

# SCBWI READING LIST 2017

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## ATLANTIC

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### PREK-K

#### Board Book

##### ***Color Wonder Winter Is Here!***

by Chiêu Anh Urban

Book Description: Celebrate the cool colors of winter with this hands-on color-play novelty board book with color transforming turn-wheels!

Author's Residence: Laytonsville, Maryland

Publisher: Little Simon

##### ***Colors of New England***

by Amy Mullen

Book Description: The New England region is full of colors, and this charming board book explores the vibrant area in a unique and creative way.

Author's Residence: Arlington, Virginia

Publisher: duopress

Author's Website: [www.mintparcel.com](http://www.mintparcel.com)

#### Nonfiction Picture Book

##### ***Fantastic Flowers***

by Susan Stockdale

Book Description: *Fantastic Flowers* brings to life seventeen flowers with colors and shapes that resemble actual things, from ballerinas to kissing lips to wild baboons.

Author's Residence: Chevy Chase, Maryland

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Author's Website: [www.susanstockdale.com](http://www.susanstockdale.com)

##### ***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

Author's Website: [www.sandyasher.com](http://www.sandyasher.com)

##### ***Claudia & Moth***

by Jennifer Hansen Rolli

Book Description: Claudia loves butterflies, but when winter arrives she misses them . . . until she discovers a little moth who shows her winter in a whole new light.

Author's Residence: Newtown, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.jenniferhansenrolli.com](http://www.jenniferhansenrolli.com)

##### ***Daddy Depot***

by Chana Stiefel, illustrated by Andy Snair

Book Description: Lizzie returns her father to the Daddy Depot and shops for a new pop! Will she find the perfect dad?

Author's Residence: Teaneck, New Jersey

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

Author's Website: [www.chanastiefel.com](http://www.chanastiefel.com)

##### ***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

##### ***Finding Christmas***

by Lezlie Evans, illustrated by Yee Von Chan

Book Description: As Hare, Squirrel, and Mouse finish up their Christmas preparations, an unexpected turn of events helps them discover the holiday in a new way.

Author's Residence: Brambleton, Virginia

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Author's Website: [www.lezlieevans.com](http://www.lezlieevans.com)

##### ***Fort-Building Time***

by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Abigail Halpin

Book Description: Grab your blankets and pillows! From the cre-

ators of *Finding Wild*, a new picture book that follows the changing of the seasons—and is as cozy as a fort.

Author's Residence: Arlington, Virginia  
Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers  
Author's Website: [www.meganwagnerlloyd.com](http://www.meganwagnerlloyd.com)

### ***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

### ***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

### ***Groundhog Day***

by Anne Marie Pace, illustrated by Christopher Denise

Book Description: Moose and his friends make elaborate plans to keep Groundhog from seeing his shadow on Groundhog Day so that he can celebrate Valentine's Day.

Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia  
Publisher: Disney-Hyperion  
Author's Website: [www.annemariepace.com](http://www.annemariepace.com)

### ***Hold Your Temper, Tiger***

by Carol Roth, illustrated by Rashin

Book Description: A playful look at managing tempers for tigers of every age.

Author's Residence: Old Tappan, New Jersey  
Publisher: NorthSouth Books  
Author's Website: [www.authorcarolroth.com](http://www.authorcarolroth.com)

### ***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  
Author's Website: [www.susiestudio.com](http://www.susiestudio.com)

### ***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 Books

### ***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 Leaf, Two Leaves, Count with Me!***

by John Micklos, Jr., illustrated by Clive McFarland

Book Description: This playful counting book shares the colorful highlights of the four seasons in charming illustrations. Bouncy rhymes and bold illustrations make learning to count easy.

Author's Residence: Newark, Delaware  
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books  
Author's Website: [www.JohnMicklosWriter.com](http://www.JohnMicklosWriter.com)

### ***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 & Aliens***

by Joe McGee, illustrated by Charles Santoso

Book Description: All is peaceful in Quirkville . . . until the aliens land. Reginald and Abigail are back in this out-of-this-world sequel to *Peanut Butter & Brains*.

Author's Residence: Frenchtown, New Jersey  
Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers  
Author's Website: [www.joemcgeeauthor.com](http://www.joemcgeeauthor.com)

### ***Peep and Egg: I'm Not Taking a Bath***

by Laura Gehl, illustrated by Joyce Wan

Book Description: After Egg plays with the pigs, Peep says it's time for a bath. But Egg is NOT taking a bath—no way, no how!

Author's Residence: Chevy Chase, Maryland  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers  
Author's Website: [www.lauragehl.com](http://www.lauragehl.com)

### ***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  
Author's Website: [www.annbonwill.com](http://www.annbonwill.com)

### ***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

### ***Queen of the Holiday Dosas***

by Pamela Ehrenberg, illustrated by Anjan Sarkar

Book Description: A multicultural family incorporates traditional Indian food into their Hanukkah celebration—while toddler Sadie

climbs everywhere. Will Sadie's climbing skills save the day?

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.pamelaehrenberg.com](http://www.pamelaehrenberg.com)

### **Red Sled**

by Patricia Thomas, illustrated by Chis 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

### **Trains Don't Sleep**

by Andria Warmflash Rosenbaum, illustrated by Deirdre Gill

Book Description: An ode to the majesty of the railroad.

Author's Residence: Teaneck, New Jersey

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.andriawarmflashrosenbaum.com](http://www.andriawarmflashrosenbaum.com)

### **Who Broke the Vase?**

by Jeffrey Turner

Book Description: A little dog accidentally breaks a vase. He keeps shifting the blame: First he says it was an elephant, but no, he meant a mouse . . .

Author's Residence: Califon, New Jersey

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.ThinkJeffreyTurner.com](http://www.ThinkJeffreyTurner.com)

### **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

Author's Website: [www.katedopirak.com](http://www.katedopirak.com)

## **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 superpowered 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

### **Fantasy**

#### **The Cloud Artist**

by Sherri Maret, illustrated by Merisha Sequoia Clark

Book Description: When a little Choctaw girl learns she can paint the sky using clouds, she has to decide how to use this very special gift.

Author's Residence: Newville, Pennsylvania

Publisher: RoadRunner Press

Author's Website: [www.sherrimaret.com](http://www.sherrimaret.com)

### **Historical Fiction**

#### **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 and discovers 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**

#### **Fire Bird: The Kirtland's Warbler Story**

by Amy S. Hansen, illustrated by Janet Oliver

Book Description: Chip-Chip-Che-Way-O! This is the song of the endangered Kirtland's Warbler. Every year, part of their forest catches fire. And every year, the tiny birds migrate 1,500 miles.

How can these birds survive?

Author's Residence: Greenbelt, Maryland

Publisher: Arbutus Press

Author's Website: [www.amyshansen.com](http://www.amyshansen.com)

### **Picture Book**

#### **An Artist's Night Before Christmas**

by Joan Waites

Book Description: Follow Henri, the French artist mouse living in a French country house, as he tries to paint the perfect Christmas gift for a special friend.

Author's Residence: Silver Spring, Maryland  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company  
Author's Website: [www.joanwaites.com](http://www.joanwaites.com)

### **Bat Count**

by Anna Forrester, illustrated by Susan Detwiler

Book Description: JoJo, a science-loving young girl, introduces bats, white nose syndrome, and the empowering practice of citizen science in a story of family warmth and hope.

Author's Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Arbordale Publishing  
Author's Website: [www.annaforrester.com](http://www.annaforrester.com)

### **The Boy Who Said Nonsense**

by Felicia Sanzari Chernesky, 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

### **Cy Makes a Friend**

by Ann Marie Stephens, illustrated by Tracy Subisak

Book Description: This Cyclops can make many things—but not a friend. After trying to look and act the part, he discovers it's best to be himself.

Author's Residence: Fairfax, Virginia  
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

### **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

### **Far Apart, Close in Heart: Being a Family When a Loved One Is Incarcerated**

by Becky Birtha, illustrated by Maja Kastelic

Book Description: Each of ten diverse children in this gentle story has a parent in jail. Despite feelings, problems, and questions, each finds reassurance and hope.

Author's Residence: Lansdowne, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company  
Author's Website: [www.beckybirtha.net](http://www.beckybirtha.net)

### **Garcia & Colette Go Exploring**

by Hannah Barnaby, illustrated by Andrew Joyner

Book Description: Garcia and Colette disagree on exploring space or sea, so they go separately . . . and learn that space and sea aren't so different.

Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers  
Author's Website: [www.hannahbarnaby.com](http://www.hannahbarnaby.com)

### **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: McClean, Virginia  
Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers  
Author's Website: [www.LauraMurrayBooks.com](http://www.LauraMurrayBooks.com)

### **Grandmother Thorn**

by Katey Howes, illustrated by Rebecca Hahn

Book Description: The battle between a prickly Japanese gardener and an unruly plant shows that relinquishing control can lead to unexpected sweetness.

Author's Residence: New Hope, Pennsylvania  
Publisher: Ripple Grove Press  
Author's Website: [www.kateyhowes.com](http://www.kateyhowes.com)

### **Hello Goodbye Dog**

by Maria Gianferrari, illustrated by Patrice Barton

Book Description: Zara says goodbye, but her dog, Moose, only wants to say hello. Zara's good idea, plus some training, lets the two friends stay together.

Author's Residence: Leesburg, Virginia  
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press  
Author's Website: [www.mariagianferrari.com](http://www.mariagianferrari.com)

### **I Have a Balloon**

by Ariel Bernstein, illustrated by Scott Magoon

Book Description: Owl has a balloon. Monkey does not. What will happen next? Hint: This is not a book about sharing.

Author's Residence: Livingston, New Jersey  
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books  
Author's Website: [www.ArielBernsteinBooks.com](http://www.ArielBernsteinBooks.com)

### **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.

Author's Residence: Vienna, Virginia

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

***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: State College, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

***Renato and the Lion***

by Barbara DiLorenzo

Book Description: A boy in WWII Florence, Italy, befriends a lion statue who comes to life to save him. In return, the boy protects the lion before evacuating to the United States with his family.

Author's Residence: Hopewell, New Jersey

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.barbaradilorenzo.com](http://www.barbaradilorenzo.com)***Second Grade Holdout***

by Audrey Vernick, illustrated by Matthew Cordell

Book Description: A boy (from First Grade Dropout) flat-out refuses to move up to second grade in this hilarious tale of friendship, growing up, and moving on.

Author's Residence: Ocean, New Jersey

Publisher: Clarion Books

Author's Website: [www.audreyvernick.com](http://www.audreyvernick.com)***The Skydiving Beavers: A True Tale***

by Susan Wood, illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen

Book Description: A game warden invents an ingenious solution for a growing town's wildlife problem in 1948 Idaho. Amazing true story!

Author's Residence: Norfolk, Virginia

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Author's Website: [www.SusanWoodBooks.com](http://www.SusanWoodBooks.com)***The Survivor Tree***

by Gaye Sanders, illustrated by Pamela Behrend

Book Description: An American elm tree witnesses the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995, and becomes a living symbol of hope and strength for the world.

Illustrator's Residence: Wexford, Pennsylvania

Publisher: RoadRunner Press

Illustrator's Website: [www.behrendstudio.com](http://www.behrendstudio.com)***Symphony Hollow***

by Jessica Reino, illustrated by Emma Graham

Book Description: Join musical friends Bee Thoven, Baa-ach, and Pav-a-RAT-i as they compose a special song for Vivaldi's competition and one that would make Mr. Moosezart proud.

Author's Residence: Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Publisher: Spork/Clear Fork Publishing

Author's Website: [www.jessicareino.me](http://www.jessicareino.me)***This Is Not a Normal Animal Book***

by Julie Segal Walters, illustrated by Brian Biggs

Book Description: This offbeat picture book shows the importance of collaboration and compromise and is a hilarious behind-the-scenes look at the picture book creation process.

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Simon &amp; Schuster Books for Young Readers

Website: [www.juliesegalwalters.com](http://www.juliesegalwalters.com)***Vivian and the Legend of the Hoodoos***

by Terry Catasús Jennings, illustrated by Phyllis Saroff

Book Description: With facts about erosion embedded in the story, readers—along with a young Indian girl—learn the importance of preserving our environment.

Author's Residence: Reston, Virginia

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

Author's Website: [www.terrycjennings.com](http://www.terrycjennings.com)***We Wish for a Monster Christmas***

by Sue Fliess, illustrated by Claudia Ranucci

Book Description: When two siblings want a monster for Christmas and Mom and Dad say no, they ask Santa. He delivers! But monsterly mayhem soon follows . . .

Author's Residence: Ashburn, Virginia

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Author's Website: [www.suefliess.com](http://www.suefliess.com)***Who Wants Broccoli?***

by Val Jones

Book Description: Can a big, fun dog get picked as someone's perfect pet without getting himself into trouble—again?! Story about being true to who you are.

Author's Residence: Pennsylvania

Publisher: HarperCollins

**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 takeoff for the playful verse. Includes illustrated glossary.

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Three Conditions Press

## GRADES 3-5

### Adventure

#### ***George Washington's Spies (Totally True Adventures)***

by Claudia Friddell, illustrated by Wesley Lowe

Book Description: Meet George Washington's heroic Culper Spies, who used secret codes, invisible ink, and dead drops to trick the British and win the Revolutionary War!

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

### 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

#### ***The Incredible Magic of Being***

by Kathryn Erskine

Book Description: Julian believes in the magic of the universe to bring people together no matter how far apart they may seem.

Author's Residence: Earlysville, Virginia

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: [www.KathrynErskine.com](http://www.KathrynErskine.com)

#### ***One Shadow on the Wall***

by Leah Henderson

Book Description: In a story laced with magical realism, a newly orphaned boy must choose between what is right and what is easy in contemporary Senegal.

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Atheneum Books

Author's Website: [www.leahhendersonbooks.com](http://www.leahhendersonbooks.com)

### 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's 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 1948 China, 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 and 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

Author's Website: [www.amyleetai.com](http://www.amyleetai.com)

#### ***Prisoner 88***

by Leah Pileggi

Book Description: Jake, age ten, 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 twelve-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

### ***Dog on a Bike***

by Moira Rose Donohue

Book Description: Three heartwarming tales of animals with incredible talents, including the stories of Norman the bike-riding dog and Eddie the otter who shoots hoops!

Author's Residence: Falls Church, Virginia

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

Author's Website: [www.moirarosedonohue.net](http://www.moirarosedonohue.net)

### ***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

### ***Our Story Begins: Your Favorite Authors and Illustrators Share Fun, Inspiring, and Occasionally Ridiculous Things They Wrote and Drew as Kids***

by Elissa Brent Weissman (anthology editor)

Book Description: A collection of quirky, smart, and vulnerable childhood works by twenty-six of today's foremost children's authors and illustrators

Editor's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Atheneum Books/Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Editor Website: [www.ebweissman.com](http://www.ebweissman.com)

### ***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

Author's Website: [www.RebeccaHirsch.com](http://www.RebeccaHirsch.com)

### ***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

### ***Soldier Song: A True Story of the Civil War***

by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Gilbert Ford

Book Description: After a terrible battle, a single song had the power to bring two great armies together, reminding soldiers that their enemies were also brothers, sons, husbands, and sweethearts.

Author's Residence: Potomac, Maryland

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

### ***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

Author's Website: [www.shirleymenendez.com](http://www.shirleymenendez.com)

### ***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 Young Readers

### ***Passing the Music Down***

by Sarah Sullivan, illustrated by Barry Root

Book Description: A warm-hearted ode to an American musical tradition and 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

### ***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 fifteen.

Author's Residence: Glenmoore, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Alfred A. 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 "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

Author's Website: [www.virginiazimmerman.com](http://www.virginiazimmerman.com)

## **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 Publishing

## **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 Books

## **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 he 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: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: Sourcebooks

## **Historical Fiction**

### ***Brotherhood***

by A.B. Westrick

Book Description: In this Reconstruction-era novel, a fourteen-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

## **Horror**

### ***Spooky Twisties 1***

by Terri Bertha

Book Description: Follow a group of friends as they navigate their way through supernatural events during their "normal" day. Scary stories mixed with horror, humor and "twisted" endings.

Author's Residence: New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Publisher: MuseltUp Publishing

Author's Website: [www.terribertha.weebly.com](http://www.terribertha.weebly.com)

## 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 & 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

Author's Website: [www.christinerkendall.com](http://www.christinerkendall.com)

### ***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 Children's Books

## GRADES 9-12

## Bilingual French/English

### ***Jazz Band***

by Jane Singleton Paul, illustrated by Grégoire Vallancien

Book Description: Classical pianist Margot is apprehensive about moving from Paris to New York. But after joining the high school jazz band, adventures follow . . .

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Éditions Talents Hauts (France)

## 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 Publishing

## 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

### ***It Started with Goodbye***

by Christina June

Book Description: Modern Cinderella with no magic—a teen graphic designer finds herself on house arrest for the summer and starts a secret business.

Author's Residence: Fairfax County, Virginia

Publisher: Blink/HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.christinajune.com](http://www.christinajune.com)

### ***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 love, 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: Owing Mills, Maryland

Publisher: HarperCollins

### ***Two Moon Princess***

by Carmen Ferreira-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

Book 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

### ***The Freemason's Daughter***

by Shelley Sackier

Book Description: A sixteen-year-old girl, living in 1715, is raised by six burly Scotsmen. And they are all smugglers for the Jacobite rebellion.

Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.ShelleySackier.com](http://www.ShelleySackier.com)

## **Magical Realism**

### ***Post-High School Reality Quest***

by Meg Eden

Book Description: High school graduate Buffy finds herself stuck in a video game.

Author's Residence: Severn, Maryland

Publisher: California Coldblood/Rare Bird Books

Author's Website: [www.megedenbooks.com](http://www.megedenbooks.com)

## **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

Author's Website: [www.fredbortz.com](http://www.fredbortz.com)

### ***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, sixteen-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**

### ***Freefall***

by Joshua David Bellin

Book Description: When Cam and Sofie meet during a time of revolutionary struggle over deep-space colonization, their choices may decide the fate of their people.

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

### ***Proof of Lies***

by Diana Rodriguez Wallach

Book Description: An international thriller based on true historical events featuring Anastasia Phoenix, a seventeen-year-old orphan whose sister is missing and presumed dead.

Author's Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 Publisher: Entangled Teen  
 Author's Website: [www.dianarodriguezwallach.com](http://www.dianarodriguezwallach.com)





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## AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND

### **PREK-K**

(ages 3-5)

#### **Picture Book**

##### ***Bouncing, Bouncing, Little Joeys: A Bush Christmas***

by Lesley Gibbes, illustrated by Doris Chang

Book Description: Bouncing, bouncing, little joeys. Bouncing one, two, three. It's Christmas time and Santa's coming; time to trim the tree.

Author's Residence: Sydney, Australia

Publisher: Hachette Australia

Author's Website: [www.lesleygibbes.com](http://www.lesleygibbes.com)

##### ***The Cat Wants Cuddles***

by P. Crumble, illustrated by Lucinda Gifford

Book Description: Kevin definitely doesn't want a cuddle. And there's no way this hilarious cat is going to change his mind! Or is there?

Illustrator's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Scholastic Australia

Illustrator's Website: [www.lucindagifford.com](http://www.lucindagifford.com)

##### ***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

##### ***Missing Pinky***

by Juliet Williams, illustrated by Luisa Gioffre-Suzuki

Book Description: Lucy's beloved blanket Pinky, made by her grandma, has gone missing! She's desperate to find Pinky, so she looks everywhere. Where could Pinky be?

Illustrator's Residence: Surfcoast, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Interactive Publications

Illustrator's Website: [www.luisagioffresuzuki.com](http://www.luisagioffresuzuki.com)

##### ***My Dog Socks***

by Robyn Osborne, illustrated by Sadami Konchi

Book Description: An ordinary dog becomes extraordinary through the magic of a child's imagination. A gentle story about loyalty, friendship, and belonging.

Author's Residence: Tinnanbar, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: Ford Street Publishing

Author's Website: [www.robynosborne.com](http://www.robynosborne.com)

##### ***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***

by Clement C. Moore, illustrated by Helene Magisson

Book Description: A favorite and traditional Christmas poem with new illustrations that capture the magic of the 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! How! 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

Illustrator's Website: [www.anniewhite.com](http://www.anniewhite.com)

##### ***Once Upon an ABC***

by Sophie Masson, illustrated by Christopher Nielsen

Book Description: A romp through both the alphabet and the world of folktale! Sophie Masson's lively verse gathers together a dazzling range of folklore, made vividly contemporary with Christopher Nielsen's striking artwork.

Author's Residence: Armidale, NSW, Australia

Publisher: Little Hare

Author's Website: [www.sophiemasson.org](http://www.sophiemasson.org)

##### ***Pandamonia***

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/Kane Miller UAA

Author's Website: [www.chrisowenchildrensauthor.wordpress.com](http://www.chrisowenchildrensauthor.wordpress.com)

##### ***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

##### ***A Perfectly Posh Pink Afternoon Tea***

by Coral Vass, illustrated by Gabriel Evans

Book Description: Annabelle Mae and her friends are having a posh afternoon tea. When Darcy and Dean get into mischief, Annabelle doesn't let them spoil the fun!

Illustrator's Residence: Perth, Western Australia

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

### **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 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.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Random House Australia

### **Too Busy Sleeping**

by Zanni Louise, illustrated by Anna Pignataro

Book Description: It's newborn Reuben's first day at home. Big sister Eleanor has lots of ideas for their first day together, but Reuben is too busy sleeping!

Author's Residence: Alstonville, NSW, Australia

Publisher: Little Hare Books

### **Wombat Big, Puggle Small**

by Renee Trembl

Book Description: Join in the mischief and fun as a wombat joey and an echidna puggle play with opposites and word pairs.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Penguin Random House Australia

Author's Website: [www.ReneeTrembl.com](http://www.ReneeTrembl.com)

### **Zoo Train**

by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Daron Parton

Book Description: Chugga, chugga, choo, choo! Thugga, thugga . . . better keep your eyes open—this is a crazy zoo!

Author's Residence: Auckland, New Zealand

Publisher: Walker Books

## **GRADES 1-2**

(ages 6-7)

### **Chapter Book**

#### **Best Beast**

by Teena Raffa-Mulligan, illustrated by Jess Smart Smiley

Book Description: Amy doesn't have a pet to enter in the school pet competition until a strange neighbour offers her a pet rock—then the fun begins.

Author's Residence: Perth, Western Australia

Publisher: Xist Publishing

### **Nonfiction Picture Book**

#### **I've Got Feet! Fantastical Feet of the Animal World**

by Julie Murphy, illustrated by Hannah Tolson

Book Description: A nonfiction picture book in which animals describe unique features of their feet and how they use them. Introduction to animal adaptations, K-1 STEM.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Australia

Publisher: Amicus Ink., USA

Author's Website: [www.juliemurphybooks.com](http://www.juliemurphybooks.com)

### **Picture Book**

#### **Brothers from a Different Mother**

by Phillip Gwynne, illustrated by Marjorie Crosby-Fairall

Book Description: A heartfelt story of friendship and seeing past our differences.

Illustrator's Residence: Sydney NSW Australia

Publisher: Penguin Random House Australia

Illustrator's Website: [www.crosby-fairall.com](http://www.crosby-fairall.com)

#### **Chip**

by Kylie Howarth

Book Description: Chip, like most other gulls, would do anything for fish and chips. When he's banned from his favourite food, he is desperate to get it back on the menu.

Author's Residence: Perth, Australia

Publisher: Five Mile Press

#### **The Fix-It Man**

by Dimity Powell, illustrated by Nicky Johnston

Book Description: Together, a young girl and her father face grief and heartache and discover that love can sometimes be the best glue of all.

Author's Residence: Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: EK Books/Exisle Publishing

Author's Website: [www.dimitypowell.com](http://www.dimitypowell.com)

#### **Glitch**

by Michelle Worthington, illustrated by Andrew Plant

Book Description: Glitch spends his life searching through mountains of mouldy mess at the dump. He wants to make the fastest billy cart ever. This year, he will be competing in the Big Race! But will his twitch stop him from winning?

Author's Residence: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: Ford Street Publishing

Author's Website: [www.michelleworthington.com](http://www.michelleworthington.com)

#### **The Great Zoo Hullabaloo!**

by Mark Carthew, illustrated by Anil Tortop

Book Description: When Jess and Jack opened the gates to the zoo, it was strangely deserted; nobody said, "BOO!" Can they solve the missing animals mystery?

Author's Residence: Montrose, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: New Frontier Publishing

Author's Website: [www.markcarthew.com.au](http://www.markcarthew.com.au)

#### **Ollie's Treasure**

by Lynn Jenkins, illustrated by Kirrili Lonergan

Book Description: Ollie's grandma sends him a treasure map that promises to lead him to "something that will make him happy"

always." But what he finds is a big surprise!  
 Author's Residence: Newcastle NSW Australia  
 Publisher: EK Books  
 Author's Website: [www.lessonsofalac.com](http://www.lessonsofalac.com)

### **Wolfie: An Unlikely Hero**

by Deborah Abela, illustrated by Connah Brecon

Book Description: Wolfie is tired of being the bad guy and finally wants his chance to be the hero.

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia  
 Publisher: Penguin Random House  
 Author's Website: [www.deborahabela.com](http://www.deborahabela.com)

## **GRADES 3-5**

(ages 8-10)

### **Adventure**

#### **To the Lighthouse**

by Cristy Burne

Book Description: A junior novel about family, adventure, and trust.

