SCBWI Official Winter 2016 Reading List

NEW ENGLAND
(Maine / Vermont / New Hampshire / Connecticut / Massachusetts / Rhode Island)

**GRADES PREK-K**

**Audio Book**

*Transmit Joy—an awesome (audio) storybook*
by Mark Binder
Book Description: A troll, a candy store and... bunny rabbits? Ten stories of food, friends, and adventure that you and your children will enjoy again and again.
Author’s Residence: Providence, Rhode Island
Publisher: Light Publications

**Jewish Holidays**

*Pesach Guess Who?*
by Ariella Stern, illustrated by Patti Argoff
Book Description: Exciting and interactive for children to guess the rhyming Pesach (Passover) riddles, then lift the flap to reveal the answers.
Illustrator’s Residence: Ashford, Connecticut
Publisher: Hachai Publishing

**Picture Books**

*Annabelle at the South Pole*
by R.W. Alley
Book Description: On a snowy winter afternoon, Annabelle tries to escape her pestering siblings by slogging to the South Pole. The Abominable Snow Giant stands in her way.
Author’s Residence: Barrington, Rhode Island
Publisher: Clarion Books

*Baking Day at Grandma’s*
by Anika Denise, illustrated by Christopher Denise
Book Description: Three bouncing little bear siblings, wrapped tight in their winter clothes, can’t wait to tromp through the snow for Baking Day at Grandma’s!
Author’s Residence: Barrington, Rhode Island
Publisher: Philomel Books for Young Readers

*The Busy Little Squirrel*
by Nancy Tafuri
Book Description: The leaves have started to fall. The air is cold. Squirrel needs to get ready for winter.
Author’s Residence: Roxbury, Connecticut
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

*Cake Day*
by Ellen Mayer, illustrated by Estelle Corke
Book Description: A young boy and his grandma bake a cake together. When it’s all finished – it’s his birthday cake! Includes Grandma’s cake recipe.

*Cricket Song*
by Anne Hunter
Book Description: A bedtime book evoking the sounds and animals of the night shows how two children on different continents are connected by all that is between them.
Author’s Residence: Shaftsbury, Vermont
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

*Daniel Finds a Poem*
by Micha Archer
Book Description: All week Daniel’s asks his animal friends what poetry is. Daniel then creates a poem for the poetry reading on Sunday.
Author’s Residence: Leverett, Massachusetts
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

*Ewe and Aye*
by Candace Ryan, illustrated by Stephanie Ruble
Book Description: Ewe loved wheels and Aye loved wings. But it wasn’t until Ewe and Aye found one another that things really got off the ground.
Illustrator’s Residence: Wilton, Connecticut
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

*The Flower Girl Wore Celery*
by Meryl G. Gordon, illustrated by Holly Clifton-Brown
Book Description: When Emma is a flower girl, nothing turns out as she expected, from the ring bearer, to her celery-colored dress, to the wedding’s two brides.
Author’s Residence: Stamford, Connecticut
Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

*Goodnight Bob*
by Ann and John Hassett, illustrated by John Hassett
Book Description: It’s bedtime for Bob. But he sees a pair of eyes in the dark! With a flashlight, Bob discovers friendly creatures wishing him goodnight.
Authors’ Residence: Waldoboro, Maine
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

*Hello, My Name is Tiger*
by Jennifer P. Goldfinger
Book Description: Toby likes being a cat more than he likes being a boy. So when it’s time to go to school, he becomes a timid kitten.
Author’s Residence: Lexington, Massachusetts
Publisher: HarperCollins
I Saw a Friend
by Katrina Streza, illustrated by Michele Katz
Book Description: When a little girl explores the wonders of her backyard, she meets several potential friends, but will anyone stick around to play?
Illustrator’s Residence: Griswold, Connecticut
Publisher: Xist Publishing

