

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

CALIFORNIA / HAWAII

PREK-K

Activity Book

Where's the Princess? And Other Fairy Tale Searches

by Chuck Whelon

Book Description: Wave your magic wands and cast a spell to help you locate the princess and more in this enchanting search activity book for all ages!

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Picture Book

All Year Round

by Susan B. Katz, illustrated by Eiko Ojala

Book Description: Each month is paired with an iconic shape i.e. heart for February/Valentine's Day. With lyrical text and colorful paper illustrations—a must for learning shapes and months.

Author's Residence: Belmont, California

Publisher: Scholastic Inc.

Arctic White

by Danna Smith, illustrated by Lee White

Book Description: A young girl looks around her home in the Arctic and sees only white, white, white, until the Northern lights bring color into her world.

Author's Residence: Woodbridge, California

Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

Are We There, Yeti?

by Ashlyn Anstee

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: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Bears in the Snow

by Shirley Parenteau, illustrated by David Walker

Children's Picture Book

Book Description: Uh-oh, the four little bears' sled is too small to hold them all. Luckily, Big Brown Bear has an idea. 7th in a series.

Author's Residence: Elk Grove, California

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Bitty Bot

by Tim McCanna, illustrated by Tad Carpenter

Book Description: Bitty Bot skips out on bedtime and takes a late night rocket ride to the moon. Sweet and fun to read aloud.

Author's Residence: San Jose, California

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Buster the Little Garbage Truck

by Marcia Berneger, illustrated by Kevin Zimmer

Book Description: Buster is afraid of loud noises. Can he conquer his fear in time to save his best friend, Kitty?

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Captain Freddy Counts Down to School

by Elizabeth Shreeve, illustrated by Joey Chou

Book Description: Nervous about starting school, Freddy launches an imaginary space adventure that prepares him for his big day back on Earth. Includes facts on the solar system.

Author's Residence: Mill Valley, California

Publisher: Two Lions

Clowning Around

by Beryl Reichenberg

Book Description: Charlie, a clownfish, loves to do tricks at the aquarium. The other fish become jealous and find a way to keep Charlie from getting attention.

Author's Residence: San Luis Obispo, California

Publisher: Oak Tree Press

Cockatoo, Too

by Bethanie Murguia

Book Description: Fun with words and birds. This hilarious book features cockatoos, two more cockatoos, and tutued toucans, too!

Author's Residence: Sausalito, California

Publisher: little bee books

A Day in the Life of Murphy

by Alice Provinsen

Book Description: A farm filled with delicious kitchen smells, dumb farm animals and unexplained noises always has something to keep a dog busy - and often in trouble.

Author's Residence: San Clemente, California

Publisher: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers

Draculiza

by Bianca Bagatourian, illustrated by Seitu Hayden

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

Every Color

by Erin Eitter Kono

Book Description: A young girl and Bear sail around the globe in search of color in this beautiful allegory for seeing and appreciating the differences around you.

Author's Residence: Rolling Hills Estates, California

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Felicity the Dragon

by Ruthie Briggs-Greenberg

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

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: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Harriet Can Carry It

by Kirk Jay Mueller, illustrated by Sarah Vonthron-Laver

Book Description: In this hilarious and heartwarming story, hard-working Harriet decides to relax, go to the beach, and try to spend time with her little Joey.

Author's Residence: Valencia, California

Publisher: Star Bright Books

How to Find a Fox

by Nilah Magruder

Book Description: Equipped with a camera and determination, a little girl sets out to track down an elusive red fox.

Author's Residence: Northridge, California

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

I Am the Mountain Mouse

by Gianna Marino

Book Description: *I Am the Mountain Mouse* points out how ridiculous a big ego can be . . . in a quite deliciously over-the-top way!

Author's Residence: Sonoma, California

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

I Don't Want to be Big

by Dev Petty, illustrated by Mike Boldt

Book Description: Frog's happy being a frog, but this time he isn't sure he likes this growing thing. Can his funny friends help him see the bright side of change?

Author's Residence: Albany, California

Publisher: Doubleday Books for Young Readers

I Heart You

by Meg Fleming, illustrated by Sarah Jane Wright

Book Description: A lyrical snapshot of the exuberance, affection and tender push-pull of life with a child. Evocative illustrations and tender rhyme equals heart at every turn.

Author's Residence: Pleasanton, California

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: December 6, 2016

I Love You All Day Long

by Francesca Rusackas, illustrated by Priscilla Burris

Book Description: Owen's anxious question prompts this heart-warming, comforting tale of how a parent's love stays with a child

whether they are together or apart - all day long.

Author's Residence: California

Publisher: HarperCollins

If You Give a Mouse a Brownie

by Laura Numeroff, illustrated by Felicia Bond

Book Description: Mouse and his friend are back! This time, Mouse is excited about a brownie! Watch Mouse run his friend ragged, catering to Mouse's every whim!

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Harper Collins

Juna's Jar

by Jane Bahk, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino

Book Description: When her best friend moves away, Juna learns to say goodbye in this fantastical tale about the power of imagination and friendship.

Author's Residence: Alameda, California

Publisher: Lee & Low

The Little Christmas Elf

by Nikki Shannon Smith, illustrated by Susan Mitchell

Book Description: Nina, the littlest elf in Santa's workshop, doesn't finish her bear in time, but her perseverance pays off in the end.

Author's Residence: Davis, California

Publisher: Little Golden Books

Little Cloud Wants Snow!

by Gwen Lee

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

The Moon Inside

by Sandra V. Feder, illustrated by Aimée Sicuro

Book Description: This bedtime story will inspire children, who might be afraid of the dark, to welcome the peaceful nature of nighttime into their homes and hearts.

Author's Residence: Burlingame, California

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Mousequerade Ball

by Lori Mortensen, illustrated by Betsy Lewin

Book Description: Counting up to ten and back again, dancing all the while, this delightful story invites readers to the event of the season—the Mousequerade Ball.

Author's Residence: Cameron Park, California

Publisher: Bloomsbury

My Little Sister and Me

by Maple Lam

Book Description: A journey home from school between a brother and a sister that highlights the intangible love between siblings.

Author's Residence: San Gabriel, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

PoPo's Lucky Chinese New Year

by Virginia Loh-Hagan, illustrated by Renne Benoit

Book Description: A Chinese-American girl learns about the do's and don'ts of how to have a lucky Chinese New Year when her grandmother, PoPo, comes to visit.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Porcupine's Seeds

by Viji K Chary, illustrated by Bridget McKenna

Book Description: Porcupine longs to grow beautiful sunflowers in his garden, just like Raccoon. Raccoon gives Porcupine seeds, but growing sunflowers is not easy for Porcupine.

Author's Residence: Fremont, California

Publisher: 4RV Publishing

Planet Kindergarten: 100 Days in Orbit

by Sue Ganz-Schmitt, illustrated by Shane Prigmore

Book Description: Kids will be over the moon celebrating 100th Day with this clever, dynamically illustrated book, and eager to continue exploring and conquering Planet Kindergarten.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Santa's Christmas Train

by Helen Foster James, illustrated by Bill Bolton

Book Description: All Aboard! Santa's Christmas train is coming to town. Lucky young travelers embark on a festive train ride to Santa's Village.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Ideals Books

Smelling Sunshine

by Constance Anderson

Book Description: Smelling Sunshine captures special moments between children and parents doing a simple chore of hanging laundry, while creating a path through various cultures.

Author's Residence: Danville, California

Publisher: Star Bright Books

Sofia's Dream

by Land Wilson, illustrated by Sue Cornelison

Book Description: Sofia befriends the moon and see Earth from Moon's point of view. She sees that Earth needs better care and pledges to spread the word.

Author's Residence: San Rafael, California

Publisher: Little Pickle Press

There Was an Old Mummy Who Swallowed a Spider

by Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Steve Gray

Book Description: From the creators of the bestselling *There Was an Old Monkey Who Swallowed a Frog* comes a spooky rendition of the popular "Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" song.

Illustrator's Residence: Redondo Beach, California

Publisher: Two Lions

What if Your Best Friends Were Blue?

by Vera Kochan, illustrated by Viviana Garofoli

Book Description: A child imagines a world where people in his community have different skin colors. This book teaches colors while showing what's on the inside matters.

Author's Residence: California

Publisher: Two Lions

You Made Me a Mother

by Laurene Sala, illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser

Book Description: In this beautiful celebration of motherhood, the universal message of unconditional love for a child shines through.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

GRADES 1-2**Chapter Book****The Fantastic Frame: Splat! Another Messy Sunday**

by Lin Oliver, illustrated by Samantha Kallis

Book Description: In this exciting second book of The Fantastic Frame series, our ten-year old heroes have an adventure inside the world-famous painting, Sunday on The Grand Jette.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Slime & All

by Janet Ann Collins, illustrated by Alexander Morris

Book Description: Everyone is afraid of Slime, a giant, talking worm, until a boy helps him find friends.

Author's Residence: Grass Valley, California

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

The Super Happy Party Bears #1: Gnawing Around

by Marcie Colleen, illustrated by Steve James

Book Description: While the Grumpy Woods scheme to unwelcome some annoying beavers, the Super Happy Party Bears throw them a housewarming party. Dancing always saves the day!

