

SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS

OFFICIAL READING LIST — WINTER 2016

MIDWEST

(Minnesota / Iowa / Nebraska / Wisconsin / Illinois / Michigan / Indiana / Ohio)

GRADES: PREK- K

Board Books

Baby Says "Moo!"

by JoAnn Early Macken, illustrated by David Walker

Book Description: Ask Baby what any animal says, and Baby answers, "Moo!" Ride along with Baby and family to spot the animal that makes Baby's favorite sound!

Author's Residence: Shorewood, Wisconsin

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Happy Birthday to You!

by Michelle Medlock Adams, illustrated by Sandra Rodriguez

Book Description: Follow along throughout a day of celebration, concluding with a good-night blessing, then push the button to hear the melody of "Happy Birthday."

Author's Residence: Bedford, Indiana

Publisher: Worthykids/Ideals

Nonfiction Picture Book

Sweet Dreams, Wild Animals! A Story of Sleep

by Eileen R. Meyer, illustrated by Laurie Caple

Book Description: "A cozy combination of restful rhymes, natural history notes and close-up pictures of snoozing creatures . . ." Kirkus Reviews, 2015

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Mountain Press

A Warm Winter Tail

by Carrie A. Pearson, illustrated by Christina Wald

Book Description: Curious animals wonder how humans stay warm in the winter. Introduces animal adaptation strategies and offers compare/contrast and rhyming elements.

Author's Residence: Marquette, Michigan

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

Picture Book

10 Little Ninjas

by Miranda Paul, illustrated by Nate Wragg

Book Description: Count down with ten highly-imaginative (but not-so-sleepy) ninjas, race car drivers, astronauts, sharks, tigers, and more.

Author's Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Animal Teachers

by Janet Halfmann, illustrated by Katy Hudson

Book Description: An entertaining combination of science and storytelling, this instructive title presents skills that a dozen different young animals have to learn – much like kids do!

Author's Residence: South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Publisher: Blue Apple Books

Ava the Monster Slayer; A Warrior Who Wears Glasses

by Lisa Maggiore, illustrated by Ross Felten

Book Description: Ava's "cute" and wears "adorable glasses" but she's really a fierce monster slayer. When her beloved Piggy is left in the basement, it's Ava to the rescue!

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Baby Loves Quarks!

by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Irene Chan

Book Description: Explores the basics of particle physics and chemistry, and ties it all to baby's world. Accurate enough to satisfy an expert, simple enough for baby.

Author's Residence: Deerfield, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Cat Knit

by Jacob Grant

Book Description: Cat and Yarn are the best of friends, until the day Yarn is knitted into a sweater for Cat.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Feiwel and Friends

Catch A Kiss

by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Kris Aro McLeod

Book Description: Izzie loves when her mama blows her kisses to catch. When Izzie misses one, she learns that Mama-kisses always come find you, no matter what!

Author's Residence: Grand Ledge, Michigan

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Chester's Christmas List

by Ann Page, illustrated by Bong Redila

Book Description: Chester must choose between making his Christmas wish list and helping his neighbor. Could the best Christmas gift be one Chester gives?

Author's Residence: Chanhassen, Minnesota

Publisher: MeeGenius, Inc.

Dragons from Mars

by Deborah Aronson, illustrated by Colin Jack

Book Description: Two dragons who live on Mars decide to fly to Earth, invited by a young boy. But when they arrive, chaos ensues!

Author's Residence: Bloomfield Township, Michigan

Publisher: HarperCollins

Ella and Penguin Stick Together

by Megan Maynor, illustrated by Rosalinde Bonnet

Book Description: Ella and Penguin want to see their new glow-in-the-dark stickers glow, but they don't want to go into the dark. It's so—dark!

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Publisher: HarperCollins

The Grouchies

by **Debbie Wagenbach, illustrated by Steve Mack**

Book Description: A rhyming story that shows children creative ways to turn a grouchy mood around.
Author's Residence: Burlington, Iowa
Publisher: Magination Press

If a T. Rex Crashes Your Birthday Party

by **Jill Esbaum, illustrated by Dasha Tolstikova**

Book Description: He stomps. He ROARS. He looks at you like he's wondering how you'd taste with a little mustard. What to do? Read and heed!
Author's Residence: Dixon, Iowa
Publisher: Sterling Children's

The Jacket I Wear in the Snow

by **Shirley Neitzel, illustrated by Nancy Winslow Parker**

Book Description: A child names all the clothes to wear in winter. Rebus pictures show itchy sweater, bunched long underwear and other humorous snow-time gear.
Author's Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan
Publisher: Greenwillow

The Kraken's Rules for Making Friends

by **Brittany R. Jacobs**

Book Description: With a bad temper and a knack for destruction the deep sea's most ferocious monster, the Kraken, goes on a journey to learn how to make a new chum.
Author's Residence: Yorkville, Illinois
Publisher: Pow! Kids Books

