

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

CANADA

GRADES PREK-K

Nonfiction Picture Book

What Noise Do I Make?

by Brian McLachlan

Book Description: Cats “meow” and dogs “woof”, but what about animals beyond Old McDonald’s Farm? Find out in this funny and well-researched book that encourages kids’ participation.

Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: OWLkids books

Picture Book

Bringing the Outside In

by Mary McKenna Siddals, illustrated by Patrice Barton

Book Description: Four kids and their dog frolic through the seasons, savoring the joys of outdoor play, the treasures collected along the way, and memories for keeps!

Author’s Residence: Prince George, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Gabby: Wonder Girl

by Joyce Grant, illustrated by Jan Dolby

Book Description: Gabby is asking questions and she wants answers! Who is in the mysterious photo? Where is Mrs. Oldham? Gabby and Roy discover just how wonderful question words can be!

Illustrator’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Giraffe Meets Bird

by Rebecca Bender

Book Description: It’s easy to make Giraffe cross. It’s a cinch to make Bird angry. A comic adventure for preschoolers reveals the history of this squabbling pair.

Author’s Residence: Burlington, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Pajama Press

I Love You Too, I Love You Three

by Wendy Tugwood, illustrated by Sheila McGraw

Book Description: Through charming counting rhymes and gentle illustrations, this heartwarming book perfectly captures how the love between a mother and child transcends their separation.

Author’s Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Publisher: Firefly Books

Leah’s Mustache Party

by Nadia Mike, illustrated by Charlene Chua

Book Description: Leah loves her Halloween pirate costume, especially the teal mustache accompanying it. When her birthday draws near, Leah decides to hold a Mustache themed party.

Illustrator’s Residence: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Inhabit Media

Maggie McGillicuddy’s Eye for Trouble

by Susan Hughes, illustrated by Brooke Kerrigan

Book Description: Readers will have no trouble spotting the clever make-believe in this story about an unlikely intergenerational friendship between two neighbors rooted in playful imagination.

Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Kids Can Press

A Picnic at the Lighthouse

by Rebecca North, illustrated by Nancy Keating

Book Description: A heartwarming story about a young boy and his father who 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

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: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Tundra Books

The Snow Knows

by Jennifer McGrath, illustrated by Josée Bisailon

Book Description: A whimsical winter lullaby with hide-and-seek illustrations invites children to discover who’s hiding in the winter woods.

Author’s Residence: Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada

Publisher: Nimbus Publishing

Spare Dog Parts

by Alison Hughes, illustrated by Ashley Spires

Book Description: What, really, is better than a loving mutt? A young girl imagines how the odd parts of her dog combine to make the perfect companion.

Author’s Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Publisher: Orca Books

What Matters

by Alison Hughes, illustrated by Holly Hatam

Book Description: What Matters gently explores nature’s connections, from the minuscule to the monumental, and traces the ripple effects of one child’s good deed.

Illustrator’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Orca Books

GRADES 1-2

Chapter Book

Book Uncle and Me

by Uma Krishnaswami, illustrated by Julianna Swaney

Book Description: It's election time in India, but what can one kid do to change things when she can't even vote? Plenty, as it turns out.

Author's Residence: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Picture Book

Mae and the Moon

by Jami Gigot

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, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

Mouse Vacation

by Philip Roy, illustrated by Andrea Torrey Balsara

Book Description: When Happy's vacation dreams include the Taj Mahal and New Zealand, but John offers the woods and river, how's a poor mouse to have any fun?

Author's Residence: Durham, Ontario, Canada

Illustrator's Residence: Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Ronsdale Press

The Old Ways

by Susan Margaret Chapman, illustrated by John Mantha

Book Description: Simon, an Inuit boy, is not interested in the old ways of his grandparents until they are trapped in a snowstorm on their snowmobile.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Fifth House Publishers

Sizing Up Winter

by Lizann Flatt, illustrated by Ashley Barron

Book Description: A winter wonderland, brought to life in colourful cut-paper collage, helps children grasp the various concepts of measurement.

Author's Residence: Muskoka, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: OwlKids Books

Sloth the Lazy Dragon

by Regan W. H. Macaulay, illustrated by Alex Zgud

Book Description: Through a sensible diet and plenty of exercise, a brave dwarf helps a heavy dragon named Sloth to lose weight so he can fly again.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Stepping Stones, A Refugee Family's Journey

by Margriet Ruurs, illustrated by Nizar Ali Badr

Book Description: A child and family flee from war in search of a safe place to live, illustrated in rocks by Syrian artist.

Author's Residence: Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Orca Books

When the Rain Comes

by Alma Fullerton, illustrated by Kim La Fave

Book Description: Trapped by a flash flood with an ox cart bearing her community's rice seedlings, Malini wants to run but knows she must save the seedlings.

Author's Residence: Midland, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Pajama Press

Poetry

Driftwood Dragons and other seaside poems

by Tyne Brown, illustrated by Tamara Thieboux-Heikalo

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

Sports Fiction

Jim Nasium is a Strikeout King

by Marty McNight, illustrated by Chris Jones

Book Description: Jim Nasium loves baseball but can't hit one.

What will Jim do to keep from being a strikeout king?

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

GRADES 3-5

Graphic Novel

Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy

by Doug Savage

Book Description: Improbable pals Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy use their powers—laser vision and an unrelenting sense of optimism—to fight the forces of evil.

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Andrews McMeel

Historical Fiction

Heart of a Champion

by Ellen Schwartz

Book Description: Set in 1942, *Heart of a Champion* tells the story of a famous baseball team and the internment of Japanese Canadians during World War II.