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Imprint

Early Reader**Snowshoe Thompson**

by Nancy Smiler Levinson, illustrated by Joan Sandin

Book Description: Danny writes Pa a letter, hoping he'll be home for Christmas. But snow is too deep to deliver over the mountain. Then Snowshoe Thompson offers to try.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

Early Reader/Bilingual**The Monster in the Mattress/El Monstruo en el Colchon y Otras Cuentos**

by Diane de Anda

Book Description: Five little mysteries for early readers where things are not what they appear to be, including a monster, a disappearing witch, and a tricky mouse.

Author's Residence: Playa del Rey, California

Publisher: Arte Publico Press

Historical Fiction

Little Monk and the Mantis: A Bug, A Boy, and the Birth of a Kung Fu Legend

by John Fusco, illustrated by Patrick Lugo

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

Nonfiction

What's Your Story, Harriet Tubman?

by Jen Barton, illustrated by Doug Jones

Book Description: What did Harriet Tubman do to make her an important American? Cub Reporter interviews her to find out!

Author's Residence: Rocklin, California

Publisher: Lerner Classroom

Picture Book

ABCs of Health and Safety

by Melissa Abramovitz, illustrated by Alexander Morris

Book Description: From active aerobics to heart-healthy habits to zoo-zone zeal, this delightfully rhyming ABC book introduces kids to health and safety basics in a fun way.

Author's Residence: Roseville, California

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Antsy Ansel: Ansel Adams, A Life in Nature

by Cindy Jenson-Elliott, illustrated by Christy Hale

Book Description: The childhood story of the renowned nature photographer Ansel Adams, who just couldn't sit still.

Illustrator's Residence: Palo Alto, California

Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

Armando and the Blue Tarp School

by Edith Hope Fine and Judith Pinkerton Josephson, illustrated by Hernan Sosa

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.

Author's Residence (Fine): Encinitas, California

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Chicken Soup, Chicken Soup

by Pamela Mayer, illustrated by Deborah Melmon

Book Description: Bubbe makes chicken soup with kreplach, and Nai Nai makes chicken soup with wonton. How will Sophie learn to tell them apart?

Author's Residence: Foster City, California

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Clark the Shark Loves Christmas

by Bruce Hale, illustrated by Guy Francis

Book Description: When Clark's class organizes a Secret Santa exchange, Clark tries to find out who'll be giving him a present . . . and forgets to buy one himself!

Author's Residence: Santa Barbara, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

Daniel Brown at the Battle of Lexington

by Ellen W. Leroe, illustrated by Sally Hinkley

Book Description: Young Patriot Daniel Brown unexpectedly meets Paul Revere, and is present when the first shot is fired on Lexington Common. (Retold true story.)

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Twin Lights Publishers

An Easter Alphabet

by Nora Tarlow

Book description: A rhyming alphabet book told in evocative, lyrical text, illustrated with 19th century paintings depicting children embracing the joys of Easter and the springtime season.

Author's Residence: California

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

Fuddles and Puddles

by Frans Vischer

Book Description: A rambunctious canine, (who earns his name making a mess on the kitchen floor) Puddles disrupts the charmed life of the fat, pampered cat, Fuddles.

Author's Residence: Glendale, California

Publisher: Aladdin

Full of Empty

by Tim J. Myers and Dr. M. Priscilla Myers, illustrated by Rebecca Sorge

Book Description: The story of a sad princess whose parents' attempts to cheer her up fail—till they learn about family togetherness and the power of play.

Authors' Residence: Santa Clara, California

Publisher: Familius Books

The Invisible String

by Patrice Karst, illustrated by Geoff Stevenson

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: Ventura, California

Publisher: DeVorss and Company

Lailah's Lunchbox

by Reem Faruqi, illustrated by Lea Lyon

Book Description: A Muslim girl, finally old enough to fast for Ramadan, worries about her classmates understanding. She finds how to feel comfortable and share her holiday.

Illustrator's Residence: Richmond, California

Publisher: Tilbury House

The Lunch Thief

by Anne C. Bromley, illustrated by Robert Casilla

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: Encinitas, California

Publisher: Tilbury House

My Brother Needs a Boa

by Anne Weston illustrated by Cheryl Nathan

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?

