

SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS OFFICIAL READING LIST — WINTER 2016/2017

ATLANTIC

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PREK-K

Board Book

Away We Go! A Shape and Seek Book

by Chieu Anh Urban

Book Description: Filled with planes, trains, and automobiles, this book teaches basic shapes through bold designs and inventive die-cuts on every page.

Author's Residence: Laytonsville, Maryland

Publisher: Cartwheel Books

The Colors of Ancient Egypt

by Amy Mullen

Book Description: A sweetly simple board book that will help little ones learn their colors while dipping a toe into the history and culture of ancient Egypt.

Author's Residence: Arlington, Virginia

Publisher: PomegranateKids

Nonfiction Picture Book

Spectacular Spots

by Susan Stockdale

Book Description: Spectacular Spots introduces young readers to the many ways in which animals around the world wear and benefit from their spots.

Author's Residence: Chevy Chase, Maryland

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

What About Me? Twelve Ways to Get Your Parents' Attention Without Hitting Your Sister

by Eileen Kennedy-Moore, illustrated by Mits Katayama

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: Princeton, New Jersey

Publisher: Parenting Press

Picture Book

Bed Hog

by Georgette Noullet, illustrated by David Slonim

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: Economy, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Two Lions

Chick-O-Saurus Rex

by Lenore Jennewein, illustrated by Daniel Jennewein

Book Description: Bullied Little Chick discovers his connection to the T-Rex and finds his inner courage to save the farm from a wolf.

Author's Residence: Burke, Virginia

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Chicken Story Time

by Sandy Asher, illustrated by Mark Fearing

Book Description: One librarian, one book, children . . . and chickens! No one can hear the story for all the clucking and chuckling. What to do?

Author's Residence: Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

The Daring Prince Dashing

by Marilou T. Reeder, illustrated by Karl West

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: Devon, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Five Little Ducklings Go to School

by Carol Roth, illustrated by Sean Julian

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

Book Description: Nacho likes to eat only one thing—gazpacho! He won't try other dishes—until he discovers miles and piles of mouth-watering vegetables at the market.

Author's Residence: Woodbridge, Virginia

Publisher: Two Lions

The Gingerbread Man's School Adventure

by Sherri Maret, illustrated by Emily McMichael

Book Description: A gingerbread man, who fears he will be eaten by two children or their mother, finds himself at an elementary school seeking help.

Author's Residence: Newville, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Sunbury Press

Goodnight, Manger

by Laura Sassi, illustrated by Jane Chapman

Book Description: How will Baby Jesus ever get to sleep in the noisy stable? A humorous rhyming bedtime story - perfect for Christmas or any time of year.

Author's Residence: Cranford, New Jersey

Publisher: Zonderkidz

A Loon Alone

by Pamela Love, illustrated by Shannon Sycks

Book Description: On a lake in Maine, a loon chick uses his instincts to survive when temporarily separated from his parents.

Author's Residence: Columbia, Maryland

Publisher: Down East Books

Mine!

by Susie Lee Jin

Book Description: A bunch of bunnies vie for ownership of a big found carrot.

Author's Residence: Fort Lee, New Jersey

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Mr. Particular: The World's Choosiest Champion

by Jason Kirschner

Book Description: Mr. Particular, the world's choosiest champion, must prove to his friends in the Super-Duper Group that even the super-squeamish can save the day!

Author's Residence: Montclair, New Jersey

Publisher: Sterling Children's

Nice Try, Tooth Fairy

by Mary Olson, illustrated by Katherine Tillotson

Book Description: In this gently humorous story, an assortment of animals parades through Emma's bedroom looking for their teeth after the Tooth Fairy gets them all mixed up.

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

One Big Pair of Underwear

by Laura Gehl, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld

Book Description: Count and share with...underwear! This seriously silly picture book irresistibly combines the concepts of counting and sharing.

Author's Residence: Chevy Chase, Maryland

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

One Word Pearl

by Nicole Groeneweg, illustrated by Hazel Mitchell

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

Peanut Butter & Brains

by Joe McGee, illustrated by Charles Santoso

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: Emmaus, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

Pigloo

by Anne Marie Pace, illustrated by Lorna Hussey

Book Description: Pigloo is an explorer and wants to visit the North Pole. Can he make it there and back before lunch?

Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

Pocket's Christmas Wish

by Ann Bonwill, illustrated by Russell Julian

Book Description: A small bunny goes in search of the true meaning of Christmas.

