

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

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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.janerosebergprojects.com](http://www.janerosebergprojects.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 Caloyeras

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.jennifercaloyeras.com](http://www.jennifercaloyeras.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