SCBWI Winter Reading List 2016
# TABLE OF CONTENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Pages</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ATLANTIC (Pennsylvania / Delaware / New Jersey / Washington D.C. / Virginia / West Virginia / Maryland)</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND (Summer 2016)</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CALIFORNIA / HAWAII</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CANADA</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTERNATIONAL / OTHER</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MID-SOUTH (Kansas / Louisiana / Arkansas / Tennessee / Kentucky / Missouri / Mississippi)</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIDDLE EAST / INDIA / ASIA</td>
<td>41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIDWEST (Minnesota / Iowa / Nebraska / Wisconsin / Illinois / Michigan / Indiana / Ohio)</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NEW ENGLAND (Maine / Vermont / New Hampshire / Connecticut / Massachusetts / Rhode Island)</td>
<td>55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NEW YORK</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOUTHEAST (Florida / Georgia / South Carolina / North Carolina / Alabama)</td>
<td>69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOUTHWEST (Nevada / Arizona / Utah / Colorado / Wyoming / New Mexico)</td>
<td>77</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TEXAS / OKLAHOMA</td>
<td>83</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UK / IRELAND</td>
<td>89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WEST (Washington / Oregon / Alaska / Idaho / Montana / North Dakota / South Dakota)</td>
<td>93</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPANISH / BILINGUAL</td>
<td>101</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
SOCIETY OF CHILDREN’S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS
OFFICIAL READING LIST — WINTER 2016/2017

ATLANTIC
(Pennsylvania / Delaware / New Jersey / Washington D.C. / Virginia / West Virginia / Maryland)

PREK-K

Board Book

Away We Go! A Shape and Seek Book
by Chieu Anh Urban
Book Description: Filled with planes, trains, and automobiles, this book teaches basic shapes through bold designs and inventive die-cuts on every page.
Author's Residence: Laytonsville, Maryland
Publisher: Cartwheel Books

The Colors of Ancient Egypt
by Amy Mullen
Book Description: A sweetly simple board book that will help little ones learn their colors while dipping a toe into the history and culture of ancient Egypt.
Author's Residence: Arlington, Virginia
Publisher: PomegranateKids

Nonfiction Picture Book

Spectacular Spots
by Susan Stockdale
Book Description: Spectacular Spots introduces young readers to the many ways in which animals around the world wear and benefit from their spots.
Author's Residence: Chevy Chase, Maryland
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

What About Me? Twelve Ways to Get Your Parents’ Attention Without Hitting Your Sister
by Eileen Kennedy-Moore, illustrated by Mits Katayama
Book Description: A gentle remedy for sibling rivalry. Shows kids kind, helpful, and creative ways they can ask for the attention they need.
Author's Residence: Princeton, New Jersey
Publisher: Parenting Press

Picture Book

Bed Hog
by Georgette Noullet, illustrated by David Slonim
Book Description: Poor Bailey! The lovable pooch can’t find a comfortable place to snuggle. Everyone calls him a “bed hog,” and they make him move!
Author’s Residence: Economy, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Two Lions

Chick-O-Saurus Rex
by Lenore Jennewein, illustrated by Daniel Jennewein
Book Description: Bullied Little Chick discovers his connection to the T-Rex and finds his inner courage to save the farm from a wolf.
Author’s Residence: Burke, Virginia
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Chicken Story Time
by Sandy Asher, illustrated by Mark Fearing
Book Description: One librarian, one book, children . . . and chickens! No one can hear the story for all the clucking and chuckling. What to do?
Author’s Residence: Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

The Daring Prince Dashing
by Marilou T. Reeder, illustrated by Karl West
Book Description: Prince Dashing bathes with crocodiles and toasts s’mores by dragon’s breath. Will he ever find a friend as daring as he is?
Author’s Residence: Devon, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Five Little Ducklings Go to School
by Carol Roth, illustrated by Sean Julian
Book Description: It’s time for five little ducklings to go to school. Four of them are excited, but not the fifth little duckling. Can Mama reassure him?
Author’s Residence: New Jersey
Publisher: NorthSouth Books

Gazpacho for Nacho
by Tracey Kyle, illustrated by Carolina Farias
Book Description: Nacho likes to eat only one thing—gazpacho! He won’t try other dishes—until he discovers miles and piles of mouth-watering vegetables at the market.
Author’s Residence: Woodbridge, Virginia
Publisher: Two Lions

The Gingerbread Man’s School Adventure
by Sherri Maret, illustrated by Emily McMichael
Book Description: A gingerbread man, who fears he will be eaten by two children or their mother, finds himself at an elementary school seeking help.
Author’s Residence: Newville, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Sunbury Press
Goodnight, Manger
by Laura Sassi, illustrated by Jane Chapman
Book Description: How will Baby Jesus ever get to sleep in the noisy stable? A humorous rhyming bedtime story - perfect for Christmas or any time of year.
Author's Residence: Cranford, New Jersey
Publisher: Zonderkidz

A Loon Alone
by Pamela Love, illustrated by Shannon Sycks
Book Description: On a lake in Maine, a loon chick uses his instincts to survive when temporarily separated from his parents.
Author's Residence: Columbia, Maryland
Publisher: Down East Books

Mine!
by Susie Lee Jin
Book Description: A bunch of bunnies vie for ownership of a big found carrot.
Author's Residence: Fort Lee, New Jersey
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Mr. Particular: The World's Choosiest Champion
by Jason Kirschner
Book Description: Mr. Particular, the world's choosiest champion, must prove to his friends in the Super-Duper Group that even the super-squeamish can save the day!
Author's Residence: Montclair, New Jersey
Publisher: Sterling Children's

Nice Try, Tooth Fairy
by Mary Olson, illustrated by Katherine Tillotson
Book Description: In this gently humorous story, an assortment of animals parades through Emma's bedroom looking for their teeth after the Tooth Fairy gets them all mixed up.
Author's Residence: Washington, DC
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

One Big Pair of Underwear
by Laura Gehl, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
Book Description: Count and share with...underwear! This seriously silly picture book irresistibly combines the concepts of counting and sharing.
Author's Residence: Chevy Chase, Maryland
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

One Word Pearl
by Nicole Groeneweg, illustrated by Hazel Mitchell
Book Description: Pearl is a collector of words. One day her words are blown away. What will she do when she has no words left?
Author's Residence: Virginia
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Peanut Butter & Brains
by Joe McGee, illustrated by Charles Santoso
Book Description: Reginald doesn’t shuffle along with the rest of the zombies. He doesn’t want brains; all he wants is a PB&J sandwich. Be true to yourself!
Author's Residence: Emmaus, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

Pocket's Christmas Wish
by Ann Bonwill, illustrated by Russell Julian
Book Description: A small bunny goes in search of the true meaning of Christmas.
Author's Residence: Burke, Virginia
Publisher: Oxford University Press

The Princess and the Frogs
by Veronica Bartles, illustrated by Sara Palacios
Book Description: Princess Cassandra desperately wants a pet frog, but when she kisses them goodnight, Whoosh! they turn into princes. And princes aren't pets!
Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland
Publisher: Balzer & Bray

Red Sled
by Patricia Thomas, illustrated by Chris Demarest
Book Description: Lad. Dad. Snowfall. Sled. Together they make a joyous winter adventure. Sprightly rhymed story is told in an ancient poetry form--perfect for young readers.
Author's Residence: Carbondale, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Why Are the Pigs Purple?
by Sharon Stanley, illustrated by Eugene Ruble
Book Description: A madcap adventure where traditional punctuation and meter take holiday and hilarity rules. This rollicking tale of pigs gone wild will leave you breathless!
Author's Residence: Ashland, Virginia
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Why Do Computers Know So Much?
by Jennifer Shand, illustrated by Daniele Fabbri
Book Description: Have fun while learning about technology in this book! This title is part of the Why Do series, books that are humorous, silly and educational!
Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia
Publisher: Flowerpot Press

You’re My Boo
by Kate Dopirak, illustrated by Lesley Breen Withrow
Book Description: In a sweet rhyming ode to unconditional love, debut author Kate Dopirak celebrates the silly ups and downs of life with a little one.
Author's Residence: Wexford, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Beach Lane Books
**GRADES 1-2**

**Chapter Book**

**Zapato Power #6: Freddie Ramos Rules New York**
by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Miguel Benítez

Book Description: Freddie Ramos, the boy with super-powered purple sneakers, visits New York and helps his Uncle Jorge plan a special surprise at Rockefeller Center.

Author’s Residence: Arlington, Virginia
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**Doing Her Bit: A Story of the Woman’s Land Army of America**
by Erin Hagar, illustrated by Jen Hill

Book Description: Helen Stevens did her bit for the war effort by becoming a farmerette - a woman trained to farm while men were serving overseas during WWI.

Author’s Residence: Baltimore, Maryland
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**Someday I’ll Fly**
by Rebecca Evans

Book Description: Pam meets the Women’s Air Force Service Pilots, discovering what she loves. But when her friend becomes sick, Pam has to decide what’s most important.

Author’s Residence: Severn Park, Maryland
Publisher: Red Engine Press

**Nonfiction Picture Book**

**Coyote Moon**
by Maria Gianferrari, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline

Book Description: In the dark of night, a mother coyote stalks prey in the suburbs to feed her hungry pups. Could she be your neighbor?

Author’s Residence: Leesburg, Virginia
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

**Picture Book**

**The Boy Who Said Nonsense**
by Felicia Sanzari Chernsky, illustrated by Nicola Anderson

Book Description: Tate can count by looking at things! All this counting makes people think Tate talks nonsense—until his counting helps everyone recognize his special gift.

Author’s Residence: Flemington, New Jersey
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**Brother Giovanni’s Little Reward: How the Pretzel Was Born**
by Anna Egan Smucker, illustrated by Amanda Hall

Book Description: Giovanni is the best baker his monastery has ever had, but teaching the children their prayers is a challenge - until he invents the tasty treat we now know as the pretzel!

Author’s Residence: Bridgeport, West Virginia
Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

**Dumpling Soup**
by Jama Kim Rattigan, illustrated by Lillian Hsu-Flanders

Book Description: Marisa makes dumplings for the first time to celebrate the New Year in Hawaii. Will her family eat her funny-looking dumplings?

Author’s Residence: Fairfax, Virginia
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

**From Here to There**
by Sue Fliess, illustrated by Christiane Engel

Book Description: Here and There can’t play together, so they become pen pals. But soon they find a way to change the distance between them forever.

Author’s Residence: Ashburn, Virginia
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company
Publication Date: November 29, 2016

**The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas**
by Laura Murray, illustrated by Mike Lowery

Book Description: The Gingerbread Man and his classmates spread holiday cheer by delivering homemade gifts and thank yous to the people of their town.

Author’s Residence: McLean, Virginia
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

**I Will Not Eat You**
by Adam Lehrhaupt, illustrated by Scott Magoon

Book Description: Theodore thinks everything is food. Luckily for the animals, Theodore isn’t hungry...yet. But when a boy approaches, will he be a meal? Or something more?

Author’s Residence: Line Lexington, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

**Madeline Finn and the Library Dog**
by Lisa Papp

Book Description: Madeline Finn does not like to read. But when she meets Bonnie at a Read-to-Dogs program, she discovers a fluffy friend makes all the difference.

Author’s Residence: Quakertown, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

**Nobody!**
by Erin Frankel, illustrated by Paula Heaphy

Book Description: Thomas feels like he can’t escape Kyle’s bullying. Support from friends, classmates, and adults, helps Thomas feel more confident, while Kyle learns the importance of kindness.

Author’s Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Free Spirit Publishing

**Olly Explores 7 Wonders of the Chesapeake Bay**
by Elaine Ann Allen, illustrated by Kelli Nash

Book Description: A little oyster explores the sights along the Chesapeake Bay.

Author’s Residence: Maryland
Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

**The Penguin Lady**
by Carol A. Cole, illustrated by Sherry Rogers

Book Description: Penelope Parker lives with penguins from all over the Southern Hemisphere. Children count and compare ten different species of penguins as they learn Geography.
**The Remarkable David Wordsworth**  
*by Richard Kopley, illustrated by Michael Fazio*  
Book Description: During a class on compound words, a student makes up new compound words, creating a variety of unusual creatures.  
Author’s Residence: Vienna, Virginia  
Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

**Scuba Dog**  
*by Ann Marie Stephens, illustrated by Jess Golden*  
Book Description: A bond between a scuba-diving dog and musical whale shows that friendship – even with language barriers, time constraints, and heavy equipment – is worth the effort.  
Author’s Residence: State College, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

**Who Wants Broccoli?**  
*by Val Jones*  
Book Description: Can a big, fun dog get picked as someone’s perfect pet without getting himself in trouble - again?! Story about being true to who you are.  
Author’s Residence: Fairfax, Virginia  
Publisher: Little Bee Books

**Poetry/Bilingual**  
**Dinosaur Name Poems/Poemas de Nombres de Dinosaurios**  
*by Steven Clark Cunningham, MD, FACS, illustrated by Valeska Maria Populoh*  
Book Description: A richly illustrated, bilingual (English/Spanish) collection of poems, using the name of a prehistoric creature as a take-off for the playful verse. Includes illustrated glossary.  
Author’s Residence: Baltimore, Maryland  
Publisher: Three Conditions Press

**Biography**  
**When Amelia Earhart Built a Roller Coaster**  
*by Mark Weakland, illustrated by Oksana Grivina*  
Book Description: This playful story recounts events in Amelia Earhart’s active and imaginative childhood, birth to teenage years.  
Author’s Residence: Hollsopple, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Picture Window Books

**Contemporary Fiction**  
**By Lizzie**  
*by Mary Eccles*  
Book Description: With the aid of a manual typewriter, Lizzie, a middle child, embellishes the misadventures in her life, month-by-month, during the year she turns ten.  
Author’s Residence: Chevy Chase, Maryland  
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

**The Friendship Experiment**  
*by Erin Teagan*  
Book Description: Madeline Little is Harriet the Spy with a lab notebook in this debut novel full of heart, humor, and a dash of science.  
Author’s Residence: Purcellville, Virginia  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Fantasy**  
**Poppy Mayberry, The Monday**  
*by Jennie K. Brown*  
Book Description: In a town where magical powers are determined by the weekday of one’s birth, there lives a girl whose telekinesis skills need some work.  
Author’s Residence: Hershey, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Month9Books

**Historical Fiction**  
**32 Days: A Story of Faith and Courage**  
*by Ellen Lucey Prozeller*  
Book Description: In China 1948, Pei is a child-hero living out her faith in a culture of persecution. She inspired others beyond her time and place.  
Author’s Residence: Little Silver, New Jersey  
Publisher: Pauline Books & Media

**George Crum and the Saratoga Chip**  
*by Gaylia Taylor, illustrated by Frank Morrison*  
Book Description: George Crum, a biracial chef, is credited with the invention of the potato chip at a Saratoga Springs, New York, restaurant in 1853.  
Author’s Residence: Norfolk, Virginia  
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

**A Place Where Sunflowers Grow**  
*by Amy Lee-Tai, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino*  
Book Description: Can anything bloom in a Japanese American internment camp during WWII? For Mari, glimmers of hope begin to surface under the harsh desert sun.  
Author’s Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia  
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

**Prisoner 88**  
*by Leah Pileggi*  
Book Description: Jake, age 10, serves time in the Idaho Penitentiary in 1885. Based on a real boy, this is Jake’s story of survival.  
Author’s Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Charlesbridge
The Wreck of the Ethie  
by Hilary Hyland, illustrated by Paul Bachem  
Book Description: Based on the 1919 shipwreck when a Newfoundland dog swam with a life line rescuing passengers, crew and even a baby in the ship’s mailbag.  
Author’s Residence: Gainesville, Virginia  
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Mystery

Who’s Ju?  
by Dania Ramos  
Book Description: A genetics assignment forces 12-year-old amateur detective Ju Feliciano to investigate a case of identity...her own.  
Author’s Residence: Bloomfield, New Jersey  
Publisher: Northampton House Press

Nonfiction

Cool Things to Do If a Bully’s Bugging You  
by Catherine DePino  
Book Description: Targets students facing bullying while they’re actually experiencing it. The activities feature a multidisciplinary approach for use in bully prevention programs.  
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Rowman and Littlefield

Helen Thayer’s Arctic Adventure  
by Sally Isaacs, illustrated by Iva Sasheva  
Book Description: Helen Thayer was the first woman to walk solo to the Magnetic North Pole, strengthened by her determination and the friendship of Charlie, the dog who walked by her side.  
Author’s Residence: Oradell, New Jersey  
Publisher: Capstone Press

The Music in George’s Head: George Gershwin Creates Rhapsody in Blue  
by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Stacy Innerst  
Book Description: With rhythmic swirls of words and pictures, discover how brilliantly Gershwin combined various kinds of music to create his masterpiece, Rhapsody in Blue.  
Author’s Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Calkins Creek

Plants Can’t Sit Still  
by Rebecca E. Hirsch, illustrated by Mia Posada  
Book Description: Plants might not pick up their roots and walk away, but they definitely don’t sit still! Discover the many ways plants (and their seeds) move.  
Author’s Residence: State College, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Millbrook Press

She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman: Deaf-Blind Pioneer  
by Sally Hobart Alexander and Robert J. Alexander  
Book Description: Fifty years before Helen Keller, Laura Bridgman, also deaf and blind, but with limited smell and taste, proved that everyone can be educated.  
Author’s Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Clarion Books

The U.S. Constitution: Discover How Democracy Works  
by Carla Mooney, illustrated by Tom Casteel  
Book Description: Learn about the foundation of democracy and how the documents crafted hundreds of years ago still have an impact on our country today.  
Author’s Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Nomad Press

Novel in Verse

The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary  
by Laura Shovan  
Book Description: When Emerson Elementary’s board plans to close their school, Ms. Hill’s fifth grade poets circulate petitions, stage sit-ins, and test the waters of democratic action.  
Author’s Residence: Ellicott City, Maryland  
Publisher: Wendy Lamb Books

Picture Book

B is for Blue Crab: A Maryland Alphabet  
by Shirley C. Menendez, illustrated by Laura Stutzman  
Book Description: People, events and landmarks that make Maryland a fascinating state are highlighted in this beautifully illustrated book. Information presented in poems and text appeals to all ages.  
Author’s Residence: North Potomac, Maryland  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Esquivel! Space-Age Sound Artist  
by Susan Wood, illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh  
Book Description: Biography of the Mexican composer, conductor, and stereo-sound pioneer, whose love of sound led to new ways of making whimsical, innovative, out-of-this-world music.  
Author residence: Norfolk, Virginia  
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Four Feet, Two Sandals  
by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammend, illustrated by Doug Chayka  
Book Description: Lina and Feroza live in a refugee. A single pair of sandals found in a pile of clothing donations unites the two girls in sharing and friendship.  
Author’s Residence (Williams): Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Eerdmans Books for You Young Readers

Passing the Music Down  
by Sarah Sullivan, illustrated by Barry Root  
Book Description: A warmhearted ode to an American musical tradition and to generational ties, told in lyrical free verse with atmospheric illustrations. Inspired by a true story.  
Author’s Residence: Williamsburg, Virginia  
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Picture Book Biography

I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark  
by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley  
Book Description: Disagreeing does not make a person disagreeable—it can change the world! Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has made a big difference, one disagreement at a time.  
Author’s Residence: Potomac, Maryland  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
**Painting in the Dark: Esref Armagan, Blind Artist**  
by Rachelle Burk, illustrated by Claudia Gadotti  
**Book Description:** A true story of an artist, born completely blind, who paints landscapes, portraits, and other pictures in full color and perspective. How does he do it, and why?  
**Author's Residence:** East Brunswick, New Jersey  
**Publisher:** Tumblehouse Learning

**Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille**  
by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Boris Kulikov  
**Book Description:** The struggles and triumphs of child-inventor Louis Braille who created the system of reading and writing for the blind when he was 15.  
**Author's Residence:** Glenmoore, Pennsylvania.  
**Publisher:** Knopf Books for Young Readers

**Poetry**

**Poemclature: Poems about Your Body**  
by Steven Clark Cunningham, MD, FACS, illustrated by Susan Detwiler  
**Book Description:** Lyrical poems and vibrant illustrations give each topic the traction needed to get kids reading the poems and the “Learn More!” sections that follow.  
**Author's Residence:** Baltimore, Maryland  
**Publisher:** Knox-Robinson Press/Maple Tree

**GRADES 6-8**

**Adventure**

**The Rosemary Spell**  
by Virginia Zimmerman  
**Book Description:** After they accidentally invoke a spell hidden in a Shakespeare poem, Rosemary and Adam struggle to keep Adam's sister from disappearing forever—even from memory.  
**Author's Residence:** Lewisburg, Pennsylvania  
**Publisher:** Clarion Books

**Biography**

**Explore The Cosmos Like Neil deGrasse Tyson: A Space Science Journey**  
by CAP Saucier  
**Book Description:** Some of today's middle-school students may walk on Mars in the future. Learn about space through the life of Neil deGrasse Tyson, an African-American astrophysicist.  
**Author's Residence:** Baltimore, Maryland  
**Publisher:** Prometheus Books

**Madam C. J. Walker - Self-Made Businesswoman**  
by Della A. Yannuzzi  
**Book Description:** Laundrywoman Madam C. J. Walker became America's first black woman millionaire by developing hair care and beauty products for African-Americans and became a force for social change.  
**Author's Residence:** Nellysford, Virginia  
**Publisher:** Enslow Publishers

**Contemporary Fiction**

**Operation Oleander**  
by Valerie O. Patterson  
**Book Description:** Jess and her friends collect school supplies for an orphanage in Afghanistan. When disaster strikes, Jess must find a way to go on.  
**Author's Residence:** Leesburg, Virginia  
**Publisher:** Clarion

**Fantasy**

**Joshua and the Arrow Realm**  
by Donna Galanti  
**Book Description:** Joshua is called to the Arrow Realm to free enslaved friends, but abandoned in his quest he wonders if cannot only save those imprisoned—but himself.  
**Author's Residence:** Doylestown, Pennsylvania  
**Publisher:** Month9Books/TantrumBooks

**Fantasy/Adventure**

**The Ninja Librarians: Sword in the Stacks**  
by Jen Swann Downey, illustrated by Luke Pearson  
**Book Description:** Censorship, surly philosophers, insufferable anti-suffragists. If Dorrie and the librarians can't stop the Foundation, reading and writing will only be the first things to disappear.  
**Author's Residence:** Charlottesvile, Virginia  
**Publisher:** Sourcebooks

**Historical Fiction**

**Brotherhood**  
by A.B. Westrick  
**Book Description:** In this Reconstruction-era novel, a 14 year-old boy joins the Klan and comes to question the racial prejudices he has been taught.  
**Author's Residence:** Virginia  
**Publisher:** Puffin Books

**From Blue Ground**  
by Joe Harvey  
**Book Description:** Patrick and Sissy are running for their lives. Their only hope lies in unlocking the mystery of a stone that emerged from Blue Ground.  
**Author's Residence:** Bethlehem, Pennsylvania  
**Publisher:** Sunbury Press

**Greenhorn**  
by Anna Olswanger, illustrated by Miriam Nerlove  
**Book Description:** A young Holocaust survivor arrives at a Brooklyn yeshiva in the 1940s with only a small box that he won’t let out of his sight.  
**Author’s Residence:** New Jersey  
**Publisher:** NewSouth Books
**Nonfiction**

*The Future Architect’s Tool Kit*
by Barbara Beck
Book Description: Building on concepts introduced in The Future Architect’s Handbook, readers design their own house using the tool kit provided with the book.
Author’s Residence: Annapolis, Maryland
Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

*Henry David Thoreau for Kids: His Life and Ideas, With 21 Activities*
by Corinne Hosfeld Smith
Book Description: An activity-filled biography based on the life of someone who still inspires us by his thoughtful words about individual rights, social justice, and nature.
Author’s Residence: Columbia, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Chicago Review Press

**Realistic Fiction**

*Bees on the Roof*
by Robbie Shell
Book Description: Four seventh graders, as part of a science competition, set up beehives on a hotel roof to learn about bees, pollination, and the environment.
Author’s Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Tumblehome Learning

*Ivy in the Shadows*
by Chris Woodworth
Book Description: Short on money, Ivy’s mama works and takes in a weird boarder. Ivy must manage their home while hiding their situation from her best friend.
Author’s Residence: South Boston, Virginia
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

*Riding Chance*
by Christine Kendall
Book Description: A coming-of-age story about an urban teen’s redemption through horses and the game of polo.
Author’s Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Scholastic Inc.