Author's Residence: San Diego, California
 Publisher: Star Bright Books

My Two Homes

by **Claudia Harrington, illustrated by Zoe Persico**

Book Description: Class Reporter Lenny showcases Skye, who splits her time between her parents. Lenny is impressed with Skye's two bedrooms, loving family, and wicked curve ball.
 Author's Residence: Pacific Palisades, California
 Publisher: Magic Wagon/ABDO

No Yeti Yet

by **Mary Ann Fraser**

Book Description: Two brothers go in search of a yeti to take its picture, unaware that it is following them.
 Author's Residence: Simi Valley, California
 Publisher: Peter Pauper Press

Ouch! moments: When Words Are Used in Hurtful Ways

by **Michael Genhart, illustrated by Viviana Garofoli**

Book Description: Increases awareness of "ouch!" moments –hurtful insults like "gay" or "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

Schnitzel: A Cautionary Tale for Lazy Louts

by **Stephanie Shaw, illustrated by Kevin Barry**

Book Description: In this humorous retelling of *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, Schnitzel finds out why it's never a good idea to invite a fang-toothed stranger in after dark.
 Author's Residence: Petaluma, California
 Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Sheppard's Last Lamb

by **Annalisa Hall, illustrated by Alex Worthen**

Book Description: Sheppard learns the blessings of the Good Shepherd by being kind, wise, and helpful to his family, friends, and neighbors during the Christmas Pageant.
 Author's Residence: Poway, California
 Publisher: Cedar Fort

The Sound of Silence

by **Katrina Goldsaito, illustrated by Julia Kuo**

Book Description: Little Yoshio searches the hustle and bustle of Tokyo, Japan for the most beautiful sound of all: The Sound of Silence.
 Author's Residence: San Francisco, California
 Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Spaghetti Smiles

by **Margo Sorenson, illustrated by David Harrington**

Book Description: Jake wants to find the perfect neighbor for his Uncle Rocco's Italian restaurant, but it's not going to be easy!
 Author's Residence: La Quinta, California
 Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

The Sundown Kid: A Southwestern Shabbat

by **Barbara Bietz, illustrated by John Kanzler**

Book Description: A boy and his parents are the only Jewish family in their "Wild West" town. To help Mama's loneliness, the boy invites neighbors for Shabbat dinner.
 Author's Residence: Oak Park, California
 Publisher: August House

Too Many Moose!

by **Lisa M. Bakos, illustrated by Mark A. Chambers**

Book Description: Mayhem ensues as Martha discovers that less is more in this madcap moose adventure. Includes online Educator Guide/Activity Kit.
 Author's Residence: Diablo, California
 Publisher: Sourcebooks

Two Hands to Love You

by **Diane Adams, illustrated by Paige Kaiser**

Book Description: A young child explores the world with family within reach. Each plays a part in the journey of the child.
 Author's Residence: Redlands, California
 Publisher: Chronicle Books

Wake Up, City!

by **Erica Silverman, illustrated by Laure Fournier**

Book Description: A girl and her father set off for school at dawn, observing the sights and sounds as "the gum drop sun rises" and the city wakes up.
 Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
 Publisher: little bee books

What Does It Mean to be an Entrepreneur?

by **Emma D. Dryden and Rana DiOrio, illustrated by Ken Min**

Book Description: When Rae witnesses an ice-cream-and-doggie mishap, she's inspired to create a completely new solution to help get dogs clean, becoming an entrepreneur.
 Author's Residence (DiOrio): San Francisco, California
 Publisher: Little Pickle Press

Picture Books/Fractured Fairy Tales

Little Red Cuttlefish

by **Henry Herz, illustrated by Kate Gotfredson**

Book Description: Little Red jets to grandmother's. Everything goes swimmingly—until a tiger shark attacks! Red uses her cuttlefish camouflage, agility, and ink cloud to outwit the shark.
 Author's Residence: San Diego, California
 Publisher: Pelican Publishing

GRADES 3-5

Adventure

Kat McGee and the Thanksgiving Turkey Train

by **Kristin Riddick, illustrated by Nick Guarracino**

Book Description: It's Thanksgiving season in Totsville! Hop the Turkey Train with Kat McGee and rocket along the tracks into a series of adventures unlike any other.
 Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
 Publisher: In This Together Media

The Lost Celt

by **A. E. Conran**

Book Description: Convinced they've seen a time-travelling Celtic warrior, video war game fans Mikey and Kyler are determined to track him down for their Veterans Day project.
 Author's Residence: Corte Madera, California
 Publisher: Gosling Press/Goosebottom Books

Contemporary Fiction

The Charming Life of Izzy Malone

by Jenny Lundquist

Book Description: When a mouthy middle school outcast joins a special charm bracelet club and races a giant pumpkin, she discovers the true meaning of friendship

Author's Residence: Carmichael, California

Publisher: Aladdin MIX

Publication Date: November 29, 2016

Contemporary Magic

Twist My Charm: The Popularity Spell

by Toni Gallagher

Book Description: When Cleo and her (only) friend Sam try to improve their lives using a "happy, positive" voodoo doll, there are unexpected results.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Fantasy

The Midnight War of Mateo Martinez

by Robin Yardi, illustrated by Teagan White

Book Description: Mateo strives to be a brave, honorable knight. When two skunks steal his old trike he mounts a stinky midnight quest to defend his neighborhood!

