

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

## NEW YORK

### GRADES PREK-K

#### Board Book

##### ***My First Farm Friends***

by Betsy Wallin

Book Description: A set of four books, one for each farmyard favorite—goat, cow, pig, and chicken—shows daily life on a happy family farm.

Author's Residence: Kinderhook, New York

Publisher: Storey Publishing/Workman

#### Nonfiction Picture Book

##### ***My Little Golden Book About Abraham Lincoln***

by Bonnie Bader, illustrated by Viviana Garofoli

Book Description: Little ones will enjoy key anecdotes about Lincoln, beginning with the young Abe who loved to read.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Golden Books

#### Picture Book

##### ***Americanly***

by Lynn Parrish Sutton, illustrated by Melanie Hope Greenberg

Book Description: This loving exploration of the United States, from coast to coast, sea to shining sea, will have you shouting, "I love you shingly, freely, Americanly!"

Illustrator's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Kane Miller

##### ***Bird & Diz - Two Friends Create Bebop!***

by Gary Golio, illustrated by Ed Young

Book Description: Musical playmates Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker create Bebop jazz in a visually stunning fold-out book with artwork by Caldecott winner Ed Young.

Author's Residence: Ossining, New York

Publisher: Candlewick Press

##### ***Bossy Flossy***

by Paulette Bogan

Book Description: Flossy's the bossiest girl around. She bosses everyone; her friends, her cat, even her teacher! Why won't anyone listen to her? Then she meets Edward!

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

##### ***Cat on the Bus***

by Aram Kim

Book Description: This nearly wordless book uses onomatopoeia and striking bold illustrations to tell the story of a homeless cat who meets an Asian grandfather on a bus and finally finds a home.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Holiday House

##### ***The Christmas Cat***

by Maryann Macdonald, illustrated by June Bates

Book Description: A curious kitten soothes the baby Jesus on the night he was born. Story and illustrations based on da Vinci drawing.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

##### ***Cozy Classics: The Nutcracker***

by Jack and Holman Wang

Book Description: Travel to the Land of Sweets with Cozy Classics:

The Nutcracker, which abridges this timeless holiday classic into just 12 words and 12 needle-felted illustrations!

Authors' Residence: Ithaca, New York

Publisher: Chronicle Books

##### ***Dee and Deb Off They Go Kindergarten First Day Jitters***

by Donna M. McDine, illustrated by Jack Foster

Book Description: The first day of kindergarten angst of being placed in a different class than fraternal twin sister Deb, worries Dee.

Author's Residence: Tappan, New York

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

##### ***Dinner at the Panda Place***

by Stephanie Calmenson, illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott

Book Description: This rollicking, rhyming PBS StoryTime favorite is a counting book, an animal identification book, a book with food, fun and a message of welcome.

Author's Residence: New York City, New York

Publisher: HarperCollins

##### ***A Hop is Up***

by Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Lori Richmond

Book Description: Wiggly, giggly preschoolers will love the action in this picture book with its catchy sequence of movements and directions that are endlessly fun!

Illustrator's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Bloomsbury

##### ***Let's Go to the Hardware Store***

by Anne Rockwell, illustrated by Melissa Iwai

Book Description: When the new house needs fixing up, it's off to the hardware store to find the tools and materials needed to get the job done.

Illustrator's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

### ***Octopus Escapes Again!***

by Laurie Ellen Angus

Book Description: Join Octopus on an exciting and colorful underwater adventure as she uses her amazing defenses to outwit and escape dangerous sea creatures!

Author's Residence: East Quogue, New York

Publisher: Dawn Publications

### ***There's a Dog on the Dining Room Table***

by Elizabeth Maginnis, illustrated by Annie Dwyer Internicola

Book Description: A rhyming story about a little girl who discovers a dog on her dining room table. She imagines funny scenarios explaining his appearance.

Author's Residence: Rochester, New York

Publisher: Xist Publishing

### ***The Thing About Yetis***

by Vin Vogel

Book Description: Yetis love snow and all things winter, but sometimes they need a dose of summer as well.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

### ***A Week at Grandma's***

by Mary Ashwood, illustrated by Richard Saba

Book Description: Learn about colors, days of the week, birds, and the positive joys of compromising from a loving granddaughter-grandmother duet in this teachers' favorite book.

Author's Residence: Cherry Valley, New York

Publisher: Operation Outreach

## **Picture Book/Bilingual**

### ***How Do You Say? ¿Cómo Se Dice?***

by Angela Dominguez

Book Description: Follow two young giraffes as they meet, celebrate, and become friends. This bilingual tale will have readers eager to meet new friends and *amigos*.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Henry Holt

## **GRADES 1-2**

### **Chapter Books**

#### ***Project Droid #1: Science No Fair***

by Nancy Krulik and Amanda Burwasser, illustrated by Mike Moran

Book Description: It's not easy having a droid for a cousin! Because even though Java has a hard drive for a brain, he doesn't understand anything about being a kid.

Author's (Kruklik) Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

#### ***Noodlehead Nightmares***

by Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, and Mitch Weiss, illustrated by Tedd Arnold

Book Description: Kids moving on from early readers, especially Fly Guy fans, may want to check out *Noodlehead Nightmares*, Tedd Arnold's new collaboration with Hamilton and Weiss.

Authors' Residence: (Hamilton & Weiss): Ithaca, New York

Publisher: Holiday House

### ***A Puddle for Poo***

by Mary Vigilante Szydlowski, illustrated by KC Snider

Book Description: Poo used to be a good dog but not anymore.

Her behavior is upsetting her owners, annoying the neighbors, and disrupting the whole neighborhood.

Author's Residence: Albany, New York

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

## **Early Reader**

### ***The Viper***

by Lisa Thiesing

Book Description: Peggy the Pig is scared by phone calls from "zee Viper!" Who - or what - is the viper? Delightfully funny and scary.

Author's Residence: Rosendale, New York

Publisher: Dutton Books for Young Readers

## **Fractured Folk Tale**

### ***Bear and the 3 Goldilocks***

by Kevin McNamee, illustrated by Robert Lee Beers

Book Description: Two favorite fairytales become one new fun-filled adventure. The Goldilocks Girls have a snoozing bear upstairs, and a windy wolf downstairs looking for three pigs.

Author's Residence: Yonkers, New York

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

### ***Cinderella and the Vampire Prince***

by Wiley Blevins, illustrated by Steve Cox

Book Description: "A delightfully monstrous and fresh take on a traditional story." (KIRKUS Starred Review)

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Lerner Publishing

## **Mystery**

### ***The Case of the Missing Carrot Cake, A Wilcox & Griswold Mystery***

by Robin Newman, illustrated by Deborah Zemke

Book Description: Two hardboiled mouse detectives are on the hunt for a missing carrot cake. (Note: The animals' names have been changed to protect the good guys.)

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Creston Books

### ***Nate the Great Talks Turkey***

by Marjorie Weinman and Mitchell Sharmat, illustrated by Jody Wheeler

Book Description: A giant turkey is on the loose! Everyone is on the case. From talking turkey to stalking turkey, will every detective come out a winner?

Illustrator's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

## Nonfiction Picture Book

### ***Weird and Wild Animal Facts***

by Jessica Loy

Book Description: There are lots of fascinating animals in the world with unusual characteristics, but you may be surprised to learn that so do many common animals!

Author's Residence: Delmar, New York

Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

## Picture Book

### ***All About Grandmas***

by Roni Schotter, illustrated by Julia Kuo

Book Description: A celebration of the mutual love between grandmas of today, who work out in the world and at home, and the grandchildren who adore them.

Author's Residence: Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

### ***Cody and Grandpa's Christmas Tradition***

by Gary Metivier, illustrated by Traci Van Wagoner

Book Description: Grandpa shares memories with Cody of a time in Vietnam and the Christmas Eve when a bright star appeared through the clouds, giving the soldiers hope.

Illustrator's Residence: New York

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

### ***First Come the Zebra***

by Lynne Barasch

Book Description: Set in Kenya, two boys of two conflicting tribes find common ground, framed by the great migration of the animals.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

### ***I Wanna Go Home***

by Karen Kaufman Orloff, illustrated by David Catrow

Book Description: Alex isn't happy about going to his grandparents' place while his parents are away. But he discovers that grandparents are way cooler than he thought!

Author's Residence: Hopewell Junction, New York

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

### ***Kenya's Art***

by Linda Trice, illustrated by Hazel Mitchell

Book Description: Kenya and her daddy show Mrs. Garcia's culturally diverse class how to Recycle, Reuse and Make Art in this third book of the KENYA series.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Charlesbridge

### ***Leaping Lemmings!***

by John Briggs, illustrated by Nicola Slater

Book Description: One independent lemming refuses to jump off cliffs with his friends. Instead, he saves the day (and everyone else) by showing them how to think for themselves.

Author's Residence: Scotia, New York

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

### ***Minette's Feast: The Delicious Story of Julia Child and Her Cat***

by Susanna Reich, illustrated by Amy Bates

Book Description: Introduces the iconic chef Julia Child through the story of her cat, Minette. While Julia masters French cooking, the only feast Minette truly wants is fresh mouse!

Author's Residence: Ossining, New York

Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

### ***Ned the Knitting Pirate***

by Diana Murray, illustrated by Leslie Lammler

Book Description: Ned is a pirate whose fondness for knitting annoys his captain--until his special skill saves the ship from a sea monster.

Author's Residence: New City, New York

Publisher: Roaring Brook

### ***The Nutcracker's Night Before Christmas***

by Keith Brockett, illustrated by Joseph Cowman

Book Description: On opening night, The Nutcracker cast faces many problems: misprinted programs, sick stagehands, destroyed costumes, and a nasty theater cat. Can anyone save this show?

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

### ***The Peddler's Bed***

by Lauri Fortino, illustrated by Bong Redila

Book Description: The peddler fails to sell a handcrafted bed to a penniless man. He offers a wager: "Make the bed squeak by sunset and it's yours."

Author's Residence: Syracuse, New York

Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

### ***OY VEY! Life in A Shoe***

by Bonnie Grubman, illustrated by Dave Mottram

Book Description: Lou appeals to the rabbi for answers on how to solve his overcrowding (from heel-to-toe) problem.

Author's Residence: Syosset, New York

Publisher: Apples and Honey Press/Gefen Publishing House

### ***Saving Kate's Flowers***

by Cindy Sommer, illustrated by Laurie Allen Klein

Book Description: Fall is here and Kate is determined to save her flowers from the winter cold. But Dad has allergies. Where will the flowers end up?

Author's Residence: Stony Brook, New York

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

## GRADES 3-5

### Adventure

#### ***Key Hunters***

by Eric Luper, illustrated by Lika K. Weber

Book Description: Evan and Cleo discover a secret magical library that sweeps them into any book they open.

Author's Residence: Albany, New York

Publisher: Scholastic

## Biography

### ***On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein***

by Jennifer Berne, illustrated by Vladimir Radunsky

Book Description: The true story of a curious little boy who — by wondering, imagining, and figuring — grew up to discover the amazing secrets of our universe.

Author's Residence: Ancram, New York

Publisher: Chronicle Books

## Chapter Book

### ***My Boys: Summer on a Swedish Island***

by Gustaf af Geijerstam, translated by Paul Goldsman, illustrated by Ottilia Adelborg

Book Description: The enchanting and timeless story of a Swedish family's summer holiday in the Stockholm archipelago, a book of lightness and gentle humor.

Translator's Residence: Liverpool, New York

Publisher: Penfield Books

## Contemporary Fiction

### ***My Year of Epic Rock***

by Andrea Pyros

Book Description: Nina's BFF dumps her on the first day of seventh grade, but with the help of her rocking new friends, she may have her best year ever!

Author's Residence: Rhinebeck, New York

Publisher: Sourcebooks

## Early Chapter Book

### ***Rascally Rabbits, and More True Stories of Animals Behaving Badly***

by Aline Alexander Newman

Book Description: Funny, true stories about four mischievous bunnies, a hungry black bear with a taste for treats, and a dog who can't help but find trouble.

Author's Residence: Turin, New York

Publisher: National Geographic Kids Books

## Fantasy

### ***Stone Faces***

by Anne Rothman-Hicks and Kenneth Hicks

Book Description: When her parents announce they are separating, Alice's life is thrown out of kilter until she meets some friendly stones on a Cape Cod beach.