Little Isaac's BIG Adventure

by **Tracy Schuldt Helixon, illustrated by Jack Foster**

Book Description: Isaac is fed up with being little, until a whimsical and unexpected adventure helps him discover that being small does indeed have its advantages.
Author's Residence: Onalaska, Wisconsin
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Manners are Not for Monkeys

by **Heather Tekavec, illustrated by David Huyck**

Book Description: The zookeeper didn't mean to cause trouble when she moved the monkeys near the picnic area. Will the monkeys ever act like monkeys again?
Illustrator's Residence: Northfield, Minnesota
Publisher: Kids Can Press

Max Speed

by **Stephen Shaskan**

Book Description: Max is off on the adventure of a lifetime in this adorable new picture book that proves all you need for a big adventure is a little imagination.
Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

A Monster on the Bus

by **Amanda Huneke, illustrated by Guy Wolek**

Book Description: Zooming, zipping, whizzing past—kids scurry, hurry, rush by fast! Why the running? What's the fuss? Could there be a . . . monster on the bus!?
Author's Residence: Goodhue, Minnesota
Publisher: ABDO

Mosquito

by **Virginia Kroll, illustrated by Betsy LePlatt**

Book Description: A pesky mosquito gets his due in this fun book full of word play, including rhyme, alliteration, and onomatopoeia.
Author's Residence: Chanhassen, Minnesota
Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

A Poet's Bird Garden

by **Laura Nyman Montenegro**

Book Description: When Natalie's pet bird Chirpie escapes, there's only one thing to do: call the poets! Together they create a beautiful garden to lure her down. But is it enough?
Author's Residence: Evanston, Illinois
Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

Punk Skunks

by **Trisha Speed Shaskan, illustrated by Stephen Shaskan**

Book Description: Kit and Buzz are BSFs—best skunks forever. They play everything together, including music, until one day they clash.
Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Publisher: HarperCollins

Push! Dig! Scoop! A Construction Counting Rhyme

by **Rhonda Gowler Greene, illustrated by Daniel Kirk**

Book Description: In this fun variation of "Over by the Meadow," ten mama and papa trucks show their youngsters how to build. Then (*shhh*)—it's snuggle-in time.
Author's Residence: West Bloomfield, Michigan
Publisher: Bloomsbury

Salad Pie

by **Wendy BooydeGraaff, illustrated by Bryan Langdo**

Book Description: When Maggie arrived at the park, it was empty and it was quiet. Perfect for making Salad Pie. Then Herbert arrived.
Author's Residence: Kentwood, Michigan
Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

Show Me Happy

by **Kathryn Madeline Allen, photographs by Eric Futran**

Book Description: A delightful read-aloud "showing" simple concepts children learn as they begin to socialize. Colorful photos illustrate real kids doing important activities like helping and sharing.
Author's Residence: Bloomfield, Michigan
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Sleepy Solar System

by **Dr. John Hutton, illustrated by Doug Cenko**

Book Description: Rhyming text and whimsical illustrations provide an enchanting read-aloud and celebration of the wonders of outer space.
Illustrator's Residence: Chicago, Illinois
Publisher: Blue Manatee 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.

Author’s Residence: Edwardsville, Illinois

Publisher: Two Lions

This is NOT a Cat!

by David LaRoche, illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka

Book Description: Is that sneaky intruder in Miss Mouse’s class really a Cat? This entire tale of suspense and surprise is told using only five different words!

Author’s Residence: White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Publisher: Sterling Children’s

Two is Enough

by Janna Matthies, illustrated by Tuesday Mourning

Book Description: A 2016 Bank Street book, this book celebrates two-person families—every day, in any season, and for always, two is perfect for lots of love!

Author’s Residence: Indianapolis, Indiana

Publisher: Running Press Kids

Two Troll Tales from Norway

by Margrete Lamond, illustrated by Ingrid Kallick

Book Description: Retold in authentic style by Margete Lamond and sumptuously illustrated by Ingrid Kallick, these Norwegian stories of magic and mischief will enthrall young readers.

Illustrator’s Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: Christmas Press

GRADES 1-2

Biography

Candace Parker

by Mary Dunn

Book Description: With her dad as her first basketball coach, Candace Parker learned to slam dunk. She became a star player for the Women’s National Basketball Association.

Author’s Residence: Libertyville, Illinois

Publisher: Capstone Press

Early Chapter Book

Ellie Ultra: An Extra-Ordinary Girl

by Gina Bellisario, illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner

Book Description: When superhero Ellie Ultra starts third grade at Winkopolis Elementary School, fitting in proves tougher than fighting the world’s worst super-villains.

Author’s Residence: Park Ridge, Illinois

Publisher: Capstone/Stone Arch Books

Time for Cranberries

by Lisl H. Detlefsen, illustrated by Jed Henry

Book Description: From the cranberry bog to the Thanksgiving table, join Sam and his family as they harvest a classic American fruit.

Author’s Residence: Grand Rapids, Wisconsin

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Early Reader

Alexander and the Stallion

by Elizabeth Westra, illustrated by Kenneth Robert Ampel

Book Description: As a young boy, Alexander the Great tames a wild stallion.

