets**
by John Bladek
Humorous Fiction
Description: Corndogs! Strange Dolls! Weird Smells! Perils galore await Jake Machet as he confronts evil brainwasher J.P. Rumblegut and his insidious plot to ruin lunch forever.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: National Geographic Kids

**Rose O’Neill: The Girl Who Loved to Draw**
by Linda Brewster
Nonfiction
Description: About America’s First comic-strip artist and creator of the Kewpie Doll, Rose O’Neill, who became a millionaire at the turn of 1900 from her own hard work.
The Sister Solution
by Trudi Trueit
Realistic Fiction (Grades 4-8)
Description: When genius Jorgianna jumps not one, but two grades, to join her sister, Sammi, in the eighth grade, their whole middle-school universe is turned upside down!
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Aladdin

A Smidgen of Sky
by Dianna Dorisi Winget
Realistic Fiction
Description: After a dangerous plot to stop her mother’s remarriage goes awry, ten-year-old Piper Lee must find a way to embrace the future while still cherishing the past.
Author’s Residence: Idaho
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Sophie’s Quest
by Sonja Anderson
Fantasy
Description: Thorns and thistles! An owl and pirate-wannabe mouse become friends? Join Sophie and Timley’s Holy Land quest for adventure and mayhem!
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Sunbury Press

Spies of the American Revolution: An Interactive Espionage Adventure
by Elizabeth Raum
Historical Fiction
Description: In this interactive novel, readers “become” spies during the American Revolution and make choices that help determine the story’s outcome.
Author’s Residence: North Dakota
Publisher: Capstone Press

Sweet Home Alaska
by Carole Estby Dagg
Historical Fiction (Grades 4 and up)
Description: Terpsichore gets her chance to become a pioneer like Laura Ingalls Wilder when one of FDR’s New Deal programs ships her family to Alaska.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

This is Not a Werewolf Story (available July 26, 2016)
by Sandra Evans
Adventure
Description: A fresh, heartwarming, and fascinating debut that two-time Newbery Honor winner Gary Schmidt calls “a journey that every reader needs to go on.”
Author’s Residence: Tacoma, Washington
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Time Out of Time (Beyond the Door, Book 1)
by Maureen Doyle McQuery
Fantasy Series (Grades 4-6)
Description: Celtic myth and middle school collide in this quest for four ancient treasures to prevent the Dark from controlling our stories. Ogham clues and map cypher.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Amulet Books

Two for Joy
by Gigi Amateau, illustrated by Abigail Marble
Realistic Fiction
Description: When Jenna’s Aunt Tannie is no delicate old lady, but when she moves in with Jenna and her mom, they learn that everyone needs help sometimes.
Illustrator’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer
by Kelly Jones, illustrated by Katie Kath
Humorous Fiction
Description: When Sophie moved to a farm, she thought she might have chickens. But she never dreamed they’d be chickens with superpowers. Written in letters.
Author’s Residence: Shoreline, Washington
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

What Was Hurricane Katrina?
by Robin Koontz, illustrated by John Hinderliter
Nonfiction
Description: Katrina was one of the deadliest and most destructive hurricanes in history. Track this powerful storm from rescue efforts to storm survivors’ tales of triumph.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

The Wolf and the Shield: An Adventure with Saint Patrick
by Sherry Weaver Smith, illustrated by Nicholas McNally
Historical Fiction
Description: Guided by St. Patrick, a boy cares for a wolf pup while searching for a shield strong enough to protect everything—and everyone—he loves.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom (Heroes in Training, Book 1)
by Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams
Fiction Series
Description: After pulling a magical thunderbolt from a stone, ten-year-old Zeus goes on a quest to rescue other same-age Olympians. (First book of twelve.)
Author’s Residence (Williams): Washington
Publisher: Aladdin

GRADES 6-8

Above World
by Jenn Reese
Science Fiction
Description: A thrilling adventure combining mythology and science fiction as two friends leave their ocean home and embark on a quest to save their people.
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Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something that Matters
by Laurie Ann Thompson
Nonfiction
Description: Equal parts instruction and inspiration, this award-winning guide empowers teens to effect real change in their communities or around the world.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Simon Pulse

Bristol Bay Summer
by Annie Boochever
Realistic Fiction
Description: The first book for middle-grade readers that combines a coming-of-age Alaskan adventure with an accurate portrayal of the world’s largest sockeye fishery.
Author’s Residence: Bellingham, Washington
Publisher: Graphic Arts Books

Can You See Me Now?
by Estela Bernal
Realistic Fiction
Description: Tragedy strikes on Mandy’s thirteenth birthday. Now grief—her own and her mother’s—complicates the already confusing landscape of early adolescence.
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon
Publisher: Piñata Books