Authors' Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: MuseltUp Publishing

## Mystery

### ***Madhattan Mystery***

by John J. Bonk

Book Description: Small-town siblings Lexi and Kevin McGill get sucked into solving the crime of the century while summering in New York City.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Walker Books

## Nonfiction

### ***Odd Ball: Hilarious, Unusual, & Bizarre Baseball Moments***

by Timothy Tocher, illustrated by Stacy Curtis

Book Description: Step up to the plate to meet some of the oddest players, fans, managers, and mascots in baseball history - all told through comic strips!

Author's Residence: Suffern, New York

Publisher: Two Lions

### ***Spidermania: Friends on the Web***

by Alexandra Siy, illustrated by Dennis Kunkel

Book Description: Larger than life look at spiders featuring colorful, super-magnified images and amazing facts.

Author's Residence: Albany, New York

Publisher: Holiday House

## Picture Book

### ***Rainbow Weaver***

by Linda Elovitz Marshall, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

Book Description: A young Mayan girl, wanting to weave like her ancestors but lacking valuable threads, solves her problem - and cleans the environment - using plastic bags.

Author's Residence: Selkirk, New York

Publisher: Lee & Low

## Realistic Fiction

### ***The BFF Bucket List***

by Dee Romito

Book Description: Two best friends. Twelve challenges. Can the BFF Bucket List save their friendship or will that get crossed off too?

Author's Residence: Buffalo, New York

Publisher: Aladdin

### ***Doing Time Online***

by Jan Siebold

Book Description: After a prank-gone-bad Mitchell is "sentenced" to an online chat with a feisty senior citizen. Their unlikely friendship helps both of them grow.

Author's Residence: East Aurora, New York

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

### ***Hamstersaurus Rex***

by Tom O'Donnel, illustrated by Tim Miller

Book Description: Hamstersaurus Rex is about a quirky class pet that undergoes a transformation and helps defend a loyal sixth-grader from a werewolf-obsessed bully.

Illustrator's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: HarperCollins

### ***Hope Girl***

by Wendy Dunham

Book Description: *Hope Girl*, sequel to *My Name Is River*, is the story of twelve-year-old River and her 'extra-out-of-the-ordinary' life. Revealed secrets from her past bring unexpected challenges.

Author's Residence: Rochester, New York

Publisher: Harvest House

## Series Fiction

### ***Class Election (Secrets to Ruling School #2)***

by Neil Swaab

Book Description: Middle school expert Max Corrigan is back—and ready to help you run for class president! Book #2 in The Secrets to Ruling School series.

Author's Residence: Astoria, New York

Publisher: Amulet Books

## GRADES 6-8

### Biography

#### ***A Girl Called Vincent: A Biography of Poet Edna St. Vincent Millay***

by Krystyna Poray Goddu

Book Description: This exciting new biography explores the life and work of the celebrated American poet (1892-1950) who was a rock star of her times.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

### Contemporary Fiction

#### ***The Trouble with Half Moon***

by Danette Vigilante

Book Description: Struggling with survivor's guilt after the death of her brother and determined to save a neglected 5-yr. old neighbor, Dellie strikes up a dangerous friendship.

Author's Residence: Staten Island, New York

Publisher: Puffin

### Fantasy

#### ***23 Minutes***

by Vivian Vande Velde

Book Description: What would you do if you could play back time to fix your mistakes? What if you made things go from bad to worse?

Author's Residence: Rochester, New York

Publisher: Boyds Mills

### Historical Fiction

#### ***A Time for Change***

by Alicia Klepeis, illustrated by Laura Tolton

Book Description: The year is 1960. Ninth grader Amari Johnson's world is turned upside down when her dad gets a new job in the South.

Author's Residence: Hamilton, New York

Publisher: Rourke Educational Media

#### ***When Audrey Met Alice***

by Rebecca Behrens

Book Description: When First Daughter Audrey finds Alice Roosevelt's diary, she's inspired to create her own White House hijinks--leading to a lot of fun . . . and trouble.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky

### ***The Wolf's Boy***

by Susan Williams Beckhorn, illustrated by Levente Szano

Book Description: An outcast boy and a young wolf against an Ice Age winter . . . Together, Kai and the wolf Uff form a bond that will change history.

