SCBWI Official Winter 2016 Reading List

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 Bisaillon
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 Thiebaux-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 firecracker 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.
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

**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

**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

GRADES 9-12

**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

**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

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