Author's Residence: Burke, Virginia

Publisher: Oxford University Press

The Princess and the Frogs

by Veronica Bartles, illustrated by Sara Palacios

Book Description: Princess Cassandra desperately wants a pet frog, but when she kisses them goodnight, Whoosh! they turn into princes. And princes aren't pets!

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Balzer & Bray

Red Sled

by Patricia Thomas, illustrated by Chis Demarest

Book Description: Lad. Dad. Snowfall. Sled. Together they make a joyous winter adventure. Sprightly rhymed story is told in an ancient poetry form--perfect for young readers.

Author's Residence: Carbondale, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Why Are the Pigs Purple?

by Sharon Stanley, illustrated by Eugene Ruble

Book Description: A madcap adventure where traditional punctuation and meter take holiday and hilarity rules. This rollicking tale of pigs gone wild will leave you breathless!

Author's Residence: Ashland, Virginia

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Why Do Computers Know So Much?

by Jennifer Shand, illustrated by Daniele Fabbri

Book Description: Have fun while learning about technology in this book! This title is part of the Why Do series, books that are humorous, silly and educational!

Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: Flowerpot Press

You're My Boo

by Kate Dopirak, illustrated by Lesley Breen Withrow

Book Description: In a sweet rhyming ode to unconditional love, debut author Kate Dopirak celebrates the silly ups and downs of life with a little one.

Author's Residence: Wexford, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

GRADES 1-2**Chapter Book*****Zapato Power #6: Freddie Ramos Rules New York***

by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Miguel Benítez

Book Description: Freddie Ramos, the boy with super-powered purple sneakers, visits New York and helps his Uncle Jorge plan a special surprise at Rockefeller Center.

Author's Residence: Arlington, Virginia

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Historical Fiction***Doing Her Bit: A Story of the Woman's Land Army of America***

by Erin Hagar, illustrated by Jen Hill

Book Description: Helen Stevens did her bit for the war effort by becoming a farmerette - a woman trained to farm while men were serving overseas during WWI.

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Someday I'll Fly

by Rebecca Evans

Book 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: Severn Park, Maryland

Publisher: Red Engine Press

Nonfiction Picture Book***Coyote Moon***

by Maria Gianferrari, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline

Book Description: In the dark of night, a mother coyote stalks prey in the suburbs to feed her hungry pups. Could she be your neighbor?

Author's Residence: Leesburg, Virginia

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Picture Book***The Boy Who Said Nonsense***

by Felicia Sanzari Chernesky, illustrated by Nicola Anderson

Book Description: Tate can count by looking at things! All this counting makes people think Tate talks nonsense—until his counting helps everyone recognize his special gift.

Author's Residence: Flemington, New Jersey

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Brother Giovanni's Little Reward: How the Pretzel Was Born

by Anna Egan Smucker, illustrated by Amanda Hall

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: Bridgeport, West Virginia

Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

Dumpling Soup

by Jama Kim Rattigan, illustrated by Lillian Hsu-Flanders

Book Description: Marisa makes dumplings for the first time to celebrate the New Year in Hawaii. Will her family eat her funny-looking dumplings?

Author's Residence: Fairfax, Virginia

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

From Here to There

by Sue Fliess, illustrated by Christiane Engel

Book Description: Here and There can't play together, so they become pen pals. But soon they find a way to change the distance between them forever.

Author's Residence: Ashburn, Virginia

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Publication Date: November 29, 2016

The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas

by Laura Murray, illustrated by Mike Lowery

Book Description: The Gingerbread Man and his classmates spread holiday cheer by delivering homemade gifts and thank yous to the people of their town.

Author's Residence: McClean, Virginia

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

I Will Not Eat You

by Adam Lehrhaupt, illustrated by Scott Magoon

Book Description: Theodore thinks everything is food. Luckily for the animals, Theodore isn't hungry...yet. But when a boy approaches, will he be a meal? Or something more?

Author's Residence: Line Lexington, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Madeline Finn and the Library Dog

by Lisa Papp

Book Description: Madeline Finn does *not* like to read. But when she meets Bonnie at a Read-to-Dogs program, she discovers a fluffy friend makes all the difference.

