

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

INTERNATIONAL / OTHER

GRADES 1-2

Folktale

***Juan y las habichuelas mágicas/Jack and the Beanstalk:
Classic Bilingual Stories Collection with Interactive CD***

by Equipo Everest, illustrated by Malena Fuentes Alzu

Book Description: A retelling of the classic tale and an excellent and fun way to learn Spanish! Read it and listen to it!

Illustrator's Residence: Madrid, Spain

Publisher: Algar Editorial

Picture Book

The Daddy Store

by Sanne Miltenburg

Book Description: I'm going to bring Dad to the Daddy Store. To exchange him for a better one. But are the dads in the Daddy Store really more fun?

Author's Residence: Breda, The Netherlands

Publisher: Clavis Books

El jardín mágico

by Lemniscates

Book Description: Chloe lives in a magic garden, but she doesn't know that. A little story where poetry and information converge with the aim of awakening children's interest in nature.

Author's Residence: Barcelona, Spain

Publisher: Ediciones Ekaré

Lucía the Luchadora

by Cynthia Leonor Garza, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez

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

Author's Residence: Nairobi, Kenya

Publisher: POW! Kids Books

Author's Website: www.cynthialeonorgarza.com

Poetry

¿Ojos, mano o pie? Adivina qué es

by Antonio Gómez Yebra, illustrated by Esther Pérez-Cuadrado

Book Description: Through poetry and riddles, learn the parts of the body. Illustrations add humor and details to the text.

Illustrator's Residence: Cartagena, Murcia, Spain

Publisher: Algar Editorial

GRADES 3-5

Chapter Book

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

by Judy Goldman, illustrated by Israel Barrón

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

Author's Residence: Mexico City, Mexico

Publisher: Ediciones Castillo/Macmillan

Author's Website: www.judygoldman4kids.com

Nonfiction

Dining with Dinosaurs: A Tasty Guide to Mesozoic Munching

by Hannah Bonner

Book Description: Dining with Dinosaurs offers up a full-course meal of Mesozoic food facts. Learn about carnivores, herbivores, insectivores, and all the other "vores" of dinosaur times.

Author's Residence: Palma de Mallorca, Spain

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

Picture Book

If You Were a Kid Building a Pyramid

by Lawrence Schimel, illustrated by Jennifer Ely

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

Author's Residence: Madrid, Spain

Publisher: Scholastic

GRADES 6-8

Dystopian Mythology

Elevation: The Thousand Steps (Book 1 in the Elevation series)

by Helen Brain

Book Description: The gods are warring and Earth is at risk. Elevated suddenly from a bunker, teenager Ebba inherits huge wealth and power—and an impossible task.

Author's Residence: Cape Town, South Africa

Publisher: Human and Rousseau

Fantasy

Fairy Keeper (World of Aluvia, Book 1)

by Amy Bearce

Book Description: Losing her fairy queen wasn't supposed to threaten everything Sierra loved, but finding the missing fairies will risk more than she thought possible.

Author's Residence: Ramstein, Germany
Publisher: Curiosity Quills Press

Humorous Fiction

Ligera como una pluma (Spanish)

by Anna Lavatelli, illustrated by Alessandra Vitelli

Book Description: Miss Gordoso feels depressed and eats a lot. She can't go out or walk till a boy teaches her how to fly to the happiness.

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

Realistic Fiction

El Caso de Puercoespín Reumático

by Irma Calvo, illustrated by Daniela Martín del Campo

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

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

GRADES 9-12

Adventure

The Master's Book

by Philip Coleman

Book Description: A contemporary adventure story set in Brussels. Sean and his friend Stephanie embark on a paper-chase when they discover a valuable work of art.

Author's Residence: Geneva, Switzerland
Publisher: MuseltUp Publishing

Fantasy

Dragon Fire

by Dina von Lowenkraft

Book Description: In Tromso, a small Norwegian town north of the Arctic Circle, a young shape-shifting dragon must decide what is worth living—or dying—for.

Author's Residence: Braine l'Alleud, Belgium
Publisher: Twilight Times Books

Historical Fiction

Una niña en el País del Holocausto

by Becky Rubinstein, illustrated by Edmundo Santamaría

Book Description: The story of Holocaust survivor Dolly Bestandig, who luckily escaped the terror of the Nazi regime.

Author's Residence: Mexico City, Mexico
Publisher: Pearson Mexico

Realistic Fiction

Bajo el paraguas azul/Under the Blue Umbrella

by Elena Martínez Blanco

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

Author's Residence: Madrid, Spain
Publisher: Nowevolution