

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Website: 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***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***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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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