Charisma
by Jeanne Ryan
Realistic Fiction/Thriller
Description: When a girl seeks the ultimate makeover by swapping out her DNA for a rock star personality, the consequences can be lethal.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Piñata Books

The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle
by Janet Fox
Fantasy
Description: Children are sent to a creepy Scottish castle-turned-boarding-school to escape the Blitz. But . . . does the castle harbor a German spy, or something far more sinister?
Author’s Residence: Montana
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Flyaway
by Helen Landalf
Realistic Fiction
Description: Rescuing injured and abandoned birds helps fifteen-year-old Stevie cope with mom’s meth addiction.
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Chicken House

Incommunicado
by Randall Platt
Historical Fiction
Description: WWII: The Oregon coast is no place to be caught being Japanese, especially when your allies are a dopey bloodhound and the town’s most-bullied girl.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Astraea Press

In the Time of Dragon Moon
by Janet Lee Carey
Fantasy (Grades 7 and up)
Description: Are Uma and Jackrun strong enough to overcome a murderer aided by prophecy and cloaked in magic? A tale of love, magic, and murder.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Kathy Dawson Books

Just Claire (available as an e-book only)
by Jean Ann Williams
Realistic Fiction
Description: ClaireLee finds comfort in the lies she tells herself and others in order to hide the truth about her erratic mother.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Astraea Press

North American Wolves
by Barbara Keevil Parker
Nonfiction
Description: North American Wolves shows how wolves work together to hunt food, protect each other, and raise their young. Learn how humans have impacted the lives of wolves.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Piñata Books

Out of Sync
by Amanda Humann
Realistic Fiction
Description: Madison wants to play Division I soccer in college, but best friend/scoring partner Dayton would rather party than play soccer now. What can Maddie do?
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Scholastic

Pure Grit: How American World War II Nurses Survived Battle and Prison Camp in the Pacific
by Mary Cronk Farrell
Nonfiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: The little-known story of seventy-nine Japanese POWs—how for three years the women cared for other prisoners, suffered disease and starvation, and came home alive.
Author’s Residence: Spokane, Washington
Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

Saturday
by Noah Kroese
Graphic Novel
Description: A lavishly-illustrated book about an imaginative family, a rotten week, a collection of odd characters, and the wild ride back to almost normal.
Author’s Residence: Idaho
Publisher: Kroese Press

The Secrets of Blueberries, Brothers, Moose & Me
by Sara Nickerson
Realistic Fiction
Description: In a summer of changes, twelve-year-old Missy and her older brother land their very first jobs—picking blueberries on a
farm bursting with secrets.
Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Puffin Books

**A Series of Small Maneuvers**
by Eliot Treichel
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: After Emma inadvertently causes an accident that claims her father's life on a wilderness canoe trip, she struggles to reconcile her sense of identity.
Author's Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Ooligan Press

** Seriously Wicked**
by Tina Connolly
Fantasy/Humor
Description: Camellia's adopted mother wants Cam to grow up to be just like her. Problem is, Mom's a seriously wicked witch.
Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon
Publisher: Tor Teen

**Shark Rescue: All about Sharks and How to Save Them**
by Ruth A. Musgrave
Nonfiction
Description: Sharks need your help! Incredible sharks, gorgeous photos, fascinating information, amazing scientists. Plus, you'll discover how you can save sharks!
Author's Residence: Oregon
Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

**Thin Wood Walls**
by David Patneaude
Historical Fiction
Description: Joe Hanada bravely faces the tsunami that results from Pearl Harbor’s bombing: war, prejudice, separation, relocation, confinement, and a beloved brother sent off to battle.
Author’s Residence: Woodinville, Washington
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**The Turn of the Tide**
by Rosanne Parry
Adventure/Mystery
Description: Two cousins. One summer. A sailboat they both love, and a race they'd risk anything to win.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

**Up to This Pointe**
by Jennifer Longo
Realistic Fiction (Grades 7 and up)
Description: A ballet dancer’s career dies, and in desperation she seeks solace and a new path (and maybe love) by wintering over at McMurdo Station in Antarctica.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

**Velvet Undercover**
by Teri Brown
Historical Fiction/Suspense (Grades 7 and up)
Description: A British teen with a gift for languages and mathematics is sent to extract a spy in Kaiser Wilhelm’s palace
without knowing who the spy is.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Balzer & Bray

