

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

## MID-SOUTH

(Kansas / Louisiana / Arkansas / Tennessee / Kentucky / Missouri / Mississippi)

### GRADES PREK-K

#### Picture Book

##### ***Pug Meets Pig***

by Sue Lowell Gallion, illustrated by Joyce Wan

Book Description: Pug is one happy pup until Pig arrives to stay.

Will Pug and Pig ever learn to live together as friends?

Author's Residence: Leawood, Kansas

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

##### ***Spider's Gift: A Christmas Story***

by Geraldine Ann Marshall, illustrated by Rebecca Sorge

Book Description: This is the Nativity from the viewpoints of a spider, cricket, and honeybee. Spider finds her gift to give Baby Jesus.

Includes spider facts, folklore.

Author's Residence: Paducah, Kentucky

Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

##### ***Time for Earth School Dewey Dew***

by Leslie Staub, illustrated by Jeff Mack

Book Description: No matter how different you are or what your skin color is, even if it's bright blue, kindness can go a very long way.

Author's Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana

Publisher: Boyds Mill Press

### GRADES 1-2

#### Early Chapter Book

##### ***Haggis and Tank — All Paws on Deck***

by Jessica Young, illustrated by James Burks

Book Description: Haggis and Tank set sail with the help of their imaginations. A pirate adventure in an early graphic novel format full of wordplay and homophones.

Author's Residence: Tennessee

Publisher: Scholastic, Inc.

#### Fantasy

##### ***Books vs Looks***

by Debbie Dadey, illustrated by Tatevik Avakyan

Book Description: Kiki starts a book club so she won't be lonely.

Unfortunately, Pearl starts up a rival club and suddenly it's a third grade club war!

Author's Residence: Sevierville, Tennessee

Publisher: Aladdin

#### Nonfiction Early Reader

##### ***The Way the Cookie Crumbled***

by Jody Jensen Shaffer

Book Description: Did you know Queen Elizabeth I had gingerbread cookies molded like her favorite advisers? Or that Girl Scouts baked the cookies themselves? This history of cookies is sweet!

Author's Residence: Liberty, Missouri

Publisher: Simon Spotlight

#### Nonfiction Picture Book

##### ***Wolfsnail: A Backyard Predator***

by Sarah C. Campbell, illustrated by Sarah C. Campbell and

Richard P. Campbell

Book Description: Stunning photographs and a fact-filled story deliver a closeup look at a day in the life of a tiny, and unexpected, predator—the seriously slimy wolfsnail.

Author's Residence: Jackson, Mississippi

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

#### Picture Book

##### ***The Legend of Papa Noel: A Cajun Christmas Story***

by Terri Hoover Dunham, illustrated by Laura Knorr

Book Description: On a foggy Christmas Eve, Papa Noël rides the river in a pirogue pulled by alligators to deliver toys to good little boys and girls.

Author's Residence: Greenwell Springs, Louisiana

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

##### ***Lift Your Light a Little Higher, The Story of Stephen Bishop: Slave-Explorer***

by Heather Henson, illustrated by Bryon Collier

Book Description: Celebrates the life of Stephen Bishop, famous guide and explorer of Mammoth Cave, the world's longest cave system, and yet a slave.

Author's Residence: Danville, Kentucky

Publisher: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

##### ***Out on the Prairie***

by Donna M. Bateman, illustrated by Susan Swan

Book Description: Using the traditional rhyme scheme of "Over in the Meadow," *Out on the Prairie* celebrates the flora, fauna, and wide sky of the prairie.

Author's Residence: Bridgeton, Missouri

Publisher: Charlesbridge

##### ***The Story Catcher***

by Donna L. Martin

Book Description: Addie tries to corral wiggly words so she can read her favorite book, but it will take some perseverance to become the next Story Catcher.

Author's Residence: Knoxville, Tennessee  
Publisher: Anaiah Press

## Realistic Fiction

### ***Piper Morgan Joins the Circus***

by Stephanie Faris, illustrated by Lucy Fleming

Book Description: The first book in a new chapter book series that follows the adventures of a spunky young girl as she follows her mom from one job to another.

