

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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