**When Sparrows Fall**
by Diane Blackstone
Historical Fiction
Description: Susanna's discovery of a strange nighttime visitor to a mysterious neighbor's home leads to the unveiling of dangerous secrets.
Author’s Residence: Marion County, Oregon
Publisher: Leap Books

**The Wicked and the Just**
by J. Anderson Coats
Historical Fiction (Grades 7-10)
Description: Medieval teens behaving badly.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Ballads of Suburbia**
by Stephanie Kuehnert
Realistic Fiction
Description: Amidst the music, drugs, and drama, a group of teens fill a notebook with heartbreaking confessions of the moments that define and shatter their lives.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: MTV Books

**The Body Institute**
by Carol Riggs
Science Fiction
Description: When Morgan gets a job as a Reducer, her mind is downloaded into another girl’s body to help lose 100 pounds.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Entangled Teen

**Breath to Breath**
by Craig Lew
Realistic Fiction
Description: William is seventeen when his repressed memories of abuse surface. Can he struggle past his rage to find the love and compassion he needs?
Author’s Residence: Idaho
Publisher: Little Pickle Press

**Dig Too Deep**
by Amy Allgeyer
Realistic Fiction
Description: A coming-of-age *Erin Brockovich*-story set in Appalachian coal country. Spotlights mountaintop removal mining and the social and environmental issues associated with it.
Author’s Residence: Idaho
Publisher: AW Teen
**Don’t Breathe a Word**  
by Holly Cupala  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Joy is suffocating from asthma and an abusive boyfriend when she escapes to a Seattle “street family” that helps her find strength she didn’t know she had.  
Author’s Residence: Washington  
Publisher: HarperTeen

**Elected**  
by Rori Shay  
Science Fiction  
Description: An eighteen-year-old girl masquerades as a boy to take over her country’s presidential role after a global eco-crisis in a futuristic America.  
Author’s Residence: Redmond, Washington  
Publisher: Silence in the Library

**Fan Art**  
by Sarah Tregay  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Jamie, a high school senior, falls for his best friend Mason, and the girls in his art class are determined to get them together.  
Author’s Residence: Idaho  
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

**From Where I Watch You**  
by Shannon Grogan  
Adventure/Mystery  
Description: Sixteen-year-old Kara thinks winning a national baking contest will help her escape her Holy Roller mom, her dead sister’s ghost, and her stalker.  
Author’s Residence: Buckley, Washington  
Publisher: Soho Teen

**Gold Nuggets**  
by Lynn Lovegreen  
Historical Fiction  
Description: In the shadow of Denali, she has a home, and he finds adventure. Together, they help create McKinley National Park.  
Author’s Residence: Alaska  
Publisher: Prism Book Group

**Letters to Saint Lydia**  
by Melinda Johnson  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Lydia needs a friend badly, and she’s about to find one in the most unexpected place—in her journal of letters to a long-dead saint.  
Author’s Residence: Washington  
Publisher: Conciliar Press

**Life Before**  
by Michele Bacon  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Xander Fife’s mother is murdered on graduation day, propelling his life into chaos. Skipping town with a fake ID is his only chance at survival.  
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**Property of the State: The Myth of Joey Getchie** (available June 7, 2016)  
by Bill Cameron  
Mystery  
Description: When a false accusation provokes a violent clash with his foster father, teen Joey Getchie goes on the run and stumbles into a dangerous mystery.  
Author’s Residence: Eugene, Oregon  
Publisher: The Poisoned Pencil

**Siren Spell**  
by Cidney Swanson  
Fantasy  
Description: A wondrous mixture of Russian ballet, Shakespeare, and deadly sirens—perfect for fans of dance and theatre.  
Author’s Residence: Oregon  
Publisher: Williams Press

**The Way Back from Broken**  
by Amber J. Keyser  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: The vast and unforgiving Canadian backcountry might be Rakmen’s way back from broken . . . if he’s brave enough to grab it.  
Author’s Residence: Oregon  
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

**You and Me and Him**  
by Kris Dinnison  
Realistic Fiction  
Description: Maggie and Nash are outsiders. She’s overweight. He’s out of the closet. They’re best friends until they both fall for the same guy.  
Author’s Residence: Washington  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Zeroboxer**  
by Fonda Lee  
Science Fiction  
Description: A young prizefighter battles to make it to the top in the world of zero-gravity combat amid brewing interplanetary conflict between Earth and Mars.  
Author’s Residence: Oregon  
Publisher: Flux
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GRADES K-2

Árboles (Trees)
by Lemniscates
Picture Book
Description: A poetic picture book with an ecological message. Trees are marvelous beings that teach us a lot of things!
Author’s Residence: Spain
Publisher: Ekare Europa