Author's Residence: Santa Barbara, California

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Folktale

The Girl Who Saved Yesterday

by Julius Lester, illustrated by Carl Angel

Book Description: A girl named Silence returns to the village that cast her out, her purpose: join the dead with the living in an act of remembrance.

Illustrator's Residence: Burbank, California

Publisher: Creston Books

Graphic Novel

Dinosaurs #1: In the Beginning

by Arnaud Plumeri, illustrated by Bloz, translated by Nanette McGuinness

Book Description: Dinos show us what their lives were like in short, funny, teeth-gnashing bursts of prehistoric mayhem.

Translator's Residence: Berkeley, California

Publisher: Papercutz

Historical Fiction

Full Cicada Moon

by Marilyn Hilton

Book Description: Mimi, a girl of mixed heritage, adjusts to her new life in Vermont while she campaigns for gender equality and dreams of becoming an astronaut.

Author's Residence: San Jose, California

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Lara's Gift

by Annemarie O'Brien

Book 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: Piedmont, California

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

The Nine Lives of Jacob Tibbs

by Cylin Busby, illustrated by Gerald Kelley

Genre: MG historical fiction

Book Description: The swashbuckling story of a little cat's high seas adventures as a captain's cat in the mid 1800s.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Under the Ashes

by Cindy Rankin, illustrated by Kyle Letendre

Book Description: An eleven-year-old spitfire is sent to San Francisco to be refined by her maiden aunt two days before the Great Quake of 1906.

Author's Residence: Paso Robles, California

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Humorous Fiction

LUG: Blast from the North

by David Zeltser, illustrated by Jan Gerardi

Book Description: Cavemen fighting climate change! The sequel to the funny satire praised by SLJ, Kirkus, and AI Gore. "LUG makes the Ice Age sizzle."—Gordon Korman

Author's Residence: Santa Cruz, California

Publisher: Carolrhoda

Shivers! The Pirate Who's Afraid of Everything

by Annabeth Bondor-Stone and Connor White, illustrated by Anthony Holden

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

Véro and Philippe

by Caroline Hatton, illustrated by Preston McDaniels

Book Description: Follow the hilarious antics of a Vietnamese-French brother and sister growing up in Paris, as their sibling rivalry turns to teamwork.

Author's Residence: Culver City, California

Publisher: Cricket Books

Mystery

The Bad Kid

by Sarah Lariviere, illustrated by Ziyue Chen

Book Description: Claudine Feng LeBernardin learns what it really means to be bad in this colorful mystery reminiscent of Harriet the Spy.

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Lou Lou and Pea and the Mural Mystery

by Jill Diamond, illustrated by Lesley Vamos

Book Description: When crimes crop up around Lou Lou and Pea's neighborhood right before Día de los Muertos, the best friends join forces to solve the mystery.

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

The Mystery Beneath Midville Museum

by Anne Loader McGee

Book Description: An eerie force in the museum's Egyptian exhibit wants Mallory Gilmartin to free a trapped spirit before the ancient artifacts are returned to Egypt.

Author's Residence: Northridge, California

Publisher: Vendera Publishing

Snowize & Snitch: Highly Effective Defective Detectives

by Karen Briner, illustrated by Victor Rivas

Book 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

The Tiara on the Terrace

by Kristen Kittscher

Book Description: Get ready for hijinks and hilarity as seventh grade best friends and spies Young & Yang go undercover in their town parade to investigate a deadly crime.

Author's Residence: Pasadena, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

Nonfiction***Orphan Trains Taking the Rails to a New Life***

by Rebecca Langston-George

Book Description: Tells the compelling stories of seven orphans who rode the rails to new lives and families in the Midwest.

Author's Residence: Bakersfield, California

Publisher: Capstone Press

Statistics About U.S. Special Ops Past and Present

by Kirsten W. Larson

Book Description: Readers will be fascinated by stats about the U.S. special ops including everything from intense training to elite weapons.

Author's Residence: Lancaster, California

Publisher: Capstone

A Year of Slumber Parties

by Aubre Andrus, illustrated by Eva Byrne

Book Description: This book features a theme party for every month of the year, including ideas for decorations, games, and crafts, plus delicious recipes and more!

