

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

TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

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 sleepy-head 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

Picture Book

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

Picture Books/Bilingual

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

GRADES 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 health-care and veterinary care.

Author's Residence: Southlake, Texas

Publisher: Greenleaf Press

GRADES 6-8

Fantasy

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

Historical Fiction

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

The Grave Robber's Secret

by Anna Myers

Book Description: Forced to rob graves, Robby becomes interested in medicine at the college where he sells the bodies, but murder changes everything.

Author's Residence: Chandler, Oklahoma

Publisher: Walker/Bloomsbury

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

Realistic Fiction

Maybe a Fox

by Kathi Appelt and Alison McGhee

Book Description: Sylvie has not come back, and Jules is left behind. With the help of a small fox, the world begins to right itself.

Author's Residence (Appelt): College Station, Texas

Publisher: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

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: Month9Book