Author's Residence: Gallatin, Tennessee

Publisher: Aladdin

## GRADES 3-5

### Biography

### ***St. John Neumann: Missionary to Immigrants***

by Laura Roderica Brown, fsp, illustrated by Virginia Esquinaldo

Book Description: Learn about the life of the man who became the only canonized North American bishop. Join him as he travels from Europe to America.

Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: Pauline Books & Media

### Fantasy

### ***From the Grave***

by Cynthia Reeg

Book Description: Humor meets horror in this playful yet impactful tale in which a misfit monster must prove he's monster enough.

Author's Residence: Missouri

Publisher: Jolly Fish Press

### ***The Lazy Dragon and the Bumpspells Wizard***

by Kath Boyd Marsh

Book Description: Waste-of-dr'gon-scales, Cl'rnce, can't avoid his Quest. Teamed with Moire Ain, bumpspelled wanna-be wizard, they complete his Quest and save a king.

Author's Residence: Richmond, Kentucky

Publisher: CBAY Books

### Historical Fiction

### ***Callahan Crossroads***

by Anola Pickett

Book Description: In the summer of 1918, 12-year-old George Callahan finds that war overseas has brought surprising, sometimes dangerous, changes to his life on the home front.

Author's Residence: Kansas City, Missouri

Publisher: Cedar Fort

### ***Finding My Place: One Girl's Strength at Vicksburg***

by Margo L. Dill

Book Description: Thirteen-year-old Anna Green lives during the Siege of Vicksburg. During one terrible bombing, a tragedy strikes Anna and her siblings and changes their lives forever.

Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: White Mane Kids

### ***John Lincoln Clem: Civil War Drummer Boy***

by E.F. Abbott, illustrated by Steven Noble

Book Description: Would you ever run off to join the army, leaving your family behind? That's what nine-year-old John Lincoln Clem really did in 1861.

Author's Residence: Arrington, Tennessee

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

### ***Paper Wishes***

by Lois Sepahban

Description: When Manami is sent to a prison camp with her family in 1942, she tries to sneak her dog under her coat, but she is caught and forced to abandon him.

Author's Residence: Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

### ***Summer of the Skunks***

by Wilmoth Foreman

Book Description: Skunks under the house, a down-on-his-luck stowaway, and lazy Cousin Hershel's too-long visit literally lead to fireworks amid hilarious misadventures for the Clark siblings.

Author's Residence: Columbia, Tennessee

Publisher: Front Street

### Horror

### ***The Bayou Bogeyman Presents Hoodoo and Voodoo***

by Gary Alipio, Laura Roach Dragon, Terri Hoover Dunham, Julie Gonzalez, Patricia Hefler, Sue Houston, Virginia Howard, Cheryl Mathis and Josephine Schloegel, contributors

Book Description: Spending Halloween in a swamp, the Society of Sublime Scribblers must tell stories sinister enough to scare the Bayou Bogeyman or become his midnight feast.

Author's Residence (Mathis): New Orleans, Louisiana

Author's Residence (Hefler): Madisonville, Louisiana

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

### Humorous Fiction

### ***Cool Beans: The Further Adventures of Beanboy***

by Lisa Harkrader

Book Description: Combines comic illustrations and an epic game of dodgeball as Tucker MacBean tries to make art—and himself—seem cool in seventh grade.

Author's Residence: Tonganoxie, Kansas

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

### Mystery

### ***Emma's Gossip Column***

by Pamela Perry

Book Description: Burned out as author of Emma's Gossip Column, Emma Sawyer gladly shifts focus from gossip columnist to case decoder after stumbling on a town secret.

Author's Residence: Knoxville, Tennessee

Publisher: Saguaro Books

### ***The Imp Bottle***

by D. V. Kelleher

Book Description: Olivia, Isabel and Joe, buy a genii bottle that grants wishes but they have to free the imp to save Olivia from a

terrible fate.

Author's Residence: Warsaw, Kentucky

Publisher: Diversion Press

## Nonfiction

### ***Ruth Law: The Queen of the Air***

by Billie Holladay Skelley, illustrated by Rachel Bowman

Book Description: Biographical text about female aviation pioneer, Ruth Bancroft Law. Daring and courageous, Law inspired the nation in 1916 with a bold and historic flight.