Author's Residence: Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Nobody!

by Erin Frankel, illustrated by Paula Heaphy

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: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Free Spirit Publishing

Olly Explores 7 Wonders of the Chesapeake Bay

by Elaine Ann Allen, illustrated by Kelli Nash

Book Description: A little oyster explores the sights along the Chesapeake Bay.

Author's Residence: Maryland

Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

The Penguin Lady

by Carol A. Cole, illustrated by Sherry Rogers

Book Description: Penelope Parker lives with penguins from all over the Southern Hemisphere. Children count and compare ten different species of penguins as they learn Geography.

Author's Residence: Vienna, Virginia
Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

The Remarkable David Wordsworth

by Richard Kopley, illustrated by Michael Fazio

Book Description: During a class on compound words, a student makes up new compound words, creating a variety of unusual creatures.

Author's Residence: State College, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

Scuba Dog

by Ann Marie Stephens, illustrated by Jess Golden

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: Fairfax, Virginia

Publisher: Little Bee Books

Who Wants Broccoli?

by Val Jones

Book Description: Can a big, fun dog get picked as someone's perfect pet without getting himself in trouble – again?! Story about being true to who you are.

Author's Residence: Pennsylvania

Publisher: HarperCollins

Poetry/Bilingual

Dinosaur Name Poems/Poemas de Nombres de Dinosaurios

by Steven Clark Cunningham, MD, FACS, illustrated by Valeska Maria Populoh

Book Description: A richly illustrated, bilingual (English/Spanish) collection of poems, using the name of a prehistoric creature as a take-off for the playful verse. Includes illustrated glossary.

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Three Conditions Press

GRADES 3-5

Adventure

George Washington's Spies (Totally True Adventures)

by Claudia Friddell, illustrated by Wesley Lowe

Book Description: Meet George Washington's heroic Culper Spies who used secret codes, invisible ink, and dead drops to trick the British and win the Revolutionary War!

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Publishing Date: December 27, 2016

Biography

When Amelia Earhart Built a Roller Coaster

by Mark Weakland, illustrated by Oksana Grivina

Book Description: This playful story recounts events in Amelia Earhart's active and imaginative childhood, birth to teenage years.

Author's Residence: Hollsopple, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Picture Window Books

Contemporary Fiction

By Lizzie

by Mary Eccles

Book 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: Chevy Chase, Maryland

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

The Friendship Experiment

by Erin Teagan

Book Description: Madeline Little is Harriet the Spy with a lab notebook in this debut novel full of heart, humor, and a dash of science.

Author's Residence: Purcellville, Virginia

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Fantasy

Poppy Mayberry, The Monday

by Jennie K. Brown

Book Description: In a town where magical powers are determined by the weekday of one's birth, there lives a girl whose telekinesis skills need some work.

Author's Residence: Hershey, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Month9Books

Historical Fiction

32 Days: A Story of Faith and Courage

by Ellen Lucey Prozeller

Book Description: In China 1948, Pei is a child-hero living out her faith in a culture of persecution. She inspired others beyond her time and place.

Author's Residence: Little Silver, New Jersey

Publisher: Pauline Books & Media

George Crum and the Saratoga Chip

by Gaylia Taylor, illustrated by Frank Morrison

Book Description: George Crum, a biracial chef, is credited with the invention of the potato chip at a Saratoga Springs, New York, restaurant in 1853.

Author's Residence: Norfolk, Virginia

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

A Place Where Sunflowers Grow

by Amy Lee-Tai, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino

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: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Prisoner 88

by Leah Pileggi

Book Description: Jake, age 10, 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

The Wreck of the Ethie

by Hilary Hyland, illustrated by Paul Bachem

Book Description: Based on the 1919 shipwreck when a Newfoundland dog swam with a life line rescuing passengers, crew and even a baby in the ship's mailbag.

Author's Residence: Gainesville, Virginia

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Mystery***Who's Ju?***

by Dania Ramos

Book Description: A genetics assignment forces 12-year-old amateur detective Ju Feliciano to investigate a case of identity...her own.

Author's Residence: Bloomfield, New Jersey

Publisher: Northampton House Press

Nonfiction***Cool Things to Do If a Bully's Bugging You***

by Catherine DePino

Book 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

Helen Thayer's Arctic Adventure

by Sally Isaacs, illustrated by Iva Sasheva

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: Oradell, New Jersey

Publisher: Capstone Press

The Music in George's Head: George Gershwin Creates Rhapsody in Blue

by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Stacy Innerst

Book Description: With rhythmic swirls of words and pictures, discover how brilliantly Gershwin combined various kinds of music to create his masterpiece, *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Author's Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Calkins Creek

Plants Can't Sit Still

by Rebecca E. Hirsch, illustrated by Mia Posada

Book Description: Plants might not pick up their roots and walk away, but they definitely don't sit still! Discover the many ways plants (and their seeds) move.