*What Flowers Remember*
by Shannon Wiersbitzky
Book Description: When her adopted grandpa develops Alzheimer’s, thirteen year old Delia sets out to save his memories, and includes the entire town in the process.
Author’s Residence: Malvern, Pennsylvania
Publisher: namelos

**Thriller**

*Fakie*
by Tony Varrato
Book Description: Alex becomes a skateboarder in Virginia Beach to stay one ollie ahead of his killers. A YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers
Author’s Residence: Georgetown, Delaware
Publisher: Lobster Press

**Traditional Tales**

*Tales from the Arabian Nights: Stories of Adventure, Magic, Love, and Betrayal*
by Donna Jo Napoli, illustrated by Christina Balit
Book Description: Scheherazade tells tales each night to a husband who will have her killed unless she can make him want one more tale the next night.
Author’s Residence: Swarthmore, Pennsylvania
Publisher: National Geographic Kids

**Biography**

*Elizabeth Blackwell: Doctor and Advocate for Women in Medicine (Heroes of the Women’s Suffrage Movement)*
by Lisa A. Crayton
Book Description: Inspiring biography captures America’s first woman doctor’s perseverance through images, primary sources, and other informational text.
Author’s Residence: Oxon Hill, Maryland
Publisher: Enslow Publishers

**Contemporary Fiction**

*Empty*
by K.M. Walton
Book Description: A girl tumbles into a downward spiral when a romantic encounter turns violent in this heart wrenching novel from the author of Cracked.
Author’s Residence: West Chester, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Simon Pulse

*Providence*
by Lisa Colozza Cocca
Book Description: Sometimes you have to run away from home to find it.
Author’s Residence: Manchester, New Jersey
Publisher: Merit Press

*Try Not to Breathe*
by Jennifer R. Hubbard
Book Description: After his suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Ryan struggles with guilty secrets and an unlikely new friendship.
Author’s Residence: Pennsylvania
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers
Contemporary Romance

The Boyfriend Whisperer
by Linda Budzinski
Book Description: Boyfriend Whisperer Enterprises CEO Lexi Malloy is Grand View High's undercover Cupid. One problem: She's stuck in the friend zone with her own dream crush.
Author's Residence: Sterling, Virginia
Publisher: Swoon Romance

Shining Sea
by Mimi Cross
Book Description: When a boating accident traumatizes her sister, Arion finds solace in songwriting. Until she meets a boy whose hypnotic voice threatens to eclipse her own . . .
Author's Residence: Asbury Park, New Jersey
Publisher: Skyscape

Fantasy

Disenchanted
by Leigh Goff
Book Description: Follow teen witch, Sophie Goodchild, as she uncovers dark secrets, falls for a forbidden, and risks her soul to break her wicked ancestor's true love curse.
Author's Residence: Annapolis, Maryland
Publisher: Mirror World Publishing

Sword and Verse
by Kathy MacMillan
Book Description: “A tense, romantic fantasy epic about prejudice, political struggle, and the power of words.” — R.J. Anderson
Author's Residence: Owings Mills, Maryland
Publisher: HarperCollins

Two Moon Princess
by Carmen Ferreiro-Esteban
Book Description: A Spanish Princess, an American Boy, a King set on revenge. An unrequited love and a disturbing family secret bring war to their medieval world.
Author's Residence: Langhorne, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Tanglewood Press

Historical Fiction

The Caged Graves
by Dianne K. Salerni
Description: An arranged marriage brings Verity to Catawissa, Pennsylvania, where her mother’s grave is caged and family secrets are buried.
Author's Residence: West Grove, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Clarion Books

Nonfiction

Last of the Giants: The Rise and Fall of Earth’s Most Dominant Species
by Jeff Campbell, illustrated by Adam Grano
Book Description: Last of the Giants presents thirteen vanished or vanishing giant species—like moa, aurochs, and tigers—to understand our current extinction crisis and explore how to stop it.
Author's Residence: Morristown, New Jersey
Publisher: Zest Books

Meltdown! The Nuclear Disaster in Japan and Our Energy Future
by Fred Bortz
Book Description: How an earthquake and tsunami led to a triple meltdown at a Japanese nuclear reactor facility, and what that event means for our energy future.
Author's Residence: Monroeville Pennsylvania
Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

Radioactive! How Irène Curie & Lise Meitner Revolutionized Science and Changed the World
by Winifred Conkling
Book Description: The fascinating, little-known story of two brilliant female physicists whose groundbreaking discoveries led to the creation of the atomic bomb.
Author's Residence: Vienna, Virginia
Publisher: Algonquin Young Readers

Realistic Fiction

Great Falls
by Steve Watkins
Book Description: One brother home from war. The other desperate to save him. A river that will change them forever.
Author's Residence: Fredericksburg, Virginia
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Live and Let Psi
by D.R.Rosensteel
Book Description: Rinnie Noelle is called into action again as Nicolaitan makes it clear that he will go on a murder spree until she gives herself up.
Author's Residence: Greensburg, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Entangled Teen

Star in the Middle
by Carol Larese Millward
Book Description: Star In the Middle realistically depicts the impact an unplanned pregnancy can have on young lives. The teen parents share their stories in alternating chapters.
Author's Residence: Elkton, Maryland
Publisher: WestSide Books

Tunnel Vision
by Susan Shaw
Book Description: After witnessing her mother’s murder, 16-year-old Liza Wellington and her father go into the witness protection program. Kirkus starred review.
Author's Residence: Wayne, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Twigs
by Alison Ashley Formento
Book Description: Life aims hard at Twigs when her soldier brother goes missing, boyfriend troubles zing, and she finds the father who left years ago.
Author’s Residence: Saddle River, New Jersey
Publisher: Merit Press
Science Fiction

**Scavenger of Souls**
by Joshua David Bellin

Book Description: In the thrilling conclusion to the Survival Colony series, Querry Genn must fight to discover his past and save the future from the monstrous Skaldi.

Author’s Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Thriller

**Black Flowers, White Lies**
by Yvonne Ventresca

Book Description: Strange events make Ella question what’s real. Is it a haunting or madness? She desperately needs answers—no matter how disturbing the truth might be.

Author’s Residence: Chatham, New Jersey
Publisher: Sky Pony Press
PREK-K
(ages 3-5)

**Picture Book**

**Captain Sneer the Buccaneer**
by Penny Morrison, illustrated by Gabriel Evans
Book Description: ARRR! Captain Sneer and his hardy crew of buccaneers are in for adventure - and a big surprise - in this rollicking rhyming treasure hunt.
Illustrator’s Residence: Perth Western Australia
Publisher: Walker Books Australia

**I’ve Lost My Kisses**
by Trudie Trewin, illustrated by Nick Bland
Book Description: Matilda has lost her kisses and needs to find them before Poppa arrives! But where do you find kisses? And what do they look like?
Author’s Residence: Cairns, Queensland
Publisher: Scholastic Press Australia

**New Year Surprise!**
by Christopher Cheng
Book Description: Little Brother is told that he’s too small to help out at the Spring Festival but Father says he has a special job to do. What can it be?
Author’s Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: National Library of Australia

**The Night Before Christmas**
Author: Clement C. Moore, illustrated by Helene Magisson
Book Description: A favorite and traditional Christmas poem with new illustrations which capture the magic of a night before Christmas and the visit of Santa Claus.
Illustrator’s Residence: Brisbane, Australia
Publisher: New Frontier

**Noisy Nights**
by Fleur McDonald, illustrated by Annie White
Book Description: Maa! Moo! Howl! Toot! A farm is a noisy place to be at bedtime. So how will Farmer Hayden ever get to sleep?
Illustrator’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: New Frontier Publishing

**Pandamania**
by Chris Owen, illustrated by Chris Nixon
Book Description: When visiting the zoo - don’t wake the panda whatever you do. Join in the fantastic fun as one grumpy panda sets off a frenzy of wild partying.
Author’s Residence: Perth, Australia
Publisher: Fremantle Press

**Pattan’s Pumpkin**
by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Frané Lessac
Book Description: Pattan has an amazing pumpkin. When a terrifying storm arrives and tragedy threatens, the pumpkin and Pattan’s ingenuity lead to a rescue plan for the whole village.
Illustrator’s Residence: Fremantle, West Australia, Australia
Publisher: Otter-Barry Books

**Quick as a Wink Fairy Pink**
by Lesley Gibbes, illustrated by Sara Acton
Book Description: Five little flutter fairies going off to bed. Fairy Blue, Fairy Green, Fairy Gold, and Red. But someone is hiding. Which fairy do you think?
Author’s Residence: Sydney, Australia
Publisher: Working Title Press

**Space Alien at Planet Dad**
by Lucinda Gifford
Book Description: An imaginative and entertaining story about sharing a special person. Recommended for pre- and early-schoolers, particularly those in changing family circumstances.
Author’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria
Publisher: Scholastic Australia

**Supermum**
by Leah Russack
Book Description: Superheroes have many special powers. They are super clever, super brave, and super fun. And so are mums! What amazing superpowers does your Supermum have?
Author’s Residence: South Australia, Australia
Publisher: Scholastic

**Ten Little Owls**
by Renee Treml
Book Description: Teach your little one to count to ten in this beautiful book featuring baby Australian animals running, hopping, eating, and playing from dusk to dawn.
Author’s Residence: Reservoir, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Penguin Random House

**There Is Something Weird in Santa’s Beard**
by Chrissie Krebs
Book Description: Santa loves his food but isn’t a fan of cleaning himself after he eats which results in some mutant mayhem and Christmas is in jeopardy.
Author’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Random House Australia

**This is a Circle**
by Chrissie Krebs
Book Description: A name-that-object book that begins to get out of hand when the objects and the characters start interacting with each other.
**GRADES 3-5**
(ages 8-10)

**Adventure**

*Takeshita Demons*
by Cristy Burne, illustrated by Siku
Book Description: Japanese yo-kai mix it up in the battle of good versus evil. Winner of the Frances Lincoln Diverse Verses Award. Book one of a trilogy.
Author’s Residence: Perth, Australia
Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children’s Books

**Historical Fiction**

*Racing the Moon*
by Michelle Morgan
Book Description: Joe’s carefree existence is a thing of the past when he is sent to a Catholic boarding school in Sydney during the Depression.
Author’s Residence: New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Allen & Unwin

**Illustrated Fiction**

*Ella Diaries Book #9: Worst Camp Ever*
by Meredith Costain, illustrated by Danielle McDonald
Book Description: Ella arrives at school camp, ready for a week of fun. But can she survive Peach Parker’s pranks as well as the petrifying giant swing?
Author’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Scholastic Australia

**Mystery**

*PS Who Stole Santa’s Mail?*
by Dimity Powell
Book Description: An action-packed Christmas mystery about disappearing mail, an evil elf, and weird smells, guaranteed to have you laughing all the way to the North Pole.
Author’s Residence: Queensland, Australia
Publisher: Morris Publishing

**Nonfiction**

*The Family with Two Front Doors*
by Anna Ciddor
Book Description: The nine Rabinovitch children dance, laugh, and cook their way through an extraordinary life in 1920s Poland - a true Jewish story that is not a Holocaust story!
Author’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Allen & Unwin
Picture Book

**Australia Illustrated**
by Tania McCartney

Book Description: Big. Beautiful. Diverse. From First People to skyscrapers and beaches that squeak, this 96-page tome is an illustrious homage to a gloriously multicultural Australia.

Author’s Residence: Canberra, Australia
Publisher: EK Books/Exisle Publishing

**Painting in the Dark: Esref Armagan, Blind Artist**
Author: Rachelle Burk, illustrated by Claudia Gadotti

Book Description: Esref Armagan was born completely blind but with the curiosity to create and draw. This blind artist’s story will be an inspiration to young artists.

Illustrator’s Residence: New Zealand
Publisher: Tumblehome Learning

Realistic Fiction

**The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee**
by Deborah Abela

Book Description: A heart-warming story about a girl who’s too afraid to follow her dreams, and the family who help make them happen.

Author’s Residence: Sydney, NSW Australia
Publisher: Penguin Random House Australia

Short Stories

**A Toy Christmas anthology**
Edited, compiled and with an introduction by Sophie Masson

Book Description: A fabulous anthology of original illustrated stories for young readers, featuring the special magic of toys at Christmas.

Editor’s Residence: Invergowrie, NSW, Australia
Publisher: Christmas Press

Historical Fiction

**Dragonfly Song**
by Wendy Orr

Book Description: A riveting, mythic Bronze Age adventure of an outcast girl who travels to the Bull King’s island to become a bull leaper.

Author’s Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Publisher: Allen & Unwin

**Frieda**
by Marianne Musgrove

Book Description: German girl, Frieda, migrates to Australia. WW1 breaks out and her father is interned. Will her friends support her or must she hide her identity?

Author’s Residence: Adelaide, South Australia
Publisher: Scholastic Australia

Mystery

**The Art of Magic**
by Ann Harth

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Andrew is drawn into the mystery behind an aging artist’s obsession with one 19th century cottage in Tasmania.

Author’s Residence: Kuranda, Queensland, Australia
Publisher: Solstice

**The Shark Caller**
by Dianne Wolfer

Book Description: Only a twin from a shark-calling family can appease the ancestors and bring a community back together in this powerful and haunting story.

Author’s Residence: Albany, Western Australia
Publisher: Penguin Random House Australia

Contemporary Fiction

**Becoming Aurora**
by Elizabeth Kasmer

Book Description: Becoming Aurora deals with themes of identity, racism, loss and guilt, family ties, second chances, compassion, understanding, and above all, hope.

Author’s Residence: Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia
Publisher: University of Queensland Press
Fantasy

WAER
by Meg Caddy
Book Description: WAER is a YA fantasy novel about waerwolves, revenge, redemption, and love. WAER was shortlisted for the Text Prize in 2013.
Author’s Residence: Perth, Western Australia
Publisher: Text Publishing
SCBWI Official Winter 2016 Reading List

PREK-K

Activity Book

Where’s the Princess? And Other Fairy Tale Searches
by Chuck Whelon
Book Description: Wave your magic wands and cast a spell to help you locate the princess and more in this enchanting search activity book for all ages!
Author’s Residence: San Francisco, California
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Picture Book

All Year Round
by Susan B. Katz, illustrated by Eiko Ojala
Book Description: Each month is paired with an iconic shape i.e. heart for February/Valentine’s Day. With lyrical text and colorful paper illustrations—a must for learning shapes and months.
Author’s Residence: Belmont, California
Publisher: Scholastic Inc.

Arctic White
by Danna Smith, illustrated by Lee White
Book Description: A young girl looks around her home in the Arctic and sees only white, white, white, until the Northern lights bring color into her world.
Author’s Residence: Woodbridge, California
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

Are We There, Yeti?
by Ashlyn Anstee
Book Description: When Yeti, the school bus driver, takes the class on a surprise trip, everyone wants to know: “Are we there, Yeti?”
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Bears in the Snow
by Shirley Parenteau, illustrated by David Walker
Children’s Picture Book
Book Description: Uh-oh, the four little bears’ sled is too small to hold them all. Luckily, Big Brown Bear has an idea. 7th in a series.
Author’s Residence: Elk Grove, California
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Bitty Bot
by Tim McCanna, illustrated by Tad Carpenter
Book Description: Bitty Bot skips out on bedtime and takes a late night rocket ride to the moon. Sweet and fun to read aloud.
Author’s Residence: San Jose, California
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Buster the Little Garbage Truck
by Marcia Berneger, illustrated by Kevin Zimmer
Book Description: Buster is afraid of loud noises. Can he conquer his fear in time to save his best friend, Kitty?
Author’s Residence: San Diego, California
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Captain Freddy Counts Down to School
by Elizabeth Shreeve, illustrated by Joey Chou
Book Description: Nervous about starting school, Freddy launches an imaginary space adventure that prepares him for his big day back on Earth. Includes facts on the solar system.
Author’s Residence: Mill Valley, California
Publisher: Two Lions

Clowning Around
by Beryl Reichenberg
Book Description: Charlie, a clownfish, loves to do tricks at the aquarium. The other fish become jealous and find a way to keep Charlie from getting attention.
Author’s Residence: San Luis Obispo, California
Publisher: Oak Tree Press

Cockatoo, Too
by Bethanie Murguia
Book Description: Fun with words and birds. This hilarious book features cockatoos, two more cockatoos, and tutued toucans, too!
Author’s Residence: Sausalito, California
Publisher: little bee books

A Day in the Life of Murphy
by Alice Provensen
Book Description: A farm filled with delicious kitchen smells, dumb farm animals and unexplained noises always has something to keep a dog busy - and often in trouble.
Author’s Residence: San Clemente, California
Publisher: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers

Draculiza
by Bianca Bagatourian, illustrated by Seitu Hayden
Book Description: Draculiza, a feisty little vampire, wants to be a princess! So, she finds a way to break into the fairytale world and turn it upside down!
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Cedar Grove Publishing

Every Color
by Erin Eitter Kono
Book Description:A young girl and Bear sail around the globe in search of color in this beautiful allegory for seeing and appreciating the differences around you.
Author’s Residence: Rolling Hills Estates, California
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers
**Felicity the Dragon**  
by Ruthie Briggs-Greenberg  
Book Description: Felicity is not a typical dragon - no smoke from her nose, no spikes on her toes - but she stills wants to help and make friends.  
Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: Taylor Trade

**Good Night, Baddies**  
by Deborah Underwood, Illustrated by Juli Kangas  
Picture Book  
Description: At day’s end, fairy tale baddies—Dragon, Troll, witches, wolves, and more—go home to their castle and have a perfectly lovely evening together.  
Author’s Residence: San Francisco, California  
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

**Harriet Can Carry It**  
by Kirk Jay Mueller, illustrated by Sarah Vonthron-Laver  
Book Description: In this hilarious and heartwarming story, hard-working Harriet decides to relax, go to the beach, and try to spend time with her little Joey.  
Author’s Residence: Valencia, California  
Publisher: Star Bright Books

**How to Find a Fox**  
by Nilah Magruder  
Book Description: Equipped with a camera and determination, a little girl sets out to track down an elusive red fox.  
Author’s Residence: Northridge, California  
Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

**I Am the Mountain Mouse**  
by Gianna Marino  
Book Description: *I Am the Mountain Mouse* points out how ridiculous a big ego can be . . . in a quite deliciously over-the-top way!  
Author’s Residence: Sonoma, California  
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

**I Don’t Want to be Big**  
by Dev Petty, illustrated by Mike Boldt  
Book Description: Frog’s happy being a frog, but this time he isn’t sure he likes this growing thing. Can his funny friends help him see the bright side of change?  
Author’s Residence: Albany, California  
Publisher: Doubleday Books for Young Readers

**I Heart You**  
by Meg Fleming, illustrated by Sarah Jane Wright  
Book Description: A lyrical snapshot of the exuberance, affection and tender push-pull of life with a child. Evocative illustrations and tender rhyme equals heart at every turn.  
Author’s Residence: Pleasanton, California  
Publisher: Beach Lane Books  
Publication Date: December 6, 2016

**I Love You All Day Long**  
by Francesca Fusakas, illustrated by Priscilla Burris  
Book Description: Owen’s anxious question prompts this heartwarming, comforting tale of how a parent’s love stays with a child whether they are together or apart – all day long.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: HarperCollins

**If You Give a Mouse a Brownie**  
by Laura Numeroff, illustrated by Felicia Bond  
Book Description: Mouse and his friend are back! This time, Mouse is excited about a brownie! Watch Mouse run his friend ragged, catering to Mouse’s every whim!  
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Harper Collins

**Juna’s Jar**  
by Jane Bahk, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino  
Book Description: When her best friend moves away, Juna learns to say goodbye in this fantastical tale about the power of imagination and friendship.  
Author’s Residence: Alameda, California  
Publisher: Lee & Low

**The Little Christmas Elf**  
by Nikki Shannon Smith, illustrated by Susan Mitchell  
Book Description: Nina, the littlest elf in Santa’s workshop, doesn’t finish her bear in time, but her perseverance pays off in the end.  
Author’s Residence: Davis, California  
Publisher: Little Golden Books

**Little Cloud Wants Snow!**  
by Gwen Lee  
Description: Little Cloud wants a snowman but he lives in the tropics. In his search for snow, he learns about the water cycle and snow formation.  
Author’s Residence: California  
Publisher: Marshall Cavendish

**The Moon Inside**  
by Sandra V. Feder, illustrated by Aimée Sicuro  
Book Description: This bedtime story will inspire children, who might be afraid of the dark, to welcome the peaceful nature of nighttime into their homes and hearts.  
Author’s Residence: Burlingame, California  
Publisher: Groundwood Books

**Mousequerade Ball**  
by Lori Mortensen, illustrated by Betsy Lewin  
Book Description: Counting up to ten and back again, dancing all the while, this delightful story invites readers to the event of the season—the Mousequerade Ball.  
Author’s Residence: Cameron Park, California  
Publisher: Bloomsbury

**My Little Sister and Me**  
by Maple Lam  
Book Description: A journey home from school between a brother and a sister that highlights the intangible love between siblings.  
Author’s Residence: San Gabriel, California  
Publisher: HarperCollins
PoPo’s Lucky Chinese New Year
by Virginia Loh-Hagan, illustrated by Renne Benoit
Book Description: A Chinese-American girl learns about the do’s and don’ts of how to have a lucky Chinese New Year when her grandmother, PoPo, comes to visit.
Author’s Residence: San Diego, California
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Porcupine’s Seeds
by Viji K Chary, illustrated by Bridget McKenna
Book Description: Porcupine longs to grow beautiful sunflowers in his garden, just like Raccoon. Raccoon gives Porcupine seeds, but growing sunflowers is not easy for Porcupine.
Author’s Residence: Fremont, California
Publisher: 4RV Publishing

Planet Kindergarten: 100 Days in Orbit
by Sue Ganz-Schmitt, illustrated by Shane Prigmore
Book Description: Kids will be over the moon celebrating 100th Day with this clever, dynamically illustrated book, and eager to continue exploring and conquering Planet Kindergarten.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Chronicle Books

Santa’s Christmas Train
by Helen Foster James, illustrated by Bill Bolton
Book Description: All Aboard! Santa’s Christmas train is coming to town. Lucky young travelers embark on a festive train ride to Santa’s Village.
Author’s Residence: San Diego, California
Publisher: Ideals Books

Smelling Sunshine
by Constance Anderson
Book Description: Smelling Sunshine captures special moments between children and parents doing a simple chore of hanging laundry, while creating a path through various cultures.
Author’s Residence: Danville, California
Publisher: Star Bright Books

Sofia’s Dream
by Land Wilson, illustrated by Sue Cornelison
Book Description: Sofia befriends the moon and see Earth from Moon’s point of view. She sees that Earth needs better care and pledges to spread the word.
Author’s Residence: San Rafael, California
Publisher: Little Pickle 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.
Illustrator’s Residence: Redondo Beach, California
Publisher: Two Lions

What if Your Best Friends Were Blue?
by Vera Kochan, illustrated by Viviana Garofoli
Book Description: A child imagines a world where people in his community have different skin colors. This book teaches colors while showing what’s on the inside matters.
Historical Fiction

*Little Monk and the Mantis: A Bug, A Boy, and the Birth of a Kung Fu Legend*
by John Fusco, illustrated by Patrick Lugo
Book Description: Discouraged, Shaolin Temple’s youngest orphan runs away. Befriending a Praying Mantis, he returns to a joyous welcome having invented a new style of Kung Fu.
Illustrator’s Residence: Alameda, California
Publisher: Tuttle Publishing

Nonfiction

*What’s Your Story, Harriet Tubman?*
by Jen Barton, illustrated by Doug Jones
Book Description: What did Harriet Tubman do to make her an important American? Cub Reporter interviews her to find out!
Author’s Residence: Rocklin, California
Publisher: Lerner Classroom

Picture Book

*ABCs of Health and Safety*
by Melissa Abramovitz, illustrated by Alexander Morris
Book Description: From active aerobics to heart-healthy habits to zoo-zone zeal, this delightfully rhyming ABC book introduces kids to health and safety basics in a fun way.
Author’s Residence: Roseville, California
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

*Antsy Ansel: Ansel Adams, A Life in Nature*
by Cindy Jenson-Elliott, illustrated by Christy Hale
Book Description: The childhood story of the renowned nature photographer Ansel Adams, who just couldn’t sit still.
Illustrator’s Residence: Palo Alto, California
Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

*Armando and the Blue Tarp School*
by Edith Hope Fine and Judith Pinkerton Josephson, illustrated by Hernan Sosa
Book Description: Armando and other garbage dump children toil as trash pickers. Then a teacher arrives, spreads a blue tarp, and offers them hope and an education.
Author’s Residence (Fine): Encinitas, California
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

*Chicken Soup, Chicken Soup*
by Pamela Mayer, illustrated by Deborah Melmon
Book Description: Bubbe makes chicken soup with kreplach, and Nai Nai makes chicken soup with wonton. How will Sophie learn to tell them apart?
Author’s Residence: Foster City, California
Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

*Clark the Shark Loves Christmas*
by Bruce Hale, illustrated by Guy Francis
Book Description: When Clark’s class organizes a Secret Santa exchange, Clark tries to find out who’ll be giving him a present... and forgets to buy one himself!
Author’s Residence: Santa Barbara, California
Publisher: HarperCollins

*Daniel Brown at the Battle of Lexington*
by Ellen W. Leroe, illustrated by Sally Hinkley
Book Description: Young Patriot Daniel Brown unexpectedly meets Paul Revere, and is present when the first shot is fired on Lexington Common. (Retold true story.)
Author’s Residence: San Francisco, California
Publisher: Twin Lights Publishers

*An Easter Alphabet*
by Nora Tarlow
Book Description: A rhyming alphabet book told in evocative, lyrical text, illustrated with 19th century paintings depicting children embracing the joys of Easter and the springtime season.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

*Fuddles and Puddles*
by Frans Vischer
Book Description: A rambunctious canine, (who earns his name making a mess on the kitchen floor) Puddles disrupts the charmed life of the fat, pampered cat, Fuddles.
Author’s Residence: Glendale, California
Publisher: Aladdin

*Full of Empty*
by Tim J. Myers and Dr. M. Priscilla Myers, illustrated by Rebecca Sorge
Book Description: The story of a sad princess whose parents’ attempts to cheer her up fail—till they learn about family togetherness and the power of play.
Authors’ Residence: Santa Clara, California
Publisher: Familius Books

*The Invisible String*
by Patrice Karst, illustrated by Geoff Stevenson
Book Description: This bestselling children’s classic about The Invisible String made of love, reassures children everywhere of the transcendent power of love, to bind, connect, and comfort us.
Author’s Residence: Ventura, California
Publisher: DeVorss and Company

*Lailah’s Lunchbox*
by Reem Faruqi, illustrated by Lea Lyon
Book Description: A Muslim girl, finally old enough to fast for Ramadan, worries about her classmates understanding. She finds how to feel comfortable and share her holiday.
Illustrator’s Residence: Richmond, California
Publisher: Tilbury House

*The Lunch Thief*
by Anne C. Bromley, illustrated by Robert Casilla
Book Description: When the new kid steals his lunch, Rafael wonders what to do. When more lunches are stolen, Rafael finally acts, but only after discovering the real problem.
Author’s Residence: Encinitas, California
Publisher: Tilbury House

*My Brother Needs a Boa*
by Anne Weston illustrated by Cheryl Nathan
Book Description: A rat moves into Benito’s rainforest store and scares his customers. Can he find the right boa constrictor to chase away the rat?
SCBWI Official Winter 2016 Reading List

My Two Homes
by Claudia Harrington, illustrated by Zoe Persico
Book Description: Class Reporter Lenny showcases Skye, who splits her time between her parents. Lenny is impressed with Skye’s two bedrooms, loving family, and wicked curve ball.
Author’s Residence: Pacific Palisades, California
Publisher: Magic Wagon/ABDO

No Yeti Yet
by Mary Ann Fraser
Book Description: Two brothers go in search of a yeti to take its picture, unaware that it is following them.
Author’s Residence: Simi Valley, California
Publisher: Peter Pauper Press

Ouch! moments: When Words Are Used in Hurtful Ways
by Michael Genhart, illustrated by Viviana Garofoli
Book Description: Increases awareness of “ouch!” moments – hurtful insults like “gay” or “lame” which can communicate that being a part of the LGBT community or having a disability is bad.
Author’s Residence: San Francisco, California
Publisher: Magna Press

Schnitzel: A Cautionary Tale for Lazy Louts
by Stephanie Shaw, illustrated by Kevin Barry
Book Description: In this humorous retelling of The Sorcerer’s Apprentice, Schnitzel finds out why it’s never a good idea to invite a fang-toothed stranger in after dark.
Author’s Residence: Petaluma, California
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Sheppard’s Last Lamb
by Annalisa Hall, illustrated by Alex Worthen
Book Description: Shppard learns the blessings of the Good Shepherd by being kind, wise, and helpful to his family, friends, and neighbors during the Christmas Pageant.
Author’s Residence: Poway, California
Publisher: Cedar Fort

The Sound of Silence
by Katrina Goldsaito, illustrated by Julia Kuo
Book Description: Little Yoshio searches the hustle and bustle of Tokyo, Japan for the most beautiful sound of all: The Sound of Silence.
Author’s Residence: San Francisco, California
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Spaghetti Smiles
by Margo Sorenson, illustrated by David Harrington
Book Description: Jake wants to find the perfect neighbor for his Uncle Rocco’s Italian restaurant, but it’s not going to be easy!
Author’s Residence: La Quinta, California
Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

The Sundown Kid: A Southwestern Shabbat
by Barbara Bietz, illustrated by John Kanzler
Book Description: A boy and his parents are the only Jewish family in their “Wild West” town. To help Mama’s loneliness, the boy invites neighbors for Shabbat dinner.
Author’s Residence: Oak Park, California
Publisher: August House

Too Many Moose!
by Lisa M. Bakos, illustrated by Mark A. Chambers
Book Description: Mayhem ensues as Martha discovers that less is more in this madcap moose adventure. Includes online Educator Guide/Activity Kit.
Author’s Residence: Diablo, California
Publisher: Sourcebooks

Two Hands to Love You
by Diane Adams, illustrated by Paige Kaiser
Book Description: A young child explores the world with family within reach. Each plays a part in the journey of the child.
Author’s Residence: Redlands, California
Publisher: Chronicle Books

Wake Up, City!
by Erica Silverman, illustrated by Laure Fournier
Book Description: A girl and her father set off for school at dawn, observing the sights and sounds as “the gum drop sun rises” and the city wakes up.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: little bee books

What Does It Mean to be an Entrepreneur?
by Emma D. Dryden and Rana DiOrio, illustrated by Ken Min
Book Description: When Rae witnesses an ice-cream-and-doggie mishap, she’s inspired to create a completely new solution to help get dogs clean, becoming an entrepreneur.
Author’s Residence (DiOrio): San Francisco, California
Publisher: Little Pickle Press

Picture Books/Fractured Fairy Tales

Little Red Cuttlefish
by Henry Herz, illustrated by Kate Gotfredson
Book Description: Little Red jets to grandmother’s. Everything goes swimmingly—until a tiger shark attacks! Red uses her cuttlefish camouflage, agility, and ink cloud to outwit the shark.
Author’s Residence: San Diego, California
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

GRADES 3-5

Adventure

Kat McGee and the Thanksgiving Turkey Train
by Kristin Riddick, illustrated by Nick Guarracino
Book Description: It’s Thanksgiving season in Totsville! Hop the Turkey Train with Kat McGee and rocket along the tracks into a series of adventures unlike any other.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: In This Together Media

The Lost Celt
by A. E. Conran
Book Description: Convinced they’ve seen a time-travelling Celtic warrior, video game fans Mikey and Kyler are determined to track him down for their Veterans Day project.
Author’s Residence: Corte Madera, California
Publisher: Gosling Press/Goosebottom Books
Contemporary Fiction

The Charming Life of Izzy Malone
by Jenny Lundquist
Book Description: When a mouthy middle school outcast joins a special charm bracelet club and races a giant pumpkin, she discovers the true meaning of friendship.
Author’s Residence: Carmichael, California
Publisher: Aladdin M!X
Publication Date: November 29, 2016

Contemporary Magic

Twist My Charm: The Popularity Spell
by Toni Gallagher
Book Description: When Cleo and her (only) friend Sam try to improve their lives using a “happy, positive” voodoo doll, there are unexpected results.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Fantasy

The Midnight War of Mateo Martinez
by Robin Yardi, illustrated by Teagan White
Book Description: Mateo strives to be a brave, honorable knight. When two skunks steal his old trike he mounts a stinky midnight quest to defend his neighborhood!
Author’s Residence: Santa Barbara, California
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Folktale

The Girl Who Saved Yesterday
by Julius Lester, illustrated by Carl Angel
Book Description: A girl named Silence returns to the village that cast her out, her purpose: join the dead with the living in an act of remembrance.
Illustrator’s Residence: Burbank, California
Publisher: Creston Books

Graphic Novel

Dinosaurs #1: In the Beginning
by Arnaud Plumeri, illustrated by Bloz, translated by Nanette McGuinness
Book Description: Dinosaurs show us what their lives were like in short, funny, teeth-gnashing bursts of prehistoric mayhem.
Translator’s Residence: Berkeley, California
Publisher: Papercutz

Historical Fiction

Full Cicada Moon
by Marilyn Hilton
Book Description: Mimi, a girl of mixed heritage, adjusts to her new life in Vermont while she campaigns for gender equality and dreams of becoming an astronaut.
Author’s Residence: San Jose, California
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Humorous Fiction

LUG: Blast from the North
by David Zeltser, illustrated by Jan Gerardi
Book Description: Cavemen fighting climate change! The sequel to the funny satire praised by SLJ, Kirkus, and Al Gore. “LUG makes the Ice Age sizzle.”—Gordon Korman
Author’s Residence: Santa Cruz, California
Publisher: Carolrhoda

Lara’s Gift
by Annemarie O’Brien
Book Description: Set in Imperial Russia, a powerful story of one girl’s love for her dog and desire to fulfill her prophetic destiny.
Author’s Residence: Piedmont, California
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

The Nine Lives of Jacob Tibbs
by Cylin Busby, illustrated by Gerald Kelley
Genre: MG historical fiction
Book Description: The swashbuckling story of a little cat’s high seas adventures as a captain’s cat in the mid 1800s.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Under the Ashes
by Cindy Rankin, illustrated by Kyle Letendre
Book Description: An eleven-year-old spitfire is sent to San Francisco to be refined by her maiden aunt two days before the Great Quake of 1906.
Author’s Residence: Paso Robles, California
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Humorous Fiction

LUG: Blast from the North
by David Zeltser, illustrated by Jan Gerardi
Book Description: Cavemen fighting climate change! The sequel to the funny satire praised by SLJ, Kirkus, and Al Gore. “LUG makes the Ice Age sizzle.”—Gordon Korman
Author’s Residence: Santa Cruz, California
Publisher: Carolrhoda

Shivers! The Pirate Who’s Afraid of Everything
by Annabeth Bondor-Stone and Connor White, illustrated by Anthony Holden
Description: In this action-packed, laugh-out-loud adventure series, Shivers—the scaredy-est pirate in the Seven Seas—must save his parents from the clutches of evil!
Authors’ Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: HarperCollins

Véro and Philippe
by Caroline Hatton, illustrated by Preston McDaniels
Book Description: Follow the hilarious antics of a Vietnamese-French brother and sister growing up in Paris, as their sibling rivalry turns to teamwork.
Author’s Residence: Culver City, California
Publisher: Cricket Books

Mystery

The Bad Kid
by Sarah Lariviere, illustrated by Ziyue Chen
Book Description: Claudine Feng LeBernardin learns what it really means to be bad in this colorful mystery reminiscent of Harriet the Spy.
Author’s Residence: San Francisco, California
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
**Lou Lou and Pea and the Mural Mystery**  
by Jill Diamond, illustrated by Lesley Vamos  
Book Description: When crimes crop up around Lou Lou and Pea's neighborhood right before Día de los Muertos, the best friends join forces to solve the mystery.  
Author's Residence: San Francisco, California  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

**The Mystery Beneath Midville Museum**  
by Anne Loader McGee  
Book Description: An eerie force in the museum's Egyptian exhibit wants Mallory Gilmartin to free a trapped spirit before the ancient artifacts are returned to Egypt.  
Author's Residence: Northridge, California  
Publisher: Vendera Publishing

**Snowize & Snitch: Highly Effective Defective Detectives**  
by Karen Briner, illustrated by Victor Rivas  
Book Description: A once-intrepid spy, a dignified rat, and a girl with a perplexing past team up to unravel a plot threatening the minds of scientists.  
Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Holiday House

**The Tiara on the Terrace**  
by Kristen Kittscher  
Book Description: Get ready for hijinks and hilarity as seventh grade best friends and spies Young & Yang go undercover in their town parade to investigate a deadly crime.  
Author's Residence: Pasadena, California  
Publisher: HarperCollins

**Orphan Trains Taking the Rails to a New Life**  
by Rebecca Langston-George  
Book Description: Tells the compelling stories of seven orphans who rode the rails to new lives and families in the Midwest.  
Author's Residence: Bakersfield, California  
Publisher: Capstone Press

**Statistics About U.S. Special Ops Past and Present**  
by Kirsten W. Larson  
Book Description: Readers will be fascinated by stats about the U.S. special ops including everything from intense training to elite weapons.  
Author's Residence: Lancaster, California  
Publisher: Capstone

**A Year of Slumber Parties**  
by Aubre Andrus, illustrated by Eva Byrne  
Book Description: This book features a theme party for every month of the year, including ideas for decorations, games, and crafts, plus delicious recipes and more!  
Author's Residence: Santa Monica, California  
Publisher: American Girl

**Living Fossils: Clues to the Past**  
by Caroline Arnold, illustrated by Andrew Plant  
Book Description: Dragonflies are living fossils. They are almost exactly the same as their ancient relatives. See six amazing living fossils in the past and present world.  
Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**Sing Me a Story: The Metropolitan Opera’s Book of Opera Stories for Children**  
by Jane Rosenberg  
Book Description: From the spectacular Aida to the enchanted The Magic Flute, fifteen thrilling operas, retold and delightfully illustrated, present the gaiety, drama, and wonder of opera.  
Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Thames & Hudson

**Noah Webster & His Words**  
by Jeri Chase Ferris, illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch  
Author's Residence: Lincoln, California  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Benjamin Brown and the Great Steamboat Race**  
by Shirley Jordan, illustrated by Kathleen Kemly  
Book Description: As two steamboats race up the Mississippi, one captain cheats repeatedly. Twelve-year-old Benjamin, on the losing boat, learns that integrity is more important than winning.  
Author's Residence: Fullerton, California  
Publisher: Millbrook Press

**The Kite That Bridged Two Nations: Homan Walsh and the First Niagara Suspension Bridge**  
by Author: Alexis O'Neill, illustrated by Terry Widener  
Description: This true story shows how an ordinary boy and his kite beat tremendous odds to help build the first suspension bridge over the Niagara River in 1848.  
Author's Residence: Simi Valley, California  
Publisher: Calkins Creek

**The Poem That Will Not End: Fun with Poetic Forms and Voices**  
by Joan Bransfield Graham  
Book Description: Ryan O’Brian can’t stop writing poetry. In the cafeteria with French fries. In the bathroom with toothpaste. On the soccer field with mud. What next?  
Author's Residence: Agoura Hills, California  
Publisher: Two Lions
Realistic Fiction

The Infinity Year of Avalon James
by Dana Middleton
Book Description: During their Infinity Year, Avalon and Atticus are counting on special magic to see them through a year of bullies, secrets, friendship and spelling bees.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones
by Wendelin Van Draanen
Book Description: A poignant, funny story about a boy who learns to face his secrets, empathize with Alzheimer’s patients, and become the brave hero of his own life.
Author’s Residence: Pismo Beach, California
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

A Summer’s Trade (in English and Navajo)
by Deborah W. Trotter, illustrated by Irving Todd
Book Description: A Navajo Indian boy must choose between dreams and family when the unexpected happens during his summer working at a trading post in Gallup, NM.
Author’s Residence: Moraga, California
Publisher: Salina Bookshelf

The Three Lucys
by Hayan Charara, illustrated by Sara Kahn
Book Description: A young Lebanese boy must learn to cope with loss and hope for a peaceful future after losing one of his cats when his village comes under attack.
Illustrator’s Residence: San Francisco, California
Publisher: Lee & Low

Zoe in Wonderland
by Brenda Woods
Book Description: Introverted, daydream-prone Zoe is afraid her real life will never be as exciting as her imaginary one.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

Contemporary Fiction

Far From Fair
by Elana K. Arnold
Book Description: Odette has a lot to be angry about. Moving into an old RV, leaving everything behind... life is unfair. But maybe that’s not the worst of it.
Author’s Residence: Huntington Beach, California
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Overboard
by Elizabeth Fama
Book Description: Based on the true story of an Indonesian ferry disaster, Overboard is both a riveting tale of survival and a sensitive portrayal of cross-cultural understanding.
Author’s Residence: Palo Alto, California
Publisher: Cricket Books

Strays
by Jennifer Caloyeras
Book Description: Iris Moody has trouble controlling her temper. After lashing out at a teacher, she is sentenced to a summer rehabilitating aggressive dogs.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Ashland Creek Press

Fantasy

The Left-Handed Fate
by Kate Milford, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler
Book Description: Return to Nagspeake for a new nautical fantasy adventure from the bestselling author of National Book Award nominee Greenglass House.
Illustrator’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Henry Holt

Vault of Shadows
by Jonathan Maberry
Book Description: Book 2 of the Nightsiders series. Milo Silk and his Orphan Army of human and supernatural kids continue their fight against the alien insect invaders.
Author’s Residence: Del Mar, California
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Historical Fiction

Outrun the Moon
by Stacey Lee
Book Description: A Chinese girl impersonates an heiress to gain admittance into an all white girls’ school, but her plans are shaken up when the 1906 San Francisco earthquake hits.
Author’s Residence: Santa Clara, California
Publisher: G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

Running Out of Night
by Sharon Lovejoy
Book Description: A CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Book of the Year. An IRA Best Chapter Book of the Year. An African American History Month Pick.
Author’s Residence: San Luis Obispo, California
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

GRADERS 6-8

Action Adventure

Koolura and the Mayans
by Michael Thal
Book Description: Koolura and Leila are hurtled back in time to the early Mayans, who have been enslaved by aliens. Can the girls save Earth’s future?
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Solstice

Ryan Quinn and the Rebel’s Escape
by Ron McGee, illustrated by Chris Samnee
Book Description: Shocked to discover his parents lead a double life as secret agents, Ryan Quinn travels around the globe on a mission of international intrigue.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: HarperCollins
Twins
by Marcia Lynch
Book Description: A Virginia slave escapes from the plantation with one twin son. By using the Underground Railroad, he settles in Harrisburg, PA and becomes a carpenter.
Author’s Residence: Huntington Beach, California
Publisher: Perfection Learning

The Voice of Thunder
by Mirka M. G. Breen
Book Description: Jerusalem, June 1967. Mira and her friend Gili share an awful secret. They have discovered a new radio station that is calling for their destruction.
Author’s Residence: Oakland California
Publisher: WiDo Publishing

Historical Verse

Lion Island, Cuba’s Warrior of Words
by Margarita Engle
Book Description: Inspired by the life of Antonio Chuffat, a Chinese-African-Cuban messenger boy who documented the non-violent freedom struggle of indentured laborers on the island.
Author’s Residence: Clovis, California
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Nonfiction

Crow Smarts: Inside the Brain of the World’s Brightest Bird
by Pamela S. Turner, photographs by Andy Comins, with art by Guido de Filippo
Book Description: “Required reading for anyone who believes that we are the only, or even the most, sapient species on the planet.” —School Library Journal starred review.
Author’s Residence: Oakland, California
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Ebola: Fears and Facts
by Patricia Newman
Book Description: “Incredibly up-to-date, sobering, and sensibly written, this multidisciplinary approach to a timely, important topic . . . ” -starred, Booklist
Author’s Residence: Sacramento, California
Publisher: Millbrook Press

Realistic Fiction

101 Ways to Bug Your Friends and Enemies
by Lee Wardlaw
Book Description: This third novel in Wardlaw’s award-winning 101 Ways series features an hilarious cast, zingy banter, and a quirky Cyrano de Bergerac plot twist!
Author’s Residence: Santa Barbara, California
Publisher: Puffin Books

Me and Miranda Mullally
by Jake Gerhardt
Book Description: The fates of three 8th grade boys converge one day in biology class, as each falls desperately in love with the same girl.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Science Fiction

Billy Bobble and the Witch Hunt
by R.S. Mellette
Book Description: In Billy Bobble And The Witch Hunt, evil is unleashed upon the human race, and only Billy, Suzy, and their magic wand can stop it.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Elephant’s Bookshelf Press

Tankborn Triloby
by Karen Sandler
Book Description: Two enslaved genetically engineered girls discover deep secrets about their creation and with the help of two high-status boys, fight for their freedom and equality.
Author’s Residence: Cameron Park, California
Publisher: Tu Books/Lee & Low

Contemporary Fiction

My Kind of Crazy
by Robin Reul
Book Description: After his promposal literally goes up in flames, Hank discovers there’s a witness, Peyton, a budding pyromaniac who blackmauls him into friendship.
Author’s Residence: Thousand Oaks, California
Publisher: Sourcebooks Fire

Sometimes We Tell the Truth
by Kim Zarins, illustrated by Adam J. Turnbull
Book Description: In this contemporary adaptation of Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales, teens tell stories—some fantastical, some realistic, some downright scandalous—on the bus ride to Washington DC.
Author’s Residence: Davis, California
Publisher: Simon Pulse

Contemporary Romance

South of Sunshine
by Dana Elmendorf
Book Description: In a town like Sunshine, Tennessee, Kaycee knows better than to fall for a girl.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Crime Fiction

Punishment Summer
by Peggy Rothschild
Book Description: From hidden pot farms to human trafficking, 16-year-old Nicki learns how dangerous uncovering secrets can be during her summer in Punishment, California.
Author’s Residence: Ventura, California
Publisher: Evernight Publishing
Dark Romantic Thriller

*Malled; A Tale of Revenge*
by Lee Tidball
Book Description: A genius sabotages a supermall in a murderous plot of revenge, but rethinks everything when he falls in love with a girl from his past.
Author’s Residence: Modesto, California
Publisher: Short On Time Books

Fantasy

*Black Moon*
by Romina Russell
Book Description: Book 3 in the ZODIAC series, an epic sci-fi-meets-high-fantasy space saga set in a galaxy inspired by the astrological signs.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Razorbill
Publication Date: December 6, 2016

*A Creature of Moonlight*
by Rebecca Hahn
Book Description: In this fantasy for the wild at heart, the daughter of a princess and a dragon must choose between her royal and her magical heritages.
Author’s Residence: California
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Futuristic Thriller

*Enders (Book 2 of the Starters Duology)*
by Lissa Price
Book Description: The thrilling conclusion to Starters has Callie and Michael fighting for their lives and discovering the true identity of the Old Man.
Author’s Residence: Pasadena, California
Publisher: Ember/Random House Books for Young Readers

Historical Fiction

*The Flight of the Cliff Bird*
by Leslie J. Wyatt
Book Description: Ancient cliff dwellers. A thirsty land. Secretive strangers. Will Cliff Bird be able to stop what is about to happen to the place she calls home?
Author’s Residence: Redding, California
Publisher: Royal Fireworks Press

Horror

*Wax*
by Gina Damico
Book Description: Deep inside a creepy candle factory, a teen girl discovers a wax boy who has sprung to life—and he may not be the only one in town.
Author’s Residence: San Gabriel, California
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Mystery

*Holding Court*
by K.C. Held
Book Description: A girl with a blurtling problem takes a job at a castle-turned-dinner theater where she stumbles over a dead body that promptly disappears.
Author’s Residence: Davis, California
Publisher: Entangled Publishing

Futuristic Mystery

*Memory Girl*
by Linda Joy Singleton
Book Description: In ShareHaven no one grows old & teens are inserted with memories of the dead. Jennza worries: With someone else’s memories, will I still be me?
Author’s Residence: Burson, California
Publisher: Cbay Books
The Truth Against the World
by Sarah Jamila Stevenson
Book Description: A transatlantic paranormal mystery that spans generations: girl who dreams about her family's past meets boy who sees ghosts.
Author's Residence: Modesto, California
Publisher: Flux

Nonfiction

Missiles: Self-Guided Explosives
by Earle Rice Jr.
Book Description: Firsthand accounts from soldiers describing the innovation, development, and use of missiles, and an inside look at the military training involved.
Author's Residence: Julian, California
Publisher: Enslow Publishing

She Takes a Stand
by Michael Elsohn Ross
Book Description: Profiles of diverse, courageous women activists from around the globe, both past and present, fighting for human rights, and world peace.
Author's Residence: El Portal, California
Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Paranormal

Book of Angels, volume II Night Angels Chronicles
by K. H. Mezek
Book Description: Beneath Los Angeles lies an ancient city and a terrible secret. Join Sera on her quest to find the Secrets to the Origins of Life.
Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Evernight Teen

Dragonfly Dreams
by Jennifer J. Chow
Book Description: After 17-year-old Topaz dies during childbirth in historical Fresno, she must overcome family conflict and battle evil spirits to raise her daughter.
Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
Originally Published by: Booktrope

Realistic Fiction

Color Blind
by Sheila Sobel
Book Description: Set in New Orleans, Color Blind, is about race, religion and self-awareness, with a little Voodoo added for a bit of spooky/scary.
Author's Residence: Beverly Hills, California
Publisher: Merit Press

Learning Not to Drown
by Anna Shinoda
Book Description: Family secrets cut to the bone in this mesmerizing novel about a teen whose drug-addicted, incarcerated brother is the prodigal son one time too many.
Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

The Leaving Season
by Cat Jordan
Book Description: After her boyfriend Nate goes missing in Central America, grief-stricken Middie picks up the pieces of her life with the help of Nate's best friend.
Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: HarperTeen

Not If I See You First
by Eric Lindstrom
Book Description: Blind sixteen-year-old Parker Grant navigates friendships, romantic relationships, and trying out for the track team, while coping with her father's recent death.
Author's Residence: San Francisco, California
Publisher: Poppy

The Opposite of Love
by Sarah Lynn Scheerger
Book Description: Chase’s ex-girlfriend sends a cryptic email. Chase must figure out where Rose went and what exactly she’s planning to do . . . before it’s too late.
Author's Residence: Camarillo, California
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Skin and Bones
by Sherry Shahan
Book Description: Quirky love story set in a hospital Eating Disorders Unit. "Bones" is a teen guy with anorexia. When he falls for Alice, she becomes his next deadly addiction.
Author's Residence: Morro Bay, California
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Talent
by B. Lynn Goodwin
Book Description: Sandee Mason wants to find her talent, get her license, and stop living in the shadow of her brother, who disappeared while serving in Afghanistan.
Author's Residence: Danville, California
Publisher: Eternal Press

Romantic Thriller

Girl on the Brink
by Christina Hoag
Book Description: The summer before senior year, Chloe meets aspiring actor Kieran. They spark a passionate romance, but Kieran soon reveals a terrifying side to his nature.
Your City and State of Residence: Santa Monica, California
Publisher: Melange Books

Sci-Fi Thriller

Tattoo Atlas
by Tim Floreen
Book Description: A sociopathic teen murderer receives an experimental brain surgery intended to give him a conscience. But is he really cured?
Author's Residence: San Francisco, California
Publisher: Simon Pulse
**SOCIETY OF CHILDREN’S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS OFFICIAL READING LIST — SUMMER 2016**

**CANADA**

**GRADES PREK-K**

**Nonfiction Picture Book**

**What Noise Do I Make?**

by Brian McLachlan  
Book Description: Cats “meow” and dogs “woof”, but what about animals beyond Old McDonald’s Farm? Find out in this funny and well-researched book that encourages kids’ participation.  
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario  
Publisher: OWLkids books

**Picture Book**

**Bringing the Outside In**

by Mary McKenna Siddals, illustrated by Patrice Barton  
Book Description: Four kids and their dog frolic through the seasons, savoring the joys of outdoor play, the treasures collected along the way, and memories for keeps!  
Author’s Residence: Prince George, British Columbia, Canada  
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

**Gabby: Wonder Girl**

by Joyce Grant, illustrated by Jan Dolby  
Book Description: Gabby is asking questions and she wants answers! Who is in the mysterious photo? Where is Mrs. Oldham? Gabby and Roy discover just how wonderful question words can be!  
Illustrator’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario  
Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside

**Giraffe Meets Bird**

by Rebecca Bender  
Book Description: It’s easy to make Giraffe cross. It’s a cinch to make Bird angry. A comic adventure for preschoolers reveals the history of this squabbling pair.  
Author’s Residence: Burlington, Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Pajama Press

**I Love You Too, I Love You Three**

by Wendy Tugwood, illustrated by Sheila McGraw  
Book Description: Through charming counting rhymes and gentle illustrations, this heartwarming book perfectly captures how the love between a mother and child transcends their separation.  
Author’s Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Publisher: Firefly Books

**Leah’s Mustache Party**

by Nadia Mike, illustrated by Charlene Chua  
Book Description: Leah loves her Halloween pirate costume, especially the teal mustache accompanying it. When her birthday draws near, Leah decides to hold a Mustache themed party.  
Illustrator’s Residence: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Inhabit Media

**Maggie McGillicuddy’s Eye for Trouble**

by Susan Hughes, illustrated by Brooke Kerrigan  
Book Description: Readers will have no trouble spotting the clever make-believe in this story about an unlikely intergenerational friendship between two neighbors rooted in playful imagination.  
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Kids Can Press

**A Picnic at the Lighthouse**

by Rebecca North, illustrated by Nancy Keating  
Book Description: A heartwarming story about a young boy and his father who have a picnic near a lighthouse and spend a fun-filled day together.  
Author’s Residence: Newfoundland, Canada  
Publisher: Tuckamore Books

**The Pocket Mommy**

by Rachel Eugster, illustrated by Tom Goldsmith  
Book Description: Samuel wishes his mommy would fit into his pocket, to keep him company at school. When it comes true, things don’t go quite as expected!  
Author’s Residence: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Tundra Books

**The Snow Knows**

by Jennifer McGrath, illustrated by Josée Bisaillon  
Book Description: A whimsical winter lullaby with hide-and-seek illustrations invites children to discover who’s hiding in the winter woods.  
Author’s Residence: Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada  
Publisher: Nimbus Publishing

**Spare Dog Parts**

by Alison Hughes, illustrated by Ashley Spires  
Book Description: What, really, is better than a loving mutt? A young girl imagines how the odd parts of her dog combine to make the perfect companion.  
Author’s Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Publisher: Orca Books

**What Matters**

by Alison Hughes, illustrated by Holly Hatam  
Book Description: What Matters gently explores nature’s connections, from the minuscule to the monumental, and traces the ripple effects of one child’s good deed.  
Illustrator’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Publisher: Orca Books
**GRADES 1-2**

**Chapter Book**

*Book Uncle and Me*
by Uma Krishnaswami, illustrated by Julianna Swaney
Book Description: It’s election time in India, but what can one kid do to change things when she can’t even vote? Plenty, as it turns out.
Author’s Residence: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: Groundwood Books

**Picture Book**

*Mae and the Moon*
by Jami Gigot
Book Description: When the moon disappears, Mae begins to worry. Determined to find her glowing friend, she sets off on a wonderful voyage through her imagination.
Author’s Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

*Mouse Vacation*
by Philip Roy, illustrated by Andrea Torrey Balsara
Book Description: When Happy’s vacation dreams include the Taj Mahal and New Zealand, but John offers the woods and river, how’s a poor mouse to have any fun?
Author’s Residence: Durham, Ontario, Canada
Illustrator’s Residence: Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Ronsdale Press

*The Old Ways*
by Susan Margaret Chapman, illustrated by John Mantha
Book Description: Simon, an Inuit boy, is not interested in the old ways of his grandparents until they are trapped in a snowstorm on their snowmobile.
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Fifth House Publishers

*When the Rain Comes*
by Alma Fullerton, illustrated by Kim La Fave
Book Description: Trapped by a flash flood with an ox cart bearing her community’s rice seedlings, Malini wants to run but knows she must save the seedlings.
Author’s Residence: Midland, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Pajama Press

**Poetry**

*Driftwood Dragons and other seaside poems*
by Tyne Brown, illustrated by Tamara Thiebaux-Heikalo
Book Description: A collection of lyrical seaside poems celebrating the coastal region. From snails to whales, *Driftwood Dragons* captures the beauty, diversity, and joy of maritime beaches.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Nimbus Publishing

**Sports Fiction**

*Jim Nasium is a Strikeout King*
by Marty McNight, illustrated by Chris Jones
Book Description: Jim Nasium loves baseball but can’t hit one. What will Jim do to keep from being a strikeout king?
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario
Publisher: Stone Arch Books

**GRADES 3-5**

**Graphic Novel**

*Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy*
by Doug Savage
Book Description: Improbable pals Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy use their powers—laser vision and an unrelenting sense of optimism—to fight the forces of evil.
Author’s Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: Andrews McMeel

**Historical Fiction**

*Heart of a Champion*
by Ellen Schwartz
Book Description: Set in 1942, *Heart of a Champion* tells the story of a famous baseball team and the internment of Japanese Canadians during World War II.
Author’s Residence: Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: Tundra Books

**Horror**

*The Inn Between*
by Marina Cohen
Book Description: Quinn accompanies her best friend, Kara, and family on a drive through the Mojave Desert when a stopover at a creepy Victorian hotel turns terrifying.
Author’s Residence: Markham, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press
Humorous Fiction

Small Medium at Large
by Joanne Levy
Book Description: After she’s hit by lightning at a wedding, twelve-year-old Lilah Bloom develops a new talent: she hears dead people.
Author’s Residence: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers

Nonfiction

Discover Forensic Science
by L. E. Carmichael
Book Description: Discover how dogs, bugs, and DNA help scientists crack the case!
Author’s Residence: Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Publisher: Lerner

Monster Science: Could Monsters Survive (and Thrive!) in the Real World?
by Helaine Becker, illustrated by Phil McAndrew
Book Description: Put six eek!-inducing monsters, from Frankenstein to zombies, to Bigfoot, under your microscope to expose the amazing, proven scientific principles behind the legends.
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Kids Can Press

Survival Secrets of Turkey Vultures
by Debra Toor
Book Description: Explore turkey vulture adaptations as you join mother vulture on a hunt to feed her chicks. Combines science, photographs and learning activities.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Picture Book

Hala’s Window
by Farida Mirza
Book Description: Curious Hala has many unanswered questions. Her village has no school. Her parents are uneducated. Then something happens and Hala’s joyful journey of learning begins.
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Oxford University Press

Realistic Fiction

28 Tricks for a Fearless Grade 6
by Catherine Austen
Book Description: Dave Davidson cures his classmates of all their phobias—but his hair-brained therapy comes with unintended and hilarious consequences in this hi-lo episodic novel.
Author’s Residence: Gatineau, Quebec, Canada
Publisher: Lorimer

Everyday Hero
by Kathleen Cherry
Book Description: Alice, a student with Asperger’s, meets school tough girl, Megan. The two become unlikely comrades and learn about courage, resilience, and friendship.
Author’s Residence: British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: Orca Books

Theater Arts

The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito
by Tomson Highway, illustrated by Sue Todd
Book Description: The story of a wingless little mosquito from Manitoba, this musical cabaret explores the ageless theme of a misfit who finds her voice through song.
Illustrator’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Fifth House Publishing/Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Grades 6-8

Contemporary Fiction

Vanish
by Karen Spafford-Fitz
Book Description: Fourteen-year-old Simone is mentoring a kindergarten student. But when Lily, her “Kinderbuddy”, vanishes, Simone becomes a key witness in a parental abduction investigation.
Author’s Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Publisher: Orca Books

Fantasy

The Adventurer’s Guide to Successful Escapes
by Wade Albert White, illustrated by Mariano Epelbaum
Book Description: In a magical world of floating tier, mischievous dragons, and endless bureaucracy, Anne and her friends embark on a quest to become the Rightful Heir.
Author’s Residence: Kentville, Nova Scotia Canada
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Historical Fiction

Cherry Blossom Baseball
by Jennifer Maruno
Book Description: Cherry Blossom Baseball isn’t just about a firecracker female pitcher. All of Michiko’s family have Japanese faces, making the government suspicious and their lives fearful.
Author’s Residence: Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Dundurn Press

Narrative Nonfiction

The Ship to Nowhere, On Board the Exodus
by Rona Arato
Book Description: Holocaust survivors endure hardship and danger, seeking a home where they can live safely as Jews. Their story parallels today’s Syrian refugee crisis.
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Second Story Press

Nonfiction

Safety Stars: Players who fought to make the hard-hitting game of professional hockey safer
by Sue Irwin
Book Description: the story of hockey’s safety heroes, the opposition they faced, and how they persisted and ultimately succeeded in their campaigns.
**Realistic Fiction**

*Ice Dogs*
by Terry Lynn Johnson
Book Description: When an injured boy and a storm both catch Victoria and her dog team by surprise, a routine trip becomes a life or death struggle.
Author’s Residence: Whitefish Falls, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

*The Kayak*
by Debbie Spring
Book Description: In her wheelchair Teresa feels helpless and trapped. When out kayaking she saves a windsurfer in trouble which changes her life forever.
Author’s Residence: Canada
Publisher: Thistledown Press

*No More Dragons*
by Rie Charles
Book Description: Bullied at home and at school, thirteen year old Alex finds the courage and confidence to confront it and even thrive.
Author’s Residence: Summerland, British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: Napoleon/Dundurn

*Shatterproof*
by Jocelyn Shipley
Book Description: Nate is running a scam because he looks like a teen TV star, but then he meets a girl he doesn’t want to lie to.
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Orca Books

*Tagged Out*
by Joyce Grant
Book Description: The Blues find out their new all-star player is gay. Will they challenge their prejudices--and stick up for their teammate?
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Lorimer

**Nonfiction**

*Fun with Frosting: A Beginner’s Guide to Decorating Creative Fondant-Free Cakes*
by K. Callard
Book Description: Aimed at beginner bakers of all ages, this intro-to-cake decorating book provides baking basics and step-by-step instructions for over 40 designs.
Author’s Residence: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Sky Horse Publishing

**Realistic Fiction**

*Girl Mans Up*
by M-E Girard
Book Description: Old-world parents, disintegrating friendships, and strong feelings for other girls drive Pen to see that in order to be herself, she’ll have to man up.
Author’s Residence: Durham Region, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: HarperTeen

*Speed of Life*
by J. M. Kelly
Book Description: Crystal and her twin make a pact to raise their baby together, but when an opportunity arises to attend college, she faces a difficult choice.
Author’s Residence: Gabriola Island, British Columbia, Canada
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

*Stepping Into Traffic*
by K.J. Rankin
Book Description: After being bounced from one foster home to another, 16-year-old Sebastian is losing his sense of self. He wants to behave in his next home, but will his bad choices stop him?
Author’s Residence: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
Publisher: Thistledown Press

**Science Fiction**

*Transferral*
by Kate Blair
Book Description: In an alternate London, criminals are given diseases removed from the innocent. A chilling look at a world gone wrong while trying to do right.
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Dancing Cat Books

**GRADES 9-12**

**Contemporary Fiction**

*Punch Like a Girl*
by Karen Krossing
Book Description: Teen girl with a hero complex tries to rescue others, whether they want it or not, in order to avoid facing her fear of assault.
Author’s Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Orca Books
GRADES 1-2

Folk tale

Juan y las habichuelas mágicas/ Jack and the Beanstalk: Classic Bilingual Stories collection with interactive CD
by Equipo Everest, illustrated by Malena Fuentes Alzu
Book Description: A retelling of the classic tale and an excellent and fun way to learn Spanish! Read it and listen to it!
Illustrator’s Residence: Madrid, Spain
Publisher: Algar Editorial

Picture Book

The Daddy Store
by Sanne Miltenburg
Book Description: I’m going to bring Dad to the Daddy Store. To exchange him for a better one. But are the dads in the Daddy Store really more fun?
Author’s Residence: Breda, The Netherlands
Publisher: Clavis

El jardín mágico
by Lemniscates
Book Description: Chloe lives in a magic garden, but she doesn’t know that. A little story where poetry and information converge with the aim of awakening children’s interest in nature.
Author’s Residence: Barcelona, Spain
Publisher: Ediciones Ekaré

Quiero una mascota
by Judy Goldman, illustrated by Enrique Torralba
Book Description: A book full of numbers, imagination, and fun that will delight those learning how to count.
Author’s Residence: Mexico City, Mexico
Publisher: Pearson Mexico

Poetry

¿Ojos, mano o pie? Adivina qué es
by Antonio Gómez Yebra, illustrated by Esther Pérez-Cuadrado
Book Description: Through poetry and riddles, learn the parts of the body. Illustrations add humor and details to the text.
Illustrator’s Residence: Cartagena, Murcia, Spain
Publisher: Algar Editorial

GRADES 3-5

Fantasy

De gatos y de magia
by Irma Calvo, illustrated by Marco Armenta
Book Description: Two sisters make a voodoo ritual to rescue their father from a tyrannical boss, but things get complicated when the voodoo doll is lost.
Author’s Residence: Huixquilucan, Estado de México, Mexico
Publisher: Editorial Norma

Nonfiction

Dining with Dinosaurs, A Tasty Guide to Mesozoic Munching
by Hannah Bonner
Book Description: Dining with Dinosaurs offers up a full-course meal of Mesozoic food facts. Learn about carnivores, herbivores, insectivores, and all the other “vores” of dinosaur times.
Author’s Residence: Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Publisher: National Geographic Children’s Books

GRADES 6-8

Dystopian Mythology

Elevation: The Thousand Steps (Book 1 in the Elevation series)
by Helen Brain
Book Description: The gods are warring and Earth is at risk. Elevated suddenly from a bunker, teenager Ebba inherits huge wealth and power – and an impossible task.
Author’s Residence: Cape Town, South Africa
Publisher: Human and Rousseau

Fantasy

Fairy Keeper (World of Aluvia, Book 1)
by Amy Bearce
Book Description: Losing her fairy queen wasn’t supposed to threaten everything Sierra loved, but finding the missing fairies will risk more than she thought possible.
Author’s Residence: Ramstein, Germany
Publisher: Curiosity Quills Press

Humorous Fiction

Ligera como una pluma (Spanish)
by Anna Lavatelli, Illustrated by Alessandra Vitelli
Book Description: Miss Gordoso feels depressed and eats a lot. She can’t go out or walk, till a boy teaches her how to fly to the happiness.
GRADES 9-12

Adventure

The Master’s Book
by Philip Coleman
Book Description: A contemporary adventure story set in Brussels. Sean and his friend Stephanie embark on a paper-chase when they discover a valuable work of art.
Author’s Residence: Geneva, Switzerland
Publisher: MuseItUp

Fantasy

Dragon Fire
by Dina von Lowenkraft
Book Description: In Tromso, a small Norwegian town north of the Arctic Circle, a young shape-shifting dragon must decide what is worth living – or dying – for.
Author’s Residence: Braine l’Alleud, Belgium
Publisher: Twilight Times Books

Historical Fiction

Una niña en el País del Holocausto
by Becky Rubinstein, illustrated by Edmundo Santamaría
Book Description: the story of Holocaust survivor Dolly Bestandig, who luckily escaped the terror of the Nazi regime.
Author’s Residence: Mexico City, Mexico
Publisher: Pearson Mexico

Realistic Fiction

Bajo el paraguas azul (Under the Blue Umbrella)
by Elena Martinez Blanco
Book Description: Cyberbullying in high school, how life of a teenager changes after her picture is shared without her consent on the net.
Author’s Residence: Madrid, Spain
Publisher: Nowevolution
SCBWI Official Winter 2016 Reading List

GRADES PREK-K

Picture Book

Pug Meets Pig
by Sue Lowell Gallion, illustrated by Joyce Wan
Book Description: Pug is one happy pup until Pig arrives to stay. Will Pug and Pig ever learn to live together as friends?
Author’s Residence: Leawood, Kansas
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Spider’s Gift: A Christmas Story
by Geraldine Ann Marshall, illustrated by Rebecca Sorge
Book Description: This is the Nativity from the viewpoints of a spider, cricket, and honeybee. Spider finds her gift to give Baby Jesus. Includes spider facts, folklore.
Author’s Residence: Paducah, Kentucky
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

Time for Earth School Dewey Dew
by Leslie Staub, illustrated by Jeff Mack
Book Description: No matter how different you are or what your skin color is, even if it’s bright blue, kindness can go a very long way.
Author’s Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana
Publisher: Boyds Mill Press

GRADES 1-2

Early Chapter Book

Haggis and Tank — All Paws on Deck
by Jessica Young, illustrated by James Burks
Book Description: Haggis and Tank set sail with the help of their imaginations. A pirate adventure in an early graphic novel format full of wordplay and homophones.
Author’s Residence: Tennessee
Publisher: Scholastic, Inc.

Fantasy

Books vs Looks
by Debbie Dadey, illustrated by Tatevik Avakyan
Book Description: Kiki starts a book club so she won’t be lonely. Unfortunately, Pearl starts up a rival club and suddenly it’s a third grade club war!
Author’s Residence: Sevierville, Tennessee
Publisher: Aladdin

Nonfiction Early Reader

The Way the Cookie Crumbled
by Jody Jensen Shaffer
Book Description: Did you know Queen Elizabeth I had gingerbread cookies molded like her favorite advisers? Or that Girl Scouts baked the cookies themselves? This history of cookies is sweet!
Author’s Residence: Liberty, Missouri
Publisher: Simon Spotlight

Nonfiction Picture Book

Wolfsnail: A Backyard Predator
by Sarah C. Campbell, illustrated by Sarah C. Campbell and Richard P. Campbell
Book Description: Stunning photographs and a fact-filled story deliver a closeup look at a tiny, and unexpected, predator—the seriously slimy wolfsnail.
Author’s Residence: Jackson, Mississippi
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Picture Book

The Legend of Papa Noel: A Cajun Christmas Story
by Terri Hoover Dunham, illustrated by Laura Knorr
Book Description: On a foggy Christmas Eve, Papa Noël rides the river in a pirogue pulled by alligators to deliver toys to good little boys and girls.
Author’s Residence: Greenwell Springs, Louisiana
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Lift Your Light a Little Higher, The Story of Stephen Bishop: Slave-Explorer
by Heather Henson, illustrated by Bryon Collier
Book Description: Celebrates the life of Stephen Bishop, famous guide and explorer of Mammoth Cave, the world’s longest cave system, and yet a slave.
Author’s Residence: Danville, Kentucky
Publisher: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

Out on the Prairie
by Donna M. Bateman, illustrated by Susan Swan
Book Description: Using the traditional rhyme scheme of “Over in the Meadow,” Out on the Prairie celebrates the flora, fauna, and wide sky of the prairie.
Author’s Residence: Bridgeton, Missouri
Publisher: Charlesbridge

The Story Catcher
by Donna L. Martin
Book Description: Addie tries to corral wiggly words so she can read her favorite book, but it will take some perseverance to become the next Story Catcher.
**Realistic Fiction**

**Piper Morgan Joins the Circus**  
by Stephanie Faris, illustrated by Lucy Fleming  
Book Description: The first book in a new chapter book series that follows the adventures of a spunky young girl as she follows her mom from one job to another.  
Author's Residence: Gallatin, Tennessee  
Publisher: Aladdin

**Paper Wishes**  
by Lois Sepahban  
Description: When Manami is sent to a prison camp with her family in 1942, she tries to sneak her dog under her coat, but she is caught and forced to abandon him.  
Author's Residence: Harrodsburg, Kentucky  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

**Summer of the Skunks**  
by Wilmoth Foreman  
Book Description: Skunks under the house, a down-on-his-luck stowaway, and lazy Cousin Hershel's too-long visit literally lead to fireworks amid hilarious misadventures for the Clark siblings.  
Author's Residence: Columbia, Tennessee  
Publisher: Front Street

**Horror**

**The Bayou Bogeyman Presents Hoodoo and Voodoo**  
by Gary Alipio, Laura Roach Dragon, Terri Hoover Dunham, Julie Gonzalez, Patricia Heffler, Sue Houston, Virginia Howard, Cheryl Mathis and Josephine Schloegel, contributors  
Book Description: Spending Halloween in a swamp, the Society of Sublime Scribblers must tell stories sinister enough to scare the Bayou Bogeyman or become his midnight feast.  
Author's Residence (Mathis): New Orleans, Louisiana  
Author's Residence (Heffler): Madisonville, Louisiana  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

**Humorous Fiction**

**Cool Beans: The Further Adventures of Beanboy**  
by Lisa Harkrader  
Book Description: Combines comic illustrations and an epic game of dodgeball as Tucker MacBean tries to make art—and himself—seem cool in seventh grade.  
Author's Residence: Tonganoxie, Kansas  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Mystery**

**Emma's Gossip Column**  
by Pamela Perry  
Book Description: Burned out as author of Emma's Gossip Column, Emma Sawyer gladly shifts focus from gossip columnist to case decoder after stumbling on a town secret.  
Author's Residence: Knoxville, Tennessee  
Publisher: Saguaro Books

**The Imp Bottle**  
by D. V. Kelleher  
Book Description: Olivia, Isabel and Joe, buy a genie bottle that grants wishes but they have to free the imp to save Olivia from a
terrible fate.
Author’s Residence: Warsaw, Kentucky
Publisher: Diversion Press

Nonfiction

Ruth Law: The Queen of the Air
by Billie Holladay Skelley, illustrated by Rachel Bowman
Book Description: Biographical text about female aviation pioneer, Ruth Bancroft Law. Daring and courageous, Law inspired the nation in 1916 with a bold and historic flight.
Author’s Residence: Joplin, Missouri
Publisher: Goldminds Publishing

Where Did Sacagawea Join the Corps of Discovery? And Other Questions about the Lewis and Clark Expedition
by Linda Gondosch
Book Description: This book describes the incredible adventures of the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-06 as it explored the breathtaking new land called the American West.
Author’s Residence: Hebron, Kentucky
Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

Picture Book

The Crown Affair
by Jeanie Franz Ransom, illustrated by Stephen Axelsen
Book Description: When Jack and Jill fall down the hill, someone swipes Jack’s crown. Detective Joe Dumpty’s really going to have to scramble to crack this case!
Author’s Residence: O’Fallon, Missouri
Publisher: Charlesbridge

The Twelve Days of Christmas in Kentucky
by Evelyn B. Christensen, illustrated by Kent Culotta
Book Description: Come along on a fun trip as Marybeth introduces her cousin to all her favorite Kentucky places and activities and gives him some unusual gifts.
Author’s Residence: Lexington, Kentucky
Publisher: Sterling Children’s

Realistic Fiction

Allie, First at Last
by Angela Cervantes
Book Description: Born into an ambitious family, Allie must make her mark. When a prestigious contest is announced, she has a chance to take first, at last.
Author’s Residence: Shawnee, Kansas
Publisher: Scholastic Press

The Legend of Ghost Dog Island
by Rita Monette
Book Description: Behind every legend lies the truth. And 10-year-old Nikki Landry aims to find the truth behind what’s living on a nearby swamp island.
Author’s Residence: Deer Lodge, Tennessee
Publisher: Mirror World Publishing

GRDES 6-8

Christian Nonfiction

Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Gory Deaths
by Jonathan Schkade, illustrated by Gleisson Cipriano
Book Description: Drowned. Incinerated. Eaten by dogs. Gory, but not gratuitous, this book explores the Bible’s nastiest deaths, providing scriptural context, historical connections, and fascinating facts.
Author’s Residence: Jefferson City, Missouri
Publisher: Concordia Publishing House

Contemporary Fiction

Out of Tune
by Gail Nall
Book Description: Maya embarks on a 100-mile bike ride through Yellowstone National Park to get home in time for a singing show audition.
Author’s Residence: Louisville, Kentucky
Publisher: Aladdin

The Seventh Level
by Jody Feldman
Book Description: 7th grader Travis Raines is suddenly receiving mysterious puzzles. Will they lead him into his school’s incredible secret society, or directly toward disaster?
Author’s Residence: St. Louis, Missouri
Publisher: Greenwillow Books

Fantasy

Cry of the Sea
by D. G. Driver
Book Description: When teen environmental activist Juniper Sawfeather discovers real mermaids during an oil spill, can she protect them from being exploited or killed?
Author’s Residence: Mt. Juliet, Tennessee
Publisher: Fire and Ice Young Adult Books

From the Grave
by Cynthia Reeg
Book Description: In a madcap monster world, misfit Frank strives to prove his worth with a bit of help from his dead grandmother and his friends.
Author’s Residence: St. Louis, Missouri
Publisher: Jolly Fish Press

Historical Fiction

Come Next Spring
by Alana White
Book Description: This evocative novel, set in the 1940s, captures Salina’s struggles to accept the inevitability of change in friends and family in the mountains of Tennessee.
Author’s Residence: Nashville, Tennessee
Publisher: Clarion Books
**King of Ithaka**  
by Tracy Barrett  
Book Description: In this coming-of-age adventure tale, the teenage son of Odysseus goes in search of his wandering father, guided only by a mysterious prophecy.  
Author’s Residence: Nashville, Tennessee  
Publisher: Square Fish

**Navigating Early**  
by Clare Vanderpool  
Book Description: Two boys set off on the adventure of a lifetime on the Appalachian Trail in Maine where they encounter pirates, a volcano, and a great bear.  
Author’s Residence: Wichita, Kansas  
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

**Swing Low, Sweet Harriet**  
by Rhonda Hicks Rucker  
Book Description: A slave boy, who finds mysterious objects in a river near his plantation, gets entangled in a Union spy operation during the Civil War.  
Author’s Residence: Maryville, Tennessee  
Publisher: MotesBooks

**Horror**

**Blues Bones**  
by Rick Starkey  
Book Description: Thirteen-year-old Rodney Becker has found the perfect cure for stage fright. Voodoo! How much will Rodney risk to become a guitar legend?  
Author’s Residence: Gatlinburg, Tennessee  
Publisher: Leap Books

**Mystery**

**The Devil’s Backbone**  
by Rae Ann Parker  
Book Description: After a school suspension forces David Baxter on a road trip to redemption, he encounters a ghost with the key to a 200-year-old mystery.  
Author’s Residence: Tennessee  
Publisher: Gamekeeper Press

**Things Too Huge to Fix by Saying Sorry**  
by Susan Vaught  
Book Description: Present and past collide when a mysterious note and an old-fashioned key propel Dani Beans into the secrets of Ole Miss, her town, and her own family.  
Author’s Residence: Hopkinsville, Kentucky  
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

**Nonfiction**

**The Bombing of Pearl Harbor**  
by Sue Bradford Edwards  
Book Description: Examines the events leading to the attack, gives a detailed account of the attack, and reviews the effect this event had on the US.  
Author’s Residence: Florissant, Missouri  
Publisher: ABDO

**Realistic Fiction**

**Life As I Knew It**  
by Randi Hacker  
Book Description: The difference between “losing” and “loving” is just one letter.  
Author’s Residence: Lawrence, Kansas  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**My Seventh-Grade Life in Tights**  
by Brooks Benjamin  
Book Description: Dillon, a self-taught dancer, must choose between sticking with his crew or a chance at a dance-studio scholarship in this humorous MG story.  
Author’s Residence: Harriman, Tennessee  
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

**While I Danced**  
by Lynn Slaughter  
Book Description: In the midst of an intense dance workshop and the beginnings of a new romance, fifteen-year-old Cass makes a devastating discovery about her past.  
Author’s Residence: Louisville, Kentucky  
Publisher: Write Words Inc.

**GRADES 9-12**

**Adventure**

**The Unicorn Tree**  
by Cynthia Collins  
Book Description: A high school senior explores a 19th-century mansion as an assignment and learns what happened to her brother who is lost at sea.  
Author’s Residence: Jefferson City, Missouri  
Publisher: Mockingbird Lane Press

**Contemporary Fiction**

**The Broken One**  
by Christine H. Bailey  
Book Description: The Broken One explores a teen’s struggle to overcome loss and her hope to rediscover what it truly means to live and love again.  
Author’s Residence: Henderson, Tennessee  
Publisher: Vinspire Publishing

**Contemporary Romance**

**Tuned into You**  
by Cindy Dorminy  
Book Description: A teen rock star and a softball player are forced into community service after being wrongfully arrested. They fall for each other in the process.  
Author’s Residence: Nashville, Tennessee  
Publisher: BookFish Books
Fantasy

**Emerald Bound**
by Teresa Richards

Book Description: Maggie learns the true story of The Princess and the Pea when her friend becomes the victim of an ancient curse.

Author’s Residence: La Grange, Kentucky

Publisher: Evernight Teen

**Experiment 38**
by Charles Suddeth

Book Description: Kidnapped and no home to go to. Emily’s scientist-dad might be the bad guy.

Author’s Residence: Louisville, Kentucky

Publisher: 4RV Publishing

Historical Fiction

**Girl in Reverse**
by Barbara Stuber

Book Description: It’s 1951. The Korean War is raging. Lily, the only Chinese student in her Kansas City high school, is bullied in the name of patriotism.

Author’s Residence: Mission Hills, Kansas

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

**Salt to the Sea**
by Ruta Sepetys

Description: An epic WWII novel chronicling the refugee evacuation of 1945 and the sinking of the Wilhelm Gustloff.

Author’s Residence: Nashville, Tennessee

Publisher: Philomel Books

Historical Romance

**Hearts Divided**
by Cheryl Zach

Book Description: Elizabeth’s budding romance with a young Union officer is interrupted by the shelling of Fort Sumter. Can love survive the dangers of war time?

Author’s Residence: Franklin, Tennessee

Publisher: Bantam Books

Magical Realism

**Spark**
by Holly Schindler

Book Description: Is the love story playing out on the Avery Theater’s dilapidated stage merely a figment of seventeen-year-old Quin’s active “writerly” imagination? You decide.

Author’s Residence: Springfield, Missouri

Publisher: HarperTeen

Realistic Fiction

**The Obvious Game**
by Rita Arens

Book Description: The reality of Diana’s complicated life finds her helpless against new eating rules taking shape in her mind in this psychological and realistic YA novel.

Author’s Residence: Lee’s Summit, Missouri

Publisher: InkSpell Publishing
PREK-K

**Picture Book**

*The Adventures of Squirky the Alien #4: Where is My Mama?*
by Melanie Lee, illustrated by David Liew
Book Description: Squirky, Emma and Mr. Quentin arrive at Planet S. They befriend a purple monster there called Crystal. Her mama is missing and she’s getting worried!
Author’s Residence: Singapore
Publisher: MPH Group Publishing

*Numbers Do*
by Kathleen Ahrens and Chu-Ren Huang, illustrated by Marjorie Van Heerden
Book Description: This English-Chinese bilingual picture book incorporates numbers with a gentle bedtime adventure to lull young children to sleep.
Author’s Residence (Ahrens): Hong Kong
Publisher: Sun Ya Publications

GRADES 1-2

**Picture Book**

*Brushing is no fun!*
by Srividhya Venkat, illustrated by Anupama Ajinkya Apte
Book Description: Rohan does not like to brush his teeth or take a bath. But his sister, Riya, tells him a secret that changes his mind!
Author’s Residence: Singapore
Publisher: Pratham Books

*Dad’s Too Busy*
by Lily Kong, illustrated by Jeanette Yap
Book Description: Emma found a stray cat. The cat created a mess in the house. Will her parents allow Emma to keep the cat?
Author’s Residence: Singapore
Publisher: Epigram Books

*Fred*
by Kaila Eunhye Seo
Book Description: A young boy’s world is filled with colorful playmates, but as he gets older, his magical friends fade away. But maybe magic and wonder never really do disappear.
Author’s residence: Seoul, Korea
Publisher: Peter Pauper Press

*The Magic Spicebox*
by Namita Moolani Mehra, illustrated by Heetal Dattani Joshi
Book Description: The Magic Spicebox is a beautifully illustrated storybook and cookbook featuring a collection of colorful, imagina-

tive spice stories paired with kid-friendly recipes
Author’s Residence: Singapore
Publisher: Scholastic

GRADES 3-5

**Chapter Book**

*Big Bully and M-Me*
by Arti Sonthalia
Book Description: Krish has to give a speech at school. But how can he, when he stammers? And what’s worse, his partner is the Big Bully! Will Krish get out of this mess?
Author’s Residence: India (Telangana)
Publisher: Duckbill Books

**Mystery**

*The Legend of Lady Yue (Sherlock Hong, Book 4)*
by Don Bosco
Book Description: Sherlock Hong’s tutor Miss Priya disappears under most mysterious circumstances. He follows the clues and figures out the truth.
Author’s Residence: Singapore
Publisher: Marshall Cavendish

**Novel in Verse**

*Somewhere Among*
by Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu, illustrated by Sonia Chaghatzbanian
Book Description: Set in Japan 2001, eleven-year-old Ema hopes to find peace in her relationships at home, with a bully at school, and within herself.
Author’s Residence: Japan
Publisher: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books
GRADES 9-12

**Contemporary Fiction**

*Slightly Burnt*
by Payal Dhar
Book Description: Komal is devastated when her best friend tells her he's gay.
Author's Residence: New Delhi, Delhi, India
Publisher: Bloomsbury

**Historical Fiction**

*Up from the Sea*
by Leza Lowitz
Book Description: A powerful novel about a boy caught up in the 3-11-11 Japan tsunami, which BuzzFeed called #1 “YA Book You Should Be Reading.”
Author's Residence: Tokyo, Japan
Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers
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, bunchy 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 LaRochelle, 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 Margrete 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

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 Lis L. 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 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 discov- ers 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): Stow, Ohio
Publisher: Sterling Children’s

The Christmas Boot
by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
Book Description: One Christmas morning, lonely Hannah Greyweather 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. Storad, 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/Boyds Mills Press

Hair for Mama
by Kelly A. Tinkham, illustrated by Amy J Bates
Book Description: Eight-year-old Marcus searches a way to con-vince 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 grandson of King Arthur, encounters many Mythic beasts who, to his dismay, are friendly!
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

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

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

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.
SCBWI Official Winter 2016 Reading List

**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: namelos

**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: 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.
SCBWI Official Winter 2016 Reading List

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

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

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

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

Fantasy

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

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

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

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: Panora, Iowa
Publisher: Chicago Review 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

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

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

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.
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
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 it’s 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

GRADERS 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

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.  
Author’s Residence: Canton, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

The Dreidel That Wouldn’t Spin: A Toyshop Tale of Hanukkah  
by 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 Give  
by 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 Fun  
by 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 Rainbows  
by 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.  
Author’s Residence: Brooks, Maine  
Publisher: Wisdom Tales Press

Ralph Flies the Coop  
by 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 Pretend  
by 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 Dream  
by 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

**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

**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 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!

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

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
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:* 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

---

*Note: The document contains additional content that is not relevant to the question.*
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 shinningly, 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 grandmother-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

GRADERS 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 (Krulik) 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 Vigliante Szylowski, 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: Yonkers, 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 Lammle
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 Ottli 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: MuseItUp Publishing

Mystery

Madhattan Mystery
by John J. Bonk
Book Description: Small-town siblingsLexi and Kevin McGill getsucked 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

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

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
GRADING 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
GRADES PREK-K

Early Reader

National Geographic Kids Readers: Elephants
by Avery Elizabeth Hurt
Book Description: In this co-reader, an adult reads one page, the child the next, as they learn together about elephants.
Author's Residence: Birmingham, Alabama
Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Picture Books

All We Know
by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Jane Dyer
Book Description: Invoking the majestic beauty of the natural world, a mother affectionately explains that some things just come naturally—like a parent's love.
Author's Residence: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Publisher: HarperCollins

Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum in a Dish
by Tracey M. Cox
Book Description: A dish of bubble gum and learning to count has never been so much fun! Match colors and watch the bubble get bigger and bigger as you count higher and higher.
Author's Residence: Ocilla, Georgia
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

I Have a Voice
by Joni Klein-Higger and Flora Zaken-Greenberg, Ph.D., illustrated by Eileen Goldenberg
Book Description: Jamie is about to start kindergarten, but is afraid to speak! This book addresses selective mutism and shyness. Recommended by the Selective Mutism Foundation.
Author's Residence (Klein-Higger): Palm Harbor, Florida
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Hedgehog Goes to Kindergarten
by Lynne Marie, illustrated by Anne Kennedy
Book Description: Spike's afraid to ride the big bus alone. But no one will sit next to Spike's quills. Will he ever find a school bus buddy?
Author's Residence: Hollywood, Florida
Publisher: Scholastic

Hey, Coach!
by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Kim Smith
Book Description: Enthusiastic young soccer players experience their first season with the help of a good-humored and patient coach. Chaos, fun (and eventual victory) ensue.
Author's Residence: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Publisher: Sterling Children's

I'll Take My Chances
by Mark Burrows, illustrated by Sally Springer
Book Description: Everyday opportunities for failure and ultimate growth are pictured in humorous experiences or embarrassing disasters, that encourage youngsters to take a chance on life.
Illustrator's Residence: Florida
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

A Hop is Up
by Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Lori Richmond
Book Description: A young boy and his energetic puppy take a walk in their neighborhood, where they encounter and interact with lots of friends along the way!
Author's Residence: Greenville, South Carolina
Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children's Books

Jackrabbit McCabe and the Electric Telegraph
by Lucy Margaret Rozier, illustrated by Leo Espinosa
Book Description: In a race between speedy Jackrabbit and the telegraph—the newfangled contraption that's changing the way Americans communicate—who will be left in the dust?
Author’s Residence: Durham, North Carolina
Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

Maple & Willow’s Christmas Tree
by Lori Nichols
Book Description: Maple and Willow love trees—and now they are getting their first real Christmas tree. “AH-CHOO!” Could Maple be allergic to the perfect Christmas tree?
Author’s Residence: Birmingham, Alabama
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

Race Car Dreams
by Sharon Chriscoe, illustrated by Dave Mottram
Book Description: A race car washes his rims, fills his tummy, and chooses his book, then drifts off to sleep . . . and dreams of winning the race!
Author’s Residence: Pilot Mountain, North Carolina
Publisher: Running Press Kids

Robot Burp Head Smartypants!
by Annette Simon
Book Description: Kirkus called this follow-up to Indie Kids Next pick and Buckeye Children's Award nominee, Robot Zombie Frankenstein!, “effervescent!”
Author’s Residence: Asheville, North Carolina
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Ruby Rose: Off to School She Goes
by Rob Sanders, illustrated by Debbie Ridpath Ohi
Book Description: Ruby Rose loves to dance. But there’s no dancing at school! Or is there? Ruby finds a way to get everyone up on their dancing feet.
Super Jumbo
by Fred Koehler
Book Description: Little Jumbo the elephant has visions of being a superhero, but has a hard time finding anyone who appreciates his daring good deeds.
Author’s Residence: Lakeland, Florida
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Ten Easter Eggs
by Vijaya Bodach
Book Description: Follow and count along in this sweet story as ten touchable eggs hatch into fuzzy, flocked chicks one by one in a rhyming adventure.
Author’s Residence: Charleston, South Carolina
Publisher: Cartwheel Books

The Dino Files: A Mysterious Egg
by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Mike Boldt
Book Description: This hilarious series follows a nine-year-old dinosaur expert, his paleontologist grandparents, a cat named Saurus, and fossils that might not be so extinct!
Author’s Residence: Kernersville, North Carolina
Publisher: Random Books for Young Readers

Emma McKenna’s Ice Cream Dilemma
by Terry Cook
Book Description: Emma’s Uncle Pete has come to take her for ice cream. When she can’t decide he suggests something ‘different’. What will Emma choose?
Author’s Residence: Oviedo, Florida
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Because of an Acorn
by Lola M. Schaefer, illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon
Book Description: Wander down the forest path to learn how every tree, flower, plant, and animal is connected in spiraling circles of life.
Author’s Residence: Dawsonville, Georgia
Publisher: Chronicle Books

Colby Mouse’s Christmas Gift
by Barbara Bockman, illustrated by KC Snider
Book Description: When Colby Mouse sees the happiness of the people family celebrating Christmas, he devises a plan so he can participate.
Author’s Residence: Gainesville, Florida
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Trosclair and the Alligator
by Peter Huggins, illustrated by Lindsey Gardiner
Book Description: Trosclair, a Cajun boy living on Bayou Fontaine in Louisiana, uses his wits to save himself and his dog Ollie from...
Gargantua, the rogue alligator.  
Author’s Residence: Auburn, Alabama  
Publisher: Star Bright Books

**The Veterans’ Clubhouse**  
by Kristen Zajac, illustrated by Jennifer Houdeshell  
Book Description: When Patrick, Hailey, and their parents befriend a homeless man, they learn he’s a veteran. The kids organize a benefit concert to help the homeless.  
Author’s Residence: Tampa, Florida  
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

**Waiting for Snow**  
by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Renata Liwska  
Book Description: “Wake Up, Sky! Time to Snow!” shouts Badger. Badger’s friends try to trick snow, but Hedgehog reminds them that “it will snow in snow’s time.”  
Author’s Residence: Alva, Florida  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**When Christmas Feels Like Home**  
by Gretchen Griffith, illustrated by Carolina Farias  
Book Description: Eduardo discovers his new life in America is not so different after all, and home is wherever family might be.  
Author’s Residence: Lenoir, North Carolina  
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

---

**GRADES 3-5**

**Adventure**

**Clayton Stone, Facing Off**  
by Ena Jones  
Book Description: In this sequel to Clayton Stone, At Your Service, middle school spy, Clayton Stone, is back in business, this time going undercover to protect the president’s son.  
Author’s Residence: Greensboro, North Carolina  
Publisher: Holiday House

**Contemporary Fiction**

**Extraordinary**  
by Miriam Spitzer Franklin  
Book Description: Pansy hasn’t always been there for her best friend, Anna. But when Anna gets sick, Pansy is determined to be an extraordinary friend.  
Author’s Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**Fantasy**

**The Map to Everywhere**  
by Carrie Ryan and John Parke Davis, illustrated by Todd Harris  
Book Description: Set sail on a river of pure magic!  
Author’s Residence (Ryan): Charlotte, North Carolina  
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

---

**Historical Fiction**

**Groundhogs Across America**  
by Barbara Birenbaum  
Authors Residence: Clearwater, Florida  
Publisher: Peartree Books

**The Safest Lie**  
by Angela Cerrito  
Book Description: Nine-year-old Anna Bauman, given a new name, escapes the Warsaw ghetto. She struggles to learn her new identity yet never forget the old one. WWII.  
Author’s Residence: Athens, Georgia  
Publisher: Holiday House

**Humorous Fiction**

**Dead Possums Are Fair Game**  
by Taryn Souders  
Book Description: One dead possum + one wacky aunt + one hungry dog = disaster. Can Ella stop her troubles from multiplying before it’s too late?  
Author’s Residence: Sorrento, Florida  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**Nonfiction**

**The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael and Her Tribute to Veterans**  
by Barbara Elizabeth Walsh, illustrated by Layne Johnson  
Book Description: Biography of Moina Belle Michael who established the Flanders Field Memorial Poppy as a universal symbol of tribute and support for veterans and their families.  
Author’s Residence: Key Largo, Florida  
Publisher: Calkins Creek

**Those Colossal Cats**  
by Marta Magellan, illustrated by Steve Weaver  
Book Description: With photographs and cartoon illustrations, this book answers twenty questions, such as: Do big cats purr? Which cat is the fastest?  
Author’s Residence: Pinecrest, Florida  
Publisher: Pineapple Press
Unsolved Mysteries of Nature
by Heather L. Montgomery
Book Description: Fish raining from the sky, stones sliding across the desert, frogs with five legs!? Discover wacky mysteries of nature just waiting to be solved.
Author’s Residence: Ardmore, Alabama
Publisher: Capstone

Nonfiction Activity Books

Amazing Cardboard Tube Science
by Jodi Wheeler-Toppen
Book Description: Why throw old cardboard tubes in the recycling when you can reuse them yourself? These fun experiments and projects will keep readers entertained and learning.
Author’s Residence: Atlanta, Georgia
Publisher: Capstone

Picture Book

Crabbling, A Lowcountry Family Tradition
by Tilda Balsley, illustrated by Monica Wyrick
Book Description: Two boys learn the art of crabbing from their grandfather. The book features poetic language, soft watercolors, environmental education, and an original crabcake recipe!
Author’s Residence: Reidsville, North Carolina
Publisher: University of South Carolina Press

Lewis Tewanima, Born to Run
by Sharon K. Solomon, illustrated by Lisa Fields
Book Description: When Hopi Lewis Tewanima was forced off the mesa, his whole life changed. After winning the silver medal in the 1912 Olympics, Lewis returned to Arizona.
Author’s Residence: The Villages, Florida
Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

Over in the Grasslands, On an African Savanna
by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Jill Dubin
Book Description: Introduces animals and their offspring living on an African Savanna. Includes a glossary of the animals, activities, and other “tips” from both author and illustrator.
Author’s Residence: Orange City, Florida
Publisher: Dawn Publications

Writing Home: The Story of Author Thomas Wolfe
by Laura Boffa
Book Description: Explores author Thomas Wolfe’s childhood in Asheville, North Carolina, his challenging and triumphant journey to become a writer, and his eventual return home.
Author’s Residence: Asheville, North Carolina
Publisher: Taylor Trade

Poetry

When the Sun Shines on Antarctica: Poems from the Frozen Continent
by Irene Latham, illustrated by Anna Wadham
Book Description: The sun rises, ice melts, grass grows, seals squabble, whales sing, and young penguins slide, glide, and belly flop during the summer season in Antarctica.
Author’s Residence: Birmingham, Alabama
Publisher: Millbrook Press/Lerner

Realistic Fiction

Gasparilla’s Gold
by Sandra Markle
Book Description: Panthers and pirate treasure on a Florida island – there’s a lot at stake for 12-year old Gus and only a summer to make it happen.
Author’s Residence: Lakewood Ranch, Florida
Publisher: Tumblehome Learning

The Lost Cipher
by Michael Oechsle
Book Description: A poor Appalachian boy dealing with the sudden loss of his father must solve a centuries-old buried treasure legend to save his family’s mountain.
Author’s Residence: Hillsborough, North Carolina
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Wish
by Barbara O’Connor
Book Description: The story of a girl who, with the help of a friend, kind relatives, and a stray dog, unexpectedly learns the true meaning of family.
Author’s Residence: Asheville, North Carolina
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

GRADES 6-8

Adventure

Hard Times for Jake Smith
by Aileen Kilgore Henderson
Book Description: When twelve-year-old MaryJake is abandoned in the Great Depression, she’s tired of obeying. Disguising herself as a boy, she’s determined to survive on her own.
Author’s Residence: Brookwood, Alabama
Publisher: Milkweed Editions

The Scent of Something Sneaky
by Gail Hedrick
Description: Using science and good reasoning skills, 14-year-old Emily tries to prevent the closure of a North Carolina inn – and the dark reason behind it.
Author’s Residence: Bradenton, Florida
Publisher: Tumblehome Learning

Contemporary Fiction

Corroded
by Carrie Dalby
Book Description: Contemporary story about a friendship between a neuro-typical freshman girl and a teen boy with high functioning autism.
Author’s Residence: Mobile, Alabama
Publisher: Anaiah Press
**Last in a Long Line of Rebels**
by Lisa Lewis Tyre
Book Description: Lou researches her family’s history and learns that during the Civil War, a shipment of gold was stolen. The chief suspect – her great, great, great grandfather!
Author’s Residence: Acworth, Georgia
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

**Historical Fiction**

**Aim**
by Joyce Moyer Hostetter
Book Description: Junior Bledsoe makes some unfortunate choices as he copes with his father’s death and family dysfunction. A prequel to Blue and Comfort.
Author’s Residence: Hickory, North Carolina
Publisher: Calkins Creek

**Grace and the Guiltless**
by Erin Johnson
Book Description: After her family is murdered, Grace Milton becomes a bounty hunter to track down the killers.
Author’s Residence: Reidsville, North Carolina
Publisher: Capstone/Switch Press

**Jacqueline**
by Jackie Minniti
Book Description: Based on a true story, a tale of family, faith, unusual friendships, and the resiliency of the human spirit set in occupied France in 1944.
Author’s Residence: Treasure Island, Florida
Publisher: Anaiah Press

**Just a Drop of Water**
by Kerry O’Malley Cerra
Book Description: Set in Florida, this is the story of two boys—one Christian, one Muslim—and how their friendship is tested in the wake of September 11.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**The Last Cherry Blossom**
by Kathleen Burkinshaw
Book Description: Yuriko discovers a shocking family secret right before her world in Hiroshima is about to ignite and become a shadow of what it had been.
Author’s Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**Under Siege!**
by Robyn Gioia
Book Description: Two boys get caught up in the 1702 attack on St. Augustin. Too young to fight, 13-year-olds Pedro and Miguel sneak behind enemy lines to help.
Author’s Residence: Jacksonville, Florida
Publisher: Pineapple Press

**Young Patriots: Inspiring Stories of the American Revolution**
by Elizabeth Weiss Vollstadt and Marcella Fisher Anderson, illustrated by Layne Johnson
Book Description: Fifteen short stories bring to life the American Revolution by showing its major events through the eyes of young people.
Author’s Residence (Vollstadt): DeLand, Florida
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press (available as an e-book)

**Historical Thriller**

**Projekt 1065**
by Alan Gratz
Book Description: Michael O’Shaunessy, the son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany, is a spy for the Allies in the Hitler Youth.
Author’s Residence: Bakersville, North Carolina
Publisher: Scholastic

**Humorous Fiction**

**The Book that Proves Time Travel Happens**
by Henry Clark
Book Description: Three diverse students from Ambrose Bierce middle school travel to 1852 with a Gigantopithecus and a trombone, and fail to be inconspicuous. Trouble results.
Author’s Residence: St. Augustine, Florida
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

**The Greatest Zombie Movie Ever**
by Jeff Strand
Book Description: Three best friends with great passion but almost no money or resources set out to make the ultimate zombie movie epic. Lots and lots of stuff goes wrong.
Author’s Residence: Tampa, Florida
Publisher: Sourcebooks Fire

**This is Not the Abby Show**
by Debbie Reed Fischer
Book Description: A twelve-year-old girl with ADHD impulsively takes a prank too far and winds up in summer school, where she is encouraged to tap into her comedic talents.
Author’s Residence: Boca Raton, Florida
Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

**Mystery**

**Hiding Carly, A Sean Gray Junior Special Agent Mystery**
by Ann E Eisenstein
Book Description: The hero, 11-year-old Sean, searches for the truth about the murder of his FBI-agent father and a connection with a new girl in his class.
Author’s Residence: Columbia, South Carolina
Publisher: Peak City Publishing

**The Maypop Kidnapping**
by C.M. Surrisi
Book Description: Quinnie Boyd’s teacher has disappeared. Quinnie thinks it’s a kidnapping case, but her mom, the town sheriff, disagrees. Quinnie follows her instincts that something’s wrong.
Author’s Residence: Asheville, North Carolina
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books
Tangled Lines
by Bonnie J. Doerr
Book Description: Two young teens discover a crime ring while investigating pelican killings in the Florida Keys and expose themselves to the same fate as the pelicans.
Author's Residence: Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Publisher: Leap Books

Nonfiction

Bioengineering: Discover How Nature Inspires Human Design
by Christine Burillo-Kirch, illustrated by Alexis Cornell
Book Description: Explores different fields, including communication and transportation, while encouraging kids to think critically and creatively to fulfill everyday needs using designs from nature.
Author's Residence: Cary, North Carolina
Publisher: Nomad Press

Marie Curie for Kids: Her Life and Scientific Discoveries, with 21 Activities and Experiments
by Amy M. O’Quinn
Book Description: A comprehensive biography of the Nobel Prize winning scientist, Marie Curie--her struggles, achievements, life, and legacy. Includes 21 activities and experiments.
Author's Residence: Fitzgerald, Georgia
Publisher: Chicago Review Press

STEAM Guides in App Development
by Ruth M. Kirk
Book Description: Apps seem like magic, but their development depends upon science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Learn how you can enter the world of app development.
Author's Residence: Winston Salem, North Carolina
Publisher: Rourke Educational Media

The Writing on the Walls: Discovering Medieval and Ancient Graffiti
by Toni Blackwell Rhodes
Book Description: Students discover medieval England, ancient Rome, and ancient Greece through graffiti left behind on walls, pillars, and scraps of pottery.
Author's Residence: Stone Mountain, Georgia
Publisher: Prufrock Press

Poetry Anthology

National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry (ed. J. Patrick Lewis)
by B.J. Lee, Contributing Author
Book Description: When words in verse are paired with the awesomeness of nature, something magical happens! Curated by former U.S. Poet Laureate J. Patrick Lewis.
Author's Residence: Pinellas Park, Florida
Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Realistic Fiction

Lily and Dunkin
by Donna Gephart
Book Description: A transgender girl and a new boy in town, who has bipolar disorder, try to save a tree, themselves, and each other.

Seven Days to Goodbye
by Sheri S. Levy
Book Description: Trina's service dog, connects with a boy with autism, and his older brothers create chaos, adding humor, and plenty of puppy love in both varieties.
Author's Residence: Greenville, South Carolina
Publisher: Barking Rain Press

Tig Ripley, Rock ‘n’ Roll Rebel
by Ginger Rue
Book Description: Thirteen-year-old Tig Ripley starts an all-girl rock band. Finding young musicians who can actually get along proves to be more challenging than Tig expected.
Author's Residence: Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Tofu Quilt
by Ching Yeung Russell
Book Description: Bucking tradition, a Chinese girl wants to become a writer. Facing hardships but also experiencing success, she is content to be a girl - and writer.
Author's Residence: Simpsonville, South Carolina
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Winter's Tide
by Lisa Williams Kline
Book Description: Stepsisters, complete opposites, try to forge a relationship in their new family. A young beached whale on the North Carolina coast brings them together.
Author's Residence: Davidson, North Carolina
Publisher: Zonderkidz

Yellow Bird and Me
by Joyce Hansen
Book Description: The last person Doris wants to be bothered with is Yellow Bird, the class clown, until she discovers the real reason behind his antics.
Author's Residence: Lexington, South Carolina
Publisher: Clarion Books

Science Fiction

Relativity
by Cristin Bishara
Book Description: What if your perfect world is only one parallel universe away?
Author's Residence: Tampa, Florida
Publisher: Bloomsbury

GRADES 9-12

Contemporary Fiction

Georgia Peaches and other Forbidden Fruit
by Jaye Robin Brown
Book Description: Joanna must decide if she’s going to break a promise to her preacher dad, or go for the girl she loves.
**Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina**
Publisher: Harper Teen

**The Possibility of Somewhere**
by Julia Day
Book Description: Two teens learn there’s more to each other than they thought as they prepare for life after graduation and the new beginnings they both crave.
Author’s Residence: Cary, North Carolina
Publisher: St Martin’s Press

**Fantasy**

**Avenging Fate, Threads of the Moirae Book 2**
by Jennifer Derrick
Book Description: Atropos must avenge the death of the boy she loved while also freeing humanity from the deadly grip of the Keres.
Author’s Residence: Raleigh, North Carolina
Publisher: Clean Teen Publishing

**Grey**
by Christi J. Whitney
Book Description: Sebastian Grey thinks he’s just a normal teenager — until he’s pulled into a world of secretive Gypsies, shadowy creatures, and a destiny he cannot escape.
Author’s Residence: Woodstock, Georgia
Publisher: Harper Voyager

**Historical Fiction**

**Halley**
by Faye Gibbons
Book Description: When 14-year-old Halley’s father dies in Depression era Georgia, she must deal with harsh grandparents and struggle to get her education.
Author’s Residence: Deatsville, Alabama
Publisher: NewSouth Books

**Magical Realism**

**The First Last Day**
by Dorian Cirrone
Book Description: When Haleigh is caught in an endless summer, she must race to find the mystery of the magic paints that caused the time loop.
Author’s Residence: Davie, Florida
Publisher: Aladdin

**Nonfiction**

**Starving: Can We Feed Everyone?**
by Lisa A. Wroble
Book Description: Introduces readers to the specifics of feeding a population, including problems, such as the dangers of overly processed food, and possible solutions, such as agroecology.
Author’s Residence: Naples, Florida
Publisher: Enslow Publishers

**Novel in Verse**

**Crazy**
by Linda Vigen Phillips
Book Description: A novel in verse that draws from the author’s experiences coming to terms with her mother’s mental illness growing up in Oregon in the sixties.
Author’s Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina
Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

**Realistic Fiction**

**Gilded**
by Christina Farley
Book Description: Jae Hwa Lee discovers a Korean demi-god has been stealing the soul of the oldest daughter of each generation in her family for centuries. And she’s next.
Author’s Residence: Clermont, Florida
Publisher: Skyscape

**The Milk of Birds**
by Sylvia Whitman
Book Description: An American teen who struggles with school and a Sudanese teen who survived genocide in Darfur exchange letters during 2008, transforming their very different lives.
Author’s Residence: Florida
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

**Steampunk**

**The Perilous Journey of the Much-Too-Spontaneous Girl**
by Leigh Statham
Book Description: Lady Marguerite and her automaton, Outil, battle airpirates in this exciting sequel full of steampunk fun and historical facts about the Golden Age of Piracy.
Author’s Residence: Raleigh, North Carolina
Publisher: Month9Books
GRADES PREK-K

Picture Books

**Blue on Blue**
by Dianne White, illustrated by Beth Krommes
Book Description: It’s a bright, beautiful, blue-on-blue day, but a summer storm is on its way, and soon... Thunder! Lightning! Rain is pouring. Will the sun ever be back?
Author’s Residence: Gilbert, Arizona
Publisher: Beach Lane Books

**Brunhilda’s Backwards Day**
by Shawna J.C. Tenney
Book Description: Brunhilda the witch loves to make trouble. But then, one night, Brunhilda’s cat makes trouble instead...The next day everything is backwards!
Author’s Residence: Eagle Mountain, Utah
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**Busy Builders, Busy Week!**
by Jean Reidy, illustrated by Leo Timmers
Book Description: Digging, dumping, ‘dozing and more! A delightful rhyming picture book, where young readers learn the days of the week as a joyous construction crew works together!
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children’s Books

**Do Princesses and Super Heroes Hit the Trail?**
by Carmela LaVigna Coyle, illustrated by Mike Gordon
Book Description: Join our favorite princess and her super hero brother as they discover that the National Parks hold a bounty of excitement and adventure!
Author’s Residence: Denver, Colorado
Publisher: Muddy Boots Books/Rowman and Littlefield

**Happy Mamas**
by Kathleen T. Pelley, illustrated by Ruth E. Harper
Book Description: A lyrical read aloud that depicts a range of human and animal mamas mothering their little ones over the course of a day. Available in Spanish.
Author’s Residence: Greenwood Village, Colorado
Publisher: Child Welfare League of America

**The Little Snowplow**
by Lora Koehler, illustrated by Jake Parker
Book Description: Mighty Mountain Road Crew's snowplow trains hard to handle big snows. But can he handle blizzards and unexpected trouble too? A vehicle adventure with heart.
Author’s Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah
Publisher: Candlewick Press

**Nonnie and I**
by Savannah Hendricks, illustrated by Lisa M. Griffin
Book Description: Set in Botswana, a young girl is afraid that her first day of school will mean leaving her best friend, a giraffe, behind.
Author’s Residence: Arizona
Publisher: Xist Publishing

**Old MacDonald had a Dragon**
by Ken Baker, illustrated by Christopher Santoro
Book Description: Old MacDonald likes the new dragon on his farm until it starts swallowing up all the animals in this humorous adaptation of the popular song.
Author’s Residence: Orem, Utah
Publisher: Two Lions

Picture Book/Bilingual

**La Madre Goose: Nursery Rhymes for Los Niños**
by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal
Book Description: Classic Mother Goose rhymes get a Latino twist in this cozy collection – familiar characters in vibrant, luminous scenes brimming with fanciful details.
Illustrator’s Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona
Publisher: Putnam Books for Young Readers

GRADES 1-2

Early Reader

**Pigeon Hero!**
by Shirley Raye Redmond, illustrated by Doris Ettlinger
Book Description: The true story of G.I. Joe, an American World War II pigeon, who carries a message that saves an Italian town.
Author’s Residence: Los Alamos, New Mexico
Publisher: Simon Spotlight

Picture Book

**Don’t Call Me Grandma**
by Vaunda Mcheaux Nelson, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon
Book Description: A little girl recounts the reasons her great grandmother is hard to love...and why she loves her anyway.
Author’s Residence: Rio Rancho, New Mexico
Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

**Field Trip Fiasco**
by Julie Danneberg, illustrated by Judy Love
Book Description: Mrs. Hartwell, of First Day Jitters fame, takes her class on a field trip to the zoo. Despite her best efforts, chaos ensues.
Author’s Residence: Boulder, Colorado
Publisher: Charlesbridge
**Jamaica Is Thankful**
by Juanita Havill, illustrated by Anne Sibley O’Brien
Book Description: Jamaica’s friend Kristin arrives with a kitten. Jamaica wants to keep the kitten, but how can she when her brother is allergic to cats?
Author’s Residence: Sonoita, Arizona
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree**
by Claudia Cangilla McAdam, illustrated by Dave Hill
Book Description: Orphan Kristoph and missionary Boniface change the hearts of men worshiping an oak tree and start the tradition of bringing evergreens home at Christmas.
Author’s Residence: Highlands Ranch, Colorado
Publisher: Paraclete Press

**Monday is Wash Day**
by MaryAnn Sundby, illustrated by Tessa Blackham
Book Description: Two sisters help wash clothes. From gathering clothes, to washing and hanging them outside, to putting them away, the family works together.
Author’s Residence: Castle Rock, Colorado
Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

**The Nian Monster**
by Andrea Wang, illustrated by Alina Chau
Book Description: The Nian Monster has returned at Chinese New Year, intent on devouring Shanghai -- starting with Xingling! Can she find a way to outwit the monster?
Author’s Residence: Denver, Colorado
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**The Night Before the Snow Day**
by Natasha Wing, illustrated by Amy Wummer
Book Description: Natasha Wing’s newest Night Before book is for kids who dream of snowball fights, sledding, and snow days!
Author’s Residence: Fort Collins, Colorado
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

**Sam and Gram and the First Day of School**
by Dianne Blomberg, PhD, illustrated by George Ulrich
Book Description: Sam often feels lonely and scared during his school day. His Grandma helps him through this and Sam learns to belong.
Author’s Residence: Lafayette, Colorado
Publisher: Magination Press

**Space Boy and the Space Pirate**
by Dian Curtis Regan, illustrated by Robert Neubecker
Book Description: When a Space Pirate captures Niko’s cousin, it’s off to Planet Zorg to save her. But the pirate steals Niko’s spaceship! How will they ever get back to Planet Home?
Author’s Residence: Colorado Springs, Colorado
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

**Turkey Trick or Treat**
by Wendi Silvano, illustrated by Lee Harper
Book Description: Turkey is desperate for Halloween treats. But he’ll have to use his clever disguises to get any (hilarious companion to Turkey Trouble and Turkey Claus).
Author’s Residence: Grand Junction, Colorado
Publisher: Two Lions

**Look Both Ways in the Barrio Blanco**
by Judith Robbins Rose
Book Description: The lonely, but gifted 12-year-old daughter of undocumented immigrants finds her world is torn apart after she’s paired with a pushy, fading TV news personality mentor.
Author’s Residence: Centennial, Colorado
Publisher: Candlewick Press

**Write This Down**
by Claudia Mills
Book Description: An aspiring seventh-grade writer yearns to realize her dream of publication- but what if she can do so only by revealing painful family secrets?
Author’s Residence: Boulder, Colorado
Publisher: Margaret Ferguson Books

**Mirabella and the Faded Phantom**
by Sharon Skinner, illustrated by Keith Decesare
Book Description: Twelve-year-old Mirabella befriends a faded phantom and then must unravel the mystery of the ghost’s past before the old house it haunts is demolished.
Author’s Residence: Mesa, Arizona
Publisher: Brick Cave Books

**A Nearer Moon**
by Melanie Crowder
Book Description: “Crowder blends gorgeously poetic language with precisely observed detail in this delicate fantasy of sisterly love tested by separation and illness.” —PW starred review
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Atheneum

**May B.**
by Caroline Starr Rose
Book Description: “If May is a brave, stubborn fighter, the short, free-verse lines are one-two punches in this Laura Ingalls Wilder-inspired ode to the human spirit.” — Kirkus Reviews, Starred
Author’s Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico
Publisher: Schwartz and Wade

**The Midnight Ride of Blackwell Station**
by Mary Peace Finley
Book Description: Raephy lives in an isolated railroad depot, but her wish for a town doesn’t prepare her for the midnight hijacking of Blackwell Station---with her inside!
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Filter Press
**Inspirational Biography**

**Milton Hershey: Young Chocolatier**  
by M.M. Eboch  
Book Description: Milton Hershey faced many challenges before founding his famous chocolate company, including learning challenges and a difficult family situation. His story will inspire young readers.  
Author’s Residence: Socorro, New Mexico  
Publisher: Aladdin

**Organisms That Glow**  
by Bobi Martin  
Book Description: From fireflies to mantis shrimp, this well-researched book is a fascinating introduction to bioluminescence and bio-fluorescence for young readers.  
Author’s Residence: Yuma, Arizona  
Publisher: Britannica/Rosen Publishing

**Mystery**

**Book Scavenger**  
by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman, illustrated by Sarah Watts  
Book Description: Kids stumble onto a secret literary scavenger hunt through San Francisco, unaware that others with malicious intent are hunting the same prize.  
Author’s Residence: Boulder, Colorado  
Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

**Seeds of Freedom: The Peaceful Integration of Huntsville, Alabama**  
by Hester Bass, illustrated by E. B. Lewis  
Book Description: How racial discrimination and unfairness were met successfully and nonviolently with perseverance and ingenuity. NCSS Woodson Honor. PW starred review: “Nonfiction storytelling at its best.”  
Author’s Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Publisher: Candlewick Press

**Picture Book**

**The Night Before Christmas in Ski Country**  
by Suzanne Nieman Brown, illustrated by Dana Schlingman  
Book Description: The slopes are bare in Ski Country. How will a snowboarding Santa and his dog, Cocoa, bring fresh powder in time for a white Christmas?  
Author’s Residence: Evergreen, Colorado  
Publisher: Westcliffe/Big Earth Publishing

**Narrative Nonfiction**

**Safe at Last: True Stories of Horse Rescues**  
by Elaine Pease, photographs by Roxannne Capaul  
Book Description: In this award-winning chapter book, follow the thrilling rescues of six endangered horses, to their inspiring and happy endings. Glossary. Hippo-Therapy. Empathy.  
Author’s Residence: Boulder, Colorado  
Publisher: Filter Press Books

**Picture Book Biography**

**Colorful Dreamer: The Story of Artist Henri Matisse**  
by Marjorie Blain Parker, illustrated by Holly Berry  
Book Description: This lyrical, visually rich picture book tells Henri Matisse’s remarkable story, inspiring and encouraging readers to never give up on their dreams.  
Author’s Residence: Englewood, Colorado  
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

**Nonfiction**

**101 Books to Read Before You Grow Up**  
by Bianca Schulze  
Book Description: A fun handbook for book lovers and their families to read, check off, and give their own book reviews.  
Author’s Residence: Broomfield, Colorado  
Publisher: Quarto Kids

**How the West Was Drawn: Women’s Art**  
by Linda L. Osmundson  
Book Description: Questions urge the reader to really look at the art of 14 woman western painters. Text includes tidbits about the women and the art.  
Author’s Residence: Fort Collins, Colorado  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

**Poetry**

**Yum! ¡Mmm! ¡Qué Rico! America’s Sproutings**  
by Pat Mora, illustrated by Rafael Lopez  
Book Description: A luscious collection of haiku celebrating foods native to the Americas, these poems capture the tasty essence of foods that have delighted, united, and enriched our lives for centuries.  
Author’s Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Publisher: Lee & Low Books
Realistic Fiction

Christmas Wonders
by Robyn Buttars
Book Description: Since nine-year-old Luke has never celebrated Christmas, the tradition of sharing Christmas Wonders in his new hometown makes him feel like an outsider—again.
Author’s Residence: Lewiston City, Utah
Publisher: Familius

The Only Road
by Alexandra Diaz
Book Description: After the murder of his cousin, Jaime and Ángela must leave Guatemala and embark on the dangerous journey through Mexico in order to survive.
Author’s Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Stand Up and Whistle
by Phyllis J. Perry, illustrated by Agnieszka Grochalska
Book Description: When seventh grader Jeannie learns a construction company will poison prairie dogs, she and her friends mobilize to move rather than exterminate the animals.
Author’s Residence: Boulder, Colorado
Publisher: Amberjack Publishing

Science

What’s for Dinner? Quirky, Squirmy Poems from the Animal World
by Katherine B. Hauth, illustrated by David Clark
Book Description: “... finding food is not a joke. Living things must eat or croak.” Twenty-nine poetic vignettes reveal varied, weird, amusing, and gross animal survival techniques.
Author’s Residence: Rio Rancho, New Mexico
Publisher: Charlesbridge

GRADES 6-8

Adventure

Treasure at Lure Lake
by Shari Schwarz
Book Description: With map in hand, two brothers embark on a mountain adventure that will lead them to a secret at the heart of their strained relationship.
Author’s Residence: Fort Collins, Colorado
Publisher: Cedar Fort

Contemporary Fiction

Bull Rider
by Suzanne Morgan Williams
Book Description: When Cam’s brother, Ben, is seriously injured in the Iraq war, Cam risks riding a dangerous bull to overcome his grief and give Ben new hope.
Author’s Residence: Reno, Nevada
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Five Times Revenge
by Lindsay Eland
Book Description: Five unlikely friends. Two bullies. One epic prank. This funny, heartwarming novel about friendship and standing up for yourself will appeal to all ages.
Author’s Residence: Breckenridge, Colorado
Publisher: Greenwillow

Hide and Seek
by Katy Grant
Book Description: 14-year-old Chase discovers two young boys while geocaching in the woods. When he helps them, he finds more adventure – and danger – than he bargained for.
Author’s Residence: Flagstaff, Arizona
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Soldier Sister, Fly Home
by Nancy Bo Flood, illustrated by Shonto Begay
Book Description: A sister at war. A hot-headed horse named Blue. Tess’s Navajo and white identities at battle. Summer is turning out to be anything but easy.
Author’s Residence: Glenwood Springs, Colorado
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Historical Fiction

Bear Claws, The Iron Horse Chronicles—Book Two
by Robert Lee Murphy
Book Description: Will Rogers Medallion Award 2016 finalist and Wyoming State Historical Society 2016 winner, Bear Claws continues Will Braddock’s adventures in building the first transcontinental railroad.
Author’s Residence: Henderson, Nevada
Publisher: Five Star Publishing

Cinnamon Moon
by Tess Hilmo, illustrated by Scott McKowen
Book Description: Set just after the Great Chicago Fire, this is a novel about loss and hope and the struggle of two orphans to rebuild a family.
Author’s Residence: Highland, Utah
Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

Magical Realism

Finn’s Choice
by Darby Karchut
Book Description: A monster-hunting apprentice must use every scrap of Irish luck and pluck to save his beloved master from a veneful Celtic war goddess.
Author’s Residence: Colorado Springs, Colorado
Publisher: Spencer Hill Press

The Time of the Fireflies
by Kimberley Griffiths Little
Book Description: A thrilling story of one girl’s race to unravel the dangerous curse that has haunted her family for generations—and prevent tragedy from striking again.
Author’s Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico
Publisher: Scholastic Press
Mystery

The Perfect Blindside
by Leslea Wahl
Book Description: Snowboarding superstar Jake moves to a small town to avoid the paparazzi, but finds himself involved in a mystery in the abandoned silver mine.
Author’s Residence: Greenwood Village, Colorado
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

Realistic Fiction

Click Here (to find out how I survived seventh grade)
by Denise Vega
Book Description: When Erin Swift and her best friend Jilly are separated for the first time in middle school, Erin finds herself on a journey of self-discovery.
Author’s Residence: Denver, Colorado
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

The Dogs of Winter
by Bobbie Pyron
Book Description: When young Mishka finds himself living on the streets of Moscow, his survival depends on a pack of feral dogs. Inspired by a true story!
Author’s Residence: Park City, Utah
Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books

Supernatural Mystery

The Haunting of Springett Hall
by E.B. Wheeler
Book Description: Lucy doesn’t remember how she became a ghost, but she must solve the mystery to stop a necromancer before he strikes again.
Author’s Residence: North Logan, Utah
Publisher: Cedar Fort

Fantasy

Curio
by Evangeline Denmark
Book Description: Transported to a land inside an enchanted cabinet, Grey searches among the living porcelain and clockwork inhabitants for the human who knows the way home.
Author’s Residence: Colorado
Publisher: Blink Publishing

Gateway to Fourline
by Pam Brondos
Book Description: Years before, a gateway opened between their world and ours. Sending one young woman through may be the key to survival for the kingdom of Fourline.
Author’s Residence: Casper, Wyoming
Publisher: Skyscape

Tokens and Omens
by Jeri Baird
Book Description: After a time of magic, Zander and Alexa undergo a dangerous trial known as the Quest. Survival depends on earning tokens that counteract the omens.
Author’s Residence: Montrose, Colorado
Publisher: Jolly Fish Press

Paranormal

Messenger
by Carol Lynch Williams
Book Description: An eerie, atmospheric tale that’s part romance, ghost story and mystery about a girl who talks to those who’ve died – even if she’d rather not.
Author’s Residence: Provo, Utah
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Paranormal Romance

Beyond the Rising Tide
by Sarah Beard
Book Description: Kai died saving Avery’s life, and now Avery’s life is unraveling. In order to help her, Kai dangerously blurs the barriers between life and death.
Author’s Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah
Publisher: Sweetwater Books/Cedar Fort

Psychological Thriller

Backwards
by Todd Mitchell
Book Description: A powerful novel about a teen dealing with death, rejection, and love while traveling backwards in time. Winner of the CAL Award and Litpick 5 Star Book Award.
Still Photo
by Kim Harnes
Book Description: The story of 16-year-old Jess Waterford, a photographer's assistant whose life tears apart as her past and her present collide.
Author's Residence: Sparks, Nevada
Publisher: Evernight Teen

Mystery

Blind Spot
by Laura Ellen
Book Description: Sixteen year-old Roswell Hart comes to terms with her visual impairment as she tries to clear her name in the death of a classmate.
Author's Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Realistic Fiction

Pin Drop
by Roz Monette
Book Description: Sixteen year-old Mo Perez fights for survival as a homeless teenager living in Denver.
Author's Residence: Bromfield, Colorado
Publisher: Cedar Grove Books
SCBWI Official Winter 2016 Reading List

GRADES PREK-K

**Picture Books**

**12 Cowboys Ropin’**
*by Susan Holt Kralovansky*
- Book Description: The traditional Twelve Days of Christmas has been reimagined with Lone Star charm. The symbols of Texas are introduced with rustic fiber-art collages.
- Author’s Residence: Georgetown, Texas
- Publisher: Pelican Publishing

**Bizz & Buzz Make Honey Buns**
*by Dee Leone*
- Book Description: Two bees use a little flower instead of a little flour to follow a recipe, which makes this book a humorous introduction to homophones.
- Author’s Residence: Houston, Texas
- Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

**Freddy, Hoppie and the Eyeglasses**
*by Michelle Nott, illustrated by Robert Lee Beers*
- Book Description: Freddy and his frog Hoppie jump into each day until numbers smudge, words blur, and classmates snicker. They need to tell Mom, but how?
- Author’s Residence: Katy, Texas
- Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

**Hound Dawg**
*by Patricia Vermillion, illustrated by Cheryl Pilgrim*
- Book Description: Bessie, Calico, and Penny work their fingers to the bone down on the cotton farm. But Hound Dawg, he’s a couch potato—lazy, lazy, lazy. Until one day...
- Author’s Residence: Texas
- Publisher: TCU Press

**I Can Help!**
*by Peggy Perry Anderson*
- Book Description: Little Joe the Frog helps Mom run errands. He helps Dad do chores. You never know how things will go when Joe is on the job!
- Author’s Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**I Love You Too, I Love You Three**
*by Wendy Tugwood, illustrated by Sheila Mcgraw*
- Book Description: Through charming counting rhymes and gentle illustrations, this heartwarming book perfectly captures how the love between a mother and child transcends their separation.
- Illustrator’s Residence: Houston, Texas
- Publisher: Firefly Books

**Mary Had a Little Glam**
*by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton*
- Book Description: In this fun take on Mother Goose, fashion-forward Mary helps some of childhood’s most beloved characters go glam.
- Author’s Residence: Edmond, Oklahoma
- Publisher: Sterling Children’s

**Sleepyheads**
*by Sandra J. Howatt, illustrated by Joyce Wan*
- Book Description: Rhyming text invites readers to find and identify sleeping animals including one nocturnal animal, and one sleepyhead who is asleep but not in bed.
- Author’s Residence: Texas
- Publisher: Little Simon

GRADES 1-2

**Early Reader**

**Daring Amelia**
*by Barbara Lowell, illustrated by Jez Tuya*
- Book Description: Amelia Earhart flew in air shows breaking speed and altitude records. But Amelia wanted more – to be the first woman to fly across the Atlantic.
- Author’s Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Publisher: Penguin Young Readers

**What This Story Needs is a Hush and a Shush**
*by Emma J. Virján*
- Book Description: All Pig in a Wig wants to do is get some sleep, but the farm animals are keeping her awake! Will she ever find some peace and quiet?
- Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas
- Publisher: HarperCollins

**Nonfiction Picture Book**

**Mission to Space**
*by John B. Herrington*
- Book Description: Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington shares his astronaut training, his flight on the space shuttle Endeavor, and his mission to the International Space Station with young readers.
- Author’s Residence: Ada, Oklahoma
- Publisher: White Dog Press/Chickasaw Press

**Swamp Where Gator Hides**
*by Maryann Berkes, illustrated by Roberta Baird*
- Book Description: Under the algae that carpets the swamp, hides a gator? Only his watchful eyes can be seen, but what happens when gator makes his move?
- Illustrator’s Residence: Houston, Texas
- Publisher: Dawn Publications
The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game
by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by Jez Tuya
Book Description: William Hoy loved baseball, but was told he couldn’t play because he was deaf. William taught the umpires hand signals and he started to score!
Author’s Residence: Plano, Texas
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

88 Instruments
by Chris Barton, illustrated by Louis Thomas
Book Description: A boy gets to pick only one instrument in a music store, but there are so many to choose from!
Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Art from Her Heart: Folk Artist Clementine Hunter
by Kathy Whitehead, illustrated by Shane W. Evans
Book Description: Clementine Hunter’s paintings recorded hard work and joyful celebrations of southern farm life but segregation kept her from viewing them in a gallery until after-hours.
Author’s Residence College Station, Texas
Publisher: G. P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers

Bears Make the Best Reading Buddies
by Carmen Oliver illustrated by Jean Claude
Book Description: Adelaide tells her teacher Mrs. Fitz-Pea that her reading buddy is nothing to be afraid of because bears really do make the best reading buddies!
Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas
Publisher: Capstone Press

The Blues Go Birding At Wild America’s Shores
by Carol Malnor and Sandy Fuller, illustrated by Louise Schroeder
Book Description: Five humorous little birds go on an adventurous bird watching trip and discover birds along all of North America’s coasts, from Newfoundland to Alaska.
Illustrator’s Residence: Austin, Texas
Publisher: Dawn Publications

A Friend for Freckles
by Erin Liles, illustrated by Alexander Morris
Book Description: Freckles the three-legged dog wants a home more than anything. Will people ever look past what he doesn’t have and see what he does?
Author’s Residence: Kyle, Texas
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

My Name Is James Madison Hemings
by Jonah Winter, illustrated by Terry Widener
Book Description: A first person narrative told by James Madison Hemings who was born into slavery in 1805.
Illustrator’s Residence: McKinney, Texas
Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

The Night the Mice Sang
by Marla F. Jones, illustrated by Holly Abston
Book Description: Willa believes she can hear mice singing about the coming rain. Should her family be concerned or will vindication be sweet for this special girl?
Author's Residence: Yukon, Oklahoma
Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight
by Penny Parker Klostermann, illustrated by Ben Mantle
Book Description: Meet an old dragon who swallows pretty much an entire kingdom! Written in rollicking rhyme, this book is sure to be requested again and again.
Author’s Residence: Abilene, Texas
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Toby and the Secret Code
by Una Belle Townsend, illustrated by Gwen Coleman Lester
Book Description: Toby’s class report is about his great-great-grandfather, Tobias Frazier, who was a World War I Choctaw code talker. Includes some Choctaw words.
Author’s Residence: Yukon, Oklahoma
Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

Rey Antonio and Rey Feo: A San Antonio Fiesta Story
by Kena Sosa, illustrated by Jessica McClure
Book Description: A story of the Fiesta celebration in San Antonio through the adventures of two rivaling brothers who both wish to be King of the City.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: 4RV Publishing

Scarecrow’s Journey
by Timothy Lange
Book Description: Scarecrow’s head isn’t just stuffed with straw; it’s filled with the longing to fly. So when the farmer leaves, Scarecrow must decide to either stay or pursue his dream of flying.
Author’s Residence: Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

The Story Circle/El Circulo de cuentos
by Diane Gonzales Bertrand, illustrated by Wendy Martin
Book Description: After a terrible flood, a clever teacher and her students refill empty bookshelves with homemade books of their stories.
Author’s Residence: San Antonio, Texas
Publisher: Arte Publico Press

A Surprise for Teresita / Una Sorpresa Para Teresita
by Virginia Sanchez-korrol, illustrated by Carolyn Dee Flores
Book Description: Set in a Puerto Rican neighborhood in NYC, this bilingual picture book captures both the daily life of an urban community and a child’s excitement about her birthday surprise.
Author’s Residence: San Antonio, Texas
Publisher: Arte Publico/Pinata
GRADERS 3-5

Fantasy

*Tut: The Story of My Immortal Life*  
by P. J. Hoover  
Book Description: King Tut used to rule Egypt. Now he’s stuck in middle school. Even worse, his crazy uncle, the guy who’s been locked in the tomb for 3000 years, is out to get him.  
Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: Starscape

Historical Fiction

*Anywhere but Paradise*  
by Anne Bustard  
Book Description: Set in 1960, Hawaii is not paradise for newcomer Peggy Sue, until a new friend, hula, and the beauty of the islands change her mind.  
Author’s Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: Lerner

*Voices of the Western Frontier*  
by Sherry Garland, illustrated by Julie Dupre Buckner  
Book Description: From Sacagawea in the Lewis and Clark expedition to a modern day cowgirl, sixteen first person narratives tell the story of America’s Westward expansion.  
Author’s Residence: Bryan, Texas  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Humorous Fiction

*Zack Delacruz: Just My Luck*  
by Jeff Anderson, illustrated by Andrea Miller  
Book Description: Zack is back—and eager to meet the new girl. Things get off to a rough start and total chaos erupts in this humorous romp.  
Author’s Residence: San Antonio, Texas  
Publisher: Sterling Children’s

Nonfiction

*Exploring Earth*  
by Carmen Bredeson  
Book Description: Why is Earth the only planet in the solar system that has life? Why are there four seasons? What causes the weather? Find out here.  
Author’s Residence: Houston, Texas  
Publisher: Enslow Publishing

*The Hole Story of the Doughnut*  
by Pat Miller, illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch  
Book Description: Nearly everyone loves doughnuts. Now learn the humorous story of Captain Hanson Crockett Gregory who invented them more than 166 years ago!  
Author’s Residence: Richmond, Texas  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

*Super Awesome Science: The Science of Speed*  
by Wendy Hinote Lanier  
Book Description: The Science of Speed explores the science behind speed on land, in water, and through the air.  
Author’s Residence: Beaumont, Texas  
Publisher: Core Library/ABDO

Nonfiction Picture Book

*Army Camels: Texas Ships of the Desert*  
by Doris Fisher, illustrated by Julie Dupre Buckner  
Book Description: Called the US Army Camel Experiment, camels sailed to Texas in 1856 to open up the Wild West.  
Author’s Residence: Houston, Texas  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Picture Book

*Willy The Texas Longhorn*  
by Alan C. Elliott, illustrated by Stephanie Ford  
Book Description: Willy saves Christmas by painting his horns fluorescent blue and flying Santa’s sleigh across Texas. (A Rudolph story with a Longhorn.)  
Author’s Residence: Dallas, Texas  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Picture Book/Bilingual

*Lupita’s First Dance/El Primer Baile de Lupita*  
by Lupe Ruiz-Flores, illustrated by Gabhor Utomo  
Book Description: A bilingual picture book about a young girl who shows courage when she takes a risk after her partner fails to show up for her first dance performance.  
Author’s Residence: San Antonio, Texas  
Publisher: Arte Público Press

Picture Book Biography

*Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Taught the World About Kindness*  
by Donna Janell Bowman, illustrated by Daniel Minter  
Book Description: A reading, writing, calculating horse? “Ridiculous!” people said, until William “Doc” Key and his horse Beautiful Jim Key proved the power of kindness.  
Author’s Residence: Round Rock, Texas  
Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Realistic Fiction

*Chained*  
by Lynne Kelly  
Book Description: Ten-year-old elephant keeper Hastin befriends his elephant Nandita, and soon realizes escaping from the cruel circus owner is only way they will both survive.  
Author’s Residence: Houston, Texas  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers
**Gianna the Great**  
by Becky Villareal  
Book Description: Gianna Saldaña is searching for information about her family. What she finds out in this story will change her life forever.  
Author's Residence: Garland, Texas  
Publisher: Anaiah Press

**The STEM Club Goes Exploring**  
by Lois Melbourne, illustrated by Jomike Tejido  
Book Description: students explore careers as they interview a technology entrepreneur, a geologist, and professionals in healthcare and veterinary care.  
Author's Residence: Southlake, Texas  
Publisher: Greenleaf Press

**Nightingale’s Nest**  
by Nikki Loftin  
Book Description: A haunting, magical story about a boy with the weight of the world on his shoulders, and a girl with the gift of healing in her voice.  
Author's Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: Razorbill

**The Radiant Road**  
by Katherine Catmull  
Book Description: When an ancient evil threatens to destroy the roads between human and fairy, only Clare and a strange boy named Finn stand in the way.  
Author's Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: Dutton Books for Young Readers

**A Family for Leona**  
by Beverly Stowe McClure  
Book Description: After Leona's mother dies, she’s sent West on the Orphan Train, while her brothers and sisters stay behind. Will she ever see them again?  
Author's Residence: Iowa Park, Texas  
Publisher: 4RV Publishing

**Living on Sisu: The 1913 Union Copper Strike Tragedy**  
by Deborah K. Frontiera  
Book Description: The events of a strike in Michigan’s Copper District in 1913 told through the eyes of a 12 year old girl. Won Purple Dragonfly Award.  
Author's Residence: Houston Texas  
Publisher: ABCs Press

**Nonfiction**

**Lone Star Legacy: The Texas Rangers Then and Now**  
by Melanie Chrismer  
Book Description: Historical account of the Texas Ranger Law Enforcement Organization. From 1823 to the present, the origination, changes and advancements are described through true Texas events.  
Author's Residence: Pearland, Texas  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

**Historical Fiction**

**Until I Break**  
by Kara Bietz  
Book Description: When gunshots echo through the halls of Broadmeadow High School, whose finger is on the trigger?  
Author's Residence: Cypress, Texas  
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**Fantasy**

**The Lost Property Office**  
by James R. Hannibal  
Book Description: Jack Buckles must navigate a labyrinth of London’s most secret societies and stop a psychotic clockmaker from burning the city to the ground.  
Author's Residence: Houston, Texas  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**The Storyspinner**  
by Becky Wallace  
Book Description: A case of mistaken identity exposes a young performer to a danger she could never have imagined and a secret her father died to protect.  
Author's Residence: Houston, Texas  
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

**Grades 6-8**

**Fantasy**

**The Book of Ethan**  
by Russell J. Sanders  
Book Description: Fleeing his polygamist community, Ethan finds a world he is little prepared for but faces his task forging new relationships while discovering he is gay.  
Author's Residence: Houston, Texas  
Publisher: Harmony Ink Press

**Realistic Fiction**

**The Radiant Road**  
by Katherine Catmull  
Book Description: When an ancient evil threatens to destroy the roads between human and fairy, only Clare and a strange boy named Finn stand in the way.  
Author's Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: Dutton Books for Young Readers

**GRADES 9-12**

**Contemporary Fiction**

**The Book of Ethan**  
by Russell J. Sanders  
Book Description: Fleeing his polygamist community, Ethan finds a world he is little prepared for but faces his task forging new relationships while discovering he is gay.  
Author's Residence: Houston, Texas  
Publisher: Harmony Ink Press

**Until I Break**  
by Kara Bietz  
Book Description: When gunshots echo through the halls of Broadmeadow High School, whose finger is on the trigger?  
Author's Residence: Cypress, Texas  
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**Fantasy**

**The Lost Property Office**  
by James R. Hannibal  
Book Description: Jack Buckles must navigate a labyrinth of London’s most secret societies and stop a psychotic clockmaker from burning the city to the ground.  
Author's Residence: Houston, Texas  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**The Storyspinner**  
by Becky Wallace  
Book Description: A case of mistaken identity exposes a young performer to a danger she could never have imagined and a secret her father died to protect.  
Author's Residence: Houston, Texas  
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books
### Walter Plume and the Dehydrated Imagination
**by** Rebecca Lynn Morales

**Book Description:** Before Ickabod Von Snot-hook sucks everyone’s joy dry with his neverending rules, Walter must save everyone with his new life-giving powers and his imagination!

**Author’s Residence:** Temple, Texas

**Publisher:** Cedar Fort

---

### Historical Fiction

#### Grendel’s Mother: The Saga of the Wyrd-Wife
**by** Susan Signe Morrison

**Book Description:** A historical novel telling the story of the Old English poem, Beowulf, from the point of view of the young women in a heroic world.

**Author’s Residence:** Austin, Texas

**Publisher:** Top Hat Books/John Hunt

---

#### The Year We Sailed the Sun
**by** Theresa Nelson

**Book Description:** Spitfire orphan Julia Delaney rails against nuns and gangsters alike in 1911-12 St. Louis, in her struggle to be reunited with her beloved brother.

**Author’s Residence:** Houston, Texas

**Publisher:** Atheneum Books for Young Readers

---

### Mystery

#### Evidence of Things Not Seen
**by** Lindsey Lane

**Book Description:** When a high school junior goes missing, everyone has a theory about what happened to him. Only one thing is for certain: until one possibility is proven true, all possibilities exist.

**Author’s Residence:** Austin, Texas

**Publisher:** Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

---

### Nonfiction

#### We Stand as One: The International Ladies Garment Workers Strike, New York, 1909
**by** Laura B. Edge

**Book Description:** This story of grit and determination explores how, in 1909, thousands of garment workers fought for fair wages and decent working conditions for women.

**Author’s Residence:** Kingwood, Texas

**Publisher:** Twenty-First Century Books

---

### Paranormal

#### The Recruit
**by** M.M. Cox

**Book Description:** Catch an angel, earn a fortune. Get caught by one, lose your life. When you hunt for the fallen, you always risk losing your heart.

**Author’s Residence:** Edmond, Oklahoma

**Publisher:** Bluewood Publishing

---

### Science Fiction

#### The Last Tree
**by** Denise Getson

**Book Description:** A young girl with power over water encounters an ancient tree of mysterious potential. Can these two extraordinary beings delay humanity’s slow march toward extinction?

**Author’s Residence:** Dallas, Texas

**Publisher:** CBAY Books

---

#### Polaris
**by** Beth Bowland

**Book Description:** A boy has to win a “game” in order to save his family, best friend, and himself from aliens. Don’t open the door. Don’t invite him in. He is not from here.

**Author’s Residence:** Arlington, Texas

**Publisher:** Month9Books
SCBWI Official Winter 2016 Reading List

SCBWI Official Winter 2016 Reading List — WINTER 2016/2017

UK / IRELAND

PREK-K

Picture Books

Dreamer
by Brian Moses, illustrated by Bee Willey
Book Description: All the animals and wild places in this book need to be protected and looked after, to save them for the children of the future.
Illustrator’s Residence: Suffolk, United Kingdom
Publisher: Otter-Barry Books

Giraffe on a Bicycle
by Julia Woolf
Book Description: Monkey found a bicycle, luckily Giraffe knew how to ride it . . . sort of!
Author’s Residence: Faversham Kent, United Kingdom
Publisher: Macmillan Children’s Books

Goodnight Sleepy Babies
by Janet Bingham, illustrated by Sebastien Braun
Book Description: From cuddly tiger cubs to snoozing songbirds, each spread of this reassuring bedtime book features different parent animals settling their baby down for the night.
Author’s Residence: Cambridge, England, United Kingdom
Publisher: Scholastic, Inc.

There was a Wee Lassie Who Swallowed a Midgie
by Rebecca Colby, illustrated by Kate McLelland
Book Description: Wee Lassie swallows a succession of Scotland’s favorite creatures to catch that pesky midgie—including a puffin, a seal, and even Nessie!
Author’s Residence: North Yorkshire, United Kingdom
Publisher: Floris Books

Tiz and Ott’s Big Draw
by Bridget Marzo
Book Description: Tiz and Ott, cat and donkey friends, draw and paint their way into an adventure and use their creativity to find their way back home.
Author’s Residence: London, United Kingdom
Publisher: Abrams US

You Make Me Smile
by Layn Marlow
Book Description: A little girl, a snowman and the simple pleasure a smile always brings . . . this book celebrates a friendship that lasts across the seasons.
Author’s Residence: Reading, United Kingdom
Publisher: Oxford University Press

Wings!
by Paul Stewart, illustrated by Jane Porter
Book Description: Penguin wishes he could fly. Nothing seems to work, until with the help of his friends, he discovers an unexpected talent.
Illustrator’s Residence: London, United Kingdom
Publisher: Otter-Barry Books

GRADES 1-2

Folklore

A Jar of Pickles and a Pinch of Justice
by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Uma Krishnaswamy
Book Description: Can Prince Veera and his friend, Suku, settle the disputes King Bheema’s court? These clever, funny trickster tales, are sure to delight.
Author’s Residence: London, British Isles, United Kingdom
Publisher: Walker Books, UK

Picture Books

Dreamer
by Brian Moses, illustrated by Bee Willey
Book Description: One child dreams of a world where wild creatures are safe and free to roam, where water is clear and air is pure.
Illustrator’s Residence: Ipswich, United Kingdom
Publisher: Otter-Barry Books

Lula’s Brew
by Elizabeth O Dulemba
Book Description: Lula’s Aunties want her to be a witch, but Lula would rather study cookbooks than spell books. Lula wants to be a famous chef.
Author’s Residence: Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom
Publisher: Xist Publishing

Posie Pixie And The Snowstorm (book 6 in the Whimsy Wood Series)
by Sarah Hill, illustrated by Sarah Mauchline
Book Description: It’s January in Whimsy Wood and Posie Pixie’s just made 2 new friends! Come and meet Violet Vole and her best friend Sonny Shrew (the coolest dude in Whimsy Wood!)
Author’s Residence: Bath, Wiltshire, England, United Kingdom
Publisher: Abela Publishing
GRADES 3-5

Adventure

Ambushed
By Nayanika Mahtani
Book Description: A jungle holiday adventure, where gadget geek Tara stumbles upon a gang of poachers – and needs to save the lives of a tigress and her cubs!
Author's Residence: London, United Kingdom
Publisher: Puffin Books India

Fantasy

The Golden Acorn - The Adventures of Jack Brenin Book One
by Catherine Cooper
Book Description: An extraordinary, magical, fantasy adventure. The Golden Acorn is the first book in the bestselling Jack Brenin series.
Author's Residence: Shropshire, United Kingdom
Publisher: Infinite Ideas

Humorous Fiction

Dave Pigeon: How to Deal with Bad Cats and Keep (most of) Your Feathers
by Swapna Haddow illustrated by Sheena Dempsey
Book Description: Join Dave Pigeon and his sidekick Skipper on their quest to defeat the most evil cat in town, all in the name of saving pigeonkind.
Author’s Residence: United Kingdom
Publisher: Faber & Faber

Nonfiction

Junior Ranger Activity Book
by Christy Mihaly, illustrated by Ben White
Book Description: Facts, quizzes, puzzles and games related to the U.S. National Parks.
Author's Residence: London, England
Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Nonfiction Picture Book

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.
Illustrator’s Residence: Norwich, United Kingdom
Publisher: Charlesbridge

Realistic Fiction

Bronze and Sunflower
by CAO Wenxuan, translated by Helen Wang, illustrated by Meilo So
Book Description: A heartwarming story of family and friendship by the winner of the Hans Christian Andersen Award 2016.

Translator’s Residence: London, United Kingdom
Publisher: Walker Books UK

Science Fiction

Rickety Rocket
by Alice Hemming, illustrated by Emma Randall
Book Description: Meet Spacey Stacey and her band of fun friends. There is never a dull day on Planet Fiveways. Hop into the Rickety Rocket and blast off!
Author’s Residence: Hertford, Herts United Kingdom
Publisher: Maverick Books

GRADES 6-8

Action/Adventure

The Black Lotus: Shadow of the Ninja
by Kieran Fanning
Book Description: Ghost, Cormac, and Kate join the Black Lotus, a training school for ninjas who are sworn to protect the world from the evil samurai-run Empire.
Author’s Residence: Ireland
Publisher: Scholastic

The Scarlet Files: Cat Burglar
by Tamsin Cooke
Book Description: Schoolgirl by day, cat-burglar by night, Scarlet returns treasures to their rightful owners. But when she steals an ancient Aztec bracelet, her world turns upside down.
Author’s Residence: Somerset, England
Publisher: Oxford University Press

Ghost Story

Minty
by Christina Banach
Book Description: Minty and Jess are inseparable, until one fateful day the unthinkable happens and their sisterly bond is shattered.
Author’s Residence: Fife, Scotland, United Kingdom
Publisher: Three Hares

Historical Fiction

Black Powder
by Ally Sherrick
Book Description: A rip-roaring, life-and-death quest set at the time of the Gunpowder Plot and packed with history and adventure.
Author’s Residence: Farnham, Surrey, United Kingdom
Publisher: Chicken House

Humorous Fiction

I’m an Alien and I Want to Go Home
by Jo Franklin, illustrated by Marty Kelly
Book Description: Three friends, a misunderstanding, and a lot of ice. Will Daniel ever get back to the planet he came from?
Author’s Residence: London, United Kingdom
Publisher: Clarion
**Waiting for Gonza**  
by Dave Cousins  
Book Description: Thirteen-year-old “disaster magnet” Oz learns the hard way that sometimes even the biggest mistakes can turn out to be for the best!  
Author’s Residence: Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom  
Publisher: Oxford University Press

**Realistic Fiction**

**Being Jack**  
by Jill Atkins  
Book Description: Jack loves sports. He’s an all-round popular guy, but when tragedy strikes on an activity weekend in the mountains, Jack’s world comes crashing around him.  
Author’s Residence: West Sussex, England  
Publisher: Ransom Publishing

**Science Fiction**

**Spacejackers: The Lost Sword**  
by Huw Powell  
Book Description: The fast-paced sequel to Spacejackers about a teenage boy called Jake Cutler, who joins a crew of space pirates to save the seven solar systems.  
Author’s Residence: Portishead in North Somerset, United Kingdom  
Publisher: Bloomsbury

**Grades 9-12**

**Action Adventure**

**Chasing Danger**  
by Sara Grant  
Book Description: When modern-day pirates attack a remote tropical island, 14-year-old Chase must outrun, out-think, and outfight the pirates . . . before it’s too late!  
Author’s Residence: London, England  
Publisher: Scholastic UK

**Fantasy**

**Destiny’s Rebel**  
by Philip S Davies  
Book Description: Kat is seventeen and dreading becoming Queen. In a bid for freedom she runs away, only to discover where her true destiny lies.  
Author’s Residence: Banbury, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom  
Publisher: Books to Treasure

**Mechanica**  
by Betsy Cornwell  
Book Description: A brilliant mechanic invents her own kind of happily-ever-after in this steampunk Cinderella retelling.  
Author’s Residence: Galway, Ireland  
Publisher: Clarion Books

**Future Fiction**

**Ways of The Doomed**  
by Moira McPartlin  
Book Description: A YA future fiction novel that explores zeitgeist themes appealing to the new political engagement of teens: nationalism, prejudice, and societal division.  
Author’s Residence: Killearn, Stirlingshire, United Kingdom  
Publisher: Saraband Books

**Magical Fantasy Adventure**

by Catherine Cooper, illustrated by Catherine Cooper and Ron Cooper  
Book Description: The first book in a series about an ordinary boy who has an extraordinary magical adventure after finding a golden acorn.  
Author’s Residence: Shrewsbury, United Kingdom  
Publisher: Infinite Ideas

**Thriller**

**Little White Lies**  
by Katie Dale  
Book Description: When Lou falls for gorgeous Christian, she’s ensnared in a dangerous web of deceit, her life at risk, loyalties torn. But Lou’s keeping secrets too . . .  
Author’s Residence: Cambridge, United Kingdom  
Publisher: Simon and Schuster UK
GRADES PREK-K

Board Book

**1 2 3 Moose**
by Andrea Helman, illustrated by Art Wolfe
Book Description: 1 wolf, 2 moose, 3 cougars, and more! Young children are introduced to wildlife while learning counting and numbers.
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Little Bigfoot

**Fox and the Jumping Contest**
by Corey R. Tabor
Book Description: A hilarious modern-day trickster tale starring Fox, his jetpack, and his animal friends.
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Balzer + Bray

**Folk Tale**

**The Boy from the Dragon Palace: A Folk Tale from Japan**
by Margaret Read MacDonald, illustrated by Sachiko Yoshikawa
Book Description: When Snot Nose Little Boy blows his nose magic happens! The old man wishes for more and more until… Gorgeous illustrations show the Japanese settings.
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

**Picture Book**

**Alphabet Trucks**
by Samantha R. Vamos, illustrated by Ryan O’Rourke
Book Description: In Alphabet Trucks – the companion book to Alphabet Trains – there are 26 different trucks from A to Z – a rhyming, alphabetical treat for truck lovers.
Author’s Residence: Bellevue, Washington
Publisher: Charlesbridge

**Can One Balloon Make an Elephant Fly?**
by Dan Richards, illustrated by Jeff Newman
Book Description: When Evan asks his mother, “Can one balloon make an elephant fly?” she is too busy to answer. But when she takes the time to play the game with her son…magic happens.
Author’s Residence: Bothell, Washington
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

**The Fall of General Custard or The Overthrow of a Leftover**
by Matt Damon, illustrated by Gideon Kendall
Book Description: When greedy General Custard starts a food fight in the Fridge, a diverse group of wholesome foods use kindness and cooperation to make “peas”, not war.
Author’s Residence: Ashland, Oregon
Publisher: White Cloud Press

**Peddles**
by Elizabeth Rose Stanton
Book Description: Peddles is just a pig, doing the usual pig things, until he makes a discovery and gets a really big idea!
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

**Quackers**
by Liz Wong
Book Description: A cat who thinks he’s a duck? He must be Quackers! A book about standing out, fitting in, and building a life with room for all.
Author’s Residence: Edmonds, Washington
Publisher: HarperCollins

**Hannah and Sugar**
by Kate Berube
Book Description: Hannah is afraid of Sugar. But one day, Sugar goes missing. Will Hannah be able to overcome her fears and make a new friend?
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon
Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers

**Sleep Baby Sleep**
by Calee M. Lee, illustrated by Elizabeth Miyu Blake
Book Description: Sleep, Baby, Sleep is a classic lullaby paired with enchanting images of families from around the world.
Author’s Residence: Port Townsend, Washington
Publisher: Xist Publishing
Snow Day for Mouse  
by Judy Cox, illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler  
Book Description: Mouse has a wild winter wonderland romp, aided by three cold birds. Now it’s Mouse’s turn to do something nice for his new friends.  
Author’s Residence: Grants Pass, Oregon  
Publisher: Holiday House