Author’s Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan

Publisher: Richard C. Owen Publishers

Cork and Fuzz: The Swimming Lesson

by Dori Chaconas, illustrated by Lisa McCue

Book Description: Cork, the muskrat, tries to teach Fuzz, the opossum, how to swim.

Author’s Residence: Germantown, Wisconsin

Publisher: Penguin Young Readers

The Day David Wasn’t There

by Linda Rae Apolzon

Book Description: One day David wakes up to find himself invisible. How will he get through the day?

Author’s Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Caramel Tree

Timmy Triangle in Square Park

by Ruth Wacker, illustrated by Pascale Lafond

Book Description: Square Park is for squares only. What will happen when Timmy Triangle makes a plan to play in Square Park?

Author’s Residence: West Chester, Ohio

Publisher: Reading Reading Books

Graphic Novel

Spook the Halloween Cat

by Dean Norman

Book Description: A little girl finds a lost kitten on Halloween night. It is a witches’ cat, and has magic powers. The witch tries to get her kitten back.

Author’s Residence: Cleveland, Ohio

Publisher: Star Bright Books

Historical Fiction Picture Book

Me and Uncle Romie

by Claire Hartfield, illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue

Book Description: Me and Uncle Romie is based on the life and art of world-renowned African-American collage artist Romare Bearden.

Author’s Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

The Seagoing Cowboy

by Peggy Reiff Miller, illustrated by Claire Ewart

Book Description: Climb aboard with the seagoing cowboys, and the horses and heifers they tend on their ocean journey at the close of WWII.

Illustrator’s Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Publisher: Brethren Press

Nonfiction Picture Book

Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers

by Sarah Warren

Book Description: The story of Dolores Huerta's extraordinary that battle she waged to ensure fair and safe work places for migrant workers.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Two Lions

Gandhi: A March to the Sea

by Alice B. McGinty, illustrated by Thomas Gonzales

Book Description: 'This re-telling of a fascinating story introduces today's American children to a remarkable man who freed India and influenced the whole world . . . ' Rajmohan Gandhi.

Author's Residence: Champaign, Illinois

Publisher: Two Lions

Where Do Rivers Go, Momma?

by Catherine L. Weyerhaeuser

Book Description: The author combines her talents as a geologist, educator, and illustrator to describe how water moves around the earth.

Author's Residence: White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Publisher: Mountain Press Publishing

Winter Trees

by Carole Gerber, illustrated by Leslie Evans

Book Description: "In the snowy woods with his dog, a boy discovers the wonder of winter trees. The blend of play, science, poetry, and art is beautiful." Booklist; NSTA Outstanding Tradebook

Author's Residence: Powell, Ohio

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Picture Book

Ah-Choo!

by Lana Wayne Koehler and Gloria G. Adams, illustrated by Ken Min

Book Description: This fun, interactive read-aloud about allergies, pets, and sibling relationships takes the reader on a rhyming romp through the alphabet.

Author's Residence (Adams): Stowe, Ohio

Publisher: Sterling Children's

The Christmas Boot

by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

Book Description: One Christmas morning, lonely Hannah Grey-weather discovers a solitary boot in the snow not knowing how it will magically change her life.

Author's Residence: Addison, Michigan

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Cora Cooks Pancit

by Dorina K. Lazo Gilmore, illustrated by Kristi Valiant

Book Description: In this APALA picture book winner, Cora gets to be Mama's assistant chef. She learns to make her Grandpa's Filipino noodle dish, pancit. Recipe included.

Illustrator's Residence: Evansville, Indiana

Publisher: Shen's Books/Lee and Low

Coasting Casey

by Shannon Anderson, illustrated by Colleen Madden

Book Description: Casey discovers a way to bring his passion for the arts into his studies, making school look a whole lot better. And his grades!

Author's Residence: Rensselaer, Indiana

Publisher: Free Spirit Publishing

Gator, Gator, Second Grader (Classroom pet . . . or not?)

by Conrad J. Storar, illustrated by Alex Lopez

Book Description: When second graders Benny and Jacob bring a baby alligator to school in a cardboard box, their teacher has an important message to share.

Author's Residence: Barberton, Ohio

Publisher: Five Star Publications

Grumbles from the Town: Mother-Goose Voices with a Twist

by Jane Yolen, Rebecca Kai Dotlich, illustrated by Angela Matteson

Book Description: Poets Jane Yolen and Rebecca Kai Dotlich take fourteen Mother-Goose rhymes and twist them. Each rhyme pairs wildly different voices and perspectives.

Illustrator's Residence: Columbus, Ohio

Publisher: Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press

Hair for Mama

by Kelly A. Tinkham, illustrated by Amy J Bates

Book Description: Eight-year-old Marcus searches a way to convince Mama to be in the Carter family pictures after she loses her hair from cancer treatment.

Author's Residence: Newaygo, Michigan

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Harriet and William and the Terrible Creature

by Valerie Scho Carey, illustrated by Lynne Cherry

Book Description: Adventurous Harriet and her twin brother, William, fly in a spaceship to a planet where they find an unhappy monster. Can they save the monster?

Author's Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Publisher: Dutton Books for Young Readers

I Love my Pirate Papa

by Laura Leuck, illustrated by Kyle M Stone

Book Description: It's a yar vessel that can carry this crew of burly pirates, the captain, and his scrappy little son.

Illustrator's Residence: Canton, Michigan

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

If You Were a Dog

by Jamie A. Swenson, illustrated by Chris Raschka

Book Description: If you were a dog, a bird, a fish, or even a dinosaur - what sort would you be? Lively, spare text - whimsical illustrations.

Author's Residence: Janesville, Wisconsin

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

King Arthur's Very Great Grandson

by Kenneth Kraegel

Book Description: Henry, the great great great great great great great grandson of King Arthur, encounters many mythic beasts who, to his dismay, are friendly!

Author's Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan
 Publisher: Candlewick Press

The King Cake Baby

by Keila V. Dawson, illustrated by Vernon Smith

Book Description: The little plastic baby traditionally hidden inside a Mardi Gras King Cake is the runaway in this fractured fairy tale but told New Orleans style!

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio
 Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

Memoirs of a Parrot

by Devin Scillian, illustrated by Tim Bowers

Book Description: Join a brilliant, but stubborn, parrot as he endures the banality of the pet store before being purchased by an equally insufferable young man.

Illustrator's Residence: Granville, Ohio
 Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Norbert's Big Dream

by Lori Degman, illustrated by Marco Bucci

Book Description: When a pig named Norbert fails to achieve his dream of swimming the English Channel, his friends find a creative way to help him.

Author's Residence: Vernon Hills, Illinois
 Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Sophie's Squash Go to School

by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf

Book description: On Sophie's first day of school, nobody appreciates her best friends, Bonnie and Baxter, baby squash she grew in her garden.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin
 Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

Stories from Bug Garden

by Lisa Moser, illustrated by Gwen Millward

Book Description: What appears to be an abandoned garden is really home to an eclectic group of bug friends. Peek between blades of grass. Join the fun.

Author's Residence: Grafton, Wisconsin
 Publisher: Candlewick Press

Tooth Tales from around the World

by Marlene Targ Brill, illustrated by Katya Krenina

Book Description: This is the only nonfiction history of the tooth fairy interwoven with other tooth traditions from around the world.

IRC/CBC Children's Choice
 Author's Residence: Wilmette, Illinois
 Publisher: Charlesbridge

Tuktuk: Tundra Tale

by Robin Currie, illustrated by Phyllis Saroff

Book Description: A furry kamik sails off a sled, perfect for Tuktuk's burrow. Now he must outwit other animals to keep it.

Author's Residence: Glen Ellyn, Illinois
 Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

When Grandma Gatewood Took a Hike

by Michelle Houts, illustrated by Erica Magnus

Book Description: The unlikely but true tale of Emma Gatewood,

the first woman to solo hike the Appalachian Trail in one continuous hike.

Author's Residence: Celina, Ohio
 Publisher: Ohio University Press

When Penny Met POTUS

by Rachel Ruiz, illustrated by Melissa A. Manwill

Book Description: A unique and clever picture book about a young girl whose mother works for the President of the United States.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois
 Publisher: Capstone Young Readers

Whose Story Is This, Anyway?

by Mike Flaherty, illustrated by Oriol Vidal

Book Description: A story about a boy. No, a pirate. Wait, a dinosaur. An alien . . . definitely an alien, but possibly a knight. We need help, dear reader!

Author's Residence: New Albany, Ohio
 Publisher: Sterling Children's

Series Fiction

Cupcake Cousins: Winter Wonders

by Kate Hannigan, illustrated by Brooke Boynton-Hughes

Book Description: Cousins Willow, Delia, and the whole Bumpus family celebrate the true meaning of the holiday season in the final book in the Cupcake Cousins series.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois
 Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

GRADES 3-5

Adventure

Operation Tree Roper: An Eye Above

by Robert A. Polk

Book Description: A one-eyed boy enlists the help of a wounded army veteran to save the family tree care business – and his chance at cosmetic surgery.

Author's Residence: Scottsbluff, Nebraska
 Publisher: Anaiah Press

Contemporary Fiction

Kate Walden Directs: Bride of Slug Man

by Julie Mata

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Kate Walden is making a sci-fi movie, but quarreling friends and a know-it-all new kid threaten to turn it into an alien-sized flop.

Author's Residence: Neenah, Wisconsin
 Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

The Haunted House Project

by Tricia Clasen

Book Description: Andie pretends to be her mother's ghost – spraying perfume, changing TV channels, and moving pictures – in order to bring her crumbling family back to reality.

Author's Residence: Janesville, Wisconsin
 Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Larger-Than-Life Lara

by **Dandi Daley Mackall**

Book Description: With humor and angst, Laney communicates the art of storytelling as it happens.

Author's Residence: Cinnamon Lake, Ohio

Publisher: Tyndale House

Reality Natalie

by **Katie Sparks**

Book Description: When the most popular kid-hosted TV show, Kidz Konnection, holds guest host auditions, the show's biggest fan, eleven-year-old Natalie Greyson, decides to try out.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Firedrake Books

Early Chapter Book

Adalyn's Clare

by **Kari Dunn Buron, illustrated by Lou Wisniewski**

Book Description: Adalyn is a very smart but lonely 4th grader.

Clare is the new therapy puppy, assigned to help Adalyn relax and hopefully find a friend.

Author's Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota

Publisher: AAPC Publishing

Fantasy

100 Dresses: If the Magic Fits

Susan Maupin Schmid, illustrated by Lissy Marlin

Book Description: Inside an enchanted castle, there's a closet with one hundred dresses that nobody wears. But Darling is about to give them a good trying-on.

Author's Residence: West Des Moines, Iowa

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Red: The True Story of Red Riding Hood

by **Liesl Shurtliff**

Book Description: Red is not afraid of anything, except magic. But when Granny falls gravely ill, Red must overcome her fears and go on a magical quest to save Granny's life.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

William and the Witch's Riddle

by **Shutta Crum, illustrated by Lee Wildish**

Book Description: An adventurous re-imagination of "Sleeping Beauty" in which a boy solves a witch's riddle to save his family and end a centuries-long curse.

Author's Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

Graphic Novel

Caveboy Dave - More Scrawny Than Brawny

by **Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Phil McAndrew**

Book Description: "A prehistoric version of Wimpy Kid meets Captain Underpants" - Boys Life Magazine

Author's Residence: Fox River Grove, Illinois

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Historical Fiction

Jingo Fever

by **Stephanie Golightly Lowden**

Book Description: It is 1918 and America is at war with Germany. Twelve-year-old Adelle struggles to cope with local bullies who hate German-Americans.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: Crickhollow Books

Prairie Anna

by **Peggy House**

Book Description: In 1926, Anna and her family struggle to survive the prairie. When hardship drives her from the familiar, Anna must make one hard decision.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Journey Forth

Rosa, Sola

by **Carmela A. Martino**

Book Description: Longing for a sibling in 1966 Chicago, fourth-grader Rosa is delighted with her mother's pregnancy, until tragedy strikes and her family struggles to deal with its grief.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Originally published by Candlewick Press

The Seagoing Cowboy

by **Peggy Reiff Miller, illustrated by Claire Ewart**

Book Description: A young man finds more than the adventure he seeks delivering livestock on a cattle boat to Poland after World War II.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Brethren Press

What the Moon Said

by **Gayle Rosengren, illustrated by Jonathan Bean**

Book Description: 10 year-old Esther learns the true meaning of love when her family moves from Chicago to a ramshackle farm in Wisconsin during the Great Depression.

Author's Residence: Fitchburg, Wisconsin

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

Magical Realism

The Desperate Adventures of Zeno and Alya

by **Jane Kelley**

Book Description: After Zeno, an African Gray Parrot, flies through Alya's window, she learns the importance of persistence and he discovers how to be a friend.

Author's Residence: Mequon, Wisconsin

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

Mystery

Seeking Cassandra

by **Lutricia Clifton**

Book Description: Seeking the truth about her dad's involvement in the disappearance of prehistoric artifacts leads 12-year old Cassandra to discover truths about herself.

Author's Residence: Davis, Illinois

Publisher: Holiday House

Narrative Nonfiction

Fight for Survival: The Story of the Holocaust (Tangled History series)

by Jessica Freeburg

Book Description: In an immersive, exciting narrative nonfiction format, this powerful book follows a selection of people who experienced the events of the Holocaust.

Author's Residence: Lakeville, Minnesota

Publisher: Capstone

Nonfiction

The American Revolution: Experience the Battle for Independence

by Judy Dodge Cummings

Book Description: Readers become amateur historians as they design political bumper stickers, build battlefield dioramas and calibrate marshmallow cannons in order to interpret the American Revolution.

Author's Residence: Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Publisher: Nomad Press

The White House for Kids: A History of a Home, Office, and National Symbol with 21 Activities

by Katherine L. House

Book Description: This in-depth history describes what it's like to live, work, and grow up in the White House; includes numerous archival photos and cross-curricular activities.

Author's Residence: Iowa City, Iowa

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Novel in Verse

Applesauce Weather

by Helen Frost, illustrated by Amy June Bates

Book Description: Will Uncle Arthur come to make applesauce this year? Will he have stories to tell, now that Aunt Lucy is not here to hear them?

Author's Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Publisher: Candlewick

Picture Books

The Music in George's Head: George Gershwin Creates Rhapsody in Blue

by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Stacy Innerst

Book Description: The fascinating, true story of how George Gershwin composed his famous tune, Rhapsody in Blue. (*Three Starred Reviews: Kirkus, Booklist, and School Library Journal!)

Author's Residence: Libertyville, Illinois

Publisher: Calkins Creek

The Olive Tree

by Elsa Marston, illustrated by Claire Ewart

Book Description: Two children, neighbors in a village divided by warfare, quarrel over an olive tree between their houses, which leads to unexpected reconciliation.

Author's Residence: Bloomington, Indiana

Publisher: Wisdom Tales Press

Sea of Echoes

by J. Mac Reed, illustrated by Ruthie Briggs Greenberg

Book Description: When his mother is killed, a finback whale calf bands with a pod of orphaned blue whales for his protection and companionship--and theirs.

Author's Residence: South Bend Indiana

Publisher: Taylor Trade

Seven and a Half Tons of Steel

by Janet Nolan, illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez

Book Description: Something remarkable emerges from a devastating event in this powerful post-9/11 story.

Author's Residence: Oak Park, Illinois

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

The Twelve Days of Christmas in Indiana

by Donna Griffin, illustrated by Troy Cummings

Book Description: Join Darcy as she takes her cousin Noah on a holiday adventure through the back roads and big city streets of Indiana.

Author's Residence: Greenfield, Indiana

Publisher: Sterling Children's

Realistic Fiction

27 Magic Words

by Sharelle Byars Moranville

Book Description: Kobi struggles to accept the past and embrace the future as she leaves Grandmamma in Paris for an uncle she doesn't know in Des Moines.

Author's Residence: West Des Moines, Iowa

Publisher: Holiday House

Serendipity and Me

by Judith L. Roth

Book Description: Sara has less than a week to persuade her father that this kitten is exactly what their lonely, broken family of two needs to heal.

Author's Residence: Elkhart, Indiana

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

The Stepping Stones Journals

by Diana R. Jenkins

Book Description: Four friends face life's challenges with faith and fun, sharing their struggles in their own words.

Author's Residence: Jeffersonville, Indiana

Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

Threads

by Ami Polonsky

Book Description: Two girls--one Chinese, one American--are linked when the imprisoned Chinese girl places a note asking for help in a purse.

Author's Residence: Deerfield, Illinois

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

While You Were Out

by Judith Irvin Kuns

Book Description: A funny and moving story in which Penelope is beginning fifth grade without her best friend but instead with her father, the new school janitor.

Author's Residence: Sandusky, Ohio
Publisher: Dutton Books for Young Readers

GRADES 6-8

Adventure

Can You Survive - Alexandre Dumas's The Three Musketeers adapted by Debrah J. Peters

Book Description: A sword. A secret. A sworn enemy. Step into this adventure, and choose your path. But choose wisely, or else . . .

Author's Residence: Rogers, Minnesota
Publisher: Lake 7 Creative

Turn Left at the Cow

by Lisa Bullard

Book Description: Trav searches to learn more about the father he never knew—a search that turns dangerous when he discovers his dad was a bank robber.

Author's Residence: Blaine, Minnesota
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Contemporary Fiction

Hanging with My Peeps

by Katherine Higgs-Coulthard

Book Description: When Dad's rust-bucket lurches into the driveway with forty-three chickens in the back, Sami's life is turned upside down by Dad's latest scheme.

Author's Residence: Niles, Michigan
Publisher: Astrea Press

Fantasy

McGrave's Hotel

by Steve Bryant, illustrated by Mat Dawson

Book Description: Spend a perilous night with bellhop James Elliott (and his new sidekick, Death's daughter!) in a haunted NYC hotel in 1936.

Author's Residence: Bloomington, Indiana
Publisher: Month9Books

Historical Fiction

After the Ashes

by Sara K Joiner

Book Description: Katrien, a 13-year-old living on the island of Java, must fight mud, giant waves, and her bitter rival after Krakatoa erupts in 1883.

Author's Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana
Publisher: Holiday House

Bjorn's Gift

by Sandy Brehl

Book Description: Set during the German occupation of Norway in World War II, young Mari faces growing risks and responsibilities, struggling to find answers to impossible questions.

Author's Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Publisher: Crispin Books /Crickhollow Books

The Drum of Destiny

by Chris Stevenson

Book Description: A discarded drum and a dream at the dawn of the American Revolution sends a patriot orphan to Boston to join the fight for freedom.

Author's Residence: Clarks Hill, Indiana
Publisher: Capstone

Eddie's War

by Carol Fisher Saller

Book Description: A farmboy's WWII coming-of-age. "An authentic window into the past" (Horn Book 2012); "a quick, excellent read" (Kirkus Best 2011); "outstanding merit" (Bankstreet Best 2012).

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois
Publisher: nameelos

The Enemy Above

by Michael P. Spradlin

Book Description: In 1940's Ukraine, a young boy must do all he can to save his family and remain one step ahead of the Gestapo. Based on a true story.

Author's Residence: Lapeer, Michigan
Publisher: Scholastic Press

The Forbidden Orchid

by Sharon Biggs Waller

Book Description: The adventures of a British girl in China, hunting for the orchid that will save her family. Set in the Victorian era after the Opium Wars.

Author's Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Out of the Dragon's Mouth

by Joyce Burns Zeiss

Book Description: Fourteen year-old Mai flees Vietnam in the hold of a fishing trawler, facing danger, deceit, and first love, hoping to resettle in America.

Author's Residence: Evanston, Illinois
Publisher: Flux

Who's Jim Hines?

by Jean Alicia Elster

Book Description: Who's Jim Hines? is a coming of age story about a twelve-year-old African-American boy coming to terms with the racial realities of Detroit in 1935.