Author's Residence: Perth, Australia  
 Publisher: Fremantle Press  
 Author's Website: [www.cristyburne.com](http://www.cristyburne.com)

### **Fantasy**

#### **Unicorn Riders Book 1: Quinn's Riddles**

by Aleesah Darlison, illustrated by Jill Brailsford

Book Description: A prince has been kidnapped. The only clues the Unicorn Riders have is a trail of taunting riddles. Will Quinn solve the riddles in time?

Author's Residence: Buderim, QLD, Australia  
 Publisher: Capstone Press

### **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**

#### **Trouble and the Missing Cat**

by Cate Whittle, illustrated by Stephen Michael King

Book Description: Here comes more Trouble! Georgia's friendly

dragon is in trouble at school and has been banned . . . and there's the mystery of Mrs. Jones's missing cat . . .

Author's Residence: Canberra, ACT, Australia  
 Publisher: Scholastic Australia

### **Nonfiction**

#### **Abel Tasman: Mapping the Southern Lands**

by Maria Gill, illustrated by Marco Ivancic

Book Description: Over three hundred years ago, Abel Tasman set out on an adventure to map the Southern Hemisphere for the first time.

Author's Residence: North Auckland, New Zealand  
 Publisher: Scholastic  
 Author's Website: [www.mariagill.co.nz](http://www.mariagill.co.nz)

#### **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 ninety-six-page tome is an illustrious homage to a gloriously multicultural Australia.

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

#### **My Friend Tertius**

by Corinne Fenton, illustrated by Owen Swan

Book Description: A delightful and heartwarming picture book about a WWII code breaker and his pet gibbon, from bestselling creators Corinne Fenton and Owen Swan.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria  
 Publisher: Allen & Unwin  
 Author's Website: [www.corinnefenton.com](http://www.corinnefenton.com)

#### **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

## **GRADES 6-8**

(ages 11-14)

### **Adventure**

#### **The Amazing Spencer Gray**

by Deb Fitzpatrick

Book description: Spencer Gray is twelve—finally old enough to join Dad in his glider. Going up is awesome—but when disaster strikes, Spencer will need to be nothing short of amazing.

Author's Residence: Perth, Western Australia  
Publisher: Fremantle Press

***Race to the End of the World (The Mapmaker Chronicles #1)***  
by A. L. Tait

Book Description: The first book in an epic adventure trilogy about a race to map the world—and a boy who discovers more than he imagined.

Author's Residence: Sydney, Australia

Publisher: Kane Miller

Author's Website: [www.themapmakerchronicles.com](http://www.themapmakerchronicles.com)

## Historical Fantasy

***Daughter of Nomads***

by Rosanne Hawke

Book Description: Mughal Empire, 1662: After an assassin strikes, Jahani flees with her protector, Azhar, and her snow leopard to the Qurraqoram Kingdoms to find her destiny.

Author's Residence: Kapunda, South Australia

Publisher: University of Queensland 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. WWI 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 nineteenth-century cottage in Tasmania.

Author's Residence: Kuranda, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: Solstice

Author's Website: [www.annharth.com](http://www.annharth.com)

## GRADES 9-12

(ages 14 and up)

## Adventure

***Black Jack Anderson***

by Elaine Forrester

Book Description: Black Jack Anderson was Australia's most notorious pirate. From his hideout on remote Middle Island, he became the scourge of the Southern Ocean.

Author's Residence: Western Australia  
Publisher: Penguin Books Australia

***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

***Trouble Tomorrow***

by Terry Whitebeach & Sarafino Enadio

Book Description: When Rebel forces attack his village in South Sudan, sixteen-year-old Obulejo flees, undertaking a perilous journey on foot to seek refuge in Kenya.

Author's Residence: Orielton, Tasmania, Australia

Publisher: Allen & Unwin

## 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

## Realistic Fiction

***This is My Song***

by Richard Yaxley

Book Description: *This is My Song* crosses three continents and timelines, chanting the need for each of us to find our own music to sing to those we love most.

Author's Residence: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: Scholastic Press

Author's Website: [www.richardwyaxley.com](http://www.richardwyaxley.com)

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## 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 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

### Board Book

#### ***Sleepy Toes***

by Kelli McNeil, illustrated by Corrie Doerrfeld

Book Description: A sweet good-night book from head to toe!

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: [www.kellimcneill.com](http://www.kellimcneill.com)

### 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., a 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

#### ***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

#### ***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

#### ***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 & Schuster Books for Young Readers

#### ***Daytime, Nighttime, All Through the Year***

by Diane Lang, illustrated by Andrea Gabriel

Book Description: In verse, of what a daytime animal and a nighttime animal might be doing in each month of the year, perhaps in preparation for the next season.

Author's Residence: Alamo, California

Publisher: Dawn Publications

Author's Website: [www.dianelang.net](http://www.dianelang.net)

#### ***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 fairy-tale 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 still wants to help and



make friends.

Author's Residence: California

Publisher: Taylor Trade

### **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

### **Here Comes Teacher Cat**

by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Claudia Rueda

Book Description: Cat is back—this time as a reluctant substitute kitty school teacher. But there are surprises in store for both kitties and Cat!

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.DeborahUnderwoodBooks.com](http://www.DeborahUnderwoodBooks.com)

### **Holly's Day at the Pool**

by Benson Shum

Book Description: Holly's imagination bursts at every turn, making it hard for her to go in the pool. Until she gets the chance to be a hero.

Author's Residence: Burbank, California

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Author's Website: [www.bensonshum.com](http://www.bensonshum.com)

### **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

### **I Love You All Day Long**

by Francesca Rusackas, 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

### **I'm a Big Brother Now**

by Katura J. Hudson, illustrated by Sylvia L. Walker

Book Description: This charming picture book explores the anticipation, excitement, and pride of a young boy who helps to welcome a new baby into the family.

Author's Residence: Culver City, California

Publisher: Just Us Books

Author's Website: [www.sylviawalkerauthor.com](http://www.sylviawalkerauthor.com)

### **If Animals Said I Love You**

by Ann Whitford Paul, illustrated by David Walker

Book Description: See how creatures across the animal kingdom show love in their unique ways.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

### **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: HarperCollins

### **It's Time**

by Julie Pepper, illustrated by Anne Steele

Book Description: The moments leading up to the first day of school, as seen through the eyes of a child.

Author's Residence: Davis, California

Publisher: Spork/Clear Fork Publishing

### **Juna's Jar**

by Jane Bahk, illustrated by Felicia Hoshino

Book Description: When her best friend moves away, Juna learns to say good-bye in this fantastical tale about the power of imagination and friendship.

Author's Residence: Alameda, California

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

### **Lift-a-Flap Language Learners: The Enchanted Forest**

by Samantha Chagollan, illustrated by Evgenia Golubeva

Book Description: A lift-the-flap fairy-tale mash-up featuring forty new Spanish vocabulary words and a fun story filled with favorite characters.

Author's Residence: Costa Mesa, California

Publisher: Walter Foster Jr. (Quarto)

Author's Website: [www.storybysam.com](http://www.storybysam.com)

### **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

### ***Marielle in Paris***

by Maxine Rose Schur, illustrated by Jeanne de Sainte Marie

Book Description: Marielle is a fashion designer mouse who draws inspiration from beautiful Paris. When her dresses disappear, Marielle must conquer her fear of heights and fly high above Paris to find them—fast!

Author's Residence: San Rafael, California  
 Publisher: Pomegranate Communications  
 Author's Website: [www.maxineroseschur.com](http://www.maxineroseschur.com)

### ***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  
 Author's Website: [www.sandravfeder.com](http://www.sandravfeder.com)

### ***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 Books for Young Readers

### ***My Busy Green Garden***

by Terry Pierce, illustrated by Carol Schwartz

Book Description: A lyrical tribute to the animals that make the garden a busy place. Each page turn reveals a special “surprise in clever disguise.”

Author's Residence: Ridgecrest, California  
 Publisher: Tilbury House  
 Author's Website: [www.terrypiercebooks.com](http://www.terrypiercebooks.com)

### ***My Little Sister and Me***

by Maple Lam

Book Description: A journey home from school between a brother and sister highlights the intangible love between siblings.

Author's Residence: San Gabriel, California  
 Publisher: HarperCollins

### ***Penguins Love Their ABC's***

by Sarah Aspinall

Book Description: Six little penguins set off on an Alphabet Hunt—a fun adventure where Mama has hidden all the alphabet letters in the snow!

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
 Publisher: The Blue Sky Press/Scholastic  
 Author's Website: [www.sarahaspinallcreates.com](http://www.sarahaspinallcreates.com)

### ***Planet Kindergarten: 100 Days in Orbit***

by Sue Ganz-Schmitt, illustrated by Shane Prigmore

Book Description: Kids will be over the moon celebrating the One Hundredth 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

### ***The Pomegranate Witch***

by Denise Doyen, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler

Book Description: Neighborhood kids plot to grab fruit off an amazing pomegranate tree—guarded by a witch. They challenge; she counters. Till Halloween arrives with a surprise . . .

Author's Residence: Pacific Palisades, California  
 Publisher: Chronicle Books  
 Author's Website: [www.denisedoyen.com](http://www.denisedoyen.com)

### ***PoPo's Lucky Chinese New Year***

by Virginia Loh-Hagan, illustrated by Renne Benoit

Book Description: A Chinese American girl learns about the dos 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

### ***Ryan Quinn and the Lion's Claw***

by Ron Mcgee, illustrated by Chris Samnee

Book Description: The second adventure in the thrilling series about Ryan Quinn, a teenager who would give James Bond and Jason Bourne a run for their money.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
 Publisher: HarperCollins  
 Author's Website: [www.ronmcgee.com](http://www.ronmcgee.com)

### ***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

### ***Sofia's Dream***

by Land Wilson, illustrated by Sue Cornelison

Book Description: Sofia befriends the moon and sees Earth from its 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  
 Author's Website: [www.landwilson.com](http://www.landwilson.com)

### ***Stack the Cats***

by Susie Ghahremani

Book Description: One cat sleeps. Two cats play. Three cats stack! Cats of all shapes and sizes scamper across the pages of this adorable counting book.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California  
 Publisher: Abrams Appleseed  
 Author's Website: [www.boygirlparty.com](http://www.boygirlparty.com)

***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

***Toucans, Too***

by Bethanie Murguia

Book Description: Word play and bird play—this hilarious follow-up to *Cockatoo, Too* features cockatoos, toucans, two-can stew, and gnus!

Author’s Residence: Sausalito, California

Publisher: Little Bee Books

Author’s Website: [www.aquapup.com](http://www.aquapup.com)

***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 that what’s on the inside matters.

Author’s Residence: California

Publisher: Two Lions

***The Wompananny Witches Make One Mean Pizza***

by Jennie Palmer

Book Description: Two reclusive witches accidentally bake up big trouble for their neighborhood.

Author’s Residence: Burbank, California

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers

***You Made Me a Mother***

by Laurene Sala, illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser

Book Description: In this beautiful celebration of motherhood, the universal message of unconditional love for a child shines through.

Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

**GRADES 1-2**

**Chapter Book**

***The Fantastic Frame #4: Look Out! Ghost Mountain Below***

by Lin Oliver, illustrated by Samantha Kallis

Book Description: Tiger Brooks and Luna Lopez travel through a magical frame to have exciting adventures in the famous Georgia O’Keeffe painting of a mountain in New Mexico.

Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Author’s Website: [www.linoliver.com](http://www.linoliver.com)

***Slime & All***

by Janet Ann Collins, illustrated by Alexander Morris

Book Description: Everyone is afraid of Slime, a giant talking worm, until a boy helps him find friends.

Author’s Residence: Grass Valley, California

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

***The Super Happy Party Bears #1: Gnawing Around***

by Marcie Colleen, illustrated by Steve James

Book Description: While the Grumpy Woods scheme to unwelcome some annoying beavers, the Super Happy Party Bears throw them a housewarming party. Dancing always saves the day!

Author’s Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Imprint/Macmillan

Author’s Website: [www.thisismarciecolleen.com](http://www.thisismarciecolleen.com)

**Early Reader**

***Marty Frye, Private Eye: The Case of the Missing Action Figure***

by Janet Tashjian, illustrated by Laurie Keller

Book Description: Marty Frye is “the poet detective.” He solves crimes by turning rhymes. Clear, simple sentences filled with quirky humor make this book an ideal stepping-stone to longer chapter books.

Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company

Author’s Website: [www.JanetTashjian.com](http://www.JanetTashjian.com)

***Snowshoe Thompson***

by Nancy Smiler Levinson, illustrated by Joan Sandin

Book Description: Danny writes Pa a letter, hoping he’ll be home for Christmas. But snow is too deep to deliver over the mountain. Then Snowshoe Thompson offers to try.

Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

**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

**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**

***A Stick Until . . .***

by Constance Anderson

Book Description: An ordinary stick can live an extraordinary life! Discover the incredible ways animals and people use sticks in *A Stick Until . . .*

Author’s Residence: Danville, California



Publisher: Star Bright Books  
 Author's Website: [www.candersonart.com](http://www.candersonart.com)

***The Hawk of the Castle: A Story of Medieval Falconry***  
 by Danna Smith, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline

Book Description: Gentle verse and sweeping, majestic artwork set imaginations soaring in a handsome and illuminating ode to the ancient art of falconry. A Junior Library Guild Selection.

Author's Residence: Woodbridge, California

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Author Website: [www.dannasmithbooks.com](http://www.dannasmithbooks.com)

***If Sharks Disappeared***

by Lily Williams

Book Description: Artist Lily Williams explores how the disappearance would affect other animals across the whole planet in this clever book about the importance of keeping sharks, and our oceans, healthy.

Author's Residence: Orinda, California

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Author's Website: [www.lilywilliamsart.com](http://www.lilywilliamsart.com)

***Space Robots***

by Kirsten W. Larson

Book Description: Robots are everywhere—even space. Meet the Curiosity Mars Rover and a crew of space robots past and present. Includes Q&A, glossary, index.

Author's Residence: Lancaster, California

Publisher: Amicus

Author's Website: [www.kirsten-w-larson.com](http://www.kirsten-w-larson.com)

***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

***Alexander Graham Bell Answers the Call***

by Mary Ann Fraser

Book Description: An in-depth look at the childhood and inspiration behind the brilliant man who invented the telephone.

Author's Residence: Simi Valley, California

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Author's Website: [www.maryannfraser.com](http://www.maryannfraser.com)

***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 wontons. How will Sophie learn to tell them apart?

Author's Residence: Foster City, California

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

***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

***Dough Knights and Dragons***

by Dee Leone, illustrated by George Ermos

Book Description: A dragon and knight are secretly friends but must duel in an upcoming tournament. Can the two cook up a plan to save their friendship?

Author's Residence: California

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Author's Website: [deeleone.com](http://deeleone.com)

***An Easter Alphabet***

by Nora Tarlow

Book description: A rhyming alphabet book told in evocative, lyrical text, illustrated with nineteenth-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

***Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing***

By Kay A. Haring, illustrated by Robert Neubecker

Book Description: Iconic pop artist Keith Haring comes to life for young readers in this picture book biography lovingly written by his sister.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.kayharing.com](http://www.kayharing.com)

***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

***Little Red Rolls Away***

by Linda Whalen, illustrated by Jennifer E. Morris

Book Description: An unexpected move sends the Little Red Barn on an exciting and scary journey to his new home in a surprising location.

Author's Residence: Acampo, California

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Author's Website: [www.lindawhalenauthor.com](http://www.lindawhalenauthor.com)

***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

Author's Website: [www.annebromley.com](http://www.annebromley.com)

***Mapping My Day***

by Julie Dillemoth, illustrated by Laura Wood

Book Description: Follow Flora and her family as she takes us through her day drawing maps—from breakfast to school and even through a dog agility course!

Author's Residence: Santa Barbara, California

Publisher: Magination Press

Author's Website: [www.juliedillemoth.com](http://www.juliedillemoth.com)

***Maurice the Unbeastly***

by Amy Dixon, illustrated by Karl James Mountford

Book Description: Maurice, a gentle beast with a melodious voice and unfailing politeness, goes to the Abominable Academy for Brutish Beasts to learn to be less civilized.

Author's Residence: Clovis, California

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Author's Website: [www.amydixonbooks.com](http://www.amydixonbooks.com)

***Maya Lin: Artist—Architect of Light and Lines***

by Jeanne Walker Harvey, illustrated by Dow Phumiruk

Book Description: The story of Maya Lin, who designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. She grew up with art and learned to think with her hands and her mind.

Author's Residence: Sausalito, California

Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

Author's Website: [www.jeanneharvey.com](http://www.jeanneharvey.com)

***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?

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Star Bright Books

***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 curveball.

Author's Residence: Pacific Palisades, California

Publisher: Magic Wagon/ABDO

***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" that can communicate that being a part of the LGBT community or having a disability is bad.

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Magination Press

***Piece by Piece***

by Stephanie Shaw, illustrated by Sylvie Daigneault

Book Description: A weaver collects lovely memories to create a dress that is rejected as unmarketable by a shopkeeper. Her children, however, gather the remnants, creating something even more valuable.

Author's Residence: Petaluma, California

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Author's Website: [www.stephanieshawauthor.com](http://www.stephanieshawauthor.com)

***Porcupine's Picnic: Who Eats What?***

by Betsy R. Rosenthal, illustrated by Giusi Capizzi

Book Description: This sweet and slightly scary story is the perfect bite-sized introduction to herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Millbrook Press

Author's Website: [www.BetsyRosenthal.com](http://www.BetsyRosenthal.com)

***The Rock Maiden***

by Natasha Yim, illustrated by Pirkko Vainio

Book Description: A re-envisioning of an old Chinese folktale from Hong Kong about love, loyalty, and the power of family.

Author's Residence: Ukiah, California

Publisher: Wisdom Tales Press

Author's Website: [www.natashayim.com](http://www.natashayim.com)

***Sheppard's Last Lamb***

by Annalisa Hall, illustrated by Alex Worthen

Book Description: Sheppard 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

***A True Princess of Hawaii***

by Beth Greenway, illustrated by Tammy Yee

Book Description: A story of kindness and generosity based on the historical events of the 1880-1881 eruption of Hawaii's Mauna Loa volcano and the real-life Princess Luka.

Illustrator's Residence: Kaneohe, Hawaii

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

Illustrator's Website: [www.tammyyee.com](http://www.tammyyee.com)***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/Fantasy*****Cap'n Rex & His Clever Crew***

by Henry Herz, illustrated by Benjamin Schipper

Book Description: Captain Rex and his dinosaur pirates sail the seven seas in search of buried treasure. This story highlights the value of one's creativity and determination.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Author's Website: [www.henryherz.wordpress.com/capn-rex-his-clever-crew](http://www.henryherz.wordpress.com/capn-rex-his-clever-crew)**Science Fiction*****Project Droid: Phone-Y Friends***

by Amanda Burwasser, illustrated by Mike Moran

Book Description: When android Java is left to find pals he's got things in common with—like a smartphone, dishwasher, and refrigerator, hilarity—and a mess—ensue!

Author's Residence: Forestville, California

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

**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 in 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 war 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

**Chapter Book*****Ruby Starr (Book #1)***

by Deborah Lytton, illustrated by Jeanine Murch

Book Description: Once upon a time, there was a girl with a book club, a big imagination, and great friends (including fictional ones from her favorite stories!).

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky

Author's Website: [www.deborahlytton.com](http://www.deborahlytton.com)

## 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 MIX

### ***A Rambler Steals Home***

by Carter Higgins

Book Description: Derby Christmas Clark and her friends rally to support a beloved community member whose life has changed since last summer. Home is who you love.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.designofthepicturebook.com](http://www.designofthepicturebook.com)

## 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

## Contemporary Realism

### ***A Boy Called Bat***

by Elana K. Arnold, illustrated by Charles Santoso

Book Description: Bat, a boy on the autism spectrum, becomes enamored of an orphan skunk kit his veterinarian mom brings home. A kind, gentle, loving story.

Author's Residence: Huntington Beach, California

Publisher: Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.elanakarnold.com](http://www.elanakarnold.com)

## Fairy-Tale Retelling

### ***My Rotten Stepbrother Ruined Cinderella***

by Jerry Mahoney, illustrated by Aleksei Bitskoff

Book Description: After Maddie's obnoxious stepbrother mocks "Cinderella," the story breaks, and the two feuding stepsiblings have to enter the tale to try to fix it.

Author's Residence: Burbank, California

Publisher: Capstone Press

Author's Website: [www.jerrymahoneybooks.com](http://www.jerrymahoneybooks.com)

## 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

### ***Lint Boy***

by Aileen Leijten

Book Description: Lint Boy and Lint Bear live in their cozy dryer home, carefree and happy—until the day Lint Bear is snatched away by a cruel woman.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Clarion Books

Author's Website: [www.aleijten.com](http://www.aleijten.com)

## Historical Fiction

### ***Dolls of War***

by Shirley Parenteau, illustrated by Kelly Murphy

Book Description: During WWII, eleven-year-old Macy struggles against her patriotic community to save a large Japanese doll that holds memories of her late mother.

Author's Residence: Elk Grove, California

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Author's Website: [www.shirleyparenteau.com](http://www.shirleyparenteau.com)

### ***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

### ***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 her desire to fulfill her prophetic destiny.

Author's Residence: Piedmont, California

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

### ***The Nine Lives of Jacob Tibbs***

by Cylin Busby, illustrated by Gerald Kelley

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: Alfred A. 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

### ***The Knights of Boo'Gar***

by Art Roche

Book Description: A funny medieval adventure about a kidnapped goat, a brave princess, and a reluctant young knight. Filled with full-color cartoon illustrations and offbeat humor.

Author's Residence: Sebastopol, California

Publisher: Andrews McMeel

Author's Website: [www.artroche.com](http://www.artroche.com)

### ***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 Books

### ***Shivers! The Pirate Who's Afraid of Everything***

by Annabeth Bondor-Stone and Connor White, illustrated by Anthony Holden

Book 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

Author's Website: [www.annabethandconnor.com](http://www.annabethandconnor.com)

### ***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

## Informational Fiction

### ***Mossby's Magic Carpet Handbook***

by Ilona Bray, illustrated by Alejandro Lee

Book Description: A faux factory manual containing all the information magic-carpet-riding customers need to navigate the skies; deal with altitude, wind, and weather; and enjoy their adventures.

Author's Residence: Oakland, California

Publisher: The Innovation Press

## 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

Author's Website: [www.SarahLariviere.com](http://www.SarahLariviere.com)

### ***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 & Giroux Books for Young Readers

### ***Mutant Mantis Lunch Ladies!***

by Bruce Hale

Book Description: Best friends Carlos and Benny must save their school from a fate worse than mystery meat: mutant mantis lunch ladies!

Author's Residence: Santa Barbara, California

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Author's Website: [www.brucehale.com](http://www.brucehale.com)

### ***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 and Yang go undercover in their town parade to investigate a deadly crime.

Author's Residence: Pasadena, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

## Nonfiction Picture Book

### ***Hatching Chicks in Room 6***

by Caroline Arnold

Book Description: Follow a kindergarten class as they incubate eggs, watch them hatch, and raise the chicks until they are old enough to return to the chicken coop.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Author's Website: [www.carolinearnold.com](http://www.carolinearnold.com)

## Performing Arts

### ***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 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

Author's Website: [www.janerosenbergprojects.com](http://www.janerosenbergprojects.com)



## Picture Book/Bilingual

### ***The Little Doctor/El doctorcito***

by Juan J. Guerra, illustrated by Victoria Castillo

Book Description: A young Latino boy dreams of becoming a doctor after witnessing the poor care his grandmother received.

Author's Residence: El Cerrito, California

Publisher: Arte Publico Press/Piñata Books

Author's Website: [www.juanjguerra.com](http://www.juanjguerra.com)

## Picture Book Biography

### ***Balderdash!: John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children's Books***

by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Nancy Carpenter

Book Description: A biography of publisher John Newbery, who created a line of entertaining, informative books for young people, thereby establishing the children's literature industry.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Author's Website: [www.michellemarkel.com](http://www.michellemarkel.com)

### ***Noah Webster & His Words***

by Jeri Chase Ferris, illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch

Book Description: Noah Webster wrote the first American dictionary. But what else did Noah do? This book reveals how Noah kept our fledgling United States united.

Author's Residence: Lincoln, California

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

### ***Take a Picture of Me, James VanDerZee***

by Andrea J Loney, illustrated by Keith Mallett

Book Description: The 2014 New Voices Award-winning picture book biography of the legendary black photographer of the Harlem Renaissance.

Author's Residence: Inglewood, California

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Author's Website: [www.andreajloney.com](http://www.andreajloney.com)

## Picture Book for Older 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

## Poetry

### ***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? A NCTE Notable Poetry Book.

Author's Residence: Agoura Hills, California

Publisher: Two Lions

Website: [www.childrensauthorsnetwork.com/joan-bransfield-graham.html](http://www.childrensauthorsnetwork.com/joan-bransfield-graham.html)

## Realistic Fiction

### ***Dewey Fairchild, Parent Problem Solver***

by Lorri Horn, illustrated by Agnieszka Grochalska

Book Description: Dewey Fairchild isn't just good with parents, he's great with them. He's so good at handling parents that he's built a thriving business out of it.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Amberjack

Author's Website: [www.deweyfairchild.com](http://www.deweyfairchild.com)

### ***The Homework Strike***

by Greg Pincus

Book Description: Gregory K., overwhelmed by homework, goes on strike . . . and has to deal with the consequences as he stands up for what he believes is right.

Author's Residence: Valley Glen, California

Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books

Author's Website: [www.gregpincus.com](http://www.gregpincus.com)

### ***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

### ***Lost Boys***

by Darcey Rosenblatt

Book Description: Reza, a twelve-year-old Iranian boy, is sent to fight in the Iran-Iraq war in 1982. A story of friendship and finding your own path.

Author's Residence: Corte Madera, California

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company

Author's Website: [www.darceyr.com](http://www.darceyr.com)

### ***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: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

### ***A Summer's Trade (in English and Navajo)***

by Deborah W. Trotter, illustrated by Irving Toddy

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 Books

### ***Worry Warriors: Anxious Adam Braves the Test***

by Marne Ventura, illustrated by Leo Trinidad

Book Description: Adam is excited to be on the soccer team, but he's nervous about taking the five-paragraph essay test. If he flunks, he'll have to go back to tutoring. That would mean the end of soccer for the year.

Author's Residence: Nipomo, California

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

Author's Website: [www.marneventura.com](http://www.marneventura.com)

### ***Zinnia and the Bees***

by Danielle Davis

Book Description: Zinnia and the Bees follows a twelve-year-old knitter and yarn-bomber and the colony of honeybees who mistakes her hair for a hive.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Capstone Press

Author's Website: [www.danielledavisreadandwrites.com](http://www.danielledavisreadandwrites.com)

### ***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

## **GRADES 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

## **Contemporary Fiction**

### ***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 Caloyerias

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

Author's Website: [www.jennifercaloyerias.com](http://www.jennifercaloyerias.com)

## **Fantasy**

### ***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

Author's Website: [www.sharonlovejoy.com](http://www.sharonlovejoy.com)

### ***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

## Nonfiction

### ***The Booth Brothers: Drama, Fame, and the Death of President Lincoln***

by Rebecca Langston-George

Book Description: The jealous rivalry and political tension between two famous acting brothers mirrors that of the country during the Civil War.

Author's Residence: Bakersfield, California  
Publisher: Capstone Press  
Website: [www.rebeccalangston-george.com](http://www.rebeccalangston-george.com)

### ***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

### ***Zoo Scientists to the Rescue***

by Patricia Newman, illustrated by Annie Crawley

Book Description: Zoos take care of animals and welcome visitors of all ages, but that's not all zoos do. Come behind the scenes at three zoos to meet scientists working to save endangered animals.

Author's Residence: Sacramento, California  
Publisher: Millbrook Press

## Novel in Verse

### ***Forest World***

by Margarita Engle

Book Description: Set in a wilderness area of contemporary Cuba, this is an eco-adventure about siblings who have never met before and their quest to help protect wildlife.

Author's Residence: Clovis, California  
Publisher: Atheneum Books  
Author's Website: [www.margaritaengle.com](http://www.margaritaengle.com)

## 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 a hilarious cast, a zingy banter, and a quirky Cyrano de Bergerac plot twist!

Author's Residence: Santa Barbara, California  
Publisher: Puffin Books  
Author's Website: [www.leewardlaw.com](http://www.leewardlaw.com)

### ***Me and Miranda Mullally***

by Jake Gerhardt

Book Description: The fates of three eighth-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

### ***The Someday Birds***

by Sally J. Pla

Book Description: Equal parts madcap road trip, coming-of-age story of an autistic boy, and uplifting portrait of a family overcoming a crisis.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California  
Publisher: HarperCollins  
Author's Website: [www.sallyjpla.com](http://www.sallyjpla.com)

## 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 Trilogy***

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: Lee & Low Books

## Steampunk Fantasy

### ***Everland (Book 1)***

by Wendy Spinale

Book Description: With the destruction of London, now renamed Everland, Gwen, Pete, and his band of Lost Boys must rescue Gwen's sister from Hook and escape the horrors of Everland.

Author's Residence: Pleasanton, California  
Publisher: Scholastic  
Author's Website: [www.wendyspinale.com](http://www.wendyspinale.com)

## GRADES 9-12

## Contemporary Fiction

### ***Eight Days on Planet Earth***

by Cat Jordan

Book Description: A mysterious girl appears in the empty field next to Matty's house, claiming to be from another planet and waiting for her ship home.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: HarperCollins  
Author's Website: [www.catjordanbooks.com](http://www.catjordanbooks.com)

### ***A Map for Wrecked Girls***

by Jessica Taylor

Book Description: In this twisting tale of loyalty, betrayal, and love, two sisters must survive the wilds—if they can first survive each other.

Author's Residence: Roseville, California  
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers  
Author's Website: [www.jessicataylorwrites.com](http://www.jessicataylorwrites.com)



**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 blackmails 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****Summer Unscripted**

by Jen Klein

Book Description: Girl follows boy to summer stock theater...except he's the wrong boy.

Author's Residence: Burbank, California

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.jenkleinbooks.com](http://www.jenkleinbooks.com)**Crime Fiction****Punishment Summer**

by Peggy Rothschild

Book Description: From hidden pot farms to human trafficking, sixteen-year-old Nicki learns how dangerous uncovering secrets can be during her summer in Punishment, California.

Author's Residence: Ventura, California

Publisher: Evernight Teen

**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

**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 magical heritages.

Author's Residence: California

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

**Emerge**

by Tobie Easton

Book Description: Lia may be a mermaid, but she's never lived in the ocean. She's safe living on land until she risks everything to save the human boy she loves.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Month9Books

**Of Fire and Stars**

by Audrey Coulthurst

Book Description: A princess with a forbidden magical gift falls in love with the sister of the prince she's supposed to marry.

Author's Residence: Santa Monica, California

Publisher: Balzer + Bray

**Silent**

by David Mellon

Book Description: Historical fiction and magical realism meld in this haunting story set during WWI.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Merit Press

**Futuristic Mystery****Memory Girl**

by Linda Joy Singleton

Book Description: In ShareHaven, no one grows old and 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

**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: Random House Books for Young Readers

**Graphic Novel****California Dreamin': Cass Elliot Before the Mamas and the Papas**

by Penelope Bagieu,

translated by Nanette McGuinness

Book Description: Before becoming the legendary Mama Cass in the Mamas and the Papas, Ellen Cohen was a teenager from Baltimore with an incredible voice and dreams of superstardom. This is her story.

Translator's Residence: Berkeley, California

Publisher: First Second

## 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

## Mystery

### ***Holding Court***

by K. C. Held

Book Description: A girl with a blurring 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 Teen

### ***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

### ***Careers if You Like Music (Career Discovery series)***

by Laura Roberts

Book Description: People with a passion for music land fascinating careers, from composers to record producers to music therapists.

What music job is right for you?

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Reference Point Press

Author's Website: [www.laurarobertsbooks.com](http://www.laurarobertsbooks.com)

### ***Dogs at War: Military Canine Heroes***

by Connie Goldsmith

Book Description: Interviews and stories of heroic military dogs and their handlers who save lives by finding explosives, detecting intruders, and sniffing out drugs in war zones.

Author's Residence: Sacramento, California

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

Author's Website: [www.conniegoldsmith.com](http://www.conniegoldsmith.com)

### ***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

### ***Project You: More Than 50 Ways to Calm Down, De-Stress, and Feel Great***

by Aubre Andrus, illustrated by Veronica Collignon

Book Description: Award-winning author Aubre Andrus shares more than fifty do-right-now projects that will help you beat stress,

smile big, and discover a calmer, more blissful you.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Capstone Press

Author's Website: [www.aubreandrus.com](http://www.aubreandrus.com)

### ***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 seventeen-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

Publisher: Booktrope Publishing

Author's Website: [www.jenniferjchow.com](http://www.jenniferjchow.com)

## 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

Author's Website: [www.sheilasobel.com](http://www.sheilasobel.com)

### ***Just a Normal Tuesday***

by Kim Turrisi

Book Description: Sixteen-year-old Kai's life is turned upside down when her sister commits suicide. A teen grief camp offers a road map for her to find hope and healing.

Author's Residence: Long Beach, California

Publisher: KCP Loft

Website: [www.kimturrisi.com](http://www.kimturrisi.com)

### ***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

**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

**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 Teen

**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 &amp; Company

**Stolen Secrets**

by L. B. Schulman

Book Description: When sixteen-year-old Livvy discovers Holocaust journal entries in her grandmother's home, she suspects the woman may have a shocking link to Anne Frank.

Author's Residence: San Rafael, California

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Author's Website: [www.LBSchulman.com](http://www.LBSchulman.com)**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

**A Tragic Kind of Wonderful**

by Eric Lindstrom

Book Description: A sixteen-year-old girl living with bipolar disorder learns to balance romance, friendship, disclosure, and grief after a series of destabilizing events.

Author's Residence: Bay Area, California

Publisher: Poppy

Author's Website: [www.ericlindstrombooks.com](http://www.ericlindstrombooks.com)**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.

Author's Residence: Santa Monica, California

Publisher: Melange Books

**Science Fiction****Waste of Space**

by Gina Damico

Book Description: Cram ten hormonal teens into a spaceship and blast off: That's the premise for the out-of-this-world reality show Waste of Space.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.ginadami.co](http://www.ginadami.co)**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



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## CANADA

### 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

Author's Website: [www.siddals.com](http://www.siddals.com)

##### ***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

Author's Website: [www.racheleugster.com](http://www.racheleugster.com)

##### ***The Snow Knows***

by Jennifer McGrath, illustrated by Josée Bisailon

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

##### ***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

## Fantasy

### ***Le flocon de Noël***

by Louise Catherine Bergeron

Book Description: The recipe for a successful Christmas cookie recipe? A snowflake-shaped cookie cutter, a curious little boy, a generous babysitter, and mostly, a magic formula!

Author's Residence: Boisbriand, Québec, Canada

Publisher: Bayard Canada

Author's Website: [www.illustrationquebec.com/en/portfolios/oeuvres/artiste/louisebergeron](http://www.illustrationquebec.com/en/portfolios/oeuvres/artiste/louisebergeron)

Picture Book

### ***The Christmas Wind***

by Stephanie Simpson McLellan, illustrated by Brooke Kerrigan

Book Description: On a windy Christmas Eve, Jo, her sick mother, and her infant brother seek refuge in the barn of a grouchy old man named Franklin Murdock.

Author's Residence: Newmarket, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Red Deer Press/Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Author's Website: [www.TheChristmasWind.com](http://www.TheChristmasWind.com)

### ***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 Publishing/Fitzhenry & Whiteside

### ***Sizing Up Winter***

by Lizann Flatt, illustrated by Ashley Barron

Book Description: A winter wonderland, brought to life in colourful cut-paper collage, helps children grasp the various concepts of measurement.

Author's Residence: Muskoka, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: OwlKids Books

### ***Sloth the Lazy Dragon***

by Regan W. H. Macaulay, illustrated by Alex Zgud

Book Description: Through a sensible diet and plenty of exercise, a brave dwarf helps a heavy dragon named Sloth lose weight so he can fly again.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

### ***Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey***

by Margriet Ruurs, illustrated by Nizar Ali Badr

Book Description: A child and family flee from war in search of a safe place to live, illustrated in rocks by Syrian artist.

Author's Residence: Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Orca Books

### ***Take Me Out to the Ice Rink***

by Stella Partheniou Grasso, illustrated by Chris Jones

Book Description: This rollicking read will catch everyone up in the energy of a game. Alongside learning basic hockey terms and lingo, young readers will be singing their way to reading fun.

Illustrator's Residence: Mississauga, Ontario

Publisher: Scholastic Canada

Illustrator's Website: [www.mrjonese.com](http://www.mrjonese.com)

### ***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 Thiebaut-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

## 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 Doll's Eye***

by Marina Cohen, illustrated by Nicoletta Ceccoli

Book Description: From the moment the glass eye rolls out from underneath the bed in her creepy new house, twelve-year-old Hadley's life begins to change. Forever.

Author's Residence: Markham, Ontario

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Author's Website: [www.marinacohen.com](http://www.marinacohen.com)

## Humorous Fiction

### ***The Best Mistake Mystery***

by Sylvia McNicoll, illustrated by Tania Howell

Book Description: Dog walker Stephen Noble counts and analyzes mistakes, which, together with canine clients Ping and Pong and sidekick Renée Kobai, help him solve neighborhood mysteries.

Author's Residence: Burlington, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Dundurn Press

Author's Website: [www.sylviamcnicoll.com](http://www.sylviamcnicoll.com)

### ***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

## Mystery

### ***It's a Mystery, Pig Face!***

by Wendy McLeod MacKnight

Book Description: A paper bag filled with money. An annoying little brother. Can Tracy and her best friend, Ralph, solve the mystery and still stay friends?

Author's Residence: Hanwell, New Brunswick, Canada

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Author's Website: [www.wendymcleodmacknight.com](http://www.wendymcleodmacknight.com)

## 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

### ***The Elephant Keeper***

by Margriet Ruurs, illustrated by Pedro

Book Description: How does an African boy from a poaching background become a skilled caregiver of orphaned baby elephants? Read this true story of release and hope.

Author's Residence: Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Kids Can Press

Author's Website: [www.margrietruurs.com](http://www.margrietruurs.com)

### ***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 Bigfoot to Frankenstein to zombies, 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

### ***What Makes a Monster? Discovering the World's Scariest Creatures***

by Jess Keating, illustrated by David DeGrand

Book Description: From the author of *Pink Is for Blobfish*, Animal Planet meets Godzilla in this nonfiction picture book that puts the "Ack!" into backyard science.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.jesskeating.com](http://www.jesskeating.com)

## Nonfiction Picture Book

### ***Big Blue Forever***

by Anita Miettunen

Book Description: The story of how a blue whale skeleton found on a remote beach in eastern Canada was reassembled for permanent museum display.

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Red Deer Press/Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Author's Website: [www.anitamiettunen.com](http://www.anitamiettunen.com)

## 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 harebrained 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

### ***Inside Hudson Pickle***

by Yolanda Ridge

Book Description: Hudson learns that his uncle has a rare respiratory illness to which he may also be genetically predisposed.

Author's Residence: Rossland, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Kids Can Press

Author's Website: [www.yolandaridge.com](http://www.yolandaridge.com)

### ***Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess***

by Shari Green

Book Description: Struggling to accept the upcoming changes in her life, a deaf sixth-grade girl finds comfort and courage through an unlikely friendship with her elderly neighbor.

Author's Residence: Campbell River, BC, Canada

Publisher: Pajama Press

Author's Website: [www.sharigreen.com](http://www.sharigreen.com)

### ***The Things Owen Wrote***

by Jessica Scott Kerrin

Book Description: Owen must get back a notebook his granddad accidentally sent to the Iceland archive. He can't let anyone read the things he wrote in it!

Author's: Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Author's Website: [www.jessicascottkerrin.com](http://www.jessicascottkerrin.com)

## **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**

### **Fantasy**

#### ***The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes***

by Wade Albert White, illustrated by Mariano Epelbaum

Book Description: In a magical world of floating tiers, 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 fire-cracker 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

## **Humorous Fiction**

### ***Mine!***

by Natalie Hyde

Book Description: A wild ride to reclaim a gold mine with moose, muffins, and mayhem!

Author's Residence: Cambridge, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: [www.nataliehyde.com](http://www.nataliehyde.com)

## **Magical Realism**

### ***Fox Magic***

by Beverley Brenna, illustrated by Miriam Körner

Book Description: Chance's two best friends have taken their own lives as part of a suicide pact, and Chance is struggling with loss and guilt. How can she go on without them?

Author's Residence: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Publisher: Red Deer Press/Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Author's Website: [www.beverleybrenna.com](http://www.beverleybrenna.com)

## **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**

### ***Dark Matters: Nature's Reaction to Light Pollution***

by Joan Marie Galat

Book Description: Told through the eyes of thirteen-year-old Joan who loves the outdoors, *Dark Matters* introduces the fragile animals impacted by our increasingly threatened nighttime skies.

Author's Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Publisher: Red Deer Press/Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Author's Website: [www.joangalat.com](http://www.joangalat.com)

### ***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.

Author's Residence: Canada

Publisher: Lorimer

## **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: Dundurn Press

### **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

## **GRADES 9-12**

### **Contemporary Fiction**

#### **Cutting to the Chase**

by **Rose Phillips**

Book Description: A young adult novel about self-harm that explores issues of anxiety, family turmoil, friendship, and first love.

Author's Residence: Cobble Hill, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Evernight Teen

Author's Website: [www.rosephillipsya.blogspot.ca](http://www.rosephillipsya.blogspot.ca)

#### **Hit the Ground Running**

by **Alison Hughes**

Book Description: A Children's Services investigation has siblings Dee (16) and Eddie (7) fleeing down the interstates in a decrepit car. What could possibly go wrong?

Author's Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Publisher: Orca Books

Author's Website: [www.alisonhughesbooks.com](http://www.alisonhughesbooks.com)

#### **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

### **Saving Grad**

by **Karen Spafford-Fitz**

Book Description: When her abusive stepfather comes for her at her graduation party, Vienna must save her friends, her mother, and herself. Inclusive to reluctant readers.

Author's Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Publisher: Lorimer

Author's Website: [www.karensafford-fitz.com](http://www.karensafford-fitz.com)

### **Historical Fiction**

#### **The Pact**

by **Amanda West Lewis**

Book Description: Inspired by a true story, The Pact sheds light on indoctrination, propaganda, racism, and a child's developing sense of morality in Nazi Germany.

Author's Residence: Perth, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Red Deer Press/Fitzhenry & Whiteside  
 Author's Website: [www.amandawestlewis.com](http://www.amandawestlewis.com)

### **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 forty designs.

Author's Residence: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Sky Horse Publishing

### **Psychological Thriller**

#### **The Hanging Girl**

by **Eileen Cook**

Book Description: Skye's fake tarot card readings have always been fun, but now there's a missing girl and a prank that has turned very dark.

Author's Residence: British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.eileencook.com](http://www.eileencook.com)

### **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, sixteen-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: Thistle-down 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

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## INTERNATIONAL / OTHER

### GRADES 1-2

#### 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

***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 Books

***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

***Lucía the Luchadora***

by Cynthia Leonor Garza, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez

Book Description: When the boys tell Lucía girls can't be superheroes, she disguises herself as a masked luchadora and becomes a playground sensation.

Author's Residence: Nairobi, Kenya

Publisher: POW! Kids Books

Author's Website: [www.cynthialeonorgarza.com](http://www.cynthialeonorgarza.com)

#### 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

#### Chapter Book

***Las almas de la fiesta y otros cuentos de Día de Muertos***

by Judy Goldman, illustrated by Israel Barrón

Book Description: Five stories in Spanish from five different parts of Mexico that have to do with the Day of the Dead ceremonies.

Author's Residence: Mexico City, Mexico

Publisher: Ediciones Castillo/Macmillan

Author's Website: [www.judygoldman4kids.com](http://www.judygoldman4kids.com)

#### 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

#### Picture Book

***If You Were a Kid Building a Pyramid***

by Lawrence Schimel, illustrated by Jennifer Ely

Book Description: Learn how pyramids were built in this hybrid fiction-nonfiction picture book about the adventures of Khalid, Merti, and Sabu.

Author's Residence: Madrid, Spain

Publisher: Scholastic

### 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.

Author's Residence: Cameri, Italy  
Publisher: Editorial Norma, Colombia

### **Realistic Fiction**

#### ***El Caso de Puercoespín Reumático***

by Irma Calvo, illustrated by Daniela Martín del Campo

Book Description: Andrés and his boss, a pet psychiatrist, are trying to help Jürgen, a grumpy and resentful porcupine. But the patient won't make the task easy.

Author's Residence: Huixquilucan, Estado de México  
Publisher: Pearson

### **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: MuseltUp Publishing

### **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 Martínez Blanco

Book Description: Cyberbullying in high school. How the life of a teenager changes after her picture is shared without her consent on the net.

Author's Residence: Madrid, Spain  
Publisher: Nowevolution

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## MID-SOUTH

(Kansas / Louisiana / Arkansas / Tennessee / Kentucky / Missouri / Mississippi)

### PREK-K

#### Picture Book

##### ***The Alphabet Forest***

by Lori Galaske, illustrated by Eugene Ruble

Book Description: When a little girl loses her name, she and her brother travel through the alphabet forest, where furry and feathery animals of every letter play.

Author's Residence: Columbia, Missouri

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Author's website: [www.lorigalaska.com](http://www.lorigalaska.com)

##### ***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

##### ***Sweet Hearts***

by Amy E. Sklansky, illustrated by Anna Dunn

Book Description: Celebrate your little sweetheart with this rhyming novelty book with colorful tiered pages and a die-cut shape that looks just like a heart!

Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: Cartwheel/Scholastic

Website: [www.amysklansky.com](http://www.amysklansky.com)

##### ***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 Mills Press

##### ***A Tip Tap Tale***

by Denise Gallagher

Book Description: BouZou, a singing, guitar-playing hound dog, is happy performing in his Louisiana swamp. But when a cat named Slick Jim Jack shows up, BouZou is enticed to perform in the big city of New Aw-Leens.

Publisher: UL University Press

Author's Website: [www.denisegallagher.com](http://www.denisegallagher.com)

### Religious

##### ***The Giant Book of Bible Fingerplays for Preschoolers***

by Amy Houts

Book Description: This resource has a fingerplay for every Bible story you can imagine! The book covers the Old and New Testaments in a fun and memorable way.

Author's Residence: Maryville, Missouri

Publisher: Group Publishing

Author's Website: [www.amyhouts.com](http://www.amyhouts.com)

### GRADES 1-2

#### Early Chapter Book

##### ***Haggis and Tank Unleashed: 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

#### Early Reader

##### ***Claire Wants a Boxing Name***

by Jo Meserve Mach and Vera Lynne Stroup-Rentier, photographs by Mary Birdsell

Book Description: Claire is learning to focus and to box. "Libraries looking to add to their inclusive nonfiction offerings will find this one a winner."—Kirkus Reviews

Author's Residence: Topeka, Kansas

Publisher: Finding My Way Books

Author's Website: [www.findingmywaybooks.net](http://www.findingmywaybooks.net)

#### Humorous Fiction

##### ***Roof Octopus***

by Lucy Branam, illustrated by Rogério Coehlo

Book Description: Nora discovers an octopus on her apartment building. When they become friends, the octopus disappears. Will he reappear in time to come to show-and-tell?

Author's Residence: Jacksboro, Tennessee

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

#### 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 close-up look at a day in the life of a tiny, and unexpected,

predator—the seriously slimy wolfsnail.  
Author's Residence: Jackson, Mississippi  
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press  
Author's Website: [www.sarahccampbell.com](http://www.sarahccampbell.com)

## Picture Book

### ***A Book of Bridges: Here to There and Me to You***

by Cheryl Keely, illustrated by Celia Krampien

Book Description: Bridges are fascinating structures, and they come in all forms. This book visits them all, while reminding us their main purpose is bringing people together.  
Author's Residence: Louisville, Kentucky  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press  
Author's Website: [www.cherylkeely.com](http://www.cherylkeely.com)

### ***How I Did It (Peace Dragon Tale)***

by Linda Ragsdale, illustrated by Anoocha Syed

Book Description: Follow Capitol I through an inviting adventure about creativity, individuality, and following one's dreams. Clever wordplay and bright illustrations captivate every age audience.  
Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee  
Publisher: Flowerpot Press  
Author's Website: [www.thepeacedragon.com](http://www.thepeacedragon.com)

### ***The Legend of Papa Noël: 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

### ***Prudence the Part-Time Cow***

by Jody Jensen Shaffer, illustrated by Stephanie Laberis

Book Description: Prudence isn't just a cow. She's a scientist, architect, and inventor, too. Her herd thinks she's a little too part-time. Until she shows them she can be a part-time cow and a full-time member of the herd.  
Author's Residence: Liberty, Missouri  
Publisher: Henry Holt & Company  
Author's Website: [www.jodyjensenshaffer.com](http://www.jodyjensenshaffer.com)

### ***Rickshaw Reggie: Chicago Neighborhoods***

by Kathleen Dragan, illustrated by Ed Koehler

Book Description: A magical pedicab tour of seven Chicago neighborhoods.  
Illustrator's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri  
Publisher: Reedy Press  
Illustrator's Website: [www.edkoehler.com](http://www.edkoehler.com)

### ***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.  
Author's Residence: Knoxville, Tennessee  
Publisher: Anaiah Press

## Picture Book/Bilingual

### ***Spearfinger***

by Charles Suddeth, illustrated by Carrie Salazar

Book Description: Spearfinger the witch terrorizes Cherokees. Can Chucha discover her secrets and end her rampages? Bilingual English/Cherokee.  
Author's Residence: Louisville, Kentucky  
Publisher: 4RV Publishing  
Author's Website: [www.ctsuddeth.com](http://www.ctsuddeth.com)

## 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 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

## GRADES 3-5

### Adventure

### ***Surviving the Iditarod: An Interactive Extreme Sports Adventure (YOU CHOOSE series)***

by Nicki Jacobsmeyer

Book Description: Set in the Alaskan wilds, the Iditarod is one of the most extreme races on the planet. As the musher and leader of a dog-sledding team, YOU CHOOSE how this adventure ends.  
Author's Residence: Troy, Missouri  
Publisher: Capstone Press  
Author's Website: [www.nickijacobsmeyer.com](http://www.nickijacobsmeyer.com)

### Biography

### ***St. John Neumann: Missionary to Immigrants***

by Laura Rhoderica Brown, fsp, illustrated by Virginia Esquinaldo

Book Description: Learn about the life of the man who became the only canonized North American bishop. Join him as he travels from Europe to America.  
Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri  
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media



## Chapter Book

### **Ready, Set, Goal!**

by **Debbie Dadey**, illustrated by **Tatevik Avakyan**

Book Description: The Trident Academy's shell wars team is going to the championships in Atlantis! But the team may lose when Shelly sees a cursed fish. Can Shelly and her friends reverse the curse in time?

Author's Residence: Sevierville, Tennessee

Publisher: Aladdin

Author's Website: [www.debbiedadey.com](http://www.debbiedadey.com)

## Contemporary Fiction

### **A Dog Like Daisy**

by **Kristin O'Donnell Tubb**

Book Description: Daisy has only ten weeks to prove her usefulness or else be sent back to the pound. Yet if she goes back, who will protect Colonel Victor from his PTSD attacks? What if no one ever adopts her again?

Author's Residence: Arrington, Tennessee

Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.kristintubb.com](http://www.kristintubb.com)

### **A Dog Steals Home**

by **Kathleen Schrenk**

Book Description: Zach must make a tough decision that threatens his position as starting pitcher . . . but can he save Audrey and a scraggly dog named Grace?

Author's Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

Author's Website: [www.kathleenschrenk.com](http://www.kathleenschrenk.com)

### **Vilonia Beebe Takes Charge**

by **Kristin L. Gray**, illustrated **Emma Trithart**

Book Description: Fourth grader Vilonia must prove she's responsible enough for a dog in order to help her mom overcome her grief. If only the hens would behave . . .

Author's Residence: Fayetteville, Arkansas

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Author's Website: [www.kristinlgray.com](http://www.kristinlgray.com)

## Fantasy

### **The Lazy Dragon and the Bumblespells Wizard**

by **Kath Boyd Marsh**

Book Description: Waste-of-dr'gon-scales, Cl'rnce, can't avoid his Quest. Teamed with Moire Ain, bumblespelled wanna-be wizard, they complete his Quest and save a king.

Author's Residence: Richmond, Kentucky

Publisher: CBAY Books

## Historical Fiction

### **Callahan Crossroads**

by **Anola Pickett**

Book Description: In the summer of 1918, twelve-year-old George Callahan finds that war overseas has brought surprising, and sometimes dangerous, changes to his life on the home front.

Author's Residence: Kansas City, Missouri

Publisher: Cedar Fort

### **Finding My Place: One Girl's Strength at Vicksburg**

by **Margo L. Dill**

Book Description: Thirteen-year-old Anna Green lives during the Siege of Vicksburg. During one terrible bombing, a tragedy strikes Anna and her siblings and changes their lives forever.

Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: White Mane Publishing

### **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 & 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

### **The War I Finally Won**

by **Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**

Book Description: In this sequel to the Newbery Honor-winning book *The War That Saved My Life*, Ada learns who she's fighting for.

Author's Residence: Bristol, Tennessee

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.kimberlybrubakerbradley.com](http://www.kimberlybrubakerbradley.com)

## Horror

### **The Bayou Bogeyman Presents Hoodoo and Voodoo**

by **Gary Alipio, Laura Roach Dragon, Terri Hoover Dunham, Julie Gonzalez, Patricia Hefler, Sue Houston, Virginia Howard, Cheryl Mathis and Josephine Schloegel**

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 (Hefler): 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

Author's Website: [www.bhskelley.com](http://www.bhskelley.com)

### ***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 1804-1806 as it explored the breathtaking new land called the American West.

Author's Residence: Hebron, Kentucky

Publisher: Lerner

## Picture Book

### ***Cricket in the Thicket***

by Carol Murray, illustrated by Melissa Sweet

Book Description: This forty-page picture book features short, lively poems, beautiful illustrations, and cool facts about bugs. It's a great way to have fun while learning!

Author's Residence: Hutchinson, Kansas

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company

Author's Website: [www.carolmurray.net](http://www.carolmurray.net)

### ***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 Books

Author's Website: [www.evelynchristensen.com](http://www.evelynchristensen.com)

## 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 ten-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

## GRADES 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 one-hundred-mile bike ride through Yellowstone National Park to get home in time for a singing show audition.

Author's Residence: Louisville, Kentucky

Publisher: Aladdin

Author's Website: [www.gailnall.com](http://www.gailnall.com)

### ***The Seventh Level***

by Jody Feldman

Book Description: Seventh 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

## 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

### ***Into the Shadowlands***

by **Cynthia Reeg**

Book Description: Two middle-school monsters venture into a world with horrors worse than any nightmare, and if they make it out alive, they'll undoubtedly not emerge unscathed!  
 Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri  
 Publisher: Jolly Fish Press  
 Author's Website: [www.cynthiareeg.com](http://www.cynthiareeg.com)

### **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

#### ***The Growing Rock***

by **Susanna Lancaster**

Book Description: When the Great Depression sends Papa away to find work, fourteen-year-old Caroline struggles not to give into the hopelessness tearing her family apart.  
 Author's Residence: Memphis, Tennessee  
 Publisher: Harvard Square Editions  
 Author's Website: [www.susannalancaster.com](http://www.susannalancaster.com)

#### ***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  
 Author's Website: [www.tracybarrett.com](http://www.tracybarrett.com)

#### ***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  
 Author's Website: [www.RickStarkey.com](http://www.RickStarkey.com)

### **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 two-hundred-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**

#### ***Kindertransport: A Child's Journey***

by **Kena Sosa**, illustrated by **Jeanne Conway**

Book Description: Kindertransport saved many Jewish children from the Holocaust. Ten-year-old Helen tells of her journey from Berlin to the safety of England.  
 Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri  
 Publisher: 4RV Publishing  
 Illustrator's Website: [www.jeanniespaintings.com](http://www.jeanniespaintings.com)

#### ***Twisted True Tales from Science: Insane Inventors***

by **Stephanie Bearce**

Book Description: Eating puke, starting earthquakes, and operating on yourself—it's just a part of the life of an insane inventor. Learn how inventors changed the world with their crazy experiments.  
 Author's Residence: St. Charles, Missouri  
 Publisher: Prufrock Press  
 Author's Website: [www.stephaniebearce.com](http://www.stephaniebearce.com)

### **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 middle-grade 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 nineteenth-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

#### ***Falling for Forever***

by Melissa Chambers

Book Description: A reality show runner-up. A music nerd. A talent competition with one \$25,000 cash prize. It's on.

Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee

Publisher: Entangled Teen

Author's Website: [www.melissachambers.com](http://www.melissachambers.com)

#### ***That Thing We Call a Heart***

by Sheba Karim

Book Description: The summer before college, Pakistani American teen Shabnam learns powerful lessons about love, acceptance, her family's past, and how Urdu poetry can change your life.

Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee

Publisher: HarperTeen

Author's Website: [www.shebakarim.com](http://www.shebakarim.com)

### **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**

#### ***Bad Bloods: July Thunder***

by Shannon A. Thompson

Book Description: *Bad Bloods: July Thunder* is the third book in this young adult fantasy series about brutal elections, superpowers, and hope.

Author's Residence: Kansas City, Missouri

Publisher: Clean Teen Publishing

Author's Website: [www.shannonathompson.com](http://www.shannonathompson.com)

#### ***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

### **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

## **Nonfiction**

### ***What Are Race and Racism? (Series: Race in America)***

by Sue Bradford Edwards

Book Description: This book examines the complex meanings of these concepts, what roles they play in society, and how they affect individuals in America today.

Author's Residence: Florissant, Missouri

Publisher: ABDO

Author's Website: [www.suebradfordedwards.com](http://www.suebradfordedwards.com)

## **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





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## MIDDLE EAST / INDIA / ASIA

### 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

Author's Website (Ahrens): [www.kathleenahrens.com](http://www.kathleenahrens.com)

### 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, imaginative

spice stories paired with kid-friendly recipes.

Author's Residence: Singapore

Publisher: Scholastic

##### ***Maxilla***

by Lianne Ong, illustrated by Shing

Book Description: A story about learning to let go and caring for the environment. Reuben finds a caterpillar in the school garden and keeps her as a pet.

Author's Residence: Singapore, Singapore

Publisher: MPH Group Publishing

##### ***The Star of the Zoo***

by Virginie Zurcher, illustrated by Daniel Howarth

Book Description: The animals are settling down for the night when Little Star falls into the zoo. Little Star is desperate to get back home, but who will succeed in helping her?

Author's Residence: Hong Kong

Publisher: QED Publishing/Quart

### 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 the 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

## Picture Book

### ***Rudolf and Ippai Attena***

by Saito Hiroshi, illustrated by Hanmo Sugiura, translated by Deborah Iwabuchi and Kazuko Enda

Book Description: Rudolf, a young cat, gets lost in Tokyo. Ippai Attena, a cat about town, takes him under his wing—giving him education in the process.

Translator's Residence (Iwabuchi): Maebashi, Japan

Publisher: Kodansha

Translator's Website (Iwabuchi): [www.minamimuki.com](http://www.minamimuki.com)

## GRADES 9-12

### Contemporary Fiction

#### ***Karma Khullar's Mustache***

by Kristi Wientge, illustrated by Serge Bloch

Book Description: Middle school is all wrong. Karma's best friend has replaced her, Daddy lost his job, Mom is forever at work, AND she's grown a mustache.

Author's Residence: Singapore, Singapore

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.kristiwientge.com](http://www.kristiwientge.com)

#### ***Slightly Burnt***

by Payal Dhar

Book Description: Komal is devastated when her best friend tells her he's gay.

Author's Residence: New Delhi, India

Publisher: Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers

### 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 the #1 "YA Book You Should Be Reading."

Author's Residence: Tokyo, Japan

Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.lezalowitz.com](http://www.lezalowitz.com)

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## MIDWEST

(Minnesota / Iowa / Nebraska / Wisconsin / Illinois / Michigan / Indiana / Ohio)

### 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 Publishing

##### ***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

##### ***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

##### ***Are We Pears Yet?***

by Miranda Paul, illustrated by Carin Berger

Book Description: The stage is set! In this hilarious and theatrical book, two pear seeds endure a test of patience on the long journey to bear fruit.

Author's Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin

Publisher: Neal Porter Books

Author's Website: [www.mirandapaul.com](http://www.mirandapaul.com)

##### ***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 Thermodynamics!***

by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Irene Chan

Book Description: Accurate enough to satisfy an expert, this clever board book explores the transfer of energy as it flows from the sun to an apple to a baby.

Author's Residence: Deerfield, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Author's Website: [www.RuthSpiro.com](http://www.RuthSpiro.com)

##### ***A Band of Babies***

by Carole Gerber, illustrated by Jane Dyer

Book Description: A new toddler arrives at daycare, distributes toy instruments, and leads a musical adventure to a nearby store. Told in verse. Toot! Toot! Whee! Excellent reviews!

Author's Residence: Columbus, Ohio

Publisher: HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.carolegerber.com](http://www.carolegerber.com)

##### ***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 & Friends

Author's Website: [www.jacobgrantbooks.com](http://www.jacobgrantbooks.com)

##### ***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: A Perfect Match***

by Megan Maynor, illustrated by Rosalinde Bonnet

Book Description: Ella and Penguin are friends. And friends match, right? After a day of being matchy-matchy doesn't go well, can they still be friends?

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.meganmaynor.com](http://www.meganmaynor.com)

### ***Frankenbunny***

by Jill Esbaum, illustrated by Alice Brereton

Book Description: Spencer the bunny tells readers how his big brothers made him believe monsters were real until he found a way to stop their torturous tales.

Author's Residence: Dixon, Iowa

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

### ***Fresh-Picked Poetry: A Day at the Farmers' Market***

by Michelle Schaub, illustrated by Amy Huntington

Book Description: Through eighteen lively poems, follow the adventures of two new friends and their canine companions as they discover the delights of the farmers' market.

Author's Residence: Downers Grove, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Author's Website: [www.michelleschaub.com](http://www.michelleschaub.com)

### ***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

### ***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, bunched 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

### ***Lines***

by Sarvinder Naberhaus, illustrated by Melinda Beck

Book Description: Lines, a STEM book garnering a star from PW, is simple yet profound. Starting with a single line—lines continue and build the entire universe.

Author's Residence: Ames, Iowa

Publisher: Little Simon

Author's Website: [www.sarvinder.com](http://www.sarvinder.com)

### ***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

### ***Mary Had a Little Lizard***

by Kayla Harren

Book Description: Mary and Lizard do everything together except go to school. A modern take on a classic song, this book is a silly, satisfying celebration of new experiences and friendship.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Author's Website: [www.kaylaharren.com](http://www.kaylaharren.com)

### ***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

### ***Mosquito***

by Virginia Kroll, illustrated by Betsy LePlatt

Book Description: A pesky mosquito gets his due in this fun book full of wordplay, including rhyme, alliteration, and onomatopoeia.

Author's Residence: Chanhassen, Minnesota

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

### ***Most People***

by Michael Leannah, illustrated by Jennifer E. Morris

Book Description: Yes, children must be careful of strangers, but they need to know that most people in the world are caring, kind, and good.

Author's Residence: Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Publisher: Tilbury House

Author's Website: [www.michaelleannah.com](http://www.michaelleannah.com)

### ***Mouseling's Words***

by Shutta Crum, illustrated by Ryan O'Rourke

Book Description: A mouseling overcomes his fear and ventures out of the family nest to find the greatest adventure of all: reading.

Author's Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Publisher: Clarion Books

Author's Website: [www.shutta.com](http://www.shutta.com)

### ***The One Day House***

by Julia Durango, illustrated by Bianca Diaz

Book Description: Young Wilson promises his elderly neighbor that he will fix up her house one day. When "one day" arrives, so do friends and neighbors to help out.

Author's Residence: Ottawa, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Author's Website: [www.juliadurango.com](http://www.juliadurango.com)

### ***The Pickwick's Picnic***

by Carol Brendler, illustrated by Renee Kurilla

Book Description: Community cooperation turns a traffic jam into an opportunity for fun in this inventive counting book starring a pair of clever canine siblings.

Author's Residence: Arlington Heights, Illinois

Publisher: Clarion Books

### ***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

### ***The Pout-Pout Fish and the Bully-Bully Shark***

by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Dan Hanna

Book Description: Mr. Fish is faced with a bullying situation. He learns the importance and the impact of speaking up.

Author's Residence: Grand Ledge, Michigan

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.deborahdiesen.com](http://www.deborahdiesen.com)

### ***Priscilla's Perfect Tea Party***

by Jill Friestad-Tate, illustrated by Sue Houston Safianoff

Book Description: Priscilla plans the perfect tea party, but the harder she works, the worse things get. Her brother shows her perfection is not always what we imagine.

Author's Residence: Polk City, Iowa

Publisher: Spork/Clear Fork Publishing

Author's Website: [www.clearforkpublishing.com/coming-soon/priscilla-s-perfect-tea-party/](http://www.clearforkpublishing.com/coming-soon/priscilla-s-perfect-tea-party/)

### ***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 Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.rhondagowlergreene.com](http://www.rhondagowlergreene.com)

### ***Sadie Braves the Wilderness***

by Yvonne Pearson, illustrated by Karen Ritz

Book Description: Sadie discovers her love of the wilderness when she helps her little brother overcome his fears on the family's canoe-wilderness camping trip.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Minnesota Historical Society Press

Author's Website: [www.yvonnepearson.com](http://www.yvonnepearson.com)

### ***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

Author's Website: [www.wendybooydegraaff.com](http://www.wendybooydegraaff.com)

### ***Santa's Gift***

by Angie Karcher, illustrated by Dana Karcher

Book Description: A missing Santa statue is found in a junkyard. A community comes together to patch, paint, and stand Santa back up where he belongs.

Author's Residence: Evansville, Indiana

Publisher: M.T. Publishing

Author's Website: [www.rhymerev.com](http://www.rhymerev.com)

### ***Seasons of Joy: Every Day Is for Outdoor Play***

by Claudia Marie Lenart

Book Description: The pure delight of children playing outside is captured in dreamy wool paintings paired with verse that expresses the joy children experience in nature's seasons.

Author's Residence: Wauconda, Illinois

Publisher: Loving Healing Press

Author's Website: [www.claudiamariefelt.com](http://www.claudiamariefelt.com)

### ***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

Author's Website: [www.kmabooks.com](http://www.kmabooks.com)

### ***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 best-selling *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 Wahnoutka

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 Books

Author's Website: [www.davidlarochelle.com](http://www.davidlarochelle.com)

### **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

### **Why Not?**

by Amanda Huneke, illustrated by Claudia Tenorio Pearl

Book Description: Peyton Pep, a precocious little girl with a spirit to match her name, approaches each new adventure with the same carefree attitude: "Why not?"

Author's Residence: Goodhue, Minnesota

Publisher: Warren Publishing

Author's Website: [www.amandahuneke.com](http://www.amandahuneke.com)

## **GRADES 1-2**

### **Activity**

#### ***The Kids' Ultimate Animal Adventure Book: 745 Quirky Facts and Hands-On Activities for Year-Round Fun***

by Stacy Tornio and Ken Keffer, illustrated by Rachel Riordan

Book Description: The Kids' Ultimate Animal Adventure Book lays the groundwork for observing and learning about animals and then jumps into lots of animal-related activities for kids!

Author's Residence (Keffer): Des Moines, Iowa

Publisher: Falcon Guides/Rowman and Littlefield

Author's Website (Keffer): [www.kenkeffer.net](http://www.kenkeffer.net)

### **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

### **Chapter Book Series**

#### ***The Escapades of Clint McCool***

by Jane Kelley, illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner

Book Description: These easy-to-read, highly illustrated books are perfect first chapter books. Exciting adventures, relatable characters, engaging art—early readers will love joining Clint McCool for his Escapades.

Author's Residence: Mequon, Wisconsin

Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Author's Website: [janekelleybooks.com](http://janekelleybooks.com)

#### ***Lucy's Lab, Book 1: Nuts About Science***

by Michelle Houts, illustrated by Elizabeth Zechel

Book Description: The first in a fun, new chapter book series for science-minded kids. Lucy loves science, and she loves second grade. And you'll love Lucy!

Author's Residence: Celina, Ohio

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Author's Website: [www.michellehouts.com](http://www.michellehouts.com)

### **Early Chapter Book**

#### ***Ellie Ultra: Super Fluffy to the Rescue***

by Gina Bellisario, illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner

Book Description: Ellie teams up with her dog, Super Fluffy, to stop the pranks of Doomsday, a villain from her comic book.

Author's Residence: Park Ridge, Illinois

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

Author's Website: [www.ginabellisario.com](http://www.ginabellisario.com)

### **Time for Cranberries**

by Lisl H. 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

Author's Website: [www.peggyreiffmiller.com](http://www.peggyreiffmiller.com)

## Nonfiction

### ***Frederick Douglass***

by Barbara Kramer

Book Description: Frederick Douglass was born a slave in 1818. He overcame many obstacles to earn his freedom and become a powerful voice against slavery.

Author's Residence: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

## 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 workplaces 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

### ***North Carolina, the First Golden State***

by Tricia Martineau Wagner, illustrated by Candace Camling

Book Description: Fifty years before the California Gold Rush, twelve-year-old Conrad Reed unearthed a shiny rock from a creek in North Carolina. Conrad had struck gold.

Illustrator's Residence: Des Moines, Iowa

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

Illustrator's Website: [www.candacecamling.com](http://www.candacecamling.com)

### ***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

## 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): Stowe, Ohio

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Author's Website (Adams): [www.gloriadadams.com](http://www.gloriadadams.com)

### ***Blossom Plays Possum (Because She's Shy)***

by Birdy Jones, illustrated by Janet McDonnell

Book Description: When Blossom feels shy, she freezes up and plays possum. But with a little encouragement and practice, she learns to take risks and open up.

Illustrator's Residence: Arlington Heights, Illinois

Publisher: Magination Press

Illustrator's Website: [www.janetmcdonnell.com](http://www.janetmcdonnell.com)

### ***Cao Chong Weighs an Elephant***

by Songju Ma Daemicke, illustrated by Chistina Wald

Book Description: Creative thinking helps six-year-old Cao Chong, a child prodigy in Chinese history, find an ingenious way to weigh an elephant two thousand years ago.

Residence: Glenview, Illinois

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

Author's Website: [www.songjumadaemicke.com](http://www.songjumadaemicke.com)

### ***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

### ***Dino-Dancing***

by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Barry Gott

Book Description: This is book #10 in the popular Dino-Sports series. Join your favorite dinosaurs as they strut their stuff and shake their dino-booties!

Author's Residence: Addison, Michigan

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Author's Website: [www.lisawheelerbooks.com](http://www.lisawheelerbooks.com)

### ***Feel the Beat: Dance Poems That Zing from Salsa to Swing***

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Kristi Valiant

Book Description: An irresistible book of poems about dancing that mimic the rhythms of social dances from cha-cha and two-step to tango and hip-hop. Includes CD.

Illustrator's Residence: Evansville, Indiana

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers  
Illustrator's Website: [www.kristivaliant.com](http://www.kristivaliant.com)

***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 and 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: 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 convince 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, sparse text—whimsical illustrations.  
Author's Residence: Janesville, Wisconsin  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

***King Arthur's Very Great Grandson***  
by Kenneth Kraegel

Book Description: Henry, the great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandson of King Arthur, encounters many mythical beasts who, to his dismay, are friendly!  
Author's Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Publisher: Candlewick Press

***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 told New Orleans-style!  
Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

***Memoirs of a Parrot***  
by Devin Scillian, illustrated by Tim Bowers

Book Description: Join a brilliant but stubborn parrot as he endures the banality of the pet store before being purchased by an equally insufferable young man.  
Illustrator's Residence: Granville, Ohio  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

***No More Noisy Nights***  
by Holly L. Niner, illustrated by Guy Wolek

Book Description: Cozier than a mole in fuzzy pajamas, No More Noisy Nights is an underground, under-the-covers read-aloud, perfect for calming bedtime boogety-woogeties.  
Author's Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Publisher: Flashlight Press  
Author's Website: [www.hollyniner.com](http://www.hollyniner.com)

***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

***Not So Scary Jerry***  
by Shelley Kinder, illustrated by Caryn Schafer

Book Description: Scaring kids is not for this monster. Jerry would rather bake, thumb-wrestle, or give pedicures. A quirky story of friendship, self-discovery, and acceptance.  
Author's Residence: Grabill, Indiana  
Publisher: Spork/Clear Fork Publishing  
Author's Website: [www.shelleykinder.com](http://www.shelleykinder.com)

***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 & Company

***Simon of Cyrene and the Legend of the Easter Egg***  
by Terri DeGezelle, illustrated by Gabhor Utomo

Book Description: Simon helps Jesus carry his cross to Calvary. Three days later, Simon's eggs are transformed into a colorful new gift from Jesus—Easter eggs!  
Author's Residence: Mankato, Minnesota  
Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

***Simpson's Sheep Just Want to Sleep!***  
by Bruce Arant

Book Description: Farmer Simpson tries a variety of silly ways to wake his sheep but finally succeeds with the help of a puppy from the rescue pound.

Author's Residence: Omaha, Nebraska  
 Publisher: Peter Pauper Press  
 Author's Website: [www.arantcreative.com](http://www.arantcreative.com)

### ***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

### ***Vincent Can't Sleep***

by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Mary Grandpré

Book Description: The story of Vincent Van Gogh, his night paintings, and the questions that drive creativity.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois  
 Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers  
 Author's Website: [www.barbrosenstock.com](http://www.barbrosenstock.com)

### ***When Hillary Rodham Clinton Played Ice Hockey***

by Rachel Ruiz, illustrated by Steliyana Doneva

Book Description: Hillary Rodham Clinton has always dreamed big . . . and achieved big, too. But she didn't become the greatest woman in US political history overnight.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois  
 Publisher: Picture Window Books  
 Author's Website: [www.rachelruizbooks.com](http://www.rachelruizbooks.com)

### ***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 Books

## **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

#### ***Stu Stories: The Adventures of Dirt Clod and His Sidekick Bird Bones***

by Patrick Hueller, illustrated by Adam Record

Book Description: Think Wayside School, The Great Brain, or Pippi Longstocking. Stu vanishes into thin air, duels knights and ninjas, and woos the best-calved girl in school.

Author's Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota  
 Publisher: Sweetwater Books/Cedar Fort  
 Author's Website: [www.patrickhueller.com](http://www.patrickhueller.com)

### **Chapter Book Series**

#### ***The Wish List #1: The Worst Fairy Godmother Ever!***

by Sarah Aronson

Book Description: Does fairy-godmother-in-training Isabelle have what it takes to pass fairy godmother training? Can she make Nora happily ever after?

Author's Residence: Evanston, Illinois  
 Publisher: Scholastic Press  
 Author's Website: [www.saraharonson.com](http://www.saraharonson.com)

### **Contemporary Fiction**

#### ***Cookie Cutters & Sled Runners***

by Natalie Rompella

Book Description: Who would have thought that sixth grader Ana Morgan, chef extraordinaire, would end up mushing in a sled-dog race in the Midwest?

Author's Residence: Libertyville, Illinois  
 Publisher: Sky Pony Press  
 Author's Website: [www.natalierompella.com](http://www.natalierompella.com)

#### ***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

### **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

### **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 fourth 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**

#### **Ghost of a Chance**

by Susan Maupin Schmid, illustrated by Lissy Marlin

Book Description: Inside an enchanted castle is a closet with one hundred dresses that only Darling Dimple can wear. Each one disguises her as someone else.

Author's Residence: West Des Moines, Iowa

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.SusanMaupinSchmid.com](http://www.SusanMaupinSchmid.com)

#### **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**

#### **Ahimsa**

by Supriya Kelkar

Book Description: A young Indian girl's life is changed when her mother becomes a freedom fighter in Gandhi's non-violent resistance movement.

Author's Residence: Detroit, Michigan

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Author's Website: [www.supriyaketkar.com](http://www.supriyaketkar.com)

#### **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

#### **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: Ten-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

### **Mystery**

#### **The Harlem Charade**

by Natasha Tarpley

Book Description: Three diverse seventh graders from Harlem, NYC, must solve an art-related mystery in order to save their neighborhood and, in the process, discover themselves.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: [www.natashatarpleywrites.com](http://www.natashatarpleywrites.com)

### **Seeking Cassandra**

by **Luricia Clifton**

Book Description: Seeking the truth about her dad's involvement in the disappearance of prehistoric artifacts leads twelve-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 Press

### **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

### **Programming Pioneer Ada Lovelace**

by **Valerie Bodden**

Book Description: Determination, curiosity, and a love of math and science led Ada Lovelace to create the first computer program—before electronic computers even existed!

Author's Residence: Waukesha, Wisconsin

Publisher: Lerner

Author's Website: [www.valeriebodden.com](http://www.valeriebodden.com)

### **A Smart Girl's Guide to Getting It Together**

By **Erin Falligant**, illustrated by **Brenna Vaughan**

Book Description: This book offers kids fun ways to organize their space, their stuff, and their time. The result? They'll forget less, lose less, and stress less!

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: American Girl

Author's Website: [www.erinfalligant.com](http://www.erinfalligant.com)

### **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

### **Picture Books**

### **The Art Lesson: A Shavuot Story**

by **Allison and Wayne Marks**, illustrated by **Annie Wilkinson**

Book Description: Shoshana learns about the holiday of Shavuot and how to make papercuts.

Authors' Residence: Akron, Ohio

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

### **Dangerous Jane**

by **Suzanne Slade**, illustrated by **Alice Ratterree**

Book Description: The inspiring story of how Jane Addams (aka "the Most Dangerous Woman in America") became the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize!

Author's Residence: Libertyville, Illinois

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Author's Website: [www.suzanneslade.com](http://www.suzanneslade.com)

### **Noah Webster's Fighting Words**

by **Tracy Nelson Maurer**, illustrated by **Mircea Catusanu**

Book Description: Noah Webster fought with his pen for America's independence. His dictionary helped separate American English from British English. (Did his ghost edit this fun biography?!)

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company

Author's Website: [www.tracymaurerwriter.com](http://www.tracymaurerwriter.com)

### **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

### **Sea of Echoes**

by **J. Mac Reed**, illustrated by **Ruthie Briggs Greenberg**

Book Description: When his mother is killed, a finback whale calf bands with a pod of orphaned blue whales for his protection and companionship—and theirs.

Author's Residence: South Bend Indiana

Publisher: Taylor Trade

### **Seven and a Half Tons of Steel**

by **Janet Nolan**, illustrated by **Thomas Gonzalez**

Book Description: Something remarkable emerges from a devastating event in this powerful post-9/11 story.

Author's Residence: Oak Park, Illinois

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

### **The Twelve Days of Christmas in Indiana**

by **Donna Griffin**, illustrated by **Troy Cummings**

Book Description: Join Darcy as she takes her cousin Noah on a holiday adventure through the back roads and big city streets of Indiana.

Author's Residence: Greenfield, Indiana

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books



## 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

Author's Website: [www.judithroth.com](http://www.judithroth.com)

### **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

### **Unschooling**

by Allan Woodrow

Book Description: George and Lilly are looking forward to Spirit Week, but when they are named captains on separate teams, can they compete and remain best friends?

Author's Residence: Vernon Hills, Illinois

Publisher: Scholastic

### **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.

Author's Residence: Sandusky, Ohio

Publisher: Dutton Books for Young Readers

## GRADES 6-8

### Adventure

#### **Alexandre Dumas's *The Three Musketeers* (Can You Survive?)**

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

Author's Website: [www.lisabullard.com](http://www.lisabullard.com)

## Biography

### **Virginia Hamilton: America's Storyteller**

by Julie K. Rubini

Book Description: Virginia Hamilton is the most honored author of children's literature, and in this biography, young readers learn about not only her works, but the amazing woman who created them.

Author's Residence: Toledo, Ohio

Publisher: Ohio University Press

Author's Website: [www.julierubini.com](http://www.julierubini.com)

## 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: Astraea Press

### **See You in the Cosmos**

by Jack Cheng

Book Description: A space-obsessed boy and his dog, Carl Sagan, take a journey toward family, love, hope, and awe.

Author's Residence: Detroit, Michigan

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.jackcheng.com](http://www.jackcheng.com)

## 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

## Graphic Novel

### **SMASH!: Exploring the Mysteries of the Universe with the Large Hadron Collider**

by Sara Latta, illustrated by Jeff Weigel

Book Description: Teens learn about the mysteries of the universe as they explore the largest, most ambitious science experiment in history—the Large Hadron Collider!

Illustrator's Residence: Belleville, Illinois

Publisher: Lerner

Illustrator's Website: [www.jeffweigel.com](http://www.jeffweigel.com)



## Historical Fiction

### ***After the Ashes***

by Sara K. Joiner

Book Description: Katrien, a thirteen-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

### ***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 Press

### ***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 1940s 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: Scholastic Press

### ***The Forbidden Orchid***

by Sharon Biggs Waller

Book Description: The adventures of a British girl in China hunting for the orchid that will save her family. Set in the Victorian era after the Opium Wars.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

### ***Mari's Hope (Conclusion of the Odin's Promise trilogy)***

by Sandy Brehl

Book Description: In Mari's Hope, set in Norway during World War II, Mari faces greater risks and responsibilities as the German war efforts falter.

Author's Residence: Muskego, Wisconsin

Publisher: Crispin Books/Crickhollow Books

Author's Website: [www.SandyBrehl.com](http://www.SandyBrehl.com)

### ***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

## Historical Romance

### ***Playing by Heart***

by Carmela A. Martino

Book Description: In this novel inspired by a real composer, fifteen-year-old Emilia uses her musical talents to win noble status in eighteenth-century Milan, with unexpected repercussions.

Author's Residence: Naperville, Illinois

Publisher: Vinspire Publishing

Author's Website: [www.carmelamartino.com](http://www.carmelamartino.com)

## 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

### ***Bold Women of Medicine: 21 Stories of Astounding Discoveries, Daring Surgeries, and Healing Breakthroughs***

by Susan M. Latta

Book Description: Stories of twenty-one women from the 1800s to the present focused on finding cures, tending the wounded, and healing with science.

Author's Residence: Edina, Minnesota

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Author's Website: [www.Susanlatta.com](http://www.Susanlatta.com)

### ***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

### ***Super Women: Six Scientists Who Changed the World***

by Laurie Lawlor

Book Description: Inspiring true stories of women born at the beginning of the twentieth century who, in the face of discrimination and sexism, courageously pursued their scientific passions.

Author's Residence: Evanston, Illinois

Publisher: Holiday House  
Author's Website: [www.laurielawlor.com](http://www.laurielawlor.com)

## Novel in Verse

### ***When My Sister Started Kissing***

by Helen Frost

Book Description: Sisters Claire and Abi spend a summer at the lake they love, navigating changes within their family and their social life.  
Author's Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Publisher: Margaret Ferguson Books  
Author's Website: [www.helenfrost.net](http://www.helenfrost.net)

## Realistic Fiction

### ***Ethan Marcus Stands Up***

by Michele Weber Hurwitz

Book Description: Hours of sitting in school pushes Ethan to take a stand with an invention to solve his constant squiggling, but will it work?  
Author's Residence: Buffalo Grove, Illinois  
Publisher: Aladdin  
Author's Website: [www.micheleweberhurwitz.com](http://www.micheleweberhurwitz.com)

### ***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 fifteen-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

#### ***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 Books for Young Readers

#### ***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 Teen

### 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.  
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

## 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

## Fantasy

### ***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

### ***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

### ***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

## 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

### ***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.

Author's Residence: Royal Oak, Michigan

Publisher: Neverland Publishing

### ***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

## 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 and Ice Young Adult Books

## Nonfiction

### ***3D Printing: The Revolution in Personalized Manufacturing***

by Melissa Koch

Book Description: Meet the people who are revolutionizing 3D manufacturing. Discover what you might 3D print someday with this "crack primer to a strange new world."—Kirkus

Author's Residence: Decorah, Iowa

Publisher: Lerner

Author's Website: [www.melissakoch.com](http://www.melissakoch.com)

### ***Exoplanets: Worlds Beyond Our Solar System***

by Karen Latchana Kenney

Book Description: A look at the thousands of exoplanets that have been discovered since the early 1990s, the possibilities for life beyond Earth, and the cutting-edge technologies used by scientists.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

Author's Website: [www.latchanakenney.wordpress.com](http://www.latchanakenney.wordpress.com)

### ***Torpedoed! A World War II Story of a Sinking Passenger Ship and Two Children's Survival at Sea***

by Cheryl Mullenbach

Book Description: *Torpedoed!* recreates the events surrounding the sinking of the *Athenia* in World War II.

Author's Residence: Panora, Iowa

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

### ***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: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

## Mystery

### ***The Bakersville Dozen***

by Kristina McBride

Book Description: A fast-paced mystery showcasing a video-gone-viral, a grisly scavenger hunt, kidnappings, and one girl trying to save herself and her friends.

Author's Residence: Centerville, Ohio

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Author's Website: [www.kristinamcbride.com](http://www.kristinamcbride.com)

### **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

#### **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 Dazzling Days of Elvis**

by **Josephine Rascoe Keenan**

Book Description: Julie Morgan, a small-town girl bound by the social code of the 1950s, makes a serious mistake attempting to cope with her broken home.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Pen-L Publishing

Author's Website: [www.keennanovels.com](http://www.keennanovels.com)

#### **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 Publishing

#### **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

### **Romantic Comedy**

#### **Boomerang Boyfriend**

by **Chris Cannon**

Book Description: This Entangled Teen book contains kisses that make the world fall away and snarky humor that may cause you to LOL in public places.

Author's Residence: Edwardsville, Illinois

Publisher: Entangled Teen

Author's Website: [www.chrisannonauthor.com](http://www.chrisannonauthor.com)

### **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**

#### **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

#### **This Darkness Mine**

by **Mindy McGinnis**

Book Description: Mindy McGinnis, award-winning author of *The Female of the Species* and *A Madness So Discreet*, returns with a new dark and twisted psychological thriller—perfect for fans of *Gone Girl* and *Fight Club*.

Author's Residence: Columbus, Ohio

Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.mindymcginnis.com](http://www.mindymcginnis.com)

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## NEW ENGLAND

(Maine / Vermont / New Hampshire / Connecticut / Massachusetts / Rhode Island)

### 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

##### ***Are We Still Friends?***

by Ruth Horowitz, illustrated by Blanca Gomez

Book Description: Beatrice raises bees. Abel grows apples. They're a perfect pair until a misunderstanding escalates into a quarrel and they must learn to say "I'm sorry."

Author's Residence: Providence, Rhode Island

Publisher: Scholastic Press

Author's Website: [www.ruthhorowitz.com](http://www.ruthhorowitz.com)

##### ***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

##### ***Bear and Chicken***

by Jannie Ho

Book Description: Bear finds Chicken frozen in the snow. Chicken wakes and fears Bear will eat him. Will Chicken turn into Bear's

lunch?

Author's Residence: Needham Heights, Massachusetts

Publisher: Running Press Kids

Author's Website: [www.JannieHo.com](http://www.JannieHo.com)

##### ***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 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

##### ***Double Take: A New Look at Opposites***

by Susan Hood, illustrated by Jay Fleck

Book Description: Double Take leads young readers on a top-sy-turvy funhouse journey, encouraging them to consider perspective and point of view when exploring opposite ideas.

Author's Residence: Southport, Connecticut

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Author's Website: [www.susanhoodbooks.com](http://www.susanhoodbooks.com)

##### ***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

Illustrator's Website: [www.sruble.com](http://www.sruble.com)



### ***Finn Finds a Friend***

by Jenna Grodzicki, illustrated by Alexis St. John

Book Description: If Finn, the lemon shark, ever wants to find a friend, he must prove he's not as mean and scary as he looks.

Author's Residence: Burlington, Connecticut

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Author's Website: [www.jennagrodzicki.com](http://www.jennagrodzicki.com)

### ***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

Author's Website: [www.merylggordonbooks.com](http://www.merylggordonbooks.com)

### ***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 Love You for Miles and Miles***

by Alison Goldberg, illustrated by Mike Yamada

Book Description: Love can be stronger than the strongest excavator and longer than the longest train. An I-love-you book perfect for children who love things that go!

Author's Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.alisongoldberg.com](http://www.alisongoldberg.com)

### ***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 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 its time for her to find something of her own to do!

Author's Residence: Tewksbury, Massachusetts

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

### ***Snappy the Alligator and His Best Friend Forever (Probably)***

by Julie Falatko, illustrated by Tim Miller

Book Description: Snappy the alligator wants nothing more than a quiet evening to himself, but a pesky chicken who insists he's Snappy's best friend won't leave him alone.

Author's Residence: South Portland, Maine

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.juliefalatko.com](http://www.juliefalatko.com)

### ***A Song for Snow (Hoot and Peep)***

by Lita Judge

Book Description: Big brother and little sister owls live on the rooftops of Paris. From there, they discover all the wonder and joy of their first snowfall together.

Author's Residence: Peterborough, New Hampshire

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.litajudge.net](http://www.litajudge.net)

### ***You Know What?***

by Carol Gordon Ekster, illustrated by Nynke Talsma

Book Description: Oliver has lots to tell his mother in this bedtime tale about postponing falling asleep.

Author's Residence: Andover, Massachusetts

Publisher: Clavis Books

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Book Description: Oliver has lots to tell his mother in this bedtime tale about postponing falling asleep.

Author's Residence: Andover, Massachusetts

Publisher: Clavis Books

### ***Why Did the Farmer Cross the Road?***

by Brooke Herter James, illustrated by Mike Herrod

Book Description: A laugh-out-loud tale of barnyard antics, starring one very polite and conscientious donkey.

Author's Residence: South Reading, Vermont

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Author's Website: [www.brookejamesbooks.com](http://www.brookejamesbooks.com)

### ***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  
Author's Website: [www.petermandel.net](http://www.petermandel.net)  
Grades 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 snowstorm 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

### ***Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen***

by Debbi Michiko Florence, illustrated by Elizabet Vukovic

Book Description: Eight-year-old Jasmine Toguchi sets out to convince her family to let her break the rules so she can join in and make mochi.

Author's Residence: Mystic, Connecticut  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers  
Author's Website: [www.debbimichikoflorence.com](http://www.debbimichikoflorence.com)

## Graphic Novel

### ***Fuzzy Baseball***

by John Steven Gurney

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  
Author's Website: [www.saralevinebooks.com](http://www.saralevinebooks.com)

### ***Can an Aardvark Bark?***

by Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Steve Jenkins

Book Description: Barks, grunts, squeals—animals make all kinds of sounds to communicate. This boisterous book is sure to be a hit with your animal lovers.

Author's Residence: Acton, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers  
Author Website: [www.melissa-stewart.com](http://www.melissa-stewart.com)

### ***Helen Keller's Best Friend, Belle***

by Holly M. Barry, illustrated by Jennifer Thermes

Book Description: Highlights Helen Keller's lifelong 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

### ***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

## Picture Book

### ***Ana and the Sea Star***

by R. Lynne Roelfs, illustrated by Jamie Hogan

Book Description: Ana finds a sea star at the beach and wonders about its life beneath the sea.

Author's Residence: Peaks Island, Maine  
Publisher: Tilbury House  
Author's Website: [www.jamiehogan.com](http://www.jamiehogan.com)

### ***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

### ***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

### ***Blue vs. Yellow***

by Tom Sullivan

Book Description: From Tom Sullivan, author-illustrator of *I Used to Be a Fish*, comes a high-concept picture book about a battle between primary colors.

Author's Residence: Boston, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Balzer + Bray

Author's Website: [www.thomasgsullivan.com](http://www.thomasgsullivan.com)

### **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: Walpole, Massachusetts

Publisher: Chronicle 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 Press

### **Flashlight Night**

by **Matt Forrest Esenwine**, illustrated **Fred Koehler**

Book Description: An ode to the power of imagination and books. Three children use a flashlight around their backyard; in the light's beam, another world looms . . .

Author's Residence: Warner, New Hampshire

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

### **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

### **Jabari Jumps**

by **Gaia Cornwall**

Book Description: Jabari is almost ready to jump off the diving board. This appealing tale of overcoming your fears captures a moment between a patient and encouraging father and a determined little boy.

Author's Residence: Providence, Rhode Island

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Author's Website: [www.gaiacornwall.com](http://www.gaiacornwall.com)

### **June Moon**

by **Kathleen Souza**, illustrated by **Hannah Robidoux**

Book Description: Under the light of the June moon, young turtles hatch and must make their way to the sea. Readers are reminded of the importance of friendship and that help can come when we least expect it.

Author's Residence: Dartmouth, Massachusetts

Publisher: Black Rose Writing

Author's Website: [www.kathleensouza.com](http://www.kathleensouza.com)

### **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 & Company

### **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.

Illustrator'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 Tadjell**

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 grandmother is still longing for something else.

Author's Residence: Canton, Massachusetts

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

### **Sparkle Boy**

by **Lesléa Newman**, illustrated by **Maria Mola**

Book Description: Casey likes sparkly things like his sister, Jessie, who thinks they are only for girls. Or are they? A sweet story of acceptance.

Author's Residence: Holyoke, Massachusetts

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Author's Website: [www.lesleakids.com](http://www.lesleakids.com)

### **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

Author's Website: [www.heatherlangbooks.com](http://www.heatherlangbooks.com)

### ***This House, Once***

by Deborah Freedman

Book Description: "A blueprint for mindfulness and gratitude for the homes in which we . . . live."—The New York Times Book Review

Author's Residence: Hamden, Connecticut

Publisher: Atheneum Books

Author's Website: [www.deborahfreedman.net](http://www.deborahfreedman.net)

### ***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 and 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 Company

Author's Website: [www.jane-sutton.com](http://www.jane-sutton.com)

### ***Willard the Dragon: Sneez-Fire***

by Suzanne Cordatos, illustrated by Luisa Gioffre-Suzuki

Book Description: Willard loves playing in the snow with friends. But 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 & 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 one hundred balloons. What is the best way to count to one hundred if you are easily confused?

Author's Residence: Arrowisic, Maine

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

## **GRADES 3-5**

### **Adventure**

#### ***The Long Way Home (Book #2 in of "The Adventures of Henry Whiskers" series)***

by Gigi Priebe, illustrated by Daniel Duncan

Book Description: Caught in royal kitchens and tossed outdoors, Henry Whiskers must get home to Windsor Castle with only a mysterious map to help. Fast-paced mouse adventure.

Author's Residence: New Canaan, Connecticut

Publisher: Aladdin Author's Website: [www.gigipriebe.com](http://www.gigipriebe.com)

#### ***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 Ediel 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: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

### **Contemporary Fiction**

#### ***Best. Night. Ever.: A Story Told from Seven Points of View***

by Jen Malone (editor), Rachele Alpine, Ronni Arno, Alison Cherry, Stephanie Faris, Gail Nall, Jen Malone, and Dee Romito

Book Description: A hilarious novel of seven intersecting story lines written by seven authors about seven classmates who are preparing for one crazy night at their middle-school dance.

Author's Residence (Malone): Boston, Massachusetts

Publisher: Aladdin

Author's Website (Malone): [www.jenmalonewrites.com](http://www.jenmalonewrites.com)

#### ***The Last Boy at St. Edith's***

by Lee Gjersten 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 fairy tale 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 **Suzu 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

### ***Cooper and Packrat: Mystery of the Bear Cub***

by **Tamra Wight**, illustrated by **Carl DiRocco**

Book Description: In their fourth adventure, Cooper discovers trash dumped on Campground property, causing the boys to stumble into the path of a garbage truck and a hungry bear.

Author's Residence: Poland, Maine

Publisher: Islandport Press

Author's Website: [tamrawight.com](http://tamrawight.com)

### ***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 Company

Author's Website: [www.joyceastengel.com](http://www.joyceastengel.com)

### ***The World Series Curse***

by **David A. Kelly**, illustrated by **Mark Meyers**

Book Description: A Ballpark Mysteries special edition set at the World Series between the Chicago Cubs and the Boston Red Sox! Who's causing the Cubs' trouble?

Author's Residence: Newton, Massachusetts

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.davidakellybooks.com](http://www.davidakellybooks.com)

## Narrative Nonfiction

### ***The Secret of the Village Fool***

by **Rebecca Upjohn**

Book Description: The true story of an unlikely hero who saved a family and two orphaned young women in Poland during the Holocaust. Includes photographs.

Author's Residence: New Hampshire

Publisher: Second Story Press

## 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

### ***The Know-Nonsense Guide to Grammar***

by **Heidi Fiedler**, illustrated by **Brendan Kearney**

Book Description: Packed with simple definitions, memorable examples, and funny illustrations that make the rules of language easy to understand.

Author's Residence: Lunenburg, Massachusetts

Publisher: Walter Foster Jr. (Quarto)

Author's Website: [www.helloheidifiedler.com](http://www.helloheidifiedler.com)

### ***Writing Radar: Using Your Journal to Snoop Out and Craft Great Stories***

by **Jack Gantos**

Book Description: Teaching young writers how to set up their writing journals to find great stories and how to brilliantly organize them.

Author's Residence: Boston, Massachusetts

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.jackgantos.com](http://www.jackgantos.com)

## Nonfiction Picture Book

### ***B Is for Berkshires***

by Joan Duris, photographs by Gillian Jones

Book Description: Multilayered 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

### ***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.

Author's Residence: Tolland, Connecticut

Publisher: Charlesbridge

## 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

## 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

Book Description: Amy finds her voice while nurturing a wounded seal pup on the Maine coast during 1973. A Bank Street Best Children's Book.

Author's Residence: Bradford, Massachusetts

Publisher: Luminis Books

Author's Website: [www.marciastrykowski.com](http://www.marciastrykowski.com)

### ***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 Fiction

### ***Sven Carter & The Trashmouth Effect***

by Rob Vlock

Book Description: Sven Carter—part boy, part robot—is on a mis-

sion to save himself from destroying the human race in this fun and funny MAX novel!

Author's Residence: Sudbury, Massachusetts

Publisher: Aladdin

Author's Website: [www.robvlock.com](http://www.robvlock.com)

## 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

## GRADES 6-8

## Adventure

### ***Keepers of the Labyrinth***

by Erin E. Moulton

Book Description: When Lilith Bennett arrives in Crete looking for answers surrounding her mother's apparent suicide, she has no idea she'll soon be fighting for her own life in an adventure of mythological proportions.

Author's Residence: Windham, New Hampshire

Publisher: Philomel Books

## 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

### ***Saturdays with Hitchcock***

by Ellen Wittlinger

Book Description: Movie lover Maisie just found out that Gary Hackett like-likes her, and worse than that, her best friend, Cyrus, seems to like-like Gary.

Author's Residence: Haydenville, Massachusetts

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Author's Website: [www.ellenwittlinger.com](http://www.ellenwittlinger.com)



## 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

### ***Texting the Underworld***

by Ellen Booraem

Book Description: Timid Conor finds himself taking a young banshee to school with him, then flies with her to the Underworld to save a relative from death.

Author's Residence: Brooklin, Maine

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

## Historical Fiction

### ***Feathers & Trumpets: A Story of Hildegard of Bingen***

by Joyce Ray

Book Description: Hildegard, a dynamic twelfth-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, a Jewish refugee from Nazi-occupied France, arrives in America in 1942 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

Author's Website: [www.susanlynnmeyer.com](http://www.susanlynnmeyer.com)

### ***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/HarperCollins

### ***This Would Make a Good Story Someday***

by Dana Alison Levy

Book Description: How to ruin a summer vacation in three words: Train. Family. TOGETHERNESS.

Author's Residence: Massachusetts

Publisher: Delacorte Press

Author's Website: [www.danaalisonlevy.com](http://www.danaalisonlevy.com)

## Nonfiction

### ***Outsmarting Worry: An Older Kid's Guide to Managing Anxiety***

by Dawn Huebner, PhD, illustrated by Kara McHale

Book Description: Worry is tricky, luring children into behaviors that keep anxiety going. *Outsmarting Worry* teaches practical, proven techniques to help children face—and overcome—their fears.

Author's Residence: Exeter, New Hampshire

Publisher: Jessica Kingsley Publishing

Author's Website: [www.DawnHuebnerPhD.com](http://www.DawnHuebnerPhD.com)

### ***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

## Realistic Fiction

### ***Another Kind of Hurricane***

by Tamara Ellis Smith

Book Description: An unforgettable story of lives connecting in magical ways: Ten-year-old Zavion loses his house in Katrina, and ten-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



## Science Fiction

### ***Felix Yz***

by Lisa Bunker

Book Description: A boy fused with an alien navigates his first crush and other life challenges while counting down to a risky procedure to separate them again.

Author's Residence: Exeter, New Hampshire

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.lisabunker.net](http://www.lisabunker.net)

## GRADES 9-12

### Biography

#### ***Alice Paul and the Fight for Women's Rights***

by Deborah Kops

Book Description: A portrait of Alice Paul, the brilliant suffrage leader who helped women win the vote and spent the rest of her long life fighting for the Equal Rights Amendment, which she drafted in 1923.

Author's Residence: Westford, Massachusetts

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Author's Website: [www.deborahkops.com](http://www.deborahkops.com)

#### ***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 fifty 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: MuseltUp 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

### Horror

#### ***Broken Chords***

by Jessica Bayliss

Book Description: Lenora (16) catches the eye of a demon and must sever its hold on her before it traps her in a realm of vicious entities.

Author's Residence: Beacon Falls, Connecticut

Publisher: Leap Books

Author's Website: [www.jessicabaylisswrites.com](http://www.jessicabaylisswrites.com)

### 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 Young Adult Books

### Nonfiction

#### ***Girl Rising: Changing the World One Girl at a Time***

by Tanya Lee Stone

Book Description: Why are sixty-two million girls not being educated? Stone's book breaks down obstacles to education, shares stories of girls now in school, and kick-starts teen activism.

Author's Residence: S. Burlington, Vermont

Publisher: Wendy Lamb Books

Author's Website: [www.tanyastone.com](http://www.tanyastone.com)

### ***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

### **Novel in Verse**

#### ***A Time to Dance***

by Padma Venkatraman

Book Description: An Indian teenager's understanding of dance deepens and she grows to understand different kinds of love as she struggles to recover from a leg amputation.

Author's Residence: Rhode Island

Publisher: Speak

### **Realistic Fiction**

#### ***Being Fishkill***

by Ruth Lehrer

Book Description: The story of Fishkill Carmel, a thirteen-year-old girl named after a highway sign. A gritty tale of rural poverty and the will to survive.

Author's Residence: Worthington, Massachusetts

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Author's Website: [www.ruthlehrer.com](http://www.ruthlehrer.com)

#### ***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

### **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

### **Thriller**

#### ***As You Lay Sleeping***

by Katlyn Duncan

Book Description: Cara Daniel's boyfriend is dead. When fingers point to her as the guilty party, she takes it upon herself to delve deeper into the crime.

Author's Residence: Stamford, Connecticut

Publisher: HQDigital

Author's Website: [www.katlynduncan.com](http://www.katlynduncan.com)

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### PREK-K

#### Activity

##### ***Shalom Coloring III: Animals of the Bible***

by Judy Dick, illustrated by Judy Dick and Freddie Levin

Book Description: From Rebekah drawing water for camels to Jonah being given refuge inside a whale, this original collection of coloring pages showcases a range of animals mentioned in the Bible.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Behrman House

#### 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: Little 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***

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, and even her teacher! Why won't anyone listen to her? Then she meets Edward!

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company

##### ***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

##### ***Counting Colorful Shapes***

by Isabel Hill

Book Description: Eye-catching photographs of architectural details in Miami Beach teach children colors, shapes, and numbers while giving them an appreciation of the world around them.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Star Bright Books

Author's Website: [www.isabelhill.com](http://www.isabelhill.com)

##### ***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 twelve words and twelve needle-felted illustrations!

Author's 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 Palace***

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,

and a warm message of inclusion.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.stephaniecalmenson.com](http://www.stephaniecalmenson.com)

### **Georgie's Best Bad Day**

by Ruth Chan

Book Description: Georgie and Friends are all having a bad day, so they do their favorite things to try to turn their day around.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Author's Website: [www.ohtruth.com](http://www.ohtruth.com)

### **Goodnight, Little Bot**

by Karen Kaufman Orloff, illustrated by Kim Smith

Book Description: Even little robots need to be tucked in at night. Just like children, they love bedtime stories, hugs, a cuddly toy, and lullabies.

Author's Residence: Hopewell Junction, New York

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Author's Website: [www.karenkaufmanorloff.com](http://www.karenkaufmanorloff.com)

### **The Green Umbrella**

by Jackie Azua Kramer, illustrated by Maral Saouni

Book Description: When Elephant takes a walk with his green umbrella, he's interrupted by a hedgehog, a cat, a bear, and a rabbit claiming they've had exciting adventures with his umbrella.

Author's Residence: Huntington, New York

Publisher: NorthSouth Books

Author's Website: [www.jackieazuakramer.com](http://www.jackieazuakramer.com)

### **I Will Love You**

by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, illustrated by Lisa Anchin

Book Description: A poetic and magical journey celebrating parental love.

Author's Residence: Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

Publisher: Orchard Books

Website: [www.alyssacapucilli.com](http://www.alyssacapucilli.com)

### **Little Red Ruthie: A Hanukkah Tale**

by Gloria Koster, illustrated by Sue Eastland

Book Description: Clever Ruthie outwits the wolf by feeding him so many potato latkes that he can't possibly have room to eat her or her Bubbe Basha.

Author's Residence: Pound Ridge, New York

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Author's Website: [www.sites.google.com/site/meetgloriakoster](http://www.sites.google.com/site/meetgloriakoster)

### **No Kimchi for Me!**

by Aram Kim

Book Description: Story about family, food, and "coming-of-age" universal themes, and at the same time celebrates Korean culture. A Junior Library Guild Selection.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Holiday House

Website: [www.AramKim.com](http://www.AramKim.com)

### **Not Quite Narwhal**

by Jessie Sima

Book Description: Kelp doesn't mind being different from other narwhals, until he encounters some creatures who leave him won-

dering if maybe he isn't a narwhal at all.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.jessiesima.com](http://www.jessiesima.com)

### **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

### **Old MacDonald Had a . . . Zoo?**

Author: Iza Trapani

Book Description: A wild time on the farm when zoo animals come to visit. E-I-E-I—UH-OH!

Author's Residence: Ulster Park, New York

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Author's Website: [www.izatrapani.com](http://www.izatrapani.com)

### **The Only Way I Can**

by Bonnie Grubman, illustrated by Carolien Westermanb

Book Description: Rabbit wants to fly like a bird. But no matter what Rabbit does, his feet won't leave the ground. Or is there another way?

Author's Residence: Syosset, New York

Publisher: Clavis Books

### **Pax and Blue**

by Lori Richmond

Book Description: A young boy makes an unlikely friend on his way to school in this charming picture book. "A sprightly debut." —The New York Times

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Author's Website: [www.LoriDraws.com](http://www.LoriDraws.com)

### **Pizza Day**

by Melissa Iwai

Book Description: A boy and his dad make a homemade pizza from scratch using the ingredients they have grown in their garden.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

Author's Website: [www.melissaiwai.com](http://www.melissaiwai.com)

### **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 granddaughter-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 &amp; Company

Author's Website: [www.angeladominguezstudio.com](http://www.angeladominguezstudio.com)**GRADES 1-2****Chapter Books****Ick and Crud: Ick's Bleh Day**

by Wiley Blevins, illustrated by Jim Pailot

Book Description: Ick is feeling down, under-the-weather, BLEH! But lucky for him, his pal Crud is there to cheer him up.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Lerner

**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 &amp; Weiss): Ithaca, New York

Publisher: Holiday House

**A Puddle for Poo**

by Mary Vigilante Szydlowski, 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: Rosendale, 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 fairy tales become one new fun-filled adventure. The Goldilocks Girls have a snoozing bear upstairs and a windy wolf looking for three pigs downstairs.

Author's Residence: Yonkers, New York

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

**Mystery****The Case of the Missing Carrot Cake: A Wilcox & Griswold Mystery**

by Robin Newman, illustrated by Deborah Zemke

Book Description: Two hard-boiled 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

Author's Website: [www.robinnewmanbooks.com](http://www.robinnewmanbooks.com)**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****Fancy Party Gowns: The Story of Fashion Designer Ann Cole Lowe**

by Deborah Blumenthal, illustrated by Laura Freeman

Book Description: The story of Ann Cole Lowe, the first African American couture designer, best known for designing Jackie Kennedy's wedding gown.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Little Bee Books

Author's Website: [www.deborahblumenthal.com](http://www.deborahblumenthal.com)**Masterpiece Mix**

by Roxie Munro

Book Description: An artist studies famous masterpieces (still lifes, portraits, landscapes, etc.) to be inspired. She comes up with a personal approach, shown in a grand finale.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Holiday House

Author's Website: [www.roxiemunro.com](http://www.roxiemunro.com)**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 &amp; Company

## 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 at home and out in the world, 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 Company

### **First Come the Zebra**

by Lynne Barasch

Book Description: Set in Kenya, two boys of conflicting tribes find common ground, framed by the great migration of the animals.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

### **Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos**

by Monica Brown, illustrated by John Parra

Book Description: Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos is based on the life of one of the world's most influential painters, Frida Kahlo, and the animals that inspired her art and life.

Illustrator's Residence: Queens, New York

Publisher: NorthSouth Books

Illustrator's Website: [www.johnparraart.com](http://www.johnparraart.com)

### **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

Author's Website: [www.LindaTrice.com](http://www.LindaTrice.com)

### **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

### **May I Have a Word?**

by Caron Levis, illustrated by Andy Rash

Book Description: A battle of magnet letters ensues across the refrigerator door when C and K get into a fight about starting the cooler (kooler?) words.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.caronlevis.com](http://www.caronlevis.com)

### **Ned the Knitting Pirate**

by Diana Murray, illustrated by Leslie Lammler

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 Press

### **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

### **Passover Scavenger Hunt**

by Shanna Silva, illustrated by Miki Sakamoto

Book Description: Rachel's uncle is terrible at hiding the afikomen, so Rachel is taking over. She creates a scavenger hunt leading to the perfect hiding spot.

Author's Residence: Bellmore, New York

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Author's Website: [www.shannasilva.com](http://www.shannasilva.com)

### **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

### **Pete With No Pants**

by Rowboat Watkins

Book Description: This is the story of a little elephant who is trying to figure out who he is.

Author's Residence: New York

Publisher: Chronicle Books

### **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

Author's Website: [www.cindysommer.com](http://www.cindysommer.com)

### **Three Balls of Wool (Can Change the World)**

by Henriqueta Cristina, illustrated by Yara Kono

translated by Lyn Miller-Lachmann

Book Description: A Portuguese family fleeing dictatorship discovers that freedom comes from taking action to change one's small corner of the world. Based on a true story.

Translator's Residence: New York, New York, and Lisbon, Portugal

Publisher: Enchanted Lion

Translator's Website: [www.lynmillerlachmann.com](http://www.lynmillerlachmann.com)



## Poetry

### ***Feel the Beat!: Dance Poems That Zing from Salsa to Swing***

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Kristi Valiant

Book Description: Poetry in the rhythms of social dances from cha-cha to polka. Included is a CD of the author reading the poems accompanied by original music.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.marilynsinger.net](http://www.marilynsinger.net)

## Science Fiction

### ***The Kid from Planet Z: Crash!***

by Nancy Krulik, illustrated by Louis Thomas

Book Description: When Zeke Zander's spaceship crash-lands on Earth, he and his family (including their commander, a talking cat) must learn to adapt to life on a strange new planet.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Author's Website: [www.realnancykrulik.com](http://www.realnancykrulik.com)

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

### ***Max Tilt: Fire the Depths***

by Peter Lerangis

Book Description: Thirteen-year-old Max Tilt and cousin Alexandra discover a lost manuscript by their ancestor Jules Verne, leading to an adventure that will save his mother's life.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.peterlerangis.com](http://www.peterlerangis.com)

## 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: Anram, New York

Publisher: Chronicle Books

## Chapter Book

### ***The Enchanted Snow Globe Collection: Return to Coney Island***

by Melissa Stoller, illustrated by Callie Metler-Smith, translated by Paul Goldsman

Book Description: When nine-year-old twins Emma and Simon shake a snow globe and travel to 1928, they must help their great-grandparents meet on the Coney Island trolley.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

## 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

### ***The Unlikely Story of a Pig in the City***

by Jodi Kendall, illustrated by Pascal Campion

Book Description: In this modern-day homage to Charlotte's Web, a little pig in a big city leads to lots of trouble.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.jodikendall.com](http://www.jodikendall.com)

## Fantasy

### ***The Lost Kingdom of Bamarre***

by Gail Carson Levine

Book Description: In this prequel to *The Two Princesses of Bamarre*, a Rapunzel adaptation, Perry is charged by a fairy with rescuing her people from tyranny.

Author's Residence: Brewster, New York

Publisher: HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.gailcarsonlevine.com](http://www.gailcarsonlevine.com)

### ***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: MuseltUp Publishing

## Historical Fiction

### ***Martha and the Slave Catchers***

by Harriet Hyman Alonso

Book Description: Thirteen-year-old Martha insists on being a part of the Underground Railroad rescue to bring her brother Jake home to their abolitionist community in 1854 Connecticut.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Seven Stories Press/Triangle Square Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.harrietalonso.com](http://www.harrietalonso.com)

## Mystery

### ***Madhattan Mystery***

by John J. Bonk

Book Description: Small-town siblings Lexi and Kevin McGill get sucked into solving the crime of the century while summering in New York City.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Walker Books

## Nonfiction

### **Cat Tales**

by Aline Alexander Newman

Book Description: Readers of all ages will be inspired by these twenty-three heartwarming true tales of fantastic felines with extraordinary skills.

Author's Residence: Turin, New York

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

Author's Website: [www.alinealexandernewman.com](http://www.alinealexandernewman.com)

### **Made by Hand Series: Bicycles**

by Patricia Lakin

Book Description: Provides a history of bicycles, introduces the maker and his step-by-step process. Includes photos, glossary, timeline, bibliography including bicycle organizations doing community outreach.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Aladdin

Author's Website: [www.patricialakin.com](http://www.patricialakin.com)

### **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

## Nonfiction Picture Book

### **Martí's Song for Freedom/Martí y sus versos por la libertad**

by Emma Otheguy, illustrated by Beatriz Vidal

Book Description: A bilingual biography of Cuban poet and national hero José Martí, written in verse with excerpts from Martí's seminal Versos sencillos.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Author's Website: [www.emmaotheguy.com](http://www.emmaotheguy.com)

### **Stand Up and Sing! Pete Seeger, Folk Music, and the Path to Justice**

by Susanna Reich, illustrated by Adam Gustavson

Book Description: For Pete Seeger, music and social activism were intertwined. This biography demonstrates that no obstacle is too large if, together, you stand up and sing!

Author's Residence: Briarcliff Manor, New York

Publisher: Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.susannareich.com](http://www.susannareich.com)

## Novel in Verse

### **Izzy Kline Has Butterflies**

by Beth Ain

Book Description: So many moments—big and small—make up a school year, and Izzy chronicles them all in this heartwarming novel in verse.

Author's Residence: Port Washington, New York

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

## 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 Books

### **Shimmer, Songs of Night**

by Raven Howell, illustrated by Carina Povarchik

Book Description: A book of poems for ages six to twelve celebrating dusk to dawn as a world of possibility where nature and flights of fancy coexist.

Author's Residence: Cold Spring, New York

Publisher: Spork/Clear Fork Publishing

Author's Website: [www.ravenhowell.com](http://www.ravenhowell.com)

## Picture Book Biography

### **Karl, Get Out of the Garden!: Carolus Linnaeus and the Naming of Everything**

by Anita Sanchez, illustrated by Catherine Stock

Book Description: The great naturalist Carolus Linnaeus started out as a curious kid who loved the bugs and plants in his father's garden.

Author's Residence: Amsterdam, New York

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Author's Website: [www.anitasanchez.com](http://www.anitasanchez.com)

## Fantasy

### **The Princess Imposter**

by Vivian Vande Velde

Book Description: When a perfect princess and a naughty fairy exchange places, can the kingdom survive?

Author's Residence: Rochester, New York

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: [www.VivianVandeVelde.com](http://www.VivianVandeVelde.com)

## 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

### **Kat Green Comes Clean**

by Melissa Roske

Book Description: Kat Greene, eleven, has her hands full with her divorced mom's obsession with cleaning, friendship troubles, and a crummy role in the school play.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Author's Website: [www.melissaroske.com](http://www.melissaroske.com)

### **Restart**

by Gordon Korman

Book Description: When an alpha bully suffers total amnesia, he has a rare chance to reinvent himself.

Author's Residence: Great Neck, New York

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: [www.gordonkorman.com](http://www.gordonkorman.com)

### **Sidetracked**

by Diana Harmon Asher

Book Description: Seventh grade Resource Room kid Joseph Friedman joins the track team, where he encounters runner's cramps, muddy trails, and a surprising new sense of belonging.

Author's Residence: Scarsdale, New York

Publisher: Amulet Books

Author's Website: [www.dianaHarmonAsher.com](http://www.dianaHarmonAsher.com)

### **The Way to Bea**

by Kat Yeh

Book Description: Lonely twelve-year-old Beatrix Lee begins writing haiku in invisible ink and hiding them in a secret spot. Until one day, someone writes back.

Author's Residence: Lloyd Harbor, New York

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.katyeh.com](http://www.katyeh.com)

### **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

## **GRADES 6-8**

### **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 five-year-old neighbor, Dellie strikes up a dangerous friendship.

Author's Residence: Staten Island, New York

Publisher: Puffin Books

### **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

#### **When Audrey Met Alice**

by Rebecca Behrens

Book Description: When First Daughter Audrey finds Alice Roosevelt's diary, she's inspired to create her own White House hijinks—leading to a lot of fun . . . and trouble.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky

Author's Website: [www.rebeccabehrens.com](http://www.rebeccabehrens.com)

#### **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

Author's Website: [www.susanwilliamsbeckhorn.com](http://www.susanwilliamsbeckhorn.com)

### **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

Author's Website: [www.nataliestandiford.com](http://www.nataliestandiford.com)

### **Memoir**

#### **Krysia: A Polish Girl's Stolen Childhood During World War II**

by Krystyna Mihulka with Krystyna Poray Goddu

Book Description: Tells the story of the author's childhood years as a Soviet political prisoner beginning with the deportation of her family from their home in Lwow.

Author's Residence (Goddu): New York, New York

Publisher: Chicago Review 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

### ***Beastly Brains: Exploring How Animals Think, Talk, and Feel***

by Nancy Castaldo

Book Description: In *Beastly Brains*, Nancy Castaldo delves into the minds of animals and explores animal empathy, communication, tool use, and social societies through interviews and historical anecdotes.

Author's Residence: Upstate New York

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.nancycastaldo.com](http://www.nancycastaldo.com)

### ***Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America***

by Gail Jarro

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

Author's Website: [www.gailjarro.com](http://www.gailjarro.com)

### ***Round and Round Together: Taking a Merry-Go-Round Ride into the Civil Rights Movement***

by Amy Nathan

Book Description: Civil Rights history of Washington's Carousel on the National Mall, formerly in a Baltimore park that de-segregated August 23, 1963—the same day as the March on Washington.

Author's Residence: Larchmont, New York

Publisher: Paul Dry Books

### ***Voyager's Greatest Hits: The Epic Trek to Interstellar Space***

by Alexandra Siy

Book Description: Critically acclaimed science writer Alexandra Siy chronicles the ongoing saga of the Voyager in a lively story full of nail-biting moments, inspiring scientists, and incredible NASA images.

Author's Residence: Albany, New York

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Author's Website: [www.alexandrasiy.com](http://www.alexandrasiy.com)

## 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

## GRADES 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

### ***Now is Everything***

by Amy Giles

Book Description: How far will one girl go to protect her sister? Only Hadley knows why the plane crashed that day, and she's not talking.

City/State: Huntington Station, New York

Publisher: HarperTeen

Author's Website: [www.amygiles.net](http://www.amygiles.net)

## Dystopian

### ***Dawn of the Vie (Immortal Aliens Book One)***

by Laura Diamond, illustrated by Eugene Teplitsky

Book Description: A seventeen-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

## Historical Fiction

### ***Soldier Boy***

by Keely Hutton

Book Description: A novel based on the life of Ricky Richard Anywar, who at age fourteen was forced to fight in Ugandan warlord Joseph Kony's guerrilla army.

Author's Residence: Fairport, New York

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.keelyhutton.com](http://www.keelyhutton.com)

## 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

### ***Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers***

by Deborah Heiligman

Book Description: We would not have Vincent van Gogh's art without his brother, Theo. Their friendship was stormy, passionate, enduring, essential—a work of art in itself.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company

Author's Website: [www.DeborahHeiligman.com](http://www.DeborahHeiligman.com)

## 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 & Company

### ***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

### ***Water in May***

by Ismée Williams

Book Description: Fifteen-year-old Dominican American Mari, who yearns for a baby—for someone who will love her and won't leave—discovers her baby has half a heart.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Amulet Books

Author's Website: [www.ismeewilliams.com](http://www.ismeewilliams.com)





# SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2017

## SOUTHEAST

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

### PREK-K

#### Nonfiction Picture Book

##### ***What if You Had Animal Eyes?!***

by Sandra Markle, illustrated by Howard McWilliam

Book Description: What if you woke up and your eyes weren't yours? This book explores what would happen if you looked in the mirror and saw a pair of animal eyes instead of your own!

Author's Residence: Sarasota, Florida

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: [www.sandra-markle.blogspot.com](http://www.sandra-markle.blogspot.com)

#### Picture Book

##### ***Aliens Get the Sniffles Too***

by Katy S. Duffield, illustrated by K. G. Campbell

Book Description: When Little Alien is feeling under the weather, can ANYTHING make him feel better? His trusty dog, Mars Rover, will give it an out-of-this-world try!

Author's Residence: Amelia Island, Florida

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Author's Website: [www.katyduffield.com](http://www.katyduffield.com)

##### ***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

##### ***Hedgehog's 100th Day of School***

by Lynne Marie, illustrated by Lorna Hussey

Book Description: It's time to celebrate the hundredth day of school. Spike's class is buzzing with ideas. Everyone knows what their hundred days project will be, but Spike's not sure . . .

Author's Residence: Hollywood, Florida

Publisher: Scholastic

##### ***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 Books for Young Readers

##### ***I Have a Voice***

by Joni Klein-Higger and Flora Zaken-Greenberg, PhD,  
illustrated by Eileen Goldenberg

Book Description: Jamie is about to start kindergarten but is afraid to speak! This book addresses selective mutism and shyness. Rec-

ommended by the Selective Mutism Foundation.

Author's Residence (Klein-Higger): Palm Harbor, Florida

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

##### ***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 Company

##### ***It's Thanksgiving, Chloe Zoe!***

by Jane Smith

Book Description: Chloe Zoe and Grammy Ella make the Thanksgiving pumpkin pie. But something goes wrong! It tastes awful! Is Thanksgiving ruined?!

Author's Residence: Wilmington, North Carolina

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Author's Website: [www.superjane.com](http://www.superjane.com)

##### ***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

Author's Website: [www.lucymargaretrozier.com](http://www.lucymargaretrozier.com)

##### ***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

##### ***Mouse***

by Zebo Ludvicek

Book Description: A mouse with a delicious-looking cherry and the letter M discover friendship, one nibble at a time, as they journey through the alphabet together.

Author's Residence: North Port, Florida

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.zebostudio.com](http://www.zebostudio.com)

##### ***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

### ***Rodzilla***

by Rob Sanders, illustrated by Dan Santat

Book Description: Breaking news: Rodzilla is on the loose! Marvel at the sight of his chubby monstrosity. Can any brave citizen save Megalopolis from the toddling Rodzilla?

Author's Residence: Brandon, Florida

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Author's Website: [www.robsanderswrites.com](http://www.robsanderswrites.com)

### ***Rutabaga Boo!***

by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen, illustrated by Bonnie Adamson

Book Description: Two simple words celebrate the special bond between a mother and son. Mom isn't always nearby . . . but she's never too far away.

Illustrator's Residence: Greenville, South Carolina

Publisher: Atheneum Books

Illustrator's Website: [www.bonnieadamson.com](http://www.bonnieadamson.com)

### ***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 one by one into fuzzy, flocked chicks in a rhyming adventure.

Author's Residence: Charleston, South Carolina

Publisher: Cartwheel/Scholastic

### ***William's Winter Nap***

by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Chuck Groenink

Book Description: A string of furry visitors interrupts William's sleep on a wintry night. Each time, he scooches over. Can he make room for just one more?

Author's Residence: Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Author's Website: [www.lindaashman.com](http://www.lindaashman.com)

## **GRADES 1-2**

### **Chapter Book**

#### ***Carlos and Carmen: The Pet Show Problem***

by Kirsten McDonald, illustrated by Erika Meza

Book Description: Carlos and Carmen want their cat, Spooky, to be in the pet show, but Spooky has other plans.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: Magic Wagon/ABDO

Author's Website: [www.kirstenmcdonald.wixsite.com/writer](http://www.kirstenmcdonald.wixsite.com/writer)

#### ***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 House 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

### **Nonfiction Picture Book**

#### ***Long May She Wave: The True Story of Caroline Pickersgill and Her Star-Spangled Creation***

by Kristen Fulton, illustrated by Holly Berry

Book Description: Discover the story of the girl who sewed the American flag that inspired the lyrics of the National Anthem and our country's iconic symbol for freedom.

Author's Residence: Davenport, Florida

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Author's Website: [www.kristenfulton.com](http://www.kristenfulton.com)

### **Picture Book**

#### ***Baby on Board: How Animals Carry Their Young***

by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Cathy Morrison

Book Description: Baby on Board engages readers by showing how different animals carry their young. Then it asks about ways they might have been carried as youngsters.

Author's Residence: Orange City, Florida

Publisher: Dawn Publications

Author's Website: [www.MarianneBerkes.com](http://www.MarianneBerkes.com)

#### ***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

***Hidden Dangers***

by Lola M. Schaefer, illustrated by Tymn Armstrong

Book Description: These thirteen dangerous creatures can be difficult to spot, but look closely and be prepared to act quickly to avoid injury or death!

Author's Residence: Dawsonville, Georgia

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Author's Website: [www.lolaschaefer.com](http://www.lolaschaefer.com)***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 Kids

***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

Author's Website: [www.dorothyhprice.com](http://www.dorothyhprice.com)***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 Company

Author's Website: [www.lauraboldin.com](http://www.lauraboldin.com)***Saylor on the Seashore***

by Tonya Calvert, illustrated by Alejandro Echavez

Book Description: With a little help from his friends, a young seagull learns to survive in the Florida Panhandle.