If You Were a Parrot
by Katherine Rawson, illustrated by Sherry Rogers
Book Description: Imagine what your life would be like if you were a pet parrot.
Author’s Residence: Wilder, Vermont
Publisher: Sylvan Dell Publishing

Leonard’s Beard
by Nancy Cote
Book Description: A story about discovering what is important in life. With rhyming text and illustrations of all of the silly things that wind up in Leonard’s beard.
Author’s Residence: Somerset, Massachusetts
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

The Little Esrog
by Rochelle Kochin, illustrated by Janice Hechter
Book Description: An 1895 Jewish holiday story.
Illustrator’s Residence: Farmington, Connecticut
Publisher: Merkos L’Inyonei Chinuch

Megan Owlet
by Beth Anne Maresca
Book Description: Every day Megan Owlet cheers her brothers on in their activities. One morning she wakes up and realizes its time for her to find something of her own to do!
Author’s Residence: Tewksbury, Massachusetts
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Zoo Ah-Choooo
by Peter Mandel, illustrated by Elwood Smith
Book Description: “Lively watercolor...illustrations join with the humorous text to tell the tale of animal sneezes with panache.” – School Library Journal
Author’s Residence: Providence, Rhode Island
Publisher: Holiday House

Poetry

One Minute till Bedtime
by Kenn Nesbitt, anthologist, Matt Forrest Esenwine, contributor, illustrated by Christopher Niemann
Book Description: It’s time for bed and your little one wants one more moment with you...so fill it with a one-minute poem!
Contributor’s Residence: Warner, New Hampshire
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

GRADES 1-2

Biography

Anne Frank’s Chestnut Tree
by Jane Kohuth, illustrated by Elizabeth Sayles
Book Description: An introduction to Anne Frank’s life and work, with an emphasis on the comfort and hope she found in nature, even while trapped in hiding.
Author’s Residence: Holliston, Massachusetts
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Chapter Book

Duck & Company Christmas
by Kathy Caple
Book Description: A record snow storm on Christmas Eve leaves the whole neighborhood stranded at Duck & Company bookstore where they have an unplanned but very Merry Christmas.
Author’s Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts
Publisher: Holiday House

The Infamous Ratsos
by Kara LaReau, illustrated by Matt Myers
Book Description: The first in a series of chapter books about Louie and Ralphie Ratso, two brothers who hope to show the world how tough they are.
Author’s Residence: Providence, Rhode Island
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Early Reader

Dorothy & Toto: Little Dog Lost
by Debbi Michiko Florence, illustrated by Monika Roe
Book Description: When Toto goes missing, Dorothy gathers her friends to help find her furry friend. One of four books in this early reader series.
Author’s Residence: Mystic, Connecticut
Publisher: Picture Window Books

Graphic Novel

Fuzzy Baseball
by John Steven Gurney author and illustrator
Book Description: The Fernwood Valley Fuzzies face their dreaded rivals, the Rocky Ridge Red Claws. Packed with action, lots of heart, and loaded with baseball humor.
Author’s Residence: Brattleboro, Vermont
Publisher: Papercutz

Nonfiction Picture Book

Bone by Bone: Comparing Animal Skeletons
by Sara Levine, illustrated by T.S. Spookytooth
Book Description: This picture book will keep you guessing as you read about how human skeletons are like—and unlike—those of other animals.
Author’s Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts
Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group
Helen Keller's Best Friend Belle
by Holly M. Barry, illustrated by Jennifer Thermes
Book Description: Highlights Helen Keller's life-long love of dogs, especially her Irish setter, Belle. Includes the alphabet illustrated in Braille and in sign language.
Author's Residence: Barrington, Rhode Island
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Under the Snow
by Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Candace Bergum
Book Description: How do animals survive in the heart of winter? Lyrical language and lush watercolors introduce readers to a hidden world under the snow.
Author's Residence: Acton, Massachusetts
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Wild About Bears
by Jeannie Brett
Book Description: Discover shared traits and behaviors as well as unique characteristics and diverse habitats of the eight bear species around the world.
Author's Residence: York Harbor, Maine
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Picture Book

