

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

MIDDLE EAST / INDIA / ASIA

PREK-K

Picture Book

The Adventures of Squirky the Alien #4: Where is My Mama?

by Melanie Lee, illustrated by David Liew

Book Description: Squirky, Emma and Mr. Quentin arrive at Planet S. They befriend a purple monster there called Crystal. Her mama is missing and she's getting worried!

Author's Residence: Singapore

Publisher: MPH Group Publishing

Numbers Do

by Kathleen Ahrens and Chu-Ren Huang, illustrated by Marjorie Van Heerden

Book Description: This English-Chinese bilingual picture book incorporates numbers with a gentle bedtime adventure to lull young children to sleep.

Author's Residence (Ahrens): Hong Kong

Publisher: Sun Ya Publications

GRADES 1-2

Picture Book

Brushing is no fun!

by Srividhya Venkat, illustrated by Anupama Ajinkya Apte

Book Description: Rohan does not like to brush his teeth or take a bath. But his sister, Riya, tells him a secret that changes his mind!

Author's Residence: Singapore

Publisher: Pratham Books

Dad's Too Busy

by Lily Kong, illustrated by Jeanette Yap

Book Description: Emma found a stray cat. The cat created a mess in the house. Will her parents allow Emma to keep the cat?

Author's Residence: Singapore

Publisher: Epigram Books

Fred

by Kaila Eunhye Seo

Book Description: A young boy's world is filled with colorful playmates, but as he gets older, his magical friends fade away. But maybe magic and wonder never really do disappear.

Author's residence: Seoul, Korea

Publisher: Peter Pauper Press

The Magic Spicebox

by Namita Moolani Mehra, illustrated by Heetal Dattani Joshi

Book Description: The Magic Spicebox is a beautifully illustrated storybook and cookbook featuring a collection of colorful, imagina-

tive spice stories paired with kid-friendly recipes

Author's Residence: Singapore

Publisher: Scholastic

Maxilla

by Lianne Ong, illustrated by Shing

Book Description: A story about learning to let go and caring for the environment. Reuben finds a caterpillar in the school garden and keeps her as a pet.

Author's Residence: Singapore, Singapore

Publisher: MPH Publishing

The Star of the Zoo

by Virginie Zurcher, illustrated by Daniel Howarth

Book Description: The animals are settling down for the night when Little Star falls into the zoo. Little Star is desperate to get back home, but who will succeed?

Author's Residence: Hong Kong

Publisher: QED Publishing/Quarto

GRADES 3-5

Chapter Book

Big Bully and M-Me

by Arti Sonthalia

Book Description: Krish has to give a speech at school. But how can he, when he stammers? And what's worse, his partner is the Big Bully! Will Krish get out of this mess?

Author's Residence: India (Telangana)

Publisher: Duckbill Books

Mystery

The Legend of Lady Yue (Sherlock Hong, Book 4)

by Don Bosco

Book Description: Sherlock Hong's tutor Miss Priya disappears under most mysterious circumstances. He follows the clues and figures out the truth.

Author's Residence: Singapore

Publisher: Marshall Cavendish

Novel in Verse

Somewhere Among

by Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu, illustrated by Sonia Chaghatzbanian

Book Description: Set in Japan 2001, eleven-year-old Ema hopes to find peace in her relationships at home, with a bully at school, and within herself.

Author's Residence: Japan

Publisher: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

GRADES 9-12

Contemporary Fiction

Slightly Burnt

by Payal Dhar

Book Description: Komal is devastated when her best friend tells her he's gay.

Author's Residence: New Delhi, Delhi, India

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Historical Fiction

Up from the Sea

by Leza Lowitz

Book Description: A powerful novel about a boy caught up in the 3-11-11 Japan tsunami, which *Buzzfeed* called #1 "YA Book You Should Be Reading."

Author's Residence: Tokyo, Japan

Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers