

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

UK / IRELAND

PREK-K

Picture Book

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**The Golden Acorn: The Adventures of Jack Brenin, book one**
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