Baby Bear’s Not Hibernating
by Lynn Plourde, illustrated by Teri Weidner
Book Description: Baby Black Bear doesn’t want to hibernate.Luckily his friends Moose, Hare, and Owl are there to help him through the first snowy days.
Illustrator's Residence: Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Publisher: Down East Books

Before I Sleep: I Say Thank You
by Carol Gordon Ekster, illustrated by Mary Rojas
Book Description: This sweet, comforting, and simple bedtime story, with bright and playful illustrations, encourages children to develop their own practice of gratitude.
Author's Residence: Andover, Massachusetts
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

The Big Adventures of Mr. Small
by JoAnn Adinolfi
Book Description: When adventure-loving hamster, Mr. Small, leaves his cozy cage and meets Big Dusty, he faces the biggest adventure of all – fighting the Dust Sucker 3000.
Author's Residence: Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Publisher: Creston Books

Dear Dragon
by Josh Funk, illustrated by Rodolfo Montalvo
Book Description: George and Blaise are pen pals. There’s just one thing the two don’t know. George is human and Blaise is a Dragon.
Author's Residence: Concord, Massachusetts
Publisher: Orchard Books

Double Happiness
by Nancy Tupper Ling, illustrated by Alina Chau
Book Description: Gracie and Jake are sad to move away from home until Nai Nai gives them a challenge—fill their boxes with treasures along the way.
Shy  
by Deborah Freedman  
Book Description: Shy is so shy that he’s afraid to leave the gutter of his book. Can Shy overcome his fears and venture out onto the page?  
Author’s Residence: Hamden, Connecticut  
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Snappsy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book!)  
by Julie Falatko, illustrated by Tim Miller  
Book Description: A narrator interrupts Snappsy’s ordinary day, insisting he’s looking for innocent creatures to devour and is obsessed with food that starts with the letter P.  
Author’s Residence: South Portland, Maine  
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Stones for Grandpa  
by Renee Londner, illustrated by Martha Aviles  
Book Description: A boy and his family gather for the unveiling of his grandpa’s gravestone. They share stories that will keep memories of his grandpa alive.  
Author’s Residence: Prospect, Connecticut  
Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Swimming with Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark  
by Heather Lang, illustrated by Jordi Solano  
Book Description: Most people thought sharks were vicious, blood-thirsty killers. Not Eugenie Clark! Join the pioneer shark scientist on her quest to uncover the truth about sharks.  
Author’s Residence: Lexington, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Toby  
by Hazel Mitchell  
Book Description: A heartwarming story about the growing bond between a child and a new pet—inspired by the author’s experience with a rescue dog of the same name.  
Author’s Residence: Detroit, Maine  
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Too Much Glue  
by Jason Lefebvre, illustrated by Zac Retz  
Book Description: Matty loves glue so much that during class he pours a sticky lake, belly-flops into the middle and the fun begins!  
Author’s Residence: Holyoke, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Flashlight Press

What’s Up with this Chicken?  
by Jane Sutton, illustrated by Peter J. Welling  
Book Description: One of Grandma’s backyard chickens refuses to let Sylvia collect her eggs. When Sylvia learns why, she comes up with an “egg-cellent” solution. (Includes chicken facts.)  
Author’s Residence: Lexington, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Willard the Dragon: Sneeze-Fire  
by Suzanne Cordatos, illustrated by Luisa Gioffre-Suzuki  
Book Description: Willard loves playing in the snow with friends. When his fiery sneezes melt the fun will he be able to make everything all better?  
Author’s Residence: Colchester, Connecticut  
Publisher: 4RV Publishing

Yoon and the Christmas Mitten  
by Helen Recorvits, illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska  
Book Description: A determined Yoon realizes she must use her own “Shining Wisdom” to persuade her parents they can indeed be a Christmas family.  
Author’s Residence: Glocester, Rhode Island  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

Zero, Zilch, Nada: Counting to None  
by Wendy Ulmer, illustrated by Laura Knorr  
Book Description: Harry’s math skills are challenged when he tries to count 100 balloons. What is the best way to count to 100 if you are easily confused?  
Author’s Residence: Arrowisic, Maine  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

GRDES 3-5

Adventure

Mutt’s Promise  
by Julie Salamon  
Book Description: Two puppies are taken from their farm to a terrible puppy mill. The story is about their escape, their brave journey, and their survival.  
Author’s Residence: Mont Vernon, New Hampshire  
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Biography

Fascinating: The Life of Leonard Nimoy  
by Richard Michelson, illustrated by Edel Rodriguez  
Book Description: A moving biography of the late Leonard Nimoy, whose story exemplifies the American experience and the power of pursuing your dreams.  
Author’s Residence: Northampton, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Contemporary Fiction

The Last Boy at St. Edith’s  
by Lee Gjertsen Malone  
Book Description: A seventh grade prankster is determined to escape the all-girls academy where he’s the only boy—by getting expelled—in this “spectacular debut” (Kirkus Reviews).  
Author’s Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Aladdin

Fairy Tale

The Golden Key  
by George MacDonald, illustrated by Ruth Sanderson  
Book Description: George MacDonald’s beloved Victorian fairytale is now a short illustrated novel, brought to life by forty-seven sumptuous illustrations in scratchboard by Ruth Sanderson.  
Illustrator’s Residence: Easthampton, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers
Fantasy

*The Marvelous Magic of Miss Mabel*
by Natasha Lowe
Book Description: Mabel Ratcliff doesn’t find it easy sticking to the rules at witch school. She wants to experiment with magic, which is not allowed in 1898!
Author’s Residence: Deerfield, Massachusetts
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

*Motley Education (Book I: The URD Saga)*
by S.A. Larsen
Book Description: A misfit medium brings a dead spirit world new life and her judgmental middle school to its knees all by using a stick.
Author’s Residence: Winslow, Maine
Publisher: Leap Books

Historical Fiction

*Danger at the Breaker*
by Catherine A. Welch, illustrated by Andrea Shine
Book Description: A compelling 1880s story (in easy reader format) of eight-year-old Andrew’s first day as a coal-mine breaker boy. Praised by School Library Journal and Booklist.
Author’s Residence: Southbury, Connecticut
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

*Scar*
by J. Albert Mann
Book Description: A disabled boy joins the Continental Army and ends up fighting in one of the bloodiest battles of the American Revolution.
Author’s Residence: Boston, Massachusetts
Publisher: Calkins Creek

Illustrated Novel

*Kate the Great: Winner Takes All*
by Suzy Becker
Book Description: The second in a “promising series,” friendship troubles, school projects, and a sisterly secret lead eleven-year-old Kate to define “winner” on her own terms.
Author’s Residence: Bolton, Massachusetts
Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers

Mystery

*The Disappearance of Amanda Wrenn*
by Joyce A. Stengel
Book Description: After Maine teenager Lou discovers the diary of a missing girl, she finds herself facing danger in a page-turning thriller.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

*The Sleepover*
by Jen Malone
Book Description: Kid-friendly spoof of “The Hangover.” Four tweens must piece together zany and zanier clues to find their missing friend before parent pick-up time!

Author’s Residence: Melrose, Massachusetts
Publisher: Aladdin

*The World Series Curse*
by David A. Kelly, illustrated by Mark Meyers
Book Description: A Ballpark Mysteries special edition set at the World Series between the Chicago Cubs and the Boston Red Sox! Who’s causing the Cubs trouble?
Author’s Residence: Newton, Massachusetts
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Narrative Nonfiction

*The Secret of the Village Fool*
by Rebecca Upjohn
Book Description: The true story of an unlikely hero who saved a family and two orphaned young women in Poland during the Holocaust. Includes photographs.
Author’s Residence: New Hampshire
Publisher: Second Story Press