Author's Residence: Columbus, Georgia

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Author's website: [www.tonyacalvert.com](http://www.tonyacalvert.com)***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 &amp; 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

**Chapter Book*****Aleca Zamm Is a Wonder***

by Ginger Rue, illustrated by Zoe Persico

Book Description: Everything changes for Aleca Zamm when, on her tenth birthday, she realizes she can stop time just by saying her name.

Author's Residence: Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Publisher: Aladdin

Author's Website: [www.gingerruebooks.com](http://www.gingerruebooks.com)

## Contemporary Fantasy

### ***The Princess and the Page***

by Christina Farley

Book Description: A mystical adventure about a pulls-no-punches princess and the power of her magical pen.

Author's Residence: Clermont, Florida

Publisher: Scholastic Press

Author's Website: [www.ChristinaFarley.com](http://www.ChristinaFarley.com)

## 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's Apprentice***

by Ed Masessa

Book Description: For fans of Harry Potter but based entirely in the real world. The diverse cast includes kids from Greenland, Ecuador, and Ireland as well as Native Americans.

Author's Residence: Oviedo, Florida

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: [www.edmasessa.com](http://www.edmasessa.com)

## Historical Fiction

### ***Groundhogs Across America***

by Barbara Birenbaum

Book Description: Life and locales of twenty-one groundhogs across America, including Punxsutawney Phil predicting Spring's onset. Under-Groundhog Spy Network seeks impostors. Photos. Dictionary, map, and song.

Author's 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

Author's Website: [www.TarynSouders.com](http://www.TarynSouders.com)

### ***Night of the Living Cuddle Bunnies***

by Jonathan Rosen, illustrated by Xavier Bonet

Book Description: Devin Dexter thinks his neighbor is bringing the hot new Christmas toy, the Cuddle Bunny, to life. He must stop them before Gravesend is overrun.

Author's Residence: Tamarac, Florida

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Author's Website: [www.HouseofRosen.com](http://www.HouseofRosen.com)

## 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, including: 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 Press

## 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 Press

## Picture Book

### ***Crabbing: 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

Author's Website: [www.sharonsbooks.net](http://www.sharonsbooks.net)**Writing Home: The Story of Author Thomas Wolfe**

by Laura Boffa

Book Description: Explore author Thomas Wolfe's childhood in Asheville, North Carolina; his challenging and triumphant journey to becoming 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

**Realistic Fiction****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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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, fourteen-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

Author's Website: [www.gailehedrick.com](http://www.gailehedrick.com)**Contemporary Fiction****Call Me Sunflower**

by Miriam Spitzer Franklin

Book Description: Eleven-year-old Sunny comes up with a "super-stupendous" plan to reunite her parents until she discovers a photo that changes everything.

Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Website: [www.miriamfranklin.com](http://www.miriamfranklin.com)**Corroded**

by Carrie Dalby

Book Description: Contemporary story about a friendship between a neurotypical 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 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

Author's Website: [www.kathleenburkinshaw.com](http://www.kathleenburkinshaw.com)

### ***Under Siege!***

by Robyn Gioia

Book Description: Two boys get caught up in the 1702 attack on St. Augustine. Too young to fight, thirteen-year-olds Pedro and Miguel sneak behind enemy lines to help.

Author's Residence: Jacksonville, Florida

Publisher: Pineapple Press

Author's Website: [www.robnygioia.com](http://www.robnygioia.com)

### ***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

## **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, eleven-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

### ***Tangled Lines***

by Bonnie J. Doerr

Book Description: While investigating pelican killings in the Florida Keys, two young teens discover a crime ring and expose themselves to the same fate as the pelicans.

Author's Residence: Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Publisher: Leap Books

### ***Vampires on the Run***

by C. M. Surrisi

Book Description: Two black-clad horror writers from New York City have arrived in Maiden Rock. Do they just write about vampires or are they . . . ?

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Author's Website: [www.cmsurrisi.com](http://www.cmsurrisi.com)

## **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 twenty-one 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***

by B. J. Lee (contributing author), edited by J. Patrick Lewis

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 Children's Books

## **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

### ***Starting Over***

by Sheri S. Levy

Book Description: Trina trains a new service puppy, learns people are not what they seem, struggles with tough choices, and finds her first crush exhilarating.

Author's Residence: Okatie, South Carolina  
 Publisher: Barking Rain Press  
 Author's Website: [www.sherisleavy.com](http://www.sherisleavy.com)

### ***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, and 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 Books for Young Readers

## **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: HarperTeen

### ***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

### ***Island of Exiles***

by Erica Cameron

Book Description: Surviving Shiara is a struggle, but true hardship is having to choose between serving the clan that's protected Khya and saving the brother she loves.

Author's Residence: Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
 Publisher: Entangled Teen  
 Author's Website: [www.byericacameron.com](http://www.byericacameron.com)

## Historical Fiction

### **Halley**

by Faye Gibbons

Book Description: When fourteen-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

## Myth

### **The Sky Throne**

by Chris Ledbetter

Book Description: Zeus Origin Story. X-Men meets Greek mythology.

Author's Residence: Wilmington, North Carolina

Publisher: Month9Books

Author's Website: [www.csledbetter.com](http://www.csledbetter.com)

## 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 Publishing

Author's Website: [www.lisawroble.com](http://www.lisawroble.com)

### **Women in Politics (Women in the World series)**

by Avery Elizabeth Hurt

Book Description: With engaging profiles of women leaders and a thoughtful examination of why women are underrepresented in world governments, this resource inspires girls to seek leadership positions.

Author's Residence: Birmingham, Alabama

Publisher: Rosen Young Adult

Author's Website: [www.averyhurt.com](http://www.averyhurt.com)

## 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 and growing up in Oregon in the sixties.

Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina

Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

## Realistic Fiction

### **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

### **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 Press

## 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

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## PREK-K

### Picture Books

#### ***Almost a Minyan***

by Lori Sales Kline, illustrated by Susan Simon

Book Description: A Jewish girl joins a traditionally all-male prayer quorum on the death of her beloved grandfather—Children's Book Pick 2017 by the Jewish Women's Archive.

Author's Residence: Tucson, Arizona

Publisher: Sociosights Press

Website: [www.susansimon.com](http://www.susansimon.com)

#### ***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

Author's Website: [www.diannewrites.com](http://www.diannewrites.com)

#### ***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 Books for Young Readers

#### ***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

#### ***If Your Monster Won't Go to Bed***

by Denise Vega, illustrated by Zachariah O'Hara

Book Description: If your monster won't go to bed, don't ask your parents to help. They know nothing about putting monsters to bed. Read this book instead.

Author's Residence: Denver, Colorado

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.denisevega.com](http://www.denisevega.com)

#### ***La Princesa and the Pea***

by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

Book Description: The Princess and the Pea gets a fresh twist in this charming bilingual retelling with vibrant art inspired by the culture of Peru.

Illustrator's Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Website: [www.juanamartinezneal.com](http://www.juanamartinezneal.com)

#### ***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

Author's Website: [www.theseashelloflife.wordpress.com](http://www.theseashelloflife.wordpress.com)

#### ***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: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

**Lift-a-Flap Language Learners: The Enchanted Forest**

by **Samantha Chagollan**, illustrated by **Evegenia Golubeva**

Book Description: A lift-the-flap fairy-tale mashup featuring forty new Spanish vocabulary words and a fun story filled with favorite characters.

Author's Residence: Costa Mesa, California

Publisher: Walter Foster Jr. (Quarto)

Author's Website: [www.storybysam.com](http://www.storybysam.com)

**GRADES 1-2**

**Early Reader**

**Pigeon Hero!**

by **Shirley Raye Redmond**, illustrated by **Doris Ettlenger**

Book Description: The true story of G.I. Joe, a 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**

**Cookiesaurus Rex**

by **Amy Fellner Dominy and Nate Evans**, illustrated by **AG Ford**

Book Description: A dinosaur-shaped cookie can't get any respect as he's being decorated in this laugh-out-loud picture book told from the point of view of this sassy *treat*. Author's Residence (Dominy): Phoenix, Arizona

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Author's Website (Dominy): [www.amydominy.com](http://www.amydominy.com)

**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

**Famously Phoebe**

by **Lori Alexander**, illustrated by **Aurélie Blard-Quintard**

Book Description: Phoebe is the star of her family until a tiny newcomer arrives on set. Will Phoebe learn to share the spotlight in her new role—big sister?

Author's Residence: Tucson, Arizona

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Author's Website: [www.lorialalexanderbooks.com](http://www.lorialalexanderbooks.com)

**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

Author's Website: [www.juliedanneberg.com](http://www.juliedanneberg.com)

**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 worshipping 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 Snow Monster**

by **Dian Curtis Regan**, illustrated by **Robert Neubecker**

Book Description: A Snow Monster has captured Radar! Niko blasts off for Planet Ice. Can he rescue Radar, outwit a Killer Bunny, and zip back to Planet Home in time for cocoa?

Author's Residence: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Author's Website: [www.diancurtisregan.com](http://www.diancurtisregan.com)

[www.spaceboybooks.com](http://www.spaceboybooks.com)

**A Symphony of Cowbells**

by **Heather Preusser**, illustrated by **Eileen Ryan Ewen**

Book Description: When a Swiss dairy cow loses her bell and disrupts the harmony of the whole herd, it's up to Petra to find a melodious solution.

Author's Residence: Westminster, Colorado

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Author's Website: [www.heatherpreusser.com](http://www.heatherpreusser.com)

**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****Action Adventure****The World's Greatest Adventure Machine**

by Frank L. Cole, illustrated by Elizabet Vukovic

Book Description: Four lucky kids win a chance to be the first to ride the Adventure Machine, which might have a mind of its own.

Author's Residence: Logan, Utah

Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.frankcolewrites.com](http://www.frankcolewrites.com)**Biography****Klimt, the Golden Painter**

by Nora Rath-Hodann, illustrated by Peter Diamond, translated by Julie Sullivan

Book Description: A children's biography of Viennese painter Gustav Klimt.

Translator's Residence: Gunnison, Colorado

Publisher: JGIM Verlag

Translator's Website: [www.webwight.org](http://www.webwight.org)**Contemporary Fiction****Look Both Ways in the Barrio Blanco**

by Judith Robbins Rose

Book Description: The lonely, but gifted twelve-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

Author's Website: [www.jrose.net](http://www.jrose.net)**Three Pennies**

by Melanie Crowder

Book Description: A girl in foster care tries to find her birth mother before she loses her forever in this spare and beautifully told novel about last chances and new opportunities.

Author's Residence: Colorado

Publisher: Atheneum Books

Author's Website: [www.melaniecrowder.com](http://www.melaniecrowder.com)**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

**Historical Fiction****The Midnight Ride of Blackwell Station**

by Mary Peace Finley, illustrated by Judith Hunt

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 hardships 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

**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

Author's Website: [www.thechildrensbookreview.com](http://www.thechildrensbookreview.com)



### ***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 fourteen woman western painters. Text includes tidbits about the women and the art.

Author's Residence: Fort Collins, Colorado

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

### **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: Millbrook Press

Author's Website: [www.cynthiagrady.com](http://www.cynthiagrady.com)

#### ***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: Discover the spectacular nature of America's "grandest" national park with this interactive adventure—and 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! iMmmm! ¡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 Last Panther***

by Todd Mitchell

Book Description: After capturing the last-known wild panther with her scientist father, eleven-year-old Kiri embarks on a dangerous journey to save both the panther and herself.

Author's Residence: Fort Collins, Colorado

Publisher: Delacorte Press

Author's Website: [www.ToddMitchellBooks.com](http://www.ToddMitchellBooks.com)

#### ***One Hundred Spaghetti Strings***

by Jen Nails

Book Description: Fifth-grade chef Steffy aspires to bring her fractured family back together by cooking them their favorite meals.

Author's Residence: Las Vegas, Nevada

Publisher: HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.jennails.com](http://www.jennails.com)

#### ***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

Author's Website: [www.phyllisjperry.com](http://www.phyllisjperry.com)



## 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: Fourteen-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 hotheaded 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

### ***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

### ***Golden Spike (The Iron Horse Chronicles Book Three)***

by Robert Lee Murphy

Book Description: The driving of the Golden Spike almost didn't happen. History doesn't mention the troublesome incident, but Will Braddock knew. He had to get involved.

Author's Residence: Henderson, Nevada

Publisher: Five Star Publications

Author's Website: [www.robertleemurphy.net](http://www.robertleemurphy.net)

### ***Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine***

by Caroline Starr Rose

Book Description: Hoping to strike it rich, two brothers set out on a treacherous journey to Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush.

Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.carolinestarrrose.com](http://www.carolinestarrrose.com)

## 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

### ***Under Locker and Key***

by Allison K. Hymas

Book Description: When twelve-year-old retrieval specialist Jeremy Wilderson botches a job, he must team up with his nemesis to save the school from a crime spree.

Author's Residence: Provo, Utah

Publisher: Aladdin  
Author's Website: [www.allisonkhymas.com](http://www.allisonkhymas.com)

## Nonfiction

### ***Extinction: What Happened to the Dinosaurs, Mastodons, and Dodo Birds?***

by Laura Perdew, illustrated by Tom Casteel

Book Description: Extinction explores the mysteries of extinction on the planet, past, present, and future, including the five mass extinctions in Earth's history and current sixth extinction.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Nomad Press

Author's Website: [www.lauraperdew.com](http://www.lauraperdew.com)

## Realistic Fiction

### ***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: Determined to heal her broken heart, book blog-

ger Vivian creates a list of safe crushes. 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/HarperCollins

### ***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

## 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

### ***Final Fall***

by Heather W. Petty

Book Description: In the conclusion of their game, Sherlock Holmes and Miss James "Mori" Moriarty find out how far they're willing to fall for love and revenge.

Author's Residence: Reno, Nevada

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.heatherwpetty.com](http://www.heatherwpetty.com)

## Nonfiction

### ***Bold Women in California History***

by Kay Moore, illustrated by Stephanie Frostad

Book Description: Highlights thirteen California women who created lasting change when they dared to be bold. Informative biographies are a valuable resource and an entertaining read.

Author's Residence: Las Vegas, Nevada

Publisher: Mountain Press Publishing

## 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

### ***Still Photo***

by Kim Harnes

Book Description: The story of sixteen-year-old Jess Waterford, a photographer's assistant whose life tears apart as her past and present collide.

Author's Residence: Sparks, Nevada

Publisher: Evernight Teen

## 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 Publishing

## Thriller

### ***The Truth Beneath the Lies***

by Amanda Searcy

Book Description: In this tale of one teen's present horrors and another's haunting past, only one of the girls will survive.

Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Publisher: Delacorte Press

Author's Website: [www.amandasearcybooks.com](http://www.amandasearcybooks.com)



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**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 Company

**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

**Don’t Eat the Bluebonnets**

by Ellen Leventhal and Ellen Rothberg, illustrated by Joel Cook

Book Description: Sue Ellen loves the taste of bluebonnets. After she eats every bluebonnet in her pasture, she must figure out a way to get them back.

Author’s Residence (Leventhal): Houston, Texas

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Author’s Website (Leventhal): [www.EllenLeventhal.com](http://www.EllenLeventhal.com)

**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

**Froggy Bottom Blues**

by Sharon Edge Martin, illustrated by Timothy Lange

Book Description: Ellen Zanderfrog finds a trumpet. She’s going to Memphis to play the blues. But plans take a turn or two as she heads upriver.

Author’s Residence: Oilton, Oklahoma

Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

Author’s Website: [www.sharonedgemartin.com](http://www.sharonedgemartin.com)

**Grumpy Kyle**

by Allyn Stotz, illustrated by Jack Foster

Book Description: Kyle is always feeling Grumpy. What can he do to turn himself from grumpy Kyle to smiling Kyle?

Author’s Residence: Granbury, Texas

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Author’s Website: [www.allynstotz.blogspot.com](http://www.allynstotz.blogspot.com)

**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 is 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

**If I Weren’t With You**

by Rosie J. Pova, illustrated by Philip Martineau

Book Description: “Mama, if I weren’t born, what would you do?”

Willy asks Mama Bear. In a series of simple questions, the bear cub seeks and receives his mother’s reassurance of love.

Author’s Residence: Garland, Texas

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Author’s Website: [www.rosiejpova.com](http://www.rosiejpova.com)

**Little Brother’s Temper Tantrums**

by Mary Esparza-Vela, illustrated by Mike Motz

Book Description: Three tiny aliens go on a treasure hunt, and Baby Brother wants to take a dinosaur home. Plush doll characters available.

Author’s Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Author’s Website: [www.readingforfun.net](http://www.readingforfun.net)

**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

**A Truck Named Tony**

by M. Jane Hawkins, illustrated by David Barrow

Book Description: A red truck dreams of driving over bumpy roads

and up hills and down valleys, but first he must get out of the showroom.

Author's Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing  
Author's Website: [www.janehawkins.net](http://www.janehawkins.net)

### **Truck, Truck, Goose!**

by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Zoe Waring

Book Description: A silly goose causes one terrific truck traffic jam during his quest to have the perfect picnic.

Author's Residence: Edmond, Oklahoma  
Publisher: HarperCollins  
Author's Website: [www.tammisauer.com](http://www.tammisauer.com)

### **Whobert Whoever, Owl Detective**

by Jason Gallaher, illustrated by Jess Pauwels

Book Description: What happened to Perry the Possum? Whobert Whoever, Owl Detective, is on the case in this hilarious who-who-dun-it.

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books  
Author's Website: [www.jasongallaher.com](http://www.jasongallaher.com)

### **Why Am I Me?**

by Paige Britt, illustrated by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko

Book Description: Two children on a subway—one brown, one white—ponder big questions while watching the world go by. A beautiful celebration of humanity and diversity.

Author's Residence: Georgetown, Texas  
Publisher: Scholastic Press  
Author's Website: [www.paigebritt.com](http://www.paigebritt.com)

## **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  
Author's Website: [www.barbaralowell.com](http://www.barbaralowell.com)

#### **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

### **Mystery**

#### **Scooby-Doo Beginner Mysteries: Creepy Cowboy Caper**

by Michael Anthony Steele, illustrated by Scott Jeralds

Book Description: The gang end up in a ghost town. Spirited stampedes! A creepy outlaw! Something strange is going on in Sladenville, but is it really haunted?

Author's Residence: Kerens, Texas

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

Author's Website: [www.MichaelAnthonySteele.com](http://www.MichaelAnthonySteele.com)

## **Nonfiction Picture Book**

### **Manjhi Moves a Mountain**

by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by Danny Popovic

Book Description: Manjhi Moves a Mountain is the true story of a man who moved a mountain for love, using only a hammer, a chisel, and persistence.

Author's Residence: Plano, Texas  
Publisher: Creston Books  
Author's Website: [www.nancychurnin.com](http://www.nancychurnin.com)

### **Mission to Space**

by John B. Herrington

Book Description: Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington shares with young readers his astronaut training, his flight on the space shuttle Endeavor, and his mission to the International Space Station.

Author's Residence: Ada, Oklahoma  
Publisher: White Dog Press/Chickasaw Press

### **The 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

## **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: Alfred A. 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  
Author's Website: [www.carmenoliver.com](http://www.carmenoliver.com)

### **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

### ***Tommy James***

by Maria Ashworth, illustrated by Andrea Peixoto Emmerick

Book Description: Tommy James may be little, but he knows how to wrangle in a bully like Bo Jones.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Clear Fork 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 rival 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 Press/Piñata Books

Picture Book/Religious

### ***A Christmas Story with St. Joseph***

by Geraldine Guadagno, illustrated by Maria Cristina Lo Cascio

Book Description: The Christmas story told through the eyes of Joseph, husband of Mary.

Author's Residence: Canyon Lake, Texas

Publisher: The Word Among Us Press

Author's Website: [www.geriguadagno.com](http://www.geriguadagno.com)

## **GRADES 3-5**

### **Chapter Book**

#### ***My Friend Frank***

by David L. Roper, illustrated by Adam Cobble

Book Description: Herbie wants a pet—a dog, a cat, anything. He finds a shivering, seven-foot, green-skinned . . . uh, guy. "Can I keep him, Mom? Can I, huh?"

Author's Residence: Midwest City, Oklahoma

Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

Author's Website: [www.Facebook.com/storytimewithpoppy](http://www.Facebook.com/storytimewithpoppy)

### **Fantasy**

#### ***Sienna, the Cowgirl Fairy: Trying to Make It Rain***

by Alayne Kay Christian, illustrated by Brian Martin

Book Description: After renouncing her fairy side, half-human Sienna struggles to fit in at fairy camp, where cliquish fairies reject her spunky spirit and outspoken ways.

Author's Residence: Livingston, Texas

Publisher: Spork/Clear Fork Publishing

Author's Website: [www.alayne kaychristianauthor.com](http://www.alayne kaychristianauthor.com)

#### ***Skeleton Tree***

by Kim Ventrella

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Stanly Stanwright discovers beauty, and a friend, in Death with the help of an unusual tree grow-

ing in his backyard.

Author's Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Publisher: Scholastic Press

Author's Website: [www.kimventrella.com](http://www.kimventrella.com)

### **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 Company

## **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 Books

## **Mystery**

### **The Fourth Ruby**

by James R. Hannibal

Book Description: Framed! The Crown Jewels are missing. Jack Buckles is blamed. Now he must chase the real thief across the globe to foil his sinister plan.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.thelostpropertyoffice.com](http://www.thelostpropertyoffice.com)

## **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

Author's Website: [www.patmillerbooks.com](http://www.patmillerbooks.com)

### **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 Company

### **Tad Lucas: Trick-Riding Rodeo Cowgirl**

by Laura B. Edge, illustrated by Stephanie Ford

Book Description: Tad Lucas has been called the greatest woman rider of all time. She dazzled crowds in the early 1900s doing daring tricks and riding broncs.

Author's Residence: Kingwood, Texas

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

Author's Website: [www.lauraedge.com](http://www.lauraedge.com)

## **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 Company

Author's Website: [www.alanelliott.com](http://www.alanelliott.com)

## **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 Publico 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? "Ridicu-

lous!" 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 the only way they will both survive.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & 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

### ***Moose, Baseball and a Friend Named Dutch***

by Janet Wykes Moore

Book Description: Eighty-five percent of Alaskan children are urban dwellers. Wilderness stories do not tell their stories. *Moose, Baseball and a Friend Named Dutch*, set in Anchorage, does.

Author's Residence: Weatherford, Oklahoma

Publisher: Outskirts 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 Books

### ***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 twelve-year-old girl. Won Purple Dragonfly Award.

Author's Residence: Houston Texas

Publisher: ABCs Press

## Nonfiction

### ***Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws That Affect Us Today***

by Cynthia Levinson and Sanford Levinson

Book Description: The Framers of our Constitution tried their best, but many decisions, compromises, and indecisions prevent us from being "a more perfect union."

Authors' Residence: Austin, Texas, and Boston, Massachusetts

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Author's Website (Cynthia Levinson): [www.cynthialevinson.com](http://www.cynthialevinson.com)

### ***Lone Star Legacy: The Texas Rangers Then and Now***

by Melanie Chrimer

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

### ***Caleb and Kit***

by Beth Vrabel, illustrated by Erwin Madrid

Book Description: A magical friendship, coping with disability, and the pains of growing up and growing apart come together in this story about a boy living with cystic fibrosis.

Author's Residence: Keller, Texas

Publisher: Running Press Kids

Author's Website: [www.bethvrabel.com](http://www.bethvrabel.com)

### ***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

### **Peppermint Cocoa Crushes**

by Laney Nielson

Book Description: Sasha wants to win the talent show, but when nothing goes as planned, can she save a friendship and still enjoy the spotlight?

Author's Residence: Plano, Texas

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Author's Website: [www.LaneyNielson.com](http://www.LaneyNielson.com)

## **GRADES 9-12**

### **Contemporary Fiction**

#### **All You Need Is Love**

by Russell J. Sanders

Book Description: In 1969, gay teen Dewey Snodgrass navigates a world that includes Vietnam, the Stonewall Riots, and a hippie he is falling in love with.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Harmony Ink Press

Author's Website: [www.russelljsanders.weebly.com](http://www.russelljsanders.weebly.com)

#### **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

Author's Website: [www.karabietzauthor.com](http://www.karabietzauthor.com)

### **Fantasy**

#### **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

Author's Website: [www.WalterPlume.com](http://www.WalterPlume.com)

### **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 her struggle to be reunited with her beloved brother in 1911-1912 St. Louis.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Atheneum Books

### **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 & Giroux Books for Young Readers

### **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, his 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

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## UK / IRELAND

### PREK-K

#### Picture Book

##### ***Can I Have My Ball Back?***

by Alice Hemming, illustrated by Ed Myer

Book Description: Mr. Ricket has a new shed for his inventions, but he keeps getting interrupted.

Author's Residence: Hertford, United Kingdom

Publisher: Maverick

Author's Website: [www.alicehemming.co.uk](http://www.alicehemming.co.uk)

##### ***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 knows 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

Author's Website: [www.janetbingham.co.uk](http://www.janetbingham.co.uk)

##### ***Motor Goose***

by Rebecca Colby, illustrated by Jef Kaminsky

Book Description: A rhyme collection that every car/plane/boat/crane/digger/taxi/train-loving kid will adore. Motor Goose is a must-have for readers who like things that go.

Author's Residence: British Isles

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

Author's Website: [www.rebeccacolbybooks.com](http://www.rebeccacolbybooks.com)

##### ***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 Books for Young Readers

##### ***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

##### ***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

### 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 in 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

##### ***Lula's Brew***

by Elizabeth O. Dulemba

Book Description: Lula's aunts 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 two new friends! Come 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

#### ***Journey to Dragon Island***

by Claire Fayers, illustrated by Oriol Vidal

Book Description: Reaching the edge of the world can't stop the crew of the Onion! It's westward ho in search of dragons, no matter the obstacles.

