

SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS OFFICIAL READING LIST — SUMMER 2016

AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND

PREK-K

(ages 3-5)

Picture Book

Captain Sneer the Buccaneer

by Penny Morrison, illustrated by Gabriel Evans

Book Description: ARRR! Captain Sneer and his hardy crew of buccaneers are in for adventure - and a big surprise - in this rollicking rhyming treasure hunt.

Illustrator's Residence: Perth Western Australia

Publisher: Walker Books Australia

I've Lost My Kisses

by Trudie Trewin, illustrated by Nick Bland

Book Description: Matilda has lost her kisses and needs to find them before Poppa arrives! But where do you find kisses? And what do they look like?

Author's Residence: Cairns, Queensland

Publisher: Scholastic Press Australia

New Year Surprise!

by Christopher Cheng

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

The Night Before Christmas

Author: Clement C. Moore, illustrated by Helene Magisson

Book Description: A favorite and traditional Christmas poem with new illustrations which capture the magic of a night before Christmas and the visit of Santa Claus.

Illustrator's Residence: Brisbane, Australia

Publisher: New Frontier

Noisy Nights

by Fleur McDonald, illustrated by Annie White

Book Description: Maa! Moo! How! Toot! A farm is a noisy place to be at bedtime. So how will Farmer Hayden ever get to sleep?

Illustrator's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: New Frontier Publishing

Pandamonia

by Chris Owen, illustrated by Chris Nixon

Book Description: When visiting the zoo - don't wake the panda whatever you do. Join in the fantastic fun as one grumpy panda sets off a frenzy of wild partying.

Author's Residence: Perth, Australia

Publisher: Fremantle Press

Pattan's Pumpkin

by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Frané Lessac

Book Description: Pattan has an amazing pumpkin. When a terrifying storm arrives and tragedy threatens, the pumpkin and Pattan's ingenuity lead to a rescue plan for the whole village.

Illustrator's Residence: Fremantle, West Australia, Australia

Publisher: Otter-Barry Books

Quick as a Wink Fairy Pink

by Lesley Gibbes, illustrated by Sara Acton

Book Description: Five little flutter fairies going off to bed. Fairy Blue, Fairy Green, Fairy Gold, and Red. But someone is hiding.

Which fairy do you think?

Author's Residence: Sydney, Australia

Publisher: Working Title Press

Space Alien at Planet Dad

by Lucinda Gifford

Book Description: An imaginative and entertaining story about sharing a special person. Recommended for pre- and early-schoolers, particularly those in changing family circumstances.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria

Publisher: Scholastic Australia

Supermum

by Leah Russack

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

Ten Little Owls

by Renee Trembl

Book Description: Teach your little one to count to ten in this beautiful book featuring baby Australian animals running, hopping, eating, and playing from dusk to dawn.

Author's Residence: Reservoir, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Penguin Random House

There Is Something Weird in Santa's Beard

by Chrissie Krebs

Book Description: Santa loves his food but isn't a fan of cleaning himself after he eats which results in some mutant mayhem and Christmas is in jeopardy.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Random House Australia

This is a Circle

by Chrissie Krebs

Book Description: A name-that-object book that begins to get out of hand when the objects and the characters start interacting with each other.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Random House Australia

Too Busy Sleeping

by Zanni Louise, illustrated by Anna Pignataro

Book Description: It's newborn Reuben's first day at home. Big sister Eleanor has lots of ideas for their first day together, but Reuben is too busy sleeping!

Author's Residence: Alstonville, NSW, Australia

Publisher: Little Hare Books

Zoo Train

by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Daron Parton

Book Description: Chugga chugga choo choo! Thugga thugga . . . Better keep your eyes open - this is a crazy zoo!

Author's Residence: Auckland, New Zealand

Publisher: Walker Books

GRADES 1-2

(ages 6-7)

Chapter Book

Best Beast

by Teena Raffa-Mulligan, illustrated by Jess Smart Smiley

Book Description: Amy doesn't have a pet to enter in the school pet competition until a strange neighbour offers her a pet rock and the fun begins.

Author's Residence: Perth, Western Australia

Publisher: Xist Publishing

Picture Book

Chip

by Kylie Howarth

Book Description: Chip, like most other gulls would do anything for fish and chips. When he's banned from his favourite food, he is desperate to get it back on the menu.

Author's Residence: Perth, Australia

Publisher: Five Mile Press

Gilly's Treasures

by Julie Murphy, illustrated by Jay Fontano

Book Description: When Gilly the seagull finds a beautiful, shiny treasure he can't help searching for more...and more. Will he ever be satisfied with what he has?

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Cedar Fort

Little Dog and the Christmas Wish

by Corinne Fenton, illustrated by Robin Cowcher

Book Description: The story of a bond between a boy and his dog, set on a long ago Christmas Eve.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Black Dog Books

GRADES 3-5

(ages 8-10)

Adventure

Takeshita Demons

by Cristy Burne, illustrated by Siku

Book Description: Japanese yo-kai mix it up in the battle of good versus evil. Winner of the Frances Lincoln Diverse Verses Award.