Nonfiction

*Fashion Rebels: Style Icons Who Changed the World Through Fashion*
by Carlyn Cerniglia Beccia
Book Description: Featuring twenty-five of history’s most influential fashion icons. With hairstyle tips, DIY projects, style inspiration boards, and timelines on fashion history.
Author’s Residence: Lynnfield, Massachusetts
Publisher: Aladdin Books

Nonfiction Picture Book

*B is for Berkshires*
by Joan Duris, photographs by Gillian Jones
Book Description: Multi-layered text explores the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts. Discover fun facts about the rich culture, history, and science of the area.
Author’s Residence: Hubbardston, Massachusetts
Publisher: Islandport Press

*Will’s Words: How William Shakespeare Changed the Way You Talk*
by Jane Sutcliffe, illustrated by John Shelley
Book Description: Uses the Bard’s own familiar words and sayings, such as “dead as a doornail,” to tell the story of the old Globe Theatre. Breathtakingly illustrated.
Author’s Residence: Tolland, Connecticut
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Paper Craft

*Fantastic Press-Out Flying Birds*
by Richard Merrill
Book Description: A press-out book of easy-to-fold realistic flying birds of North America. These birds really fly! Illustrated in their native habitats, with information about each bird.
Author’s Residence: Brooksville, Maine
Publisher: Dover Publications
**Picture Book**

*I Used To Be A Fish*
by Tom Sullivan  
*Book Description:* Inspired by a pet fish, an imaginative boy tells a whimsical version of his own life story, which mirrors the process of human evolution.  
*Author’s Residence:* Boston, Massachusetts  
*Publisher:* Balzer + Bray

**Realistic Fiction**

*Also Known as Harper*
by Ann Haywood Leal  
*Book Description:* When eleven-year-old Harper loses her home, she struggles to keep her family together with a whole lot of hope and the power of words.  
*Author’s Residence:* Waterford, Connecticut  
*Publisher:* Square Fish

*Call Me Amy*
by Marcia Strykowski  
*Author’s Residence:* Bradford, Massachusetts  
*Publisher:* Luminis Books

*Once Upon a Cruise*
by Anna Staniszewski  
*Book Description:* Ainsley’s summer job on a fairy tale cruise is supposed to be fun, but when the ship’s maiden voyage goes off course, it’s up to Ainsley to steer it toward happily ever after.  
*Author’s Residence:* Easton, Massachusetts  
*Publisher:* Scholastic

**Science Poetry**

*Random Body Parts: Gross Anatomy Riddle in Verse*
by Leslie Bulion, illustrated by Mike Lowery  
*Book Description:* Take a free-form, humorous poetic romp through the workings of the human body, solving riddles as you go with a little help from Shakespeare.  
*Author’s Residence:* Durham, Connecticut  
*Publisher:* Peachtree Publishers

**Contemporary Fiction**

*Finding Perfect*
by Elly Swartz  
*Book Description:* A story about friendship, family, slam poetry, and OCD. In this debut novel, one girl learns there’s no such thing as perfect.  
*Author’s Residence:* Brookline, Massachusetts  
*Publisher:* Farrar, Straus, Giroux Books for Young Readers

*The Island of Beyond*
by Elizabeth Atkinson  
*Book Description:* This extraordinary coming-of-age novel will keep readers turning the pages as Martin Hart conquers his fears, forges extraordinary friendships, and surprises everyone — including himself.  
*Author’s Residence:* Newburyport, Massachusetts  
*Publisher:* Carolrhoda Books

**Fantasy**

*Lark Rising*
by Sandra Waugh  
*Book Description:* A shy clairvoyant seeks her destiny with the help of a gnome, a white horse, and a young man who is fated to kill her.  
*Author’s Residence:* Litchfield, Connecticut  
*Publisher:* Random House Books for Young Readers