Author's Residence: State College, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Millbrook Press

She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman: Deaf-Blind Pioneer

by Sally Hobart Alexander and Robert J. Alexander

Book Description: Fifty years before Helen Keller, Laura Bridgman, also deaf and blind, but with limited smell and taste, proved that everyone can be educated.

Author's Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Clarion Books

The U.S. Constitution: Discover How Democracy Works

by Carla Mooney, illustrated by Tom Casteel

Book Description: Learn about the foundation of democracy and how the documents crafted hundreds of years ago still have an impact on our country today.

Author's Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Nomad Press

Novel in Verse***The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary***

by Laura Shovan

Book Description: When Emerson Elementary's board plans to close their school, Ms. Hill's fifth grade poets circulate petitions, stage sit-ins, and test the waters of democratic action.

Author's Residence: Ellicott City, Maryland

Publisher: Wendy Lamb Books

Picture Book***B is for Blue Crab: A Maryland Alphabet***

by Shirley C. Menendez, illustrated by Laura Stutzman

Book Description: People, events and landmarks that make Maryland a fascinating state are highlighted in this beautifully illustrated book. Information presented in poems and text appeals to all ages.

Author's Residence: North Potomac, Maryland

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Esquivel! Space-Age Sound Artist

by Susan Wood, illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh

Book Description: Biography of the Mexican composer, conductor, and stereo-sound pioneer, whose love of sound led to new ways of making whimsical, innovative, out-of-this-world music.

Author residence: Norfolk, Virginia

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Four Feet, Two Sandals

by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammend, illustrated by Doug Chayka

Book Description: Lina and Feroza live in a refugee. A single pair of sandals found in a pile of clothing donations unites the two girls in sharing and friendship.

Author's Residence (Williams): Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

Passing the Music Down

by Sarah Sullivan, illustrated by Barry Root

Book Description: A warmhearted ode to an American musical tradition and to generational ties, told in lyrical free verse with atmospheric illustrations. Inspired by a true story.

Author's Residence: Williamsburg, Virginia

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Picture Book Biography***I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark***

by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley

Book Description: Disagreeing does not make a person disagreeable—it can change the world! Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has made a big difference, one disagreement at a time.

Author's Residence: Potomac, Maryland

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Painting in the Dark: Esref Armagan, Blind Artist

by **Rachelle Burk**, illustrated by **Claudia Gadotti**

Book Description: A true story of an artist, born completely blind, who paints landscapes, portraits, and other pictures in full color and perspective. How does he do it, and why?

Author's Residence: East Brunswick, New Jersey

Publisher: Tumblehouse Learning

Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille

by **Jen Bryant**, illustrated by **Boris Kulikov**

Book Description: The struggles and triumphs of child-inventor Louis Braille who created the system of reading and writing for the blind when he was 15.

Author's Residence: Glenmoore, Pennsylvania.

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Poetry

Poemclature: Poems about Your Body

by **Steven Clark Cunningham, MD, FACS**, illustrated by **Susan Detwiler**

Book Description: Lyrical poems and vibrant illustrations give each topic the traction needed to get kids reading the poems and the "Learn More!" sections that follow.

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Knox-Robinson Press/Maple Tree

GRADES 6-8

Adventure

The Rosemary Spell

by **Virginia Zimmerman**

Book 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: Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Clarion Books

Biography

Explore The Cosmos Like Neil deGrasse Tyson: A Space Science Journey

by **CAP Saucier**

Book Description: Some of today's middle-school students may walk on Mars in the future. Learn about space through the life of Neil deGrasse Tyson, an African-American astrophysicist.

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Prometheus Books

Madam C. J. Walker - Self-Made Businesswoman

by **Della A.Yannuzzi**

Book Description: Laundrywoman Madam C. J. Walker became America's first black woman millionaire by developing hair care and beauty products for African-Americans and became a force for social change.

