

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

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.

Author's Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts

Publisher: Star Bright Books

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 Belleby **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 Snowby **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 Bearsby **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 Youby **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. Smalby **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 Dragonby **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 Happinessby **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.

Author's Residence: Walpole, Massachusetts

Publisher: Chronicle Books

The Dreidel That Wouldn't Spin: A Toyshop Tale of Hanukkahby **Martha Seif Simpson**, illustrated by **Durga Yael Bernhard**

Book Description: In this gentle parable, a shopkeeper witnesses a small miracle in his toy store and remembers the true meaning of Hanukkah.

Author's Residence: Connecticut

Publisher: Wisdom Tales

I Forgive You: Love We Can Hear, Ask for and Giveby **Nicole Lataif**, illustrated by **Katy Betz**

Book Description: this book brings forgiveness to life, using vivid analogies that offer concrete and clear actions for kids to take.

Author's Residence: Boston, Massachusetts

Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

Little Elliot, Big Funby **Mike Curato**

Book Description: In this third installment, Little Elliot and Mouse head to Coney Island for some fun, but end up conquering some big fears.

Author's Residence: Northampton, Massachusetts

Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

Princess Rosie's Rainbowsby **Bette Killion**, illustrated by **Kim Jacobs**

Book Description: Only rainbows made Princess Rosie happy, until she learned that true happiness doesn't come from outside, but from deep within us.

Illustrator's Residence: Brooks, Maine

Publisher: Wisdom Tales Press

Ralph Flies the Coopby **Jaimie Scanlon**, illustrated by **Ellen Tumavicus**

Book Description: A cocky rooster named Ralph travels the world learning to "cock-a-doodle-doo" in different languages, and returns to the farm a more mindful global citizen.

Author's Residence: Brattleboro, Vermont

Publisher: Green Writers Press

Real Sisters Pretendby **Megan Dowd Lambert**, illustrated by **Nicole Tadgell**

Book Description: This warm, engaging story unfolds entirely through the conversation of two adopted sisters and was inspired by the author's own daughters.

Author's Residence: Amherst, Massachusetts

Publisher: Tilbury House

Seaside Dreamby **Janet Costa Bates**, illustrated by **Lambert Davis**

Book Description: Family, food, and presents fill the house for Grandma's birthday celebration but Cora feels her Cape Verdean born grandmother is still longing for something else.

Author's Residence: Canton, Massachusetts

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

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

Snapsy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book!)

by **Julie Falatko, illustrated by Tim Miller**

Book Description: A narrator interrupts Snapsy'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: Sneez-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: Arrowsic, Maine

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

GRADES 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 Gjersten 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 **Suzu 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

Book Description: Amy finds her voice while nurturing a wounded seal pup on the Maine coast during 1973. A Bank Street Best Children's Book.

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

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

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

Texting the Underworld

by Ellen Booraem

Book Description: Timid Conor finds himself taking a young banshee to school with him, then flies with her to the Underworld to save a relative from death.

Author's Residence: Brooklin, Maine

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

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

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

GRADES 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: MuseltUp 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

Historical Fiction

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

Mystery

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

Nonfiction

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

Novel in Verse

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