*Ravenous*
by MarcyKate Connolly, illustrated by Skottie Young  
*Book Description:* A retelling of Hansel & Gretel featuring an epic quest and a heroine who will stop at nothing to save the one she loves most.  
*Author’s Residence:* North Billerica, Massachusetts  
*Publisher:* HarperCollins Children’s Books

**Historical Fiction**

*Feathers & Trumpets, A Story of Hildegard of Bingen*
by Joyce Ray  
*Book Description:* Hildegard, a dynamic 12th century female mystic and abbess, builds a new monastery, fights to keep her daughter nun, and defies an archbishop’s command.  
*Author’s Residence:* Dunbarton, New Hampshire  
*Publisher:* Apprentice Shop Books

*Skating with the Statue of Liberty*
by Susan Lynn Meyer  
*Book Description:* Gustave arrives in America in 1942, a Jewish refugee from Nazi-occupied France, and adjusts to a new life, helped by a friendship with African-American September Rose.  
*Author’s Residence:* Sherborn, Massachusetts  
*Publisher:* Delacorte Books for Young Readers

**Grades 6-8**

**Adventure**

*Keepers of the Labyrinth*
by Erin E. Moulton  
*Book Description:* When Lilith Bennett arrives in Crete looking for answers surrounding her mother’s apparent suicide, she has no idea she’ll soon be fighting for her own life in an adventure of mythological proportions.  
*Author’s Residence:* Windham, New Hampshire  
*Publisher:* Philomel Books
The Whispering Rod
by Nancy Kelley
Book Description: Quaker preacher Mary Dyer is about to be executed for defying the Puritan elders. Can Hannah Pryor find the courage to stand up against injustice?
Author's Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: White Mane Publishing

Humorous Fiction

The Mechanical Mind of John Coggin
by Elinor Teele, illustrated by Ben Whitehouse
Book Description: Roald Dahl meets The Penderwicks in a Kirkus-starred adventure about two siblings who run away from home to escape working in the family coffin business.
Author's Residence: Gloucester, Massachusetts
Publisher: Walden Pond Press

Nonfiction

Surviving Middle School: Navigating the Halls, Riding the Social Roller Coaster, and Unmasking the Real You
by Luke Reynolds
Book Description: Through real-life experiences and goofy, zany advice from middle-school teacher Luke Reynolds, you’ll learn how to survive middle school without losing who you really are!
Author’s Residence: Acton, Massachusetts
Publisher: Aladdin

Novels in Verse

Finding Wonders: Three Girls Who Changed Science
by Jeannine Atkins
Book Description: Celebrates discoveries about plants, fossils, and comets of three girls in three different time periods: Maria Sibylla Merian, Mary Anning, and Maria Mitchell.
Author’s Residence: Whately, Massachusetts
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard
by Lesléa Newman
Book Description: An exploration of gay student Matthew Shepard’s murder, told in various voices including the fence to which he was tied, and the stars above him.
Author’s Residence: Holyoke, Massachusetts
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Realistic Fiction

Another Kind of Hurricane
by Tamara Ellis Smith
Book Description: An unforgettable story of lives connecting in magical ways: 10-year-old Zavion loses his house in Katrina and 10-year-old Henry’s friend dies on a Vermont mountain.
Author’s Residence: Richmond, Vermont
Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

Still A Work in Progress
by Jo Knowles
Book Description: In a return to middle-grade fiction, Knowles depicts a younger sibling struggling to maintain his everyday life while coping with his sister’s secret struggle.
Author’s Residence: Hartland, Vermont
Publisher: Candlewick Press

GRADERS 9-12

Biography

Captain Mac: The Life of Donald Baxter MacMillan, Arctic Explorer.
by Mary Morton Cowan
Book Description: The true story of a man who explored the Arctic for nearly 50 years, featuring his daring adventures, sailing expeditions, and scientific contributions. Includes photographs.
Author’s Residence: Standish, Maine
Publisher: Calkins Creek