Author's Residence: Rexville, New York

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

### Magical Realism

#### ***Switched at Birthday***

by Natalie Standiford

Book Description: Two eighth graders with nothing in common wake up on the morning after their thirteenth birthdays to find they have switched bodies with each other.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Scholastic Press

### Mystery

#### ***Devin Rhodes is Dead***

by Jennifer Wolf Kam

Book Description: A mystery written in alternating before-and-after chapters, *Devin Rhodes is Dead* is a chilling, coming-of-age novel about the friendships we keep.

Author's Residence: Syosset, New York

Publisher: Charlesbridge

#### ***Riding the Flume***

by Patricia Curtis Pfitsch

Book Description: In *Riding the Flume*, set in 1894 in California's sequoia groves, Francie risks her life to solve her sister's mystery and heal her family's grief.

Author's Residence: New York

Publisher: Aladdin

### Nonfiction

#### ***Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America***

by Gail Jarrow

Book Description: The story of San Francisco's 1900 plague epidemic, the public health doctors who fought it, and the political leaders who tried to keep it hidden.

Author's Residence: Ithaca, New York

Publisher: Calkins Creek

### Realistic Fiction

#### ***Whose Eyes Are These?***

by Marcia Byalick

Book Description: An unknown sperm donor first arouses curiosity, jealousy, and anger . . . ultimately leading to a better understanding of forgiveness, loyalty, and the unbreakable bonds of love.

Author's Residence: New York

Publisher: Black Rose Writing

## GRADES 9-12

### Contemporary Fiction

#### ***The Fix***

by **Natasha Sinel**

Book Description: Seventeen-year-old Macy Lyons falls for Sebastian Ruiz, a recovering addict, who helps her confront the childhood trauma she's kept secret for years.

Author's Residence: Bedford, New York

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

#### ***How it Feels to Fly***

by **Kathryn Holmes**

Book Description: A struggle with body dysmorphia forces one girl to decide if letting go of her insecurity also means turning her back on her dance dreams.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: HarperTeen

#### ***Hurricane Kiss***

by **Deborah Blumenthal**

Book Description: Two teens are forced to seek shelter during a hurricane. As they wait out the storm they realize survival is about more than just staying alive - it's about fighting for yourself.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

### Dystopian

#### ***Dawn of the Vie (Immortal Aliens Book One)***

by **Laura Diamond**, illustrated by **Eugene Teplitsky**

Book Description: A 17-year-old boy with a blood disorder tries to save his kidnapped sister from an immortal alien who wants to use his blood as a drug.

Author's Residence: Troy, New York

Publisher: Curiosity Quills Press

### Nonfiction

#### ***Reproductive Rights: Who Decides?***

by **Vicki Oransky Wittenstein**

Book Description: Examine reproductive rights through a historical lens, from early history's methods for contraception, to the Pill, Roe v. Wade, and contemporary legal and societal battlegrounds.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

### Paranormal Fiction

#### ***Touching the Surface***

by **Kimberly Sabatini**

Book Description: Elliot's dead for the third time and she knows she messed up. Back in the afterlife again, this is her last chance to get things right.

Author's Residence: New York

Publisher: Simon Pulse

### Realistic Fiction

#### ***Draw the Line***

by **Laurent Linn**

Book Description: In this groundbreaking illustrated YA, a gay teen fights brutality through his art. A gripping journey of self-discovery, romance, art making, and justice.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

#### ***I'll Meet You There***

by **Heather Demetrios**

Book Description: A haunted young Marine returns from Afghanistan, rekindling a friendship with artist Skyler. Their shared isolation soon turns to something more.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

#### ***Snowbirds***

by **Crissa-Jean Chappell**

Book Description: An Amish girl goes missing during *Rumspringa* in Florida.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Merit Press

#### ***True Believer***

by **Virginia Euwer Wolff**

Book Description: LaVaughn's path is daunting and she does her best to rise to the occasion each time the occasion changes. Winner of the National Book Award.

Author's Residence: Rhinebeck, New York

Publisher: Simon Pulse

#### ***Truth or Dare***

by **Barbara Dee**

Book Description: A late-blooming seventh grader lies about her maturity during a game of Truth or Dare. Can an unpredictable aunt set things right with her friends?

Author's Residence: Chappaqua, New York

Publisher: Aladdin