Author's Residence: Nellysford, Virginia

Publisher: Enslow Publishers

Contemporary Fiction

Operation Oleander

by **Valerie O. Patterson**

Book Description: Jess and her friends collect school supplies for an orphanage in Afghanistan. When disaster strikes, Jess must find a way to go on.

Author's Residence: Leesburg, Virginia

Publisher: Clarion

Fantasy

Joshua and the Arrow Realm

by **Donna Galanti**

Book Description: Joshua is called to the Arrow Realm to free enslaved friends, but abandoned in his quest he wonders if cannot only save those imprisoned—but himself.

Author's Residence: Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Month9Books/TantrumBooks

Fantasy/Adventure

The Ninja Librarians: Sword in the Stacks

by **Jen Swann Downey**, illustrated by **Luke Pearson**

Book Description: Censorship, surly philosophers, insufferable anti-suffragists. If Dorrie and the librarians can't stop the Foundation, reading and writing will only be the first things to disappear.

Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: Sourcebooks

Historical Fiction

Brotherhood

by **A.B. Westrick**

Book Description: In this Reconstruction-era novel, a 14 year-old boy joins the Klan and comes to question the racial prejudices he has been taught.

Author's Residence: Virginia

Publisher: Puffin Books

From Blue Ground

by **Joe Harvey**

Book 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: Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Sunbury Press

Greenhorn

by **Anna Olswanger**, illustrated by **Miriam Nerlove**

Book 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

Nonfiction

The Future Architect's Tool Kit

by Barbara Beck

Book Description: Building on concepts introduced in *The Future Architect's Handbook*, readers design their own house using the tool kit provided with the book.

Author's Residence: Annapolis, Maryland

Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

Henry David Thoreau for Kids: His Life and Ideas, With 21 Activities

by Corinne Hosfeld Smith

Book 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: Columbia, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Realistic Fiction

Bees on the Roof

by Robbie Shell

Book Description: Four seventh graders, as part of a science competition, set up beehives on a hotel roof to learn about bees, pollination, and the environment.

Author's Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Tumblehome Learning

Ivy in the Shadows

by Chris Woodworth

Book Description: Short on money, Ivy's mama works and takes in a weird border. Ivy must manage their home while hiding their situation from her best friend.

Author's Residence: South Boston, Virginia

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

Riding Chance

by Christine Kendall

Book Description: A coming-of-age story about an urban teen's redemption through horses and the game of polo.

Author's Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Scholastic Inc.

What Flowers Remember

by Shannon Wiersbitzky

Book Description: When her adopted grandpa develops Alzheimer's, thirteen year old Delia sets out to save his memories, and includes the entire town in the process.

Author's Residence: Malvern, Pennsylvania

Publisher: namelos

Thriller

Fakie

by Tony Varrato

Book Description: Alex becomes a skateboarder in Virginia Beach to stay one ollie ahead of his killers. A YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers

Author's Residence: Georgetown, Delaware

Publisher: Lobster Press

Traditional Tales

Tales from the Arabian Nights: Stories of Adventure, Magic, Love, and Betrayal

by Donna Jo Napoli, illustrated by Christina Balit

Book Description: Scheherazade tells tales each night to a husband who will have her killed unless she can make him want one more tale the next night.

Author's Residence: Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

GRADES 9-12

Bilingual French/English

Jazz Band

by Jane Singleton Paul, illustrated by Grégoire Vallancien

Book Description: Classical pianist Margot is apprehensive about moving from Paris to New York. But after joining the high school jazz band, adventures follow...

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Éditions Talents Hauts (France)

Biography

Elizabeth Blackwell: Doctor and Advocate for Women in Medicine (Heroes of the Women's Suffrage Movement)

by Lisa A. Crayton

Book Description: Inspiring biography captures America's first woman doctor's perseverance through images, primary sources, and other informational text.

Author's Residence: Oxon Hill, Maryland

Publisher: Enslow Publishers

Contemporary Fiction

Empty

by K.M. Walton

Book Description: A girl tumbles into a downward spiral when a romantic encounter turns violent in this heart wrenching novel from the author of *Cracked*.

Author's Residence: West Chester, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Simon Pulse

Providence

by Lisa Colozza Cocca

Book Description: Sometimes you have to run away from home to find it.

Author's Residence: Manchester, New Jersey

Publisher: Merit Press

Try Not to Breathe

by Jennifer R. Hubbard

Book Description: After his suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Ryan struggles with guilty secrets and an unlikely new friendship.