Author's Residence: Joplin, Missouri

Publisher: Goldminds Publishing

### ***Where Did Sacagawea Join the Corps of Discovery? And Other Questions about the Lewis and Clark Expedition***

by Linda Gondosch

Book Description: This book describes the incredible adventures of the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-06 as it explored the breathtaking new land called the American West.

Author's Residence: Hebron, Kentucky

Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

## Picture Book

### ***The Crown Affair***

by Jeanie Franz Ransom, illustrated by Stephen Axelsen

Book Description: When Jack and Jill fall down the hill, someone swipes Jack's crown. Detective Joe Dumpty's really going to have to scramble to crack this case!

Author's Residence: O'Fallon, Missouri

Publisher: Charlesbridge

### ***The Twelve Days of Christmas in Kentucky***

by Evelyn B. Christensen, illustrated by Kent Culotta

Book Description: Come along on a fun trip as Marybeth introduces her cousin to all her favorite Kentucky places and activities and gives him some unusual gifts.

Author's Residence: Lexington, Kentucky

Publisher: Sterling Children's

## Realistic Fiction

### ***Allie, First at Last***

by Angela Cervantes

Book Description: Born into an ambitious family, Allie must make her mark. When a prestigious contest is announced, she has a chance to take first, at last.

Author's Residence: Shawnee, Kansas

Publisher: Scholastic Press

### ***The Legend of Ghost Dog Island***

by Rita Monette

Book Description: Behind every legend lies the truth. And 10-year-old Nikki Landry aims to find the truth behind what's living on a nearby swamp island.

Author's Residence: Deer Lodge, Tennessee

Publisher: Mirror World Publishing

## GRADES 6-8

### Christian Nonfiction

#### ***Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Gory Deaths***

by Jonathan Schkade, illustrated by Gleisson Cipriano

Book Description: Drowned. Incinerated. Eaten by dogs. Gory, but not gratuitous, this book explores the Bible's nastiest deaths, providing scriptural context, historical connections, and fascinating facts.

Author's Residence: Jefferson City, Missouri

Publisher: Concordia Publishing House

### Contemporary Fiction

#### ***Out of Tune***

by Gail Nall

Book Description: Maya embarks on a 100-mile bike ride through Yellowstone National Park to get home in time for a singing show audition.

Author's Residence: Louisville, Kentucky

Publisher: Aladdin

#### ***The Seventh Level***

by Jody Feldman

Book Description: 7th grader Travis Raines is suddenly receiving mysterious puzzles. Will they lead him into his school's incredible secret society, or directly toward disaster?

Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: Greenwillow Books

### Fantasy

#### ***Cry of the Sea***

by D. G. Driver

Book Description: When teen environmental activist Juniper Sawfeather discovers real mermaids during an oil spill, can she protect them from being exploited or killed?

Author's Residence: Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Publisher: Fire and Ice Young Adult Books

#### ***From the Grave***

by Cynthia Reeg

Book Description: In a madcap monster world, misfit Frank strives to prove his worth with a bit of help from his dead grandmother and his friends.

Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: Jolly Fish Press

### Historical Fiction

#### ***Come Next Spring***

by Alana White

Book Description: This evocative novel, set in the 1940s, captures Salina's struggles to accept the inevitability of change in friends and family in the mountains of Tennessee.

Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee

Publisher: Clarion Books

### **King of Ithaka**

by Tracy Barrett

Book Description: In this coming-of-age adventure tale, the teenage son of Odysseus goes in search of his wandering father, guided only by a mysterious prophecy.

Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee

Publisher: Square Fish

### **Navigating Early**

by Clare Vanderpool

Book Description: Two boys set off on the adventure of a lifetime on the Appalachian Trail in Maine where they encounter pirates, a volcano, and a great bear.

Author's Residence: Wichita, Kansas

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

### **Swing Low, Sweet Harriet**

by Rhonda Hicks Rucker

Book Description: A slave boy, who finds mysterious objects in a river near his plantation, gets entangled in a Union spy operation during the Civil War.

Author's Residence: Maryville, Tennessee

Publisher: MotesBooks

## **Horror**

### **Blues Bones**

by Rick Starkey

Book Description: Thirteen-year-old Rodney Becker has found the perfect cure for stage fright. Voodoo! How much will Rodney risk to become a guitar legend?