Contemporary Fiction

The Girl Who Fell
by S.M. Parker
Book Description: The story of intoxicating love that turns toxic. SLJ’s starred review called it “an invaluable addition to any collection”.
Author’s Residence: Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts
Publisher: Simon Pulse

The Weight of Zero
by Karen Fortunati
Book Description: Fearing the return of her bipolar depression, Catherine plans to end it all. But a network of support changes her perceptions in this story of hope.
Author’s Residence: Milford, Connecticut
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Fantasy

The Book of Forbidden Wisdom
by Gillian Murray Kendall
Book Description: In Angel’s world, love is redemption. But Angel can only discover this truth through a magical journey to a forbidden book.
Author’s Residence: Leeds, Massachusetts
Publisher: HarperCollins

Draconeum and the Orb of Light
by Amber Boccetti
Book Description: Dragons, fairies, and the fate of their world in the hands of one seventeen year old girl.
Author’s Residence: Connecticut
Publisher: Black Rose Writing
**Elixir Bound**
by Katie L. Carroll

Book Description: Katora must decide if she will become guardian of a secret healing Elixir and bind herself to its magic.

Author’s Residence: Milford, Connecticut
Publisher: MuseItUp Publishing

**In A World Just Right**
by Jen Brooks

Book Description: Jonathan Aubrey creates alternate worlds for escape, but suddenly, the world where a popular girl is his long-term girlfriend intersects reality in startling ways.

Author’s Residence: Topsfield, Massachusetts
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**Mending Horses**
by M. P. Barker

Book Description: Three outcasts – an Irish horse whisperer, a young runaway, and a peddler – mend each other’s broken lives as they heal a circus’s mistreated horses.

Author’s Residence: East Longmeadow, Massachusetts
Publisher: Holiday House

**Swimming Alone**
by Nina Mansfield

Book Description: When a body surfaces in Beach Point Bay, fifteen-year old Cathy Banks is forced to face the question: has the Sea Side Strangler Struck again?

Author’s Residence: Cos Cob, Connecticut
Publisher: Fire and Ice

**Reading and Interpreting the Works of Eugene O’Neill**
by Spring Hermann

Book Description: Combining biography with analysis of classic O’Neill plays, this guide draws readers into the world of the father of modern American Theater, bringing him to life today.

Author’s Residence: West Hartford, Connecticut
Publisher: Enslow Publishing

**A Bad Boy Can Be Good for a Girl**
by Tanya Lee Stone

Book Description: In this verse novel, Stone takes an honest look at love and sex, exploring how a bad boy really can be good for a girl.

Author’s Residence: Burlington, Vermont
Publisher: Wendy Lamb Books

**A Time to Dance**
by Padma Venkatraman

Book Description: An Indian teenager’s understanding of dance deepens and she grows to understand different kinds of love, as she struggles to recover from a leg amputation.

Author’s Residence: Rhode Island
Publisher: Speak

**Paranormal**

**Soul Taken**
by Katlyn Duncan

Book Description: Maggie is a Soul Collector who finds herself stuck inside of a teenage girl’s body.

Author’s Residence: Stamford, Connecticut
Publisher: Harlequin UK

**Realistic Fiction**

**Half in Love with Death**
by Emily Ross

Book Description: A chilling and enthralling novel, inspired by a true crime, about a teen girl’s search for her missing sister in Tucson in the 1960s.

Author’s Residence: Quincy, Massachusetts
Publisher: Merit Press

**Local Girl Swept Away**
by Ellen Wittlinger

Book Description: When fearless Lorna is swept out to sea in a storm, her three best friends must try to understand how it could have happened.

Author’s Residence: Haydenville, Massachusetts
Publisher: Merit Press

**Science Fiction**

**Consider**
by Kristy Acevedo

Book Description: When holograms appear on Earth, heralding the apocalypse and offering an escape route, Alexandra Lucas must brave her anxiety disorder and decide who to trust.

Author’s Residence: Massachusetts
Publisher: Jolly Fish Press