Book one of a trilogy.

Author's Residence: Perth, Australia

Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children's Books

Historical Fiction

Racing the Moon

by Michelle Morgan

Book 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

Illustrated Fiction

Ella Diaries Book #9: Worst Camp Ever

by Meredith Costain, illustrated by Danielle McDonald

Book Description: Ella arrives at school camp, ready for a week of fun. But can she survive Peach Parker's pranks as well as the petrifying giant swing?

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Scholastic Australia

Mystery

PS Who Stole Santa's Mail?

by Dimity Powell

Book 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 Publishing

Trouble and the Missing Cat

by Cate Whittle, illustrated by Stephen Michael King

Book Description: Here comes more Trouble! Georgia's friendly dragon is in trouble at school and has been banned... **and** there's the mystery of Mrs. Jones' missing cat...

Author's Residence: Canberra, ACT, Australia

Publisher: Scholastic Australia

Nonfiction

The Family with Two Front Doors

by Anna Ciddor

Book 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: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Allen & Unwin

Picture Book

Australia Illustrated

by Tania McCartney

Book Description: Big. Beautiful. Diverse. From First People to skyscrapers and beaches that squeak, this 96-page tome is an illustrious homage to a gloriously multicultural Australia.

Author's Residence: Canberra, Australia

Publisher: EK Books/Exisle Publishing

Painting in the Dark: Esref Armagan, Blind Artist

Author: Rachelle Burk, illustrated by Claudia Gadotti

Book Description: Esref Armagan was born completely blind but with the curiosity to create and draw. This blind artist's story will be an inspiration to young artists.

Illustrator's Residence New Zealand

Publisher: Tumblehome Learning

Realistic Fiction

The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee

by Deborah Abela

Book Description: A heart-warming story about a girl who's too afraid to follow her dreams, and the family who help make them happen.

Author's Residence: Sydney, NSW Australia

Publisher: Penguin Random House Australia

Short Stories

A Toy Christmas anthology

Edited, compiled and with an introduction by Sophie Masson

Book Description: A fabulous anthology of original illustrated stories for young readers, featuring the special magic of toys at Christmas.

Editor's Residence: Invergowrie, NSW, Australia

Publisher: Christmas Press

GRADES 6-8

(ages 11-14)

Adventure

The Amazing Spencer Gray

by Deb Fitzpatrick

Book description: Spencer Gray is twelve -finally old enough to join Dad in his glider. Going up is awesome - but when disaster strikes, Spencer will need to be nothing short of amazing.

Author's Residence: Perth, Western Australia

Publisher: Fremantle Press

Historical Fantasy

Daughter of Nomads

by Rosanne Hawke, illustrated by DM Cornish

Book Description: Mughal Empire, 1662: after an assassin strikes Jahani flees with her protector Azhar and snow leopard to the Qur-raqoram Kingdoms to find her destiny.

Author's Residence: Kapunda, South Australia

Publisher: University of Queensland Press

Historical Fiction

Dragonfly Song

by Wendy Orr

Book Description: A riveting, mythic Bronze Age adventure of an outcast girl who travels to the Bull King's island to become a bull leaper.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Allen & Unwin

Frieda

by Marianne Musgrove

Book Description: German girl, Frieda, migrates to Australia.

WW1 breaks out and her father is interned. Will her friends support her or must she hide her identity?

Author's Residence: Adelaide, South Australia

Publisher: Scholastic Australia

Mystery

The Art of Magic

by Ann Harth

Book 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: Kuranda, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: Solstice

GRADES 9-12

(ages 14 and up)

Adventure

Black Jack Anderson

by Elaine Forrestal

Book Description: Black Jack Anderson was Australia's most notorious pirate. From his hideout on remote Middle Island, he became the scourge of the Southern Ocean.

Author's Residence: Western Australia

Publisher: Penguin Books Australia

The Shark Caller

by Dianne Wolfer

Book Description: Only a twin from a shark-calling family can appease the ancestors and bring a community back together in this powerful and haunting story.

Author's Residence: Albany, Western Australia

Publisher: Penguin Random House Australia

Contemporary Fiction

Becoming Aurora

by Elizabeth Kasmer

Book Description: Becoming Aurora deals with themes of identity, racism, loss and guilt, family ties, second chances, compassion, understanding, and above all, hope.

Author's Residence: Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: University of Queensland Press

Fantasy

WAER

by **Meg Caddy**

Book Description: WAER is a YA fantasy novel about waerwolves, revenge, redemption, and love. WAER was shortlisted for the Text Prize in 2013.

Author's Residence: Perth, Western Australia

Publisher: Text Publishing