Author's Residence: Cardiff, United Kingdom

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company

Author's Website: [www.clairefayers.com](http://www.clairefayers.com)

### Humorous Fiction

#### ***Dave Pigeon (Nuggets!)***

by Swapna Haddow, illustrated by Sheena Dempsey

Book Description: Calling all IPLOP agents: Dave Pigeon and best friend, Skipper, are back, and they've gone beak-first into trouble with a pigeon-nugget-making evil genius....

Author's Residence: United Kingdom

Publisher: Faber & Faber

Author's Website: [www.swapnahaddow.co.uk](http://www.swapnahaddow.co.uk)

### Nonfiction

#### ***Junior Ranger Activity Book***

by Christy Mihaly, illustrated by Ben White

Book Description: Facts, quizzes, puzzles, and games related to the US national parks.

Author's Residence: London, England

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

### 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, illustrated by Meilo SO,

translated by Helen Wang

Book Description: A heartwarming story of family and friendship by the winner of the 2016 Hans Christian Andersen Award.

Translator's Residence: London, United Kingdom

Publisher: Walker Books UK

## 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

### Fantasy

#### ***Hyacinth and the Secrets Beneath***

by Jacob Sager Weinstein

Book Description: An American girl finds herself in a madcap chase through the secret magical rivers underneath London, encountering giant pigs, sketchy unicorns, and other strange creatures.

Author's Residence: London, United Kingdom

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.jacobsagerweinstein.com](http://www.jacobsagerweinstein.com)

### 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 Books

### ***Jack Dash and the Summer Blizzard***

by Sophie Plowden, illustrated by Judy Brown

Book Description: If you had a magic quill pen that made drawings come to life, what would you draw? Jack's chaotic adventures continue in this hilarious sequel.

Author's Residence: London, United Kingdom

Publisher: Catnip Publishing

Author's Website: [www.sophieplowden.co.uk](http://www.sophieplowden.co.uk)

### ***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-around popular guy, but when tragedy strikes on an activity weekend in the mountains, Jack's world comes crashing down 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 Books for Young Readers

## GRADES 9-12

## Action Adventure

### ***Chasing Danger***

by Sara Grant

Book Description: When modern-day pirates attack a remote tropical island, fourteen-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 Revenge***

by Philip S. Davies

Book Description: Plague strikes Anestra City, and Queen Katelin tries to save her people through a deal with the gods. Must she sacrifice her own life?

Author's Residence: Banbury, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom

Publisher: Books to Treasure

Author's Website: [www.philipdavies.com](http://www.philipdavies.com)

### ***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

## Realistic Fiction

### ***The Awkward Autumn of Lily McLean***

by Lindsay Littleton

Book Description: The last thing Lily wants is to start up that weird psychic stuff again. But it might be her only hope . . .

Author's Residence: Glasgow, Scotland

Publisher: Floris Books

Author's Website: [www.lindsaylittleton.co.uk](http://www.lindsaylittleton.co.uk)

## Science Fiction

### ***Into the No Zone***

by Eugene Lambert

Book Description: Volume 2 of The Sign of One trilogy. Twins are evil, with a twist!

Author's Residence: Stroud, United Kingdom

Publisher: Egmont

Author's Website: [www.eugenelambert.com](http://www.eugenelambert.com)

## Thriller

### ***I Have No Secrets***

by Penny Joelson

Book Description: Jemma has severe cerebral palsy. She can't move or communicate, but she is the only one who knows the identity of a murderer.

Author's Residence: London, UK

Publisher: Electric Monkey/Egmont

Author's Website: [www.pennyjoelson.co.uk](http://www.pennyjoelson.co.uk)

### ***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 & Schuster UK

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## OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2017

### WEST

(Washington / Oregon / Alaska / Idaho / Montana / North Dakota / South Dakota)

#### PREK-K

##### Board Book

###### **1, 2, 3 Moose**

by Andrea Helman, illustrated by Art Wolfe

Book Description: One wolf, two moose, three cougars, and more! Young children are introduced to wildlife while learning counting and numbers.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Little Bigfoot

###### **Think Circles, Think Squares, Think Triangles**

by Karen S. Robbins, illustrated by Brenda McCallum

Book Description: Children will learn analytical thinking skills while lifting the die-cut flap to see. Basic concepts of colors, counting, and shapes will be introduced. Three separate die-cut lift-the-flap board books.

Author's Residence: Gig Harbor, Washington

Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

Author's Website: [www.KarenSRobbins.com](http://www.KarenSRobbins.com)

##### Folk Tale

###### **The Boy from the Dragon Palace: A Folktale 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 twenty-six 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

##### Egg

by Laura N. Clement, illustrated by Sunny J. Choi

Book Description: An updated Ugly Duckling about a dragon who is

searching for her greatness and finds it within. Fun read-aloud, kid participation.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Author's Website: [www.clementcreations.net](http://www.clementcreations.net)

###### **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

###### **A Fishing Surprise**

by Rae McDonald, illustrated by Kathleen Kemly

Book Description: When the fish don't bite, two little fishers fill their net with a delicious surprise on a hot summer day in this toe-tapping tale.

Author's Residence: Puyallup, Washington

Publisher: Cooper Square Publishing

###### **Fox and the Jumping Contest**

by Corey R. Tabor

Book Description: A hilarious modern-day trickster tale starring Fox, his jet pack, and his animal friends.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Balzer + Bray

###### **Frank the Seven-Legged Spider**

by Michaele Razi

Book Description: A funny, lighthearted picture book about Frank, who loves being a spider, only to wake up one day to discover he's missing a leg.

Author's Residence: North Bend, Washington

Publisher: Little Bigfoot

Author's Website: [www.raziink.com](http://www.raziink.com)

###### **Grandmother Fish: A Child's First Book of Evolution**

by Jonathan Tweet, illustrated by Karen Lewis

Book Description: The first book to teach evolution to preschoolers! Can you wiggle like Grandmother Fish and hoot like Grandmother Ape? An acclaimed and engaging read-aloud.

Illustrator's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

###### **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

### ***Hello, My Name Is Octicorn***

by Kevin Diller, illustrated by Justin Lowe

Book Description: Half octopus, half unicorn, half confused . . . this is the story of an Octicorn trying to find his place in the world.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: HarperCollins

### ***If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, DON'T!***

by Elise Parsley

Book Description: Armed with gusto, showmanship, and one mean human cannonball routine, Magnolia sees no problem with setting up her own big top at the library.

Author's Residence: Beresford, South Dakota

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.eliseparsley.com](http://www.eliseparsley.com)

### ***Old Tracks, New Tricks***

by Jessica Petersen

Book Description: Three inventive wooden train tracks stand up to the bossy trains and teach the old tracks—and trains!—new tricks. STEM/STEAM activity instructions included.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: The Innovation Press

Author's Website: [www.jessica-petersen.com](http://www.jessica-petersen.com)

### ***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: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

### ***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

### ***Too Many Questions!***

by Kathryn Dennis

Book Description: How many questions is too many? Twenty . . . a hundred . . . a thousand, a million, a billion, a trillion, a gazillion? A book about endless questions and finding the answers.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Kane Miller

### ***Zebra on the Go***

by Jill Nogales, illustrated by Lorraine Rocha

Book Description: When Zebra accidentally steps on Lion's toe, Lion gets angry and begins chasing Zebra in what turns out to be a

remarkable show.

Author's Residence: Nampa, Idaho

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Author's Website: [www.jillnogales.com](http://www.jillnogales.com)

## **Picture Book/Bilingual**

### ***Sleep Baby Sleep/Duerme Bebé Duerme***

by Calee 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. Newest edition is bilingual.

Illustrator's Residence: Port Townsend, Washington

Publisher: Xist Publishing

Illustrator's Website: [www.elizabethblake.us](http://www.elizabethblake.us)

## **GRADES 1-2**

### **Biography**

#### ***Lotta Crabtree: Gold Rush Fairy Star***

by Lois V. Harris

Book Description: Eight-year-old Lotta Crabtree danced, joked, sang, and strummed her banjo for California's miners. She soared on to national stardom as America's first comedienne.

Author's Residence: Anacortes, Washington

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

Author's Website: [www.loisharris.net](http://www.loisharris.net)

### **Chapter Book**

#### ***King and Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats***

by Dori Hillestad Butler, illustrated by Nancy Meyers

Book Description: A lovable dog helps his human girl solve a mystery. What does Kayla know? What does King know? How will they solve the case?

Author's Residence: Kirkland, Washington

Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Author's Website: [www.kidswriter.com](http://www.kidswriter.com)

### **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*****A Christmas for Bear***

by Bonny Becker, illustrated by Kady McDonald Denton

Book Description: Bear has never had a Christmas, but this year he plans to celebrate in a big way. Things don't go as planned when Mouse arrives.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Author's Website: [www.bonnybecker.com](http://www.bonnybecker.com)***Arturo and the Bienvenido Feast***

by Anne Broyles, illustrated by K.E. Lewis

Book Description: With a bit of creativity, Arturo takes charge and creates a welcome feast like no other in this warm, family-centric English-Spanish bilingual picture book.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

Author's Website: [www.annebroyles.com](http://www.annebroyles.com)***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 Books

***Bobbie the Wonder Dog: A True Story***

by Tricia Brown, illustrated by Cary Porter

Book Description: In 1923-1924, 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

***The Book of Mistakes***

by Corinna Luyken

Book Description: Zoom meets Beautiful Oops! in this memorable picture book debut about the creative process and the way in which "mistakes" can blossom into inspiration.

Author's Residence: Olympia, Washington

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: [www.corinnaluyken.com](http://www.corinnaluyken.com)***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

***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 he 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

***Mrs. McBee Leaves Room 3***

by Gretchen Brandenburg McLellan, illustrated by Grace Zong

Book Description: Beloved Mrs. McBee and her students help each other with saying good-bye at year's end. A story about transitions, community, and acceptance.

Author's Residence: Camas, Washington

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Author's Website: [www.gretchenmclellan.com](http://www.gretchenmclellan.com)

### ***Pony in the City***

by **Wendy Wahman**

Book Description: Otis wants to learn all about the children who visit the stable. The older ponies ignore him, so off he goes to find answers.

Author's Residence: Tacoma, Washington

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Author's Website: [www.wendywahman.com](http://www.wendywahman.com)

### ***Shawn Loves Sharks***

by **Curtis Manley, illustrated by Tracy Subisak**

Book Description: Shawn loves sharks—and pretends to be a shark while chasing Stacy at recess. But for Predator Day, Great White Shark is assigned to . . . Stacy!

Author's Residence: Bellevue, Washington

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

### ***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

## **Picture Book/Fairy Tale**

### ***The Ugly Dumpling***

by **Stephanie Campisi, illustrated by Shahar Kober**

Book Description: A multicultural, whimsical retelling of The Ugly Duckling set in a Chinese restaurant.

Author's Residence: Oregon

Publisher: Mighty Media Kids

## **GRADES 3-5**

### **Adventure**

#### ***In the Shadow of the Mammoth***

by **Patricia Nikolina Clark, illustrated by Anthony Alex LeTourneau**

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

### **Chapter Books**

#### ***Lost! A Dog Called Bear***

by **Wendy Orr, illustrated by Susan Boase**

Book Description: When Logan moves, 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

## **Contemporary Fiction**

### ***Cleo Edison Oliver in Persuasion Power***

by **Sundee T. Frazier**

Book Description: Cleo recruits friends to help her get Fortune A. Davies's endorsement for her latest enterprise and has the unexpected opportunity to meet her birth dad.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books

Author's Website: [www.sundeefraczier.com](http://www.sundeefraczier.com)

### ***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

### ***My Top Secret Dares & Don'ts***

by **Trudi Trueit**

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Kestrel keeps lists of things she wants: a) to try and b) to never try again! But to save her grandmother's ski lodge, she'll have to overcome her greatest "don't" of all!

Author's Residence: Everett, Washington

Publisher: Aladdin

Author's Website: [www.trudittrueit.com](http://www.trudittrueit.com)

## **Fantasy**

### ***Dead Boy***

by **Laurel Gale, illustrated by Yoko Tanaka**

Book Description: Other than the maggots and rot, Crow Darlington 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

**Historical Fiction*****Audacity Jones Steals the Show***

by Kirby Larson

Book Description: Intrepid orphan Audacity Jones not only helps Harry Houdini pull off his greatest illusion, she rescues a baby elephant to boot.

Author's Residence: Kenmore, Washington

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: [www.kirbylarson.com](http://www.kirbylarson.com)***The Many Reflections of Miss Jane Deming***

by J. Anderson Coats

Book Description: Jane is excited to join Mr. Mercer's expedition bringing Civil War widows and orphans to Washington Territory—but life out west isn't what she expected.

Author's Residence: Everett, Washington

Publisher: Atheneum Books

Author's Website: [www.jandersoncoats.com](http://www.jandersoncoats.com)***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 Tragically True Adventures of Kit Donovan***

by Patricia Bailey, illustrated by Jon Lau

Book Description: A tough-as-nails orphan is tasked with avenging her father's death and standing up for what's right in a 1905 Nevada gold town.

Author's Residence: Klamath Falls, Oregon

Publisher: Albert Whitman &amp; Company

Author's Website: [www.patricia.baileyauthor.com](http://www.patricia.baileyauthor.com)***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 Bladec

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 Press

***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: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

***Wedgie and Gizmo***

by Suzanne Selfors, illustrated by Barbara Fisinger

Book Description: Fans of Stick Dog and My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish will love Suzanne Selfors's hilarious new illustrated series about the growing pains of blended families and the secret rivalry of pets.

Author's Residence: Bainbridge Island, Washington

Publisher: Katherine Tegan Books/HarperCollins

Author's Website: [www.suzanneselfors.com](http://www.suzanneselfors.com)**Mystery*****Mabel Opal Pear and the Rules for Spying***

by Amanda Hosch, illustrated by Ira Sluyterman van Langeweyde

Book Description: When Mabel's parents leave town, her estranged relatives take over Mabel's house and the family's private museum. Using her self-authored manual, Mabel spies on them.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

Author's Website: [www.amandahosch.com](http://www.amandahosch.com)**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 & Company

### ***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: Have you ever wondered why automatic toilets flush? Discover how robotic and electronic sensors can be programmed to work as our five senses do.

Author's Residence: Fargo, North Dakota  
Publisher: Lerner  
Author's Website: [www.torychristie.com](http://www.torychristie.com)

### ***The Music of Life: Bartolomeo Cristofori and the Invention of the Piano***

by **Elizabeth Rusch**, illustrated by **Marjorie Priceman**

Book Description: "Brings the piano's history merrily to the center stage . . . Fast-paced, lively, and informative, this book will appeal to music lovers as well as a wider audience."—Booklist

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon  
Publisher: Atheneum Books  
Author's Website: [www.elizabethrusch.com](http://www.elizabethrusch.com)

### ***Natural Disasters: Tornado!***

by **Elizabeth Raum**

Book Description: This photo-illustrated book describes tornadoes. It explains tornado formation, prediction, and safety procedures. It is one of six in a "Natural Disasters" series.

Author's Residence: Fargo, North Dakota  
Publisher: Amicus  
Author's Website: [www.elizabethraum.net](http://www.elizabethraum.net)

### ***Plants in Disguise***

by **Lise Hedegaard**, illustrated by **Debi Schmid**

Book Description: Charming illustrations, engaging prose, and intriguing natural history notes introduce elementary-age children to twenty-one native plants with animal names.

Author's Residence: Tacoma, Washington  
Publisher: Mountain Press 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 twenty 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 Children's Books

Author's Website: [www.claremeeker.com](http://www.claremeeker.com)

### ***Televisions***

by **Rachel Hamby**

Book Description: Introduces readers to the science that makes television possible.

Author's Residence: Spokane, Washington  
Publisher: Focus Readers  
Author Website: [www.rachelhamby.com](http://www.rachelhamby.com)

### ***Think Like an Engineer***

by **Robin Koontz**

Book Description: Where do they get their ideas? Discover how engineers solve problems, learn about engineering feats, and find out whether you also think like an engineer!

Author's Residence: Noti, Oregon  
Publisher: Rourke Educational Media  
Author's Website: [www.robinkoontz.wordpress.com](http://www.robinkoontz.wordpress.com)

### ***Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive!***

by **Ammi-Joan Paquette** and **Laurie Ann Thompson**, illustrated by **Lisa K. Weber**

Book Description: Every story in this book is unbelievable, but two out of three are true! The other is fake news. Can you guess which is which?

Author's Residence (Thompson): Bellevue, Washington  
Publisher: Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins  
Author's Website (Thompson): [www.lauriethompson.com](http://www.lauriethompson.com)

### ***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

### ***Picture Book***

#### ***Arctic Aesop's Fables: Twelve Retold Tales***

by **Susi Gregg Fowler**, illustrated by **Jim Fowler**

Book Description: Here are some of Aesop's fables reenvisioned with Arctic animals and settings, perhaps to pair with traditional versions and use to encourage students' own retellings.

Author's and Illustrator's Residence: Juneau, Alaska  
Publisher: Sasquatch Books

#### ***A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider: The Story of E. B. White***

by **Barbara Herkert**, illustrated by **Lauren Castillo**

Book Description: The story of how a small, sickly boy discovered writing to allay his fears and grew to be one of the most beloved children's authors.

Author's Residence: Newport, Oregon  
Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books  
Author's Website: [www.barbaraherkert.com](http://www.barbaraherkert.com)

#### ***Sewing Stories: Harriet Powers' Journey from Slave to Artist***

by **Barbara Herkert**, illustrated by **Vanessa Brantley-Newton**

Book Description: Harriet Powers learned to sew and quilt as a young slave girl. Later, she began making pictorial quilts, which

today are priceless treasures.  
 Author's Residence: Newport, Oregon  
 Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

### ***The Storybook Prince***

by Doug Keith

Book Description: A young prince reads storybooks to friends who 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**

### ***Keys to the City***

by Lisa Schroeder

Book Description: With the help of a new friend and his sweet dog, along with her beloved journal, Lindy hits the streets of New York City in search of her "true passion" for a school assignment.

Author's Residence: Beaverton, Oregon  
 Publisher: Scholastic  
 Author's Website: [www.lisaschroederbooks.com](http://www.lisaschroederbooks.com)

### ***The Mighty Quinn***

by Robyn Parnell

Book Description: A charismatic bully. A militant playground supervisor. A false accusation. A free-spirited new kid. An accomplished . . . alphabet belcher? Humor trumps heartache in *The Mighty Quinn*.

Author's Residence: Hillsboro, Oregon  
 Publisher: Mighty Media Junior Readers

### ***The Wild World of Buck Bray (Book 2: Danger at the Dinosaur Stomping Grounds)***

by Judy Young

Book Description: Filming their TV wilderness show in Canyonlands National Park, Buck and Toni find themselves in danger trying to discover who's stealing the area's ancient artifacts.

Author's Residence: Preston, Idaho  
 Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press  
 Author's Website: [www.JudyYoungPoetry.com](http://www.JudyYoungPoetry.com)

## **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 decides 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 fairy tale with a World War II setting and magic at its heart.

Author's Residence: Bozeman, Montana  
 Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers  
 Author's Website: [www.janetsfox.com](http://www.janetsfox.com)

## **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  
 Author's Website: [www.danlwalker.com](http://www.danlwalker.com)

### ***Some Kind of Courage***

by Dan Gemeinhart

Book Description: An orphan pioneer boy faces danger and hardship as he adventures across the wild Pacific Northwest frontier to be reunited with his beloved horse.

Author's Residence: Cashmere, Washington  
 Publisher: Scholastic Press

### ***A Thousand Miles***

by Precious McKenzie

Book Description: When President Jackson signs the Indian Removal Act of 1830, thirteen-year-old Dusty is forced to leave his Georgia home, walk the Trail of Tears, and move to Indian Territory in Oklahoma.

Author's Residence: Billings, Montana  
 Publisher: Rourke Educational Media

## **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 & 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 9,000-year-old Paleoinidian, 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 others have furthered our understanding of the origins of modern humans.

Author's Residence: Missoula, Montana

Publisher: Rosen Young Adult

***When I Was a Turkey: Based on the Emmy Award-Winning PBS Documentary My Life as a Turkey***

by Joe Hutto and Brenda Z. Guiberson, illustrated by Joe Hutto

Book Description: The true story of a naturalist who lived like a turkey through the fascinating behavior process of imprinting.

Author's Residence: Shoreline, Washington

Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

Website: [www.brendazguiberson.com](http://www.brendazguiberson.com)

**Realistic Fiction**

***Just Claire***

by Jean Ann Williams

Book Description: Claire Lee 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

**GRADES 9-12**

**Contemporary Fiction**

***Dig Too Deep***

by Amy Allgeyer

Book Description: Erin Brockivich meets Nancy Drew meets Veronica Mars set in Appalachian Coal Country.

Author's Residence: Boise, Idaho

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

***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/HarperCollins

***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: Capstone Press

***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 Crow

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

**Mystery**

***The Shells of Mersing***

by Sharon Marie Himsl

Book Description: Seattle, 1995. Callie and her brother escape foster care to find their missing mother in Thailand. A story of love, family, and forgiveness.

Author's Residence: Desert Aire, Washington

Publisher: Evernight Teen

Author's Website: [www.sharonmhimsl.blogspot.com](http://www.sharonmhimsl.blogspot.com)

## 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

### ***The V-Word: True Stories about First-Time Sex***

Compiled by Amber J. Keyser

Book Description: Virginity—it's a loaded word. In this anthology, seventeen women write about first-time sex—queer and straight, relished and regretted, funny and awkward.

Compiler's Residence: Bend, Oregon

Publisher: Beyond Words/Simon Pulse

## Paranormal Romance

### ***Eerie***

by C. M. McCoy

Book Description: An eighteen-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 Publishing

## Realistic Fiction

### ***Amish Guys Don't Call***

by Debby Dodds

Book Description: When Sam realizes that her new boyfriend, Zach, is secretly Amish by birth, not only must she navigate cultural differences, but she also faces cyberbullying.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Blue Moon Publishers

Author's Website: [www.DebbyDodds.com](http://www.DebbyDodds.com)

### ***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

### ***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 his 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

## 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

Author's Website: [www.carolriggs.com](http://www.carolriggs.com)

### ***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

### ***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

## Time Travel

### ***Seven Stitches***

by Ruth Tenzer Feldman

Book Description: After an earthquake rocks Oregon in 2058, Meryem, 16, discovers that rebuilding her world starts with saving a slave girl in Istanbul five hundred years earlier.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Ooligan Press

Author's Website: [www.ruthtenzerfeldman.com](http://www.ruthtenzerfeldman.com)





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## 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 Díaz

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 (Liga para el Bienestar de los Niños de América)

### 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 & Company

#### ***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: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

#### ***Sleep Baby Sleep/Duerme Bebé Duerme***

by Calee 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. Newest edition is bilingual.  
Illustrator's Residence: Port Townsend, Washington  
Publisher: Xist Publishing  
Illustrator's Website: [www.elizabethblake.us](http://www.elizabethblake.us)

## 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, illustrated by Jessica McClure  
Book Description: A story of the Fiesta celebration in San Antonio through the adventures of rival 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 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 Press/Piñata Books

**Poetry**

***¿Ojos, mano o pie? Adivina qué es***

by Antonio Gómez Yebra, illustrated by Esther Pérez-Cuadrado  
 Book Description: Learn the parts of the body through poetry and riddles. 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 takeoff for the playful verse. Includes illustrated glossary.  
 Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland  
 Publisher: Three Conditions Press

**GRADES 3-5**

**Chapter Book**

***Las almas de la fiesta y otros cuentos de Día de Muertos***

by Judy Goldman, illustrated by Israel Barrón  
 Book Description: Five stories in Spanish from five different parts of Mexico that have to do with the Day of the Dead ceremonies.  
 Author's Residence: Mexico City, Mexico  
 Publisher: Ediciones Castillo/Macmillan  
 Author's Website: [www.judygoldman4kids.com](http://www.judygoldman4kids.com)

**Nonfiction Picture Book/Bilingual**

***Martí's Song for Freedom/Martí y sus versos por la libertad***

by Emma Otheguy, illustrated by Beatriz Vidal  
 Book Description: A bilingual biography of Cuban poet and national hero José Martí, written in verse with excerpts from Martí's seminal Versos sencillos.  
 Author's Residence: New York, New York  
 Publisher: Lee & Low Books  
 Author's Website: [www.emmaotheguy.com](http://www.emmaotheguy.com)

**Picture Book/Bilingual**

***The Little Doctor/El doctorcito***

by Juan J. Guerra, illustrated by Victoria Castillo  
 Book Description: A young Latino boy dreams of becoming a doctor after witnessing the poor care his grandmother received.  
 Author's Residence: El Cerrito, California  
 Publisher: Arte Publico Press/Piñata Books  
 Author's Website: [www.juanjguerra.com](http://www.juanjguerra.com)

***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 Publico Press

**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 Caso de Puercoespín Reumático***

by Irma Calvo, illustrated by Daniela Martín del Campo  
 Book Description: Andrés and his boss, a pet psychiatrist, are trying to help Jürgen, a grumpy and resentful porcupine. But the patient won't make the task easy.  
 Author's Residence: Huixquilucan, Estado de México  
 Publisher: Pearson

***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 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 Martínez Blanco  
 Book Description: Cyberbullying in high school. How the life of a teenager changes after her picture is shared without her consent on the net.  
 Author's Residence: Madrid, Spain  
 Publisher: Nowevolution