Snowboy 1,2,3  
by Joe Wahman, illustrated by Wendy Wahman  
Book Description: Join this cheerful snowman for a wintertime counting romp, complete with a whole host of animal friends. Playful rhythms and exuberant illustrations celebrate the wonder of winter.  
Illustrator’s Residence: Tacoma, Washington  
Publisher: Henry Holt

The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read  
by Curtis Manley, illustrated by Kate Berube  
Book Description: When Nick tries teaching his cats to read, there’s trouble—until they all learn that finding just the right book can make all the difference.  
Author’s Residence: Bellevue, Washington  
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Too Many Questions!  
by Kathryn Dennis  
Book Description: How many questions is too many? 20…100…1000, a million, a billion, trillion, gazillion? A book about endless questions and finding the answers.  
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington  
Publisher: Kane Miller

GRADES 1-2

Biography

Charlie Russell: Tale-Telling Cowboy Artist  
by Lois V. Harris, illustrated by Charlie Russell  
Book Description: Charlie Russell was a working cowboy, painter, sculptor, illustrator, writer, and storyteller of the old American West. Illustrated with Charlie’s artwork.  
Author’s Residence: Washington  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Early Reader

Digger and Daisy Plant a Garden  
by Judy Young, illustrated by Dana J. Sullivan  
Book Description: Digger digs the holes and Daisy plants seeds for carrots, tomatoes, and other vegetables. But Digger has a surprise in store for Daisy.  
Illustrator’s Residence: Newcastle, Washington  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Nonfiction Picture Book

Brave Like Me  
by Barbara Kerley  
Book Description: When someone is serving our country, far from home, their kids have to be brave. This book offers support, reassurance, and resources for families.  
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon  
Publisher: National Geographic Children’s Books

C is for China  
by Robyn Chance  
Book Description: Through the use of ABCs, and culturally relevant images, readers can learn something new about the unique contributions Chinese culture has made to our world.  
Author’s Residence: Olympia, Washington  
Publisher: Rhemalda Publishing

Mahalia Jackson: Walking with Kings and Queens  
by Nina Nolan, illustrated by John Holyfield  
Book Description: The life of Mahalia Jackson, “The Queen of Gospel,” who walked with kings and queens, including her friend, Dr. King, at the March on Washington.  
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon  
Publisher: HarperCollins

Picture Book

At the Marsh in the Meadow  
by Jeanie Mebane, illustrated by Gerald Guerlais  
Book Description: Richly illustrated story of wetlands food chain, from the mud and creatures in the marsh to the birds in the sky.  
Author’s Residence: Sammamish, Washington  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Bartholomew Quill, A Crow’s Quest to Know Who’s Who  
by Thor Hanson, illustrated by Dana Arnim  
Book Description: Bartholomew Quill is clever and curious, but he doesn’t know who or what he is. Bartholomew won’t stop asking questions until he discovers his identity.  
Illustrator’s Residence: King County, Washington  
Publisher: Little Bigfoot

Big-Enough Anna: The Little Sled Dog Who Braved the Arctic  
by Ann Dixon and Pam Flowers, illustrated by Bill Farnsworth  
Book Description: A true adventure story about Anna, the smallest dog on the team, who overcomes adversity and guides her team to safety when traversing the Arctic.  
Author’s Residence (Dixon): Alaska  
Publisher: Alaska Northwest Books/Graphic Arts

Bobbie the Wonder Dog: A True Story  
by Tricia Brown, illustrated by Cary Porter  
Book Description: In 1923-24, a collie named Bobbie soared to fame nationally for walking nearly 3,000 miles (from Indiana back home to Silverton, Oregon) after becoming lost.  
Author’s Residence: Anchorage, Alaska  
Publisher: WestWinds Press/Graphic Arts Books
Four Seasons! Five Senses! Sign Language for the Seasons and the Senses
by Dawn Babb Prochovnic, illustrated by Stephanie Bauer
Book Description: A poem for each season, beautiful artwork, activity ideas, and an opportunity to learn the American Sign Language (ASL) signs for the seasons and senses.
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon
Publisher: Magic Wagon/ABDO Publishing Group

Hey, That’s My Monster!
by Amanda Noll, illustrated by Howard McWilliam
Book Description: An irresistible monster-under-the-bed story. The perfect balance of giggles and shivers will keep you under your covers; soon you’ll be sleeping soundly.
Author’s Residence: Spanaway, Washington
Publisher: Flashlight Press

Laloo the Red Panda
by Lauren C. Freeman, illustrated by Laloo LLC
Book Description: Follow Laloo the Red Panda on a journey through India, as finds his way home with the help of some street smart dogs he meets along the way.
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Xist Publishing

Little Bug
by Karin Larson, illustrated by Eugene Ruble
Book Description: Persistence pays in the end as Little Bug looks high and low for food and a place to rest. Teaches about concepts and prepositions.
Author’s Residence: Mitchell, South Dakota
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

The Magic Word
by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Elise Parsley
Book Description: You can have anything you want in the whole world. But only if you say The Magic Word…Alakazoomba!
Illustrator’s Residence: Beresford, South Dakota
Publisher: Balzer & Bray

Sylvia’s Spinach
by Katherine Pryor, illustrated by Anna Raff
Book Description: When Sylvia’s teacher gives her spinach seeds to plant in the school garden, a picky eater must overcome her fear and try something new.
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Readers to Eaters

A Ticket to the Pennant
by Mark Holtzen, illustrated by John Skewes
Book Description: Huey frantically searches for his ticket to the big game at Seattle’s Sicks’ Stadium, but he can’t find it anywhere. Will he miss the game?
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Sasquatch Books

Emmanuel’s Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah
by Laurie Ann Thompson, illustrated by Sean Qualls
Book Description: Born in Ghana with a deformed leg, Emmanuel never gave up. He rode a bicycle nearly 400 miles to show that disability is not inability.
Author’s Residence: Washington
Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

The Ugly Dumpling
by Stephanie Campisi, illustrated by Shahar Kober
Book Description: A multi-cultural, whimsical retelling of The Ugly Duckling set in a Chinese restaurant.
Author’s Residence: Oregon
Publisher: Mighty Media Kids

In the Shadow of the Mammoth
by Patricia Nikolina Clark, illustrated by Anthony Alex LeTournneau
Book Description: At eleven summers, Zol battles his fears of joining the nomadic hunters of his Ice-age clan to go on his first mammoth hunt.
Author’s Residence: Leavenworth, Washington
Publisher: Blue Marlin Publications

Crossroads in Galilee
by Elizabeth Raum, illustrated by Zach Franzen
Book Description: This novel, set in 1st century Galilee, introduces readers to various Bible characters and situations. Readers make choices as they read that determine story outcomes.
Author’s Residence: Fargo, North Dakota
Publisher: JourneyForth

Lost! A Dog Called Bear
by Wendy Orr, illustrated by Susan Boase
Book Description: When Logan moves home, his dog Bear goes missing. Hannah finds him, and longs to keep him. Can the Rainbow Street Shelter find a solution?
Illustrator’s Residence: Portland, Oregon
Publisher: Square Fish

Cleo Edison Oliver: Playground Millionaire
by Sundee T. Frazier
Book Description: Fifth-grade Cleo dreams of building a business empire (and possibly finding her birth family). Will students go for her quick and (nearly) painless tooth-pulling service?
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books
The Last Great Adventure of the PB&J Society
by Janet Sumner Johnson
Book Description: When selling her appendix on eBay doesn’t pan out, young Annie Jenkins plots other ways to save her best friend’s house from foreclosure.
Author’s Residence: Klamath Falls, Oregon
Publisher: Capstone Press

A Million Ways Home
by Dianna Winget
Book Description: Twelve –year- old Poppy finds her whole life upended when she witnesses a serious crime and is placed under police protection in this compelling, heartfelt story.
Author’s Residence: Sagle, Idaho
Publisher: Scholastic Press

Fantasy

Dead Boy
by Laurel Gale, illustrated by Yoko Tanaka
Book Description: Other than the maggots and rot, Crow Darlingson is a normal boy. With his new friend, he investigates the monster responsible for his undead state.
Author’s Residence: Vancouver, Washington
Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers

Sophie Topfeather, Superstar!
by Sonja Anderson, illustrated by Maggie Kneen
Book Description: Thorns and thistles! When owl Sophie Topfeather stands up for her new friend, Timley Mouse, her world turns upside down.
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Sunbury Press

This is Not a Werewolf Story
by Sandra Evans
Book Description: A fresh, heartwarming, and fascinating debut that two-time Newbery Honor winner Gary Schmidt calls “a journey that every reader needs to go on.”
Author’s Residence: Tacoma, Washington
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Historical Fiction

Liberty
by Kirby Larson
Book Description: New Orleans, WWII: With the help of a pesky neighbor and a stray dog, Fish Elliott builds his best invention ever — his own self confidence.
Author’s Residence: Kenmore, Washington
Publisher: Scholastic

Saving Ellie
by Marilee Crow, illustrated by K.C. Snider
Book Description: A touching story about eight year old Ellie and her separation from her family in the midst of World War II when Jews were not safe.
Author’s Residence: Meridian, Idaho
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Sweet Home Alaska
by Carole Estby Dagg
Book Description: Terpsichore gets her chance to become a pioneer like Laura Ingalls Wilder when one of FDR’s New Deal programs ships her family to Alaska.
Author’s Residence: Everett, Washington
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

The Wolf and the Shield: An Adventure with Saint Patrick
by Sherry Weaver Smith, illustrated by Nicholas McNally
Book Description: Guided by St. Patrick, a boy cares for a wolf pup while searching for a shield strong enough to protect everything—and everyone—he loves.
Author’s Residence: West Linn, Oregon
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

Humorous Fiction

The King of Average
by Gary Schwartz, illustrated by Nicole Armitage
Book Description: This delightful, pun-filled allegory tells the story of a neglected boy who is convinced that he has no worth. …the book is fast-moving and funny, with a touch of sadness.
Author’s Residence: North Bend, Washington
Publisher: Booktrope Publishing

Lost in Ghostville
by John Bladex
Book Description: Someone has kidnapped every ghost in town, including Trey’s grandma! Trey must race to save her before she’s forever Lost in Ghostville.
Author’s Residence: Spokane Valley, Washington
Publisher: Capstone

Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer
by Kelly Jones, illustrated by Katie Kath
Book Description: When Sophie moved to a farm, she thought she might have chickens. But she never dreamed they’d be chickens with superpowers. Written in letters.
Author’s Residence: Shoreline, Washington
Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Nonfiction

Amazing Tips to Make You Smarter
by Sandy Silverthorne
Book Description: This fun, interactive cartoon illustrated book is loaded with tons of offbeat trivia and helpful hints guaranteed to make you smarter.
Author’s Residence: Eugene, Oregon
Publisher: Harvest House

The Deadliest Creature in the World
by Brenda Z Guiberson, illustrated by Gennady Spirin
Book Description: A heart-stopping touch, a powerful punch, a killer kick, a poisonous bite. . . Which creature is the deadliest? You decide!
Author’s Residence: Shoreline, Washington
Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers
Gifts from the Enemy
by Trudy Ludwig, illustrated by Craig Orback
Book Description: A powerful and moving picture book on Polish Holocaust teen survivor Alter Wiener, recalling his story of survival and hope during World War II.
Illustrator’s Residence: Everett, Washington
Publisher: White Cloud Press

How Sensors Work
by Victoria G. Christensen
Book Description: Discover how electronic sensors can be programmed to work like human senses. Also discover Super Senses, like Radar and Sonar.
Author’s Residence: Fargo, North Dakota
Publisher: Lerner Publishing

Recess at 20 Below
by Cindy Lou Aillaud
Book Description: See what it’s like to live in one of America’s coldest places, where it’s recess as usual at 20 below!
Author’s Residence: Delta Junction, Alaska
Publisher: Alaska Northwest Books/Graphic Arts Books

Rhino Rescue! and More True Stories of Saving Animals
by Clare Hodgson Meeker
Book Description: Three endangered animal rescues with engaging photos and happy endings: airlifting rhinos, saving a Hawaiian monk seal, and Siberian tiger cubs fighting for survival.
Author’s Residence: Mercer Island, Washington
Publisher: National Geographic Books for Kids

Ultimate Oceanpedia: The Most Complete Ocean Reference Ever
by Christina Wilsdon
Book Description: overflowing with amazing facts, photos, illustrations, diagrams, and information about the creatures, science, and ecology of our oceans. Includes a mini ocean atlas.
Author’s Residence: Woodinville, Washington
Publisher: National Geographic Children’s Books

The Storybook Prince
by Doug Keith
Book Description: A young prince reads storybooks to friends that visit the castle. The dragon and others have favorites but what story does the prince like best?
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington
Publisher: Simply Read Books

Realistic Fiction

The Mighty Quinn
by Robyn Parnell
Author’s Residence: Hillsboro, Oregon
Publisher: Mighty Media Press

The Wild World of Buck Bray: The Missing Grizzly Cubs
by Judy Young
Book Description: Eleven-year-old Buck is determined to solve the mystery of two missing cubs but soon realizes it’s not the animal world he needs to worry about.
Author’s Residence: Preston, Idaho
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

GRADES 6-8

Fantasy

The Gardenia Curse
by C. M. Savage
Book Description: Dreams become real when Eva mysteriously wakes in Dreamland and discovers she’s wanted dead. Can Eva save herself and her dreams before it’s too late?
Author’s Residence: Bend, Oregon
Publisher: Saguaro Books

Seriously Shifted
by Tina Connolly
Book Description: When a trio of wicked witches decide to wreak havoc in her high school, reluctant teen witch Cam must try to stop them.
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon
Publisher: Tor Teen

Historical Fantasy

The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle
by Janet Fox
Book Description: The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle is an eerie gothic fairytale with a World War II setting and magic at its heart.
Author’s Residence: Bozeman, Montana
Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers
Historical Fiction

**Incommunicado**  
by Randall Platt  
Book Description: The town’s most bullied girl and her pacifist brother fight to keep their best friend, a wealthy Japanese-American, from being interned during WWII.  
Author’s Residence: Port Orchard, Washington  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**Secondhand Summer**  
by Dan L. Walker  
Book Description: Fourteen-year-old Sam must leave his Alaskan homestead when his father dies. In the city, new friends urge him into reckless adventures.  
Author’s Residence: Seward, Alaska  
Publisher: Alaska Northwest Books/Graphic Arts Books

Realistic Fiction

**Just Claire**  
by Jean Ann Williams  
Book Description: ClaireLee finds comfort in the lies she tells herself and others in order to hide the truth about her erratic mother.  
Author’s Residence: Oregon  
Publisher: Astraea Press

Nonfiction

**Mission: Shark Rescue: All About Sharks and How to Save Them**  
by Ruth A. Musgrave  
Book Description: Incredible sharks, gorgeous photos, amazing scientists, fascinating information - a perfect book for kids who love sharks! Plus, readers discover how they can save endangered sharks!  
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon  
Publisher: National Geographic Children’s Books

**Misunderstood: Why the Humble Rat May Be Your Best Pet Ever**  
by Rachel Toor  
Book Description: A book for those who already know what great pets rats make, or for those who need to be convinced.  
Author’s Residence: Spokane, Washington  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux Books for Young Readers

**Mysterious Bones: The Story of Kennewick Man**  
by Katherine Kirkpatrick, illustrated by Emma Stevenson  
Book Description: Explores the discovery of the 9000-year-old Paleoindian whose nearly complete skeletal remains caused an uproar in both scientific and Native American circles.  
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington  
Publisher: Holiday House

**The Rift Valley and the Archaeological Evidence of the First Humans**  
by Kristina Lyn Heitkamp  
Book Description: Readers learn how archaeologists’ discoveries of bones, tools, early art, and other has furthered our understanding of the origins of modern humans.  
Author’s Residence: Missoula, Montana  
Publisher: Rosen

**Life Before**  
by Michele Bacon  
Book Description: Xander Fife’s mother is murdered on graduation day, propelling his life into chaos. Skipping town with a fake ID is his only chance at survival.  
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**Love and Leftovers**  
by Sarah Tregay  
Book Description: Stuck on summer vacation in September, Marcie attends a new school without her friends, the Leftovers, and falls for a boy who brings her breakfast. Told in verse.  
Author’s Residence: Eagle, Idaho  
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

**Nice Girls Endure**  
by Chris Struyk-Bonn  
Book Description: Sophomore Chelsea Duvay struggles with social anxiety, bullying, and self-esteem issues. Yet she discovers that with the help of family and friends, she can overcome so much.  
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon  
Publisher: Switch Press/Capstone

**Up to This Pointe**  
by Jennifer Longo  
Book Description: A ballet dancer’s dream of a professional career ends, so she searches for a new path by Wintering-Over at McMurdo Station in Antarctica.  
Author’s Residence: Washington  
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers
**Fantasy**

**Atlantis Quest**  
by Gloria Craw  
Book Description: An exciting Young Adult fantasy in a contemporary setting with a bit of romance running throughout. The second novel in the Atlantis Rising Series.  
Author’s Residence: Lake Tapps, Washington  
Publisher: Entangled Teen

**Historical Fiction**

**Gold Nuggets**  
by Lynn Lovegreen  
Book Description: In the shadow of Denali, she has a home, and he finds adventure. Together, they help create McKinley National Park.  
Author’s Residence: Anchorage, Alaska  
Publisher: Prism Book Group

**Nonfiction**

**A Mighty Case Against War: What America Missed in US History Class and What We (All) Can Do Now**  
by Kathy Beckwith  
Book Description: Unlike any US History book you’ve ever read—guaranteed! Here’s the other side of the story about America’s habit of violence. Shocking! Worthy of you.  
Author’s Residence: Dayton, Oregon  
Publisher: Dignity Press

**Paranormal Romance**

**Eerie**  
by CM McCoy  
Book Description: An 18-year-old Pittsburgher enrolls in a supernatural university in Alaska. If her classes don’t kill her, the guy she fell in love with might.  
Author’s Residence: Wasilla, Alaska  
Publisher: Omnific

**Realistic Fiction**

**Breakfast with Neruda**  
by Laura Moe  
Book Description: His mother’s a hoarder and he lives in his car. Enter the girl who may just be Michael Flynn’s lifeline.  
Author’s Residence: Lynnwood, Washington  
Publisher: Merit Press

**Science Fiction**

**The Lying Planet**  
by Carol Riggs  
Book Description: Two weeks before Jay Lawton’s Testing on the planet Liberty, he learns a deadly secret and must race to save his friends and young sisters.  
Author’s Residence: Sutherlin, Oregon  
Publisher: Entangled Teen

**Zeroboxer**  
by Fonda Lee  
Book Description: A young prizefighter battles to make it to the top in the world of zero-gravity combat amid brewing interplanetary conflict between Earth and Mars.  
Author’s Residence: Portland, Oregon  
Publisher: Flux

**Chasing at the Surface**  
by Sharon Mentyka  
Book Description: After her mother unexpectedly leaves home, twelve-year-old Marisa struggles with her feelings of loss just as a pod of nineteen orca whales become trapped near her home.  
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington  
Publisher: WestWinds Press/Graphic Arts Books

**Flyaway**  
by Helen Landalf  
Book Description: Rescuing injured and abandoned birds helps fifteen-year-old Stevie cope with mom’s meth addiction.  
Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**A Series of Small Maneuvers**  
by Eliot Treichel  
Book Description: After Emma inadvertently causes an accident that claims her father’s life on a wilderness canoe trip, she struggles to reconcile her sense of identity.  
Author’s Residence: Eugene, Oregon  
Publisher: Ooligan Press

**Membrane**  
by Michele Corriel  
Book Description: Sophie’s worlds are tearing apart. It’s up to her to mend the fabric of both.  
Author’s Residence: Belgrade, Montana  
Publisher: Leap Books
SOCIETY OF CHILDREN’S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS OFFICIAL READING LIST — WINTER 2016/2017
SPANISH / BILINGUAL

GRADES PREK-K

Picture Book

El nido de Mia
by Angela Pelaez Vargas y Mina Witteman, illustrated by Angela Pelaez Vargas
Book Description: Mia es una niña que siempre tiene nudos en el pelo. Un día, su mamá le dice que necesita un corte de cabello.
Author’s Residence (Witteman): Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Publisher: Panamericana Editorial Colombia

Mamis Felices
by Kathleen T. Pelley, illustrated by Ruth E. Harper, translated by Gloria García Diaz
Book Description: lírica para leer en voz alta que representa a un grupo de Mamis humanas y animales mimando a sus pequeños en el transcurso de un día. Disponible en español.
Author’s Residence: Greenwood Village, Colorado
Publisher: Child Welfare League of America - CWLA Press (Liga para el Bienestar de los Niños de América)

Quiero una mascota
by Judy Goldman, illustrated by Enrique Torralba
Book Description: A book full of numbers, imagination, and fun that will delight those learning how to count.
Author’s Residence: Mexico City, Mexico
Publisher: Pearson Mexico

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

La Madre Goose: Nursery Rhymes for Los Niños
by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal
Book Description: Classic Mother Goose rhymes get a Latino twist in this cozy collection – familiar characters in vibrant, luminous scenes brimming with fanciful details.
Illustrator’s Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona
Publisher: Putnam Books for Young Readers

GRADES 1-2

Early Reader/Bilingual

The Monster in the Mattress/El Monstruo en el Colchon y Otras Cuentos
by Diane de Anda
Book Description: Five little mysteries for early readers where things are not what they appear to be, including a monster, a disappearing witch, and a tricky mouse.
Author’s Residence: Playa del Rey, California
Publisher: Arte Publico Press

Folktale

Juan y las habichuelas mágicas/ Jack and the Beanstalk: Classic Bilingual Stories collection with interactive CD
by Equipo Everest, illustrated by Malena Fuentes Alzu
Book Description: A retelling of the classic tale and an excellent and fun way to learn Spanish! Read it and listen to it!
Illustrator’s Residence: Madrid, Spain
Publisher: Algar Editorial

Picture Book

El jardín mágico
by Lemniscates
Book Description: Chloe lives in a magic garden, but she doesn’t know that. A little story where poetry and information converge with the aim of awakening children’s interest in nature.
Author’s Residence: Barcelona, Spain
Publisher: Ediciones Ekaré

Picture Book/Bilingual

Rey Antonio and Rey Feo: A San Antonio Fiesta Story
by Kena Sosa
Book Description: A story of the Fiesta celebration in San Antonio through the adventures of two rivaling brothers who both wish to be King of the City.
Author’s Residence: Texas
Publisher: 4RV Publishing

The Story Circle/El Circulo de cuentos
by Diane Gonzalez Bertrand, illustrated by Wendy Martin
Book Description: After a terrible flood, a clever teacher and her students refill empty bookshelves with homemade books of their stories.
Author’s Residence: San Antonio, Texas
Publisher: Arte Publico Press
A Surprise for Teresita / Una Sorpresa Para Teresita
by Virginia Sanchez-Korrol, illustrated by Carolyn Dee Flores
Book Description: Set in a Puerto Rican neighborhood in NYC, this bilingual picture captures both the daily life of an urban community and a child’s excitement about her birthday surprise.
Author’s Residence: San Antonio, Texas
Publisher: Arte Público/Pinata

Poetry

¿Ojos, mano o pie? Adivina qué es
by Antonio Gómez Yebr, illustrated by Esther Pérez-Cuadrado
Book Description: Through poetry and riddles learn the parts of the body. Illustrations add humor and details to the text.
Illustrator’s Residence: Cartagena, Murcia, Spain
Publisher: Algar Editorial

Poetry/Bilingual

Dinosaur Name Poems/Poemas de Nombres de Dinosaurios
by Steven Clark Cunningham, MD, FACS, illustrated by Valeska Maria Populoh
Book Description: A richly illustrated, bilingual (English/Spanish) collection of poems, using the name of a prehistoric creature as a take-off for the playful verse. Includes illustrated glossary.
Author’s Residence: Baltimore, Maryland
Publisher: Three Conditions Press

GRADES 3-5

Picture Book/Bilingual

Lupita’s First Dance/El Primer Baile de Lupita
by Lupe Ruiz-Flores, illustrated by Gabhor Utomo
Book Description: A bilingual picture book about a young girl who shows courage when she takes a risk after her partner fails to show up for her first dance performance.
Author’s Residence: San Antonio, Texas
Publisher: Arte Público Press

Fantasy

De gatos y de magia
by Irma Calvo, illustrated by Marco Armenta
Book Description: Two sisters make a voodoo ritual to rescue their father from a tyrannical boss, but things get complicated when the voodoo doll is lost.
Author’s Residence: Huixquilucan, Estado de México, Mexico
Publisher: Editorial Norma

GRADES 6-8

Humorous Fiction

Ligera como una pluma (Spanish)
by Anna Lavatelli, Illustrated by Alessandra Vitelli
Book Description: Miss Gordoso feels depressed and eats a lot. She can’t go out or walk, till a boy teaches her how to fly to the happiness.
Author’s Residence: Cameri, Italy
Publisher: Editorial Norma, Colombia

Realistic Fiction

El único destino
by Alexandra Diaz
Book Description: After the murder of his cousin, Jaime and Ángela must leave Guatemala and embark on the dangerous journey through Mexico in order to survive.
Author’s Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

GRADES 9-12

Historical Fiction

Una niña en el País del Holocausto
by Becky Rubinstein, illustrated by Edmundo Santamaria
Book Description: The story of Holocaust survivor Dolly Bestandig, who luckily escaped the terror of the Nazi regime.
Author’s Residence: Mexico City, Mexico
Publisher: Pearson Mexico

Realistic Fiction

Bajo el paraguas azul (Under the Blue Umbrella)
by Elena Martinez Bianco
Book Description: Cyberbullying in high school, how life of a teenager changes after her picture is shared without her consent on the net.
Author’s Residence: Madrid, Spain
Publisher: Nowevolution