Author's Residence: Detroit, Michigan
Publisher: Wayne State University Press

Mystery

Seven Riddles to Nowhere

by A.J. Cattapan

Book Description: To inherit a fortune and save his school, Kameron Boyd must be the first to answer all the riddles on a scavenger hunt through Chicago.

Author's Residence: Arlington Heights, Illinois
Publisher: Vinspire Publishing

Nonfiction

The Jerrie Mock Story-The First Woman to Fly Solo Around the World

by Nancy Roe Pimm

Book Description: Jerrie Mock chased after her childhood dream, to accomplish what her hero, Amelia Earhart, died trying to do—a complete circumnavigation of the globe!

Author's Residence: Plain City, Ohio

Publisher: Ohio University Press

Stolen into Slavery

by Judy and Dennis Fradin

Book Description: Solomon Northup's remarkable true story of twelve years in bondage is retold within its geographical, social, and historical context.

Authors' Residence: Evanston, Illinois

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

Realistic Fiction

Flip the Bird

by Kym Brunner

Book Description: Teen falconer runs into trouble when he falls for a girl whose parents are the leaders of a radical animal rights group.

Author's Residence: Arlington Heights, Illinois

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

In Search of Mockingbird

by Loretta Ellsworth

Book Description: Erin travels the thousand-plus miles from St. Paul, Minn. to Monroeville, Ala. on a bus to meet her literary idol Harper Lee in 1986.

Author's Residence: Lakeville, Minnesota

Publisher: Square Fish

The Quarter Horse (Book #4 in The Horse Rescuers Series)

by Patricia Gilkerson

Book Description: Piper needs to help Jeff sell his horse, but finds out the mare is colicky. Can Piper find a good home for Daisy while keeping her alive?

Author's Residence: Lake Elmo, Minnesota

Publisher: Melange Books

The Reinvention of Edison Thomas

by Jacqueline Houtman

Book Description: Eddy Thomas loves science and can invent anything, except a solution to his bully problem.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

The Smell of Old Lady Perfume

by Claudia Guadalupe Martinez

Book Description: Chela Gonzalez is a nerd and a soccer player who is excited to start sixth grade. But nothing happens as she imagined when her strong father has a stroke.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Cinco Puntos Press

True Colors

by Krysten Lindsay Hager

Book Description: Landry gets "unfriended" by her friends after a competition. She makes new friends, but is torn between being herself and conforming to the new group.

Author's Residence: Dayton, Ohio

Publisher: Astraea Press

GRADES 9-12

Action/Adventure

Escape from the Past: The Duke's Wrath

by Annette Oppenlander

Book Description: Trying out an experimental computer game, a nerdy gamer time-travels to medieval Germany where he must survive feuding lords, disease, and dungeons while trying to find a way home.

Author's Residence: Bloomington, Indiana

Publisher: Lodestone Books

Contemporary Fiction

The Art of Holding On and Letting Go

by Kristin Bartley Lenz

Book Description: A 15 year old rock-climber starts over at her grandparents' home in Detroit after a tragic mountaineering accident in Ecuador, finding friendship and first love.

Author's Residence: Royal Oak, Michigan

Publisher: Elephant Rock Books

The Female of the Species

by Mindy McGinnis

Book Description: Dexter meets The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo when a high school girl takes justice into her own hands to avenge her sister's rape and death.

Author's Residence: Columbus, Ohio

Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

Learning to Swear in America

by Katie Kennedy

Book Description: Seventeen-year-old physics genius Yuri is called in to help NASA stop an asteroid. He meets Dovie, and learns to create a life worth saving.

Author's Residence: Marshalltown, Iowa

Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children's Books

Life after Juliet

by Shannon Lee Alexander

Book Description: Happy endings aren't guaranteed in the real world, but devoted bookworm Becca Hanson is learning that maybe life and love are worth the risk.

Author's Residence: Indianapolis, Indiana

Publisher: Entangled Publishing

Radical

by E. M. Kokie

Book Description: A lesbian teen survivalist juggles family stress, survival training, new friendships, and first romance. When disaster strikes, she learns what it really takes to survive.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Tell Me Something Real
by Calla Devlin

Book Description: Three sisters struggle with the bonds that hold their family together as they face a darkness settling over their lives in this masterfully written debut novel.
Author's Residence: Des Moines, Iowa
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Contemporary Romance

The Boy Next Door
by Katie Van Ark

Book Description: Maddy and Gabe are friends, skating partners, and next-door neighbors. Maddy still wants more, but which hurts worse - falling on ice or falling in love?
Author's Residence: Holland, Michigan
Publisher: Swoon Reads

Fantasy

Arrows
by Melissa Gorzelanczyk

Book Description: A modern cupid story set in present-day Wisconsin combining the fantastical elements of Greek mythology with the contemporary drama of MTV's Teen Mom.
Author's Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Assassin's Heart
by Sarah Ahiers

Book Description: The Godfather meets Romeo & Juliet when a teen assassin sets out on a path of vengeance for her murdered family.
Author's Residence: Minnesota
Publisher: HarperTeen

The Dragon's Ring
by Debra Daugherty

Book Description: With the dragon's ring, a knight captures a unicorn. Now he can marry the princess; but if the unicorn is not set free, it'll die.
Author's Residence: Pleasant Plains, Illinois
Publisher: Astraea Press

Historical Fiction

City of Cannibals
by Ricki Thompson

Book Description: It's 1536, and Dell's father has forbidden her to enter London. But a strange boy draws her into the city where she fears she'll be eaten alive.
Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Publisher: Front Street

NOLA Gals
Barbara J. Rebbeck

Book Description: When Hurricane Katrina strikes New Orleans, it scatters families. Grace and Essence meet in Houston, Texas where together they struggle to survive prejudice and bullying.