Author's Residence: Santa Monica, California

Publisher: American Girl

Nonfiction Picture Book***Living Fossils: Clues to the Past***

by Caroline Arnold, illustrated by Andrew Plant

Book Description: Dragonflies are living fossils. They are almost exactly the same as their ancient relatives. See six amazing living fossils in the past and present world.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Performing Arts***Sing Me a Story: The Metropolitan Opera's Book of Opera Stories for Children***

by Jane Rosenberg

Book Description: From the spectacular *Aida* to the enchanted *The Magic Flute*, fifteen thrilling operas, retold and delightfully illustrated, present the gaiety, drama, and wonder of opera.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Thames & Hudson

Picture Book Biography***Noah Webster & His Words***

by Jeri Chase Ferris, illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch

Book Description: Noah Webster wrote the first American dictionary. But what *else* did Noah do? This book reveals how Noah kept our fledgling United States united.

Author's Residence: Lincoln, California

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Picture Book for Older Readers***Benjamin Brown and the Great Steamboat Race***

by Shirley Jordan, illustrated by Kathleen Kemly

Book Description: As two steamboats race up the Mississippi, one captain cheats repeatedly. Twelve-year-old Benjamin, on the losing boat, learns that integrity is more important than winning.

Author's Residence: Fullerton, California

Publisher: Millbrook Press

The Kite That Bridged Two Nations: Homan Walsh and the First Niagara Suspension Bridge

by Author: Alexis O'Neill, illustrated by Terry Widener

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: Simi Valley, California

Publisher: Calkins Creek

Poetry***The Poem That Will Not End: Fun with Poetic Forms and Voices***

by Joan Bransfield Graham

Book Description: Ryan O'Brian 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

Realistic Fiction

***The Infinity Year of Avalon* James**

by Dana Middleton

Book Description: During their Infinity Year, Avalon and Atticus are counting on special magic to see them through a year of bullies, secrets, friendship and spelling bees.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones

by Wendelin Van Draanen

Book Description: A poignant, funny story about a boy who learns to face his secrets, empathize with Alzheimer's patients, and become the brave hero of his own life.

Author's Residence: Pismo Beach, California

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

A Summer's Trade (in English and Navajo)

by Deborah W. Trotter, illustrated by Irving Toddy

Book Description: A Navajo Indian boy must choose between dreams and family when the unexpected happens during his summer working at a trading post in Gallup, NM.

Author's Residence: Moraga, California

Publisher: Salina Bookshelf

The Three Lucys

by Hayan Charara, illustrated by Sara Kahn

Book Description: A young Lebanese boy must learn to cope with loss and hope for a peaceful future after losing one of his cats when his village comes under attack.

Illustrator's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Lee & Low

Zoe in Wonderland

by Brenda Woods

Book Description: Introverted, daydream-prone Zoe is afraid her real life will never be as exciting as her imaginary one.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

GRADES 6-8

Action Adventure

Koolura and the Mayans

by Michael Thal

Book Description: Koolura and Leila are hurtled back in time to the early Mayans, who have been enslaved by aliens. Can the girls save Earth's future?

Author's Residence: California

Publisher: Solstice

Ryan Quinn and the Rebel's Escape

by Ron McGee, illustrated by Chris Samnee

Book Description: Shocked to discover his parents lead a double life as secret agents, Ryan Quinn travels around the globe on a mission of international intrigue.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

Contemporary Fiction

Far From Fair

by Elana K. Arnold

Book Description: Odette has a lot to be angry about. Moving into an old RV, leaving everything behind... life is unfair. But maybe that's not the worst of it.

Author's Residence: Huntington Beach, California

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Overboard

by Elizabeth Fama

Book Description: Based on the true story of an Indonesian ferry disaster, *Overboard* is both a riveting tale of survival and a sensitive portrayal of cross-cultural understanding.

Author's Residence: Palo Alto, California

Publisher: Cricket Books

Strays

by Jennifer Caloyeras

Book Description: Iris Moody has trouble controlling her temper. After lashing out at a teacher, she is sentenced to a summer rehabilitating aggressive dogs.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Ashland Creek Press

Fantasy

The Left-Handed Fate

by Kate Milford, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler

Book Description: Return to Nagspeake for a new nautical fantasy adventure from the bestselling author of National Book Award nominee *Greenglass House*.

Illustrator's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Henry Holt

Vault of Shadows

by Jonathan Maberry

Book Description: Book 2 of the Nightsiders series. Milo Silk and his Orphan Army of human and supernatural kids continue their fight against the alien insect invaders.