Author's Residence: Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Tundra Books

Horror

The Inn Between

by Marina Cohen

Book Description: Quinn accompanies her best friend, Kara, and family on a drive through the Mojave Desert when a stopover at a creepy Victorian hotel turns terrifying.

Author's Residence: Markham, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Humorous Fiction

Small Medium at Large

by Joanne Levy

Book Description: After she's hit by lightning at a wedding, twelve-year-old Lilah Bloom develops a new talent: she hears dead people.
Author's Residence: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers

Nonfiction

Discover Forensic Science

by L. E. Carmichael

Book Description: Discover how dogs, bugs, and DNA help scientists crack the case!
Author's Residence: Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Publisher: Lerner

Monster Science: Could Monsters Survive (and Thrive!) in the Real World?

by Helaine Becker, illustrated by Phil McAndrew

Book Description: Put six eek!-inducing monsters, from Frankenstein to zombies, to Bigfoot, under your microscope to expose the amazing, *proven* scientific principles behind the legends.
Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Kids Can Press

Survival Secrets of Turkey Vultures

by Debra Toor

Book 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: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Picture Book

Hala's Window

by Farida Mirza

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, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Oxford University Press

Realistic Fiction

28 Tricks for a Fearless Grade 6

by Catherine Austen

Book Description: Dave Davidson cures his classmates of all their phobias—but his hair-brained therapy comes with unintended and hilarious consequences in this hi-lo episodic novel.
Author's Residence: Gatineau, Quebec, Canada
Publisher: Lorimer

Everyday Hero

by Kathleen Cherry

Book 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

Theater Arts

The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito

by Tomson Highway, illustrated by Sue Todd

Book Description: The story of a wingless little mosquito from Manitoba, this musical cabaret explores the ageless theme of a misfit who finds her voice through song.
Illustrator's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Fifth House Publishing/Fitzhenry & Whiteside

GRADES 6-8

Contemporary Fiction

Vanish

by Karen Spafford-Fitz

Book Description: Fourteen-year-old Simone is mentoring a kindergarten student. But when Lily, her "Kinderbuddy", vanishes, Simone becomes a key witness in a parental abduction investigation.
Author's Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Publisher: Orca Books

Fantasy

The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes

by Wade Albert White, illustrated by Mariano Epelbaum

Book Description: In a magical world of floating tiers, mischievous dragons, and endless bureaucracy, Anne and her friends embark on a quest to become the Rightful Heir.
Author's Residence: Kentville, Nova Scotia Canada
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Historical Fiction

Cherry Blossom Baseball

by Jennifer Maruno

Book Description: Cherry Blossom Baseball isn't just about a fire-cracker female pitcher. All of Michiko's family have Japanese faces, making the government suspicious and their lives fearful.
Author's Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Dundurn Press

Narrative Nonfiction

The Ship to Nowhere, On Board the Exodus

by Rona Arato

Book Description: Holocaust survivors endure hardship and danger, seeking a home where they can live safely as Jews. Their story parallels today's Syrian refugee crisis.
Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Second Story Press

Nonfiction

Safety Stars: Players who fought to make the hard-hitting game of professional hockey safer

by Sue Irwin

Book 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

Realistic Fiction

Ice Dogs

by Terry Lynn Johnson

Book Description: When an injured boy and a storm both catch Victoria and her dog team by surprise, a routine trip becomes a life or death struggle.

Author's Residence: Whitefish Falls, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

The Kayak

by Debbie Spring

Book Description: In her wheelchair Teresa feels helpless and trapped. When out kayaking she saves a windsurfer in trouble which changes her life forever.

Author's Residence: Canada

Publisher: ThistleDown Press

No More Dragons

by Rie Charles

Book Description: Bullied at home and at school, thirteen year old Alex finds the courage and confidence to confront it and even thrive.

Author's Residence: Summerland, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Napoleon/Dundurn

Shatterproof

by Jocelyn Shipley

Book Description: Nate is running a scam because he looks like a teen TV star, but then he meets a girl he doesn't want to lie to.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Orca Books

Tagged Out

by Joyce Grant

Book Description: The Blues find out their new all-star player is gay. Will they challenge their prejudices--and stick up for their teammate?

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Lorimer

GRADES 9-12

Contemporary Fiction

Punch Like a Girl

by Karen Krossing

Book Description: Teen girl with a hero complex tries to rescue others, whether they want it or not, in order to avoid facing her fear of assault.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Orca Books

Nonfiction

Fun with Frosting: A Beginner's Guide to Decorating Creative Fondant-Free Cakes

by K. Callard

Book Description: Aimed at beginner bakers of all ages, this intro-to-cake decorating book provides baking basics and step-by-step instructions for over 40 designs.

Author's Residence: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Sky Horse Publishing

Realistic Fiction

Girl Mans Up

by M-E Girard

Book Description: Old-world parents, disintegrating friendships, and strong feelings for other girls drive Pen to see that in order to be herself, she'll have to man up.

Author's Residence: Durham Region, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: HarperTeen

Speed of Life

by J. M. Kelly

Book Description: Crystal and her twin make a pact to raise their baby together, but when an opportunity arises to attend college, she faces a difficult choice.

Author's Residence: Gabriola Island, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Stepping Into Traffic

by K.J. Rankin

Book Description: After being bounced from one foster home to another, 16-year-old Sebastian is losing his sense of self. He wants to behave in his next home, but will his bad choices stop him?

Author's Residence: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Publisher: ThistleDown Press

Science Fiction

Transferral

by Kate Blair

Book 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: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Dancing Cat Books