Author's Residence: Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Publisher: Leap Books

## **Mystery**

### **The Devil's Backbone**

by Rae Ann Parker

Book Description: After a school suspension forces David Baxter on a road trip to redemption, he encounters a ghost with the key to a 200-year-old mystery.

Author's Residence: Tennessee

Publisher: Gamekeeper Press

### **Things Too Huge to Fix by Saying Sorry**

by Susan Vaught

Book Description: Present and past collide when a mysterious note and an old-fashioned key propel Dani Beans into the secrets of Ole Miss, her town, and her own family.

Author's Residence: Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

## **Nonfiction**

### **The Bombing of Pearl Harbor**

by Sue Bradford Edwards

Book Description: Examines the events leading to the attack, gives a detailed account of the attack, and reviews the effect this event had on the US.

Author's Residence: Florissant, Missouri

Publisher: ABDO

## **Realistic Fiction**

### **Life As I Knew It**

by Randi Hacker

Book Description: The difference between "losing" and "loving" is just one letter.

Author's Residence: Lawrence, Kansas

Publisher: Slmon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

### **My Seventh-Grade Life in Tights**

by Brooks Benjamin

Book Description: Dillon, a self-taught dancer, must choose between sticking with his crew or a chance at a dance-studio scholarship in this humorous MG story.

Author's Residence: Harriman, Tennessee

Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

### **While I Danced**

by Lynn Slaughter

Book Description: In the midst of an intense dance workshop and the beginnings of a new romance, fifteen-year-old Cass makes a devastating discovery about her past.

Author's Residence: Louisville, Kentucky

Publisher: Write Words Inc.

## **GRADES 9-12**

### **Adventure**

#### **The Unicorn Tree**

by Cynthia Collins

Book Description: A high school senior explores a 19th-century mansion as an assignment and learns what happened to her brother who is lost at sea.

Author's Residence: Jefferson City, Missouri

Publisher: Mockingbird Lane Press

### **Contemporary Fiction**

#### **The Broken One**

by Christine H. Bailey

Book Description: *The Broken One* explores a teen's struggle to overcome loss and her hope to rediscover what it truly means to live and love again.

Author's Residence: Henderson, Tennessee

Publisher: Vinspire Publishing

### **Contemporary Romance**

#### **Tuned into You**

by Cindy Dorminy

Book Description: A teen rock star and a softball player are forced into community service after being wrongfully arrested. They fall for each other in the process.

Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee

Publisher: BookFish Books

## Fantasy

### ***Emerald Bound***

by Teresa Richards

Book Description: Maggie learns the true story of The Princess and the Pea when her friend becomes the victim of an ancient curse.

Author's Residence: La Grange, Kentucky

Publisher: Evernight Teen

## Historical Fiction

### ***Girl in Reverse***

by Barbara Stuber

Book Description: It's 1951. The Korean War is raging. Lily, the only Chinese student in her Kansas City high school, is bullied in the name of patriotism.

Author's Residence: Mission Hills, Kansas

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

### ***Salt to the Sea***

by Ruta Sepetys

Description: An epic WWII novel chronicling the refugee evacuation of 1945 and the sinking of the Wilhelm Gustloff.

Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee

Publisher: Philomel Books

## Historical Romance

### ***Hearts Divided***

by Cheryl Zach

Book Description: Elizabeth's budding romance with a young Union officer is interrupted by the shelling of Fort Sumter. Can love survive the dangers of war time?

Author's Residence: Franklin, Tennessee

Publisher: Bantam Books

## Magical Realism

### ***Spark***

by Holly Schindler

Book Description: Is the love story playing out on the Avery Theater's dilapidated stage merely a figment of seventeen-year-old Quin's active "writerly" imagination? You decide.

Author's Residence: Springfield, Missouri

Publisher: HarperTeen

## Realistic Fiction

### ***The Obvious Game***

by Rita Arens

Book Description: The reality of Diana's complicated life finds her helpless against new eating rules taking shape in her mind in this psychological and realistic YA novel.

Author's Residence: Lee's Summit, Missouri

Publisher: InkSpell Publishing

## Thriller

### ***Experiment 38***

by Charles Suddeth

Book Description: Kidnapped and no home to go to. Emily's scientist-dad might be the bad guy.

Author's Residence: Louisville, Kentucky

Publisher: 4RV Publishing