Author's Residence: Pennsylvania

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Contemporary Romance

The Boyfriend Whisperer

by Linda Budzinski

Book Description: Boyfriend Whisperer Enterprises CEO Lexi Malloy is Grand View High's undercover Cupid. One problem: She's stuck in the friend zone with her own dream crush.

Author's Residence: Sterling, Virginia

Publisher: Swoon Romance

Shining Sea

by Mimi Cross

Book Description: When a boating accident traumatizes her sister, Arion finds solace in songwriting. Until she meets a boy whose hypnotic voice threatens to eclipse her own . . .

Author's Residence: Asbury Park, New Jersey

Publisher: Skyscape

Fantasy

Disenchanted

by Leigh Goff

Book Description: Follow teen witch, Sophie Goodchild, as she uncovers dark secrets, falls for a forbidden, and risks her soul to break her wicked ancestor's true love curse.

Author's Residence: Annapolis, Maryland

Publisher: Mirror World Publishing

Sword and Verse

by Kathy MacMillan

Book Description: "A tense, romantic fantasy epic about prejudice, political struggle, and the power of words." — R.J. Anderson

Author's Residence: Owing Mills, Maryland

Publisher: HarperCollins

Two Moon Princess

by Carmen Ferreira-Esteban

Book Description: A Spanish Princess, an American Boy, a King set on revenge. An unrequited love and a disturbing family secret bring war to their medieval world.

Author's Residence: Langhorne, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Tanglewood Press

Historical Fiction

The Caged Graves

by Dianne K. Salerni

Description: An arranged marriage brings Verity to Catawissa, Pennsylvania, where her mother's grave is caged and family secrets are buried.

Author's Residence: West Grove, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Clarion Books

Nonfiction

Last of the Giants: The Rise and Fall of Earth's Most Dominant Species

by Jeff Campbell, illustrated by Adam Grano

Book Description: Last of the Giants presents thirteen vanished or vanishing giant species—like moa, aurochs, and tigers—to understand our current extinction crisis and explore how to stop it.

Author's Residence: Morristown, New Jersey

Publisher: Zest Books

Meltdown! The Nuclear Disaster in Japan and Our Energy Future

by Fred Bortz

Book Description: How an earthquake and tsunami led to a triple meltdown at a Japanese nuclear reactor facility, and what that event means for our energy future.

Author's Residence: Monroeville Pennsylvania

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

Radioactive! How Irène Curie & Lise Meitner Revolutionized Science and Changed the World

by Winifred Conkling

Book Description: The fascinating, little-known story of two brilliant female physicists whose groundbreaking discoveries led to the creation of the atomic bomb.

Author's Residence: Vienna, Virginia

Publisher: Algonquin Young Readers

Realistic Fiction

Great Falls

by Steve Watkins

Book Description: One brother home from war. The other desperate to save him. A river that will change them forever.

Author's Residence: Fredericksburg, Virginia

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Live and Let Psi

by D.R.Rosensteel

Book Description: Rinnie Noelle is called into action again as Nicolaitan makes it clear that he will go on a murder spree until she gives herself up.

Author's Residence: Greensburg, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Entangled Teen

Star in the Middle

by Carol Larese Millward

Book Description: Star In the Middle realistically depicts the impact an unplanned pregnancy can have on young lives. The teen parents share their stories in alternating chapters.

Author's Residence: Elkton, Maryland

Publisher: WestSide Books

Tunnel Vision

by Susan Shaw

Book Description: After witnessing her mother's murder, 16-year-old Liza Wellington and her father go into the witness protection program. Kirkus starred review.

Author's Residence: Wayne, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Twigs

by Alison Ashley Formento

Book Description: Life aims hard at Twigs when her soldier brother goes missing, boyfriend troubles zing, and she finds the father who left years ago.

Author's Residence: Saddle River, New Jersey

Publisher: Merit Press

Science Fiction

Scavenger of Souls

by Joshua David Bellin

Book Description: In the thrilling conclusion to the Survival Colony series, Querry Genn must fight to discover his past and save the future from the monstrous Skaldi.

Author's Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Thriller

Black Flowers, White Lies

by Yvonne Ventresca

Book Description: Strange events make Ella question what's real. Is it a haunting or madness? She desperately needs answers—no matter how disturbing the truth might be.

Author's Residence: Chatham, New Jersey

Publisher: Sky Pony Press