Author's Residence: Royal Oak, Michigan
Publisher: Neverland Publishing

To Stay Alive: Mary Ann Graves and the Tragic Journey of the Donner Party
by Skila Brown

Book Description: A moving narrative, in verse, told from the viewpoint of one of the survivors of the ill-fated Donner Party of 1846.
Author's Residence: Indiana
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Mystery

Trail of Secrets
by Laura Wolfe

Book Description: Indie Book Award Finalist! Brynlei attends Foxwoode Riding Academy and unravels the truth about a girl who vanished on a trail ride four years earlier.
Author's Residence: Milford, Michigan
Publisher: Fire & Ice

Nonfiction

Women in Blue: 16 Brave Officers, Forensics Experts, Police Chiefs, and More
by Cheryl Mullenbach

Book Description: Balancing the stories of trailblazers from the past with contemporary women, this book inspires readers to value and aspire to the women who broke barriers.
Author's Residence: Panora, Iowa
Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Women of Colonial America, 13 Stories of Courage and Survival in the New World.
by Brandon Marie Miller

Book Description: School Library Journal: "Thoroughly researched and engrossing look at Colonial America." Publishers Weekly: Miller offers "insight into what it meant to be a woman in America's fledgling days."
Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio
Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Mystery

On Edge
by Gin Price

Book Description: When a serial-killing graffiti artist starts painting your picture all over town . . . it puts a girl on edge.
Author's Residence: Metro Detroit, Michigan
Publisher: The Poisoned Pencil

Realistic Fiction

Double Exposure
by Bridget Birdsall

Book Description: Award-winning book about an intersex teen athlete, who overcomes bullying, and finds herself. Paperback edition contains a teacher's guide and educational supplement.
Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Hello?

by Liza Wiemer

Book Description: Linked and transformed by a call, HELLO? weaves five teens' stories into a compelling narrative of friendship, family, loss, love, heartbreak, healing, serendipity, and hope.

Author's Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Publisher: Spencer Hill Contemporary

Hold

by Rachel Davidson Leigh

Book Description: After his sister's death, Lucas Aday can hardly drag himself back to school. Nothing could prepare him to discover that he can stop time.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: Duet Books/Interlude Press

In Those First Bright Days of Elvis

by Josephine Rascoe Keenan

Book Description: This story of anguish and betrayal, and of love and loss, shows how even trivial choices, once made, can change one's life forever.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Pen-L Publishing

Original Fake

by Kirstin Cronn-Mills, illustrated by E. Eero Johnson

Book Description: In this Banksy-inspired illustrated novel, an escalating sibling rivalry train wrecks to become a vengeful street-art war.

Author's Residence: North Mankato, Minnesota

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

Paint Me A Monster

by Janie Baskin

Book Description: The journey a teen with a mentally unstable mother and emotionally distant father, braves in order to find self acceptance, love, and safety.

Author's Residence: Northbrook, Illinois

Publisher: Enslow Publishers

The Sound of Us

by Julie Hammerle

Book Description: A geeky, introverted high school student finds friendship, love, and herself at a summer camp for opera singers.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Entangled Teen

Teach Me to Forget

by Erica M. Chapman

Book Description: Guilt-ridden Ellery navigates through losing her sister, lying to everyone, and falling in love—all while waiting for the date she chose to die.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Merit Press

Science Fiction

Ashfall

by Mike Mullin

Book Description: Fifteen-year-old Alex struggles to survive and find his family after the Yellowstone supervolcano erupts, plunging the world into a cataclysmic natural disaster.

Author's Residence: Danville, Indiana

Publisher: Tanglewood Press

Supernatural Thriller

Entwined

by Cherie Colyer

Book Description: Sixteen-year-old Madison Riley is doing the bidding of a crossroad demon. She has no choice, if she wants her six-year-old brother to remain healthy and alive.

Author's Residence: Bartlett, Illinois

Publisher: Omnific Publishing

Thriller

A Million Times Goodnight

by Kristina McBride

Book Description: When Hadley's boyfriend betrays her, time splits in two alternating strands, tracking a wild night of revenge (x2).

Both storylines converge for an explosive ending.

Author's Residence: Centerville, Ohio

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Aftermath

by Clara Kensie

Book Description: Four years after being kidnapped, a teen girl escapes and returns home, only to discover that her family has fallen apart in her absence.

Author's Residence: Round Lake Beach, Illinois

Publisher: Merit Press