Author's Residence: Del Mar, California

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Historical Fiction

Outrun the Moon

by Stacey Lee

Book Description: A Chinese girl impersonates an heiress to gain admittance into an all white girls' school, but her plans are shaken up when the 1906 San Francisco earthquake hits.

Author's Residence: Santa Clara, California

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

Running Out of Night

by Sharon Lovejoy

Book Description: A CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Book of the Year. An IRA Best Chapter Book of the Year. An African American History Month Pick.

Author's Residence: San Luis Obispo, California

Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Twins

by Marcia Lynch

Book Description: A Virginia slave escapes from the plantation with one twin son. By using the Underground Railroad, he settles in Harrisburg, PA and becomes a carpenter.
 Author's Residence: Huntington Beach, California
 Publisher: Perfection Learning

The Voice of Thunder

by Mirka M. G. Breen

Book 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: Oakland California
 Publisher: WiDo Publishing

Historical Verse**Lion Island, Cuba's Warrior of Words**

by Margarita Engle

Book Description: Inspired by the life of Antonio Chuffat, a Chinese-African-Cuban messenger boy who documented the non-violent freedom struggle of indentured laborers on the island.
 Author's Residence: Clovis, California
 Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Nonfiction**Crow Smarts: Inside the Brain of the World's Brightest Bird**

by Pamela S. Turner, photographs by Andy Comins, with art by Guido de Filippo

Book Description: "Required reading for anyone who believes that we are the only, or even the most, sapient species on the planet."
 —*School Library Journal* starred review.
 Author's Residence: Oakland, California
 Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Ebola: Fears and Facts

by Patricia Newman

Book Description: "Incredibly up-to-date, sobering, and sensibly written, this multidisciplinary approach to a timely, important topic . . ." -starred, Booklist
 Author's Residence: Sacramento, California
 Publisher: Millbrook Press

Realistic Fiction**101 Ways to Bug Your Friends and Enemies**

by Lee Wardlaw

Book Description: This third novel in Wardlaw's award-winning 101 Ways series features an hilarious cast, zingy banter, and a quirky Cyrano de Bergerac plot twist!
 Author's Residence: Santa Barbara, California
 Publisher: Puffin Books

Me and Miranda Mullally

by Jake Gerhardt

Book Description: The fates of three 8th grade boys converge one day in biology class, as each falls desperately in love with the same girl.
 Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
 Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Science Fiction**Billy Bobble and the Witch Hunt**

by R.S. Mellette

Book Description: In Billy Bobble And The Witch Hunt, evil is unleashed upon the human race, and only Billy, Suzy, and their magic wand can stop it.
 Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
 Publisher: Elephant's Bookshelf Press

Tankborn Triloby

by Karen Sandler

Book 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: Cameron Park, California
 Publisher: Tu Books/Lee & Low

GRADES 9-12**Contemporary Fiction****My Kind of Crazy**

by Robin Reul

Book Description: After his promposal literally goes up in flames, Hank discovers there's a witness, Peyton, a budding pyromaniac who blackmails him into friendship.
 Author's Residence: Thousand Oaks, California
 Publisher: Sourcebooks Fire

Sometimes We Tell the Truth

by Kim Zarins, illustrated by Adam J. Turnbull

Book Description: In this contemporary adaptation of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, teens tell stories—some fantastical, some realistic, some downright scandalous—on the bus ride to Washington DC.
 Author's Residence: Davis, California
 Publisher: Simon Pulse

Contemporary Romance**South of Sunshine**

by Dana Elmendorf

Book Description: In a town like Sunshine, Tennessee, Kaycee knows better than to fall for a girl.
 Author's Residence: California
 Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Crime Fiction**Punishment Summer**

by Peggy Rothschild

Book Description: From hidden pot farms to human trafficking, 16-year-old Nicki learns how dangerous uncovering secrets can be during her summer in Punishment, California.
 Author's Residence: Ventura, California
 Publisher: Evernight Publishing

Dark Romantic Thriller

Malled; A Tale of Revenge

by Lee Tidball

Book Description: A genius sabotages a supermall in a murderous plot of revenge, but rethinks everything when he falls in love with a girl from his past.

Author's Residence: Modesto, California

Publisher: Short On Time Books

Fantasy

Black Moon

by Romina Russell

Book Description: Book 3 in the ZODIAC series, an epic sci-fi-meets-high-fantasy space saga set in a galaxy inspired by the astrological signs.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Razorbill

Publication Date: December 6, 2016

A Creature of Moonlight

by Rebecca Hahn

Book Description: In this fantasy for the wild at heart, the daughter of a princess and a dragon must choose between her royal and her magical heritages.