Armando y la escuela de lona azul
by Edith Hope Fine and Judith Pinkerton Josephson, illustrated by Hernán Sosa
Picture Book
Description: Armando and other garbage dump children toil as trash pickers. Then a teacher arrives, spreads a blue tarp, and offers them hope and an education.
Authors’ Residence: Encinitas, California
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Call Me Tree / Llámame árbol
by Maya Gonzalez
Picture Book
Description: An imaginative story about becoming your fullest self that empowers young readers to dream and reach and be as free and unique as trees.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Children’s Book Press

Canta, Rana, canta / Sing, Froggie, Sing
by Carolyn Dee Flores
Picture Book
Description: Colorful bilingual picture book based on a traditional folksong that has been sung by parents and children in Spanish-speaking countries for generations.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Arte Público

Let’s Salsa / Bailemos Salsa
by Lupe Ruiz-Flores, illustrated by Robert Casilla
Picture Book
Description: Estella joins her mother in salsa dancing exercise class. One day, children are banned from the class. Estella petitions for a salsa class for kids.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: Pinata Books

Magdalena’s Picnic / El picnic de Magdalena
by Patricia Aguilar Morrissey, illustrated by Gretchen Deahl
Picture Book
Description: This beautifully illustrated story explores a child’s imagination as it takes her to the Amazon rain forest—without leaving her backyard!
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Red Heart Books

My Brother is My Best Friend: Spanish, French, and English
by Nicole Weaver, illustrated by Clara Batton Smith
Picture Book
Description: Brothers are very special. Meet two brothers that do everything together. This delightful trilingual story transcends all cultural barriers.
Author’s Residence: Littleton Colorado
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

The Rain Forest Party / Fiesta en el bosque tropical
by Lorraine Dey
Picture Book
Description: Winner of a Mom’s Choice Award, a bilingual English/Spanish picture book about a young armadillo trying to find his own special talent for the upcoming rain forest party.
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: Raven Tree Press

Rey Antonio and Rey Feo / Rey Antonio y el Rey Feo
by Kena Sosa, illustrated by Jessica McClure
Picture Book
Description: A story of the Fiesta celebration in San Antonio through the adventures of two rivaling brothers who both wish to be King of the City.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: 4RV Publishing

Sand Dollar, Sand Dollar / Galleta de Mar, Galleta de Mar
by Joyce Audy dos Santos
Picture Book
Description: The beach is a world full of possibilities for Peter and his dog, Urchin.
Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: J. B. Lippincott/Harper & Row

¡Vámonos! / Let’s Go!
by René Colato Laínez, illustrated by Joe Cepeda
Picture Book
Description: An adaptation of “The Wheels on the Bus,” written in Spanish and English, which follows two children who see and hear many vehicles.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Holiday House

Versos del mar
by Carlos Reviejo and Javier Ruiz Taboada, illustrated by Paz Rodero
Poetry / Picture Book
Description: A picture book with thirty poems about the sea. All poems are illustrated in a large double page. In this book the children will discover life at sea and become familiar with poetry.
Author’s Residence: Spain
Publisher: Ediciones SM
**Water Rolls, Water Rises / El agua rueda, el agua sube**
by Pat Mora, illustrated by Meilo So
Picture Book
Description: Graceful short poems in Spanish and English celebrate water in all its forms; evocative watercolor images depict fourteen different water landscapes and cultural areas around the world.
Author’s Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico
Publisher: Children’s Book Press

**GRADES 3-5**

**El bailarín del sol: y otros cuentos mayas**
by Judy Goldman, illustrated by Israel Barrón
Picture Book
Description: *El bailarín del sol* has five entertaining folktales from the Mexican Maya region.
Author’s Residence: Mexico
Publisher: Ediciones Castillo

**GRADES 6-8**

**Letters From Heaven / Cartas del cielo**
by Lydia Gil
Realistic Fiction
Description: Celeste is heartbroken when her grandmother dies, but when letters mysteriously begin to arrive with her grandmother’s advice and recipes, she finds solace in cooking.
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Arte Publico

**GRADES 9-12**

**Bajo el paraguas azul**
by Elena Martínez Blanco
Nonfiction
Description: This book talks about cyberbullying, how your life can be ruined in just two seconds.
Author’s Residence: Spain
Publisher: Nowevolution

**There’s a Name for this Feeling / Hay un nombre para lo que siento: Stories / Cuentos**
by Diane Gonzales Bertrand
Realistic Fiction
Description: Bilingual collection of ten short fiction stories for teens who live, work, and love in a complicated world.
Author’s Residence: San Antonio, Texas
Publisher: Arte Publico Press