

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

SOUTHEAST

(Florida / Georgia / South Carolina / North Carolina / Alabama)

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.

Author's Residence: Brandon, Florida
Publisher: HarperCollins

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

GRADES 1-2

Chapter Book

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

Humorous Fiction

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

Picture Book

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

Gatsby's Grand Adventures Book 3: Thomas Gainsborough's "Girl with Pigs"

by Barbara Cairns, illustrated by Eugene Ruble

Book Description: Gatsby the cat lives in an art gallery. He explores famous paintings at night. Strange things happen when he forgets to jump out in time.

Author's Residence: Homosassa, Florida
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

A Hanukkah with Mazel

by Joel Edward Stein, illustrated by Elisa Vavouri

Book Description: When Misha, a poor artist, discovers a lost and hungry cat in his barn, it inspires him to celebrate Hanukkah in a very special way.

Author's Residence: Port St. Lucie, Florida
Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Her Pink Hair

by Jill Dana

Book Description: The story of a young girl's perspective of her best friend's battle with cancer, told through poetic text and mixed-media clay illustrations.

Author's Residence: Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

If an Elephant Went to School

by Ellen Fischer, illustrated by Laura Wood

Book Description: Through a series of humorous questions and answers, readers learn about classroom objectives and animal behaviors.

Author's Residence: Greensboro, North Carolina
Publisher: Mighty Media

More-igami

by Dori Kleber, Illustrated by G. Brian Karas

Book Description: Joey loves everything that folds. He's determined to master the art of origami. Practice makes perfect in this multicultural story. Includes a simple origami craft.

Author's Residence: Dunwoody, Georgia
Publisher: Candlewick Press

Nana's Favorite Things

by Dorothy H. Price, illustrated by TeMika Grooms

Book Description: Sasha loves her Nana's snacks. When she learns her Nana has diabetes, Sasha creates a clever plan to help her Nana become active and healthy.

Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina
Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

An Orangutan's Night Before Christmas

by Laura Boldin-Fournier, illustrated by Stan Jaskiel

Book Description: Santa's gone ape! His new helper is a funny orangutan. Oranga-Claus delivers gifts to zoo animals, but confuses their keeper with his strange language.

Author's Residence: Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
Publisher: Pelican 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

Wandmaker

by **Ed Masessa**

Book Description: The exciting, magical adventure of a boy and his sister, for fans of Harry Potter but based entirely in the real world.
 Author's Residence: Sarasota, Florida
 Publisher: Scholastic

Historical Fiction

Groundhogs Across America

by **Barbara Birenbaum**

Book Description: Life and locales of 21 groundhogs across America including Punxsutawney Phil predicting Spring's onset. Under-Groundhog Spy Network seeks impostors. Photos. Dictionary, map, and song.
 Authors Residence: Clearwater, Florida
 Publisher: Peartree Books

Ruby Lee and Me

by **Shannon Hitchcock**

Book Description: Set in the midst of school integration, two girls, one black and one white, discover what it means to be true friends.
 Author's Residence: Tampa, Florida
 Publisher: Scholastic Press

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'Shaunessey, 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.

Author's Residence: Florida

Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

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

Spin the Sky

by **Jill MacKenzie**

Book Description: Seventeen-year-old Magnolia, enters a dance competition in hopes of changing her tainted reputation to one that she can be proud of.

Author's Residence: Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 Publisher: Sky Pony

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