Author's Residence: California

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Emerge

by Tobie Easton

Book 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: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Month9Books

Of Fire and Stars

by Audrey Coulthurst

Book Description: A princess with forbidden magical gift falls in love with the sister of the prince she's supposed to marry.

Author's Residence: Santa Monica, California

Publisher: Balzer + Bray

Publication Date: November 22, 2016

Futuristic Mystery

Memory Girl

by Linda Joy Singleton

Book Description: In ShareHaven no one grows old & teens are inserted with memories of the dead. Jennza worries: With someone else's memories, will I still be me?

Author's Residence: Burson, California

Publisher: Cbay Books

Futuristic Thriller

Enders (Book 2 of the Starters Duology)

by Lissa Price

Book Description: The thrilling conclusion to Starters has Callie and Michael fighting for their lives and discovering the true identity of the Old Man.

Author's Residence: Pasadena, California

Publisher: Ember/Random House Books for Young Readers

Historical Fiction

The Flight of the Cliff Bird

by Leslie J. Wyatt

Book Description: Ancient cliff dwellers. A thirsty land. Secretive strangers. Will Cliff Bird be able to stop what is about to happen to the place she calls home?

Author's Residence: Redding, California

Publisher: Royal Fireworks Press

Horror

Wax

by Gina Damico

Book Description: Deep inside a creepy candle factory, a teen girl discovers a wax boy who has sprung to life—and he may not be the only one in town.

Author's Residence: San Gabriel, California

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Mystery

Holding Court

by K.C. Held

Book Description: A girl with a blurring problem takes a job at a castle-turned-dinner theater where she stumbles over a dead body that promptly disappears.

Author's Residence: Davis, California

Publisher: Entangled Publishing

The Truth Against the World

by Sarah Jamila Stevenson

Book Description: A transatlantic paranormal mystery that spans generations: girl who dreams about her family's past meets boy who sees ghosts.

Author's Residence: Modesto, California

Publisher: Flux

Nonfiction***Missiles: Self-Guided Explosives***

by Earle Rice Jr.

Book Description: Firsthand accounts from soldiers describing the innovation, development, and use of missiles, and an inside look at the military training involved.

Author's Residence: Julian, California

Publisher: Enslow Publishing

She Takes a Stand

by Michael Elsohn Ross

Book Description: Profiles of diverse, courageous women activists from around the globe, both past and present, fighting for human rights, and world peace.

Author's Residence: El Portal, California

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Paranormal***Book of Angels, volume II Night Angels Chronicles***

by K. H. Mezek

Book Description: Beneath Los Angeles lies an ancient city and a terrible secret. Join Sera on her quest to find the Secrets to the Origins of Life.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Evernight Teen

Dragonfly Dreams

by Jennifer J. Chow

Book Description: After 17-year-old Topaz dies during childbirth in historical Fresno, she must overcome family conflict and battle evil spirits to raise her daughter.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Originally Published by: Booktrope

Realistic Fiction***Color Blind***

by Sheila Sobel

Book Description: Set in New Orleans, *Color Blind*, is about race, religion and self-awareness, with a little Voodoo added for a bit of spooky/scary.

Author's Residence: Beverly Hills, California

Publisher: Merit Press

Learning Not to Drown

by Anna Shinoda

Book 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: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

The Leaving Season

by Cat Jordan

Book 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: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: HarperTeen

Not If I See You First

by Eric Lindstrom

Book 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: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Poppy

The Opposite of Love

by Sarah Lynn Scheerger

Book Description: Chase's ex-girlfriend sends a cryptic email. Chase must figure out where Rose went and what exactly she's planning to do . . . before it's too late.

Author's Residence: Camarillo, California

Publisher: Albert Whitman Teen

Skin and Bones

by Sherry Shahan

Book Description: Quirky love story set in a hospital Eating Disorders Unit. "Bones" is a teen guy with anorexia. When he falls for Alice, she becomes his next deadly addiction.

Author's Residence: Morro Bay, California

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Talent

by B. Lynn Goodwin

Book Description: Sandee Mason wants to find her talent, get her license, and stop living in the shadow of her brother, who disappeared while serving in Afghanistan.

Author's Residence: Danville, California

Publisher: Eternal Press

Romantic Thriller***Girl on the Brink***

by Christina Hoag

Book Description: The summer before senior year, Chloe meets aspiring actor Kieran. They spark a passionate romance, but Kieran soon reveals a terrifying side to his nature.

Your City and State of Residence: Santa Monica, California

Publisher: Melange Books

Sci-Fi Thriller***Tattoo Atlas***

by Tim Floreen

Book Description: A sociopathic teen murderer receives an experimental brain surgery intended to give him a conscience. But is he really cured?

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Simon Pulse