

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

SOUTHWEST (Nevada / Arizona / Utah / Colorado / Wyoming / New Mexico)

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

GRADES 3-5

Contemporary Fiction

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

Contemporary Paranormal

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

Fantasy

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

Historical Fiction

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

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

Narrative Nonfiction

Safe at Last: True Stories of Horse Rescues

by Elaine Pease, photographs by Roxanne 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

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

Nonfiction Picture Book

Like a Bird: The Art of the American Slave Song

by Cynthia Grady, illustrated by Michele Wood

Book Description: Vibrant paintings with musical scores and brief histories convey the meaning and richness of thirteen spirituals. A gorgeous holiday book.

Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Publisher: Lerner/Millbrook Press

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

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

Zachary Z. Packrat Backpacks the Grand Canyon

by Brooke Bessesen, illustrated by Jenny Campbell

Book Description: With this interactive adventure, discover the spectacular nature of America's "grandest" national park—with a few humorous (and heart-stopping) surprises along the way.

Author's Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona

Publisher: Arizona Highways 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

Poetry

Yum! iMmm! ¡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 Buttar

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 vengeful 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

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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

GRADES 9-12

Adventure

Mirage

by Tracy Clark

Book Description: Ryan spends her days hurling herself out of planes. After a brush with death, she must fight the girl she's become—or lose herself forever.

Author's Residence: Minden, Nevada

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Contemporary Fantasy

The Dreamosphere

by Laura Stoddard

Book Description: Gwen has fantastical adventures in the dimension where dreams still exist; along the way, her grieving heart is healed, and she solves a great mystery.

Author's Residence: Phoenix, Arizona

Publisher: Sweetwater Books/Cedar Fort

The Replacement Crush

by Lisa Brown Roberts

Book Description: Book blogger Vivian creates a list of safe crushes, determined to heal her broken heart. But Dallas, the cute new nerd, wages a counter-mission.

Author's Residence: Denver Colorado

Publisher: Entangled Teen

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.

Author's Residence: Fort Collins, Colorado
Publisher: Candlewick Press

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