

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

## MIDWEST

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

### PREK-K

#### Board Books

##### ***Baby Says "Moo!"***

by JoAnn Early Macken, illustrated by David Walker

Book Description: Ask Baby what any animal says, and Baby answers, "Moo!" Ride along with Baby and family to spot the animal that makes Baby's favorite sound!

Author's Residence: Shorewood, Wisconsin

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

##### ***Happy Birthday to You!***

by Michelle Medlock Adams, illustrated by Sandra Rodriguez

Book Description: Follow along throughout a day of celebration, concluding with a good-night blessing, then push the button to hear the melody of "Happy Birthday."

Author's Residence: Bedford, Indiana

Publisher: Worthykids/Ideals

#### Nonfiction Picture Book

##### ***Sweet Dreams, Wild Animals! A Story of Sleep***

by Eileen R. Meyer, illustrated by Laurie Caple

Book Description: "A cozy combination of restful rhymes, natural history notes, and close-up pictures of snoozing creatures . . ."

—Kirkus Reviews, 2015

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Mountain Press Publishing

##### ***A Warm Winter Tail***

by Carrie A. Pearson, illustrated by Christina Wald

Book Description: Curious animals wonder how humans stay warm in the winter. Introduces animal adaptation strategies and offers compare/contrast and rhyming elements.

Author's Residence: Marquette, Michigan

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

#### Picture Book

##### ***Animal Teachers***

by Janet Halfmann, illustrated by Katy Hudson

Book Description: An entertaining combination of science and storytelling, this instructive title presents skills that a dozen different young animals have to learn—much like kids do!

Author's Residence: South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Publisher: Blue Apple Books

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

by Miranda Paul, illustrated by Carin Berger

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

Author's Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin

Publisher: Neal Porter Books

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

##### ***Ava the Monster Slayer: A Warrior Who Wears Glasses***

by Lisa Maggiore, illustrated by Ross Felten

Book Description: Ava's "cute" and wears "adorable glasses," but she's really a fierce monster slayer. When her beloved Piggy is left in the basement, it's Ava to the rescue!

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

##### ***Baby Loves Thermodynamics!***

by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Irene Chan

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

Author's Residence: Deerfield, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

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

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

by Carole Gerber, illustrated by Jane Dyer

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

Author's Residence: Columbus, Ohio

Publisher: HarperCollins

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

##### ***Cat Knit***

by Jacob Grant

Book Description: Cat and Yarn are the best of friends, until the day Yarn is knitted into a sweater for Cat.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

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

##### ***Chester's Christmas List***

by Ann Page, illustrated by Bong Redila

Book Description: Chester must choose between making his Christmas wish list and helping his neighbor. Could the best Christmas gift be one Chester gives?

Author's Residence: Chanhassen, Minnesota

Publisher: MeeGenius, Inc.

##### ***Dragons from Mars***

by Deborah Aronson, illustrated by Colin Jack

Book Description: Two dragons who live on Mars decide to fly to Earth, invited by a young boy. But when they arrive, chaos ensues!

Author's Residence: Bloomfield Township, Michigan

Publisher: HarperCollins

### ***Ella and Penguin: A Perfect Match***

by Megan Maynor, illustrated by Rosalinde Bonnet

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

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: HarperCollins

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

### ***Frankenbunny***

by Jill Esbaum, illustrated by Alice Brereton

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

Author's Residence: Dixon, Iowa

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

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

by Michelle Schaub, illustrated by Amy Huntington

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

Author's Residence: Downers Grove, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

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

### ***The Grouchies***

by Debbie Wagenbach, illustrated by Steve Mack

Book Description: A rhyming story that shows children creative ways to turn a grouchy mood around.

Author's Residence: Burlington, Iowa

Publisher: Magination Press

### ***The Jacket I Wear in the Snow***

by Shirley Neitzel, illustrated by Nancy Winslow Parker

Book Description: A child names all the clothes to wear in winter. Rebus pictures show itchy sweater, bunched long underwear, and other humorous snow-time gear.

Author's Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan

Publisher: Greenwillow

### ***The Kraken's Rules for Making Friends***

by Brittany R. Jacobs

Book Description: With a bad temper and a knack for destruction, the deep sea's most ferocious monster, the Kraken, goes on a journey to learn how to make a new chum.

Author's Residence: Yorkville, Illinois

Publisher: POW! Kids Books

### ***Lines***

by Sarvinder Naberhaus, illustrated by Melinda Beck

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

Author's Residence: Ames, Iowa

Publisher: Little Simon

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

### ***Little Isaac's BIG Adventure***

by Tracy Schuldt Helixon, illustrated by Jack Foster

Book Description: Isaac is fed up with being little until a whimsical

and unexpected adventure helps him discover that being small does indeed have its advantages.

Author's Residence: Onalaska, Wisconsin

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

### ***Manners Are Not for Monkeys***

by Heather Tekavec, illustrated by David Huyck

Book Description: The zookeeper didn't mean to cause trouble when she moved the monkeys near the picnic area. Will the monkeys ever act like monkeys again?

Illustrator's Residence: Northfield, Minnesota

Publisher: Kids Can Press

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

by Kayla Harren

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

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

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

### ***Max Speed***

by Stephen Shaskan

Book Description: Max is off on the adventure of a lifetime in this adorable new picture book that proves all you need for a big adventure is a little imagination.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

### ***Mosquito***

by Virginia Kroll, illustrated by Betsy LePlatt

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

Author's Residence: Chanhassen, Minnesota

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

### ***Most People***

by Michael Leannah, illustrated by Jennifer E. Morris

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

Author's Residence: Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Publisher: Tilbury House

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

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

by Shutta Crum, illustrated by Ryan O'Rourke

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

Author's Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Publisher: Clarion Books

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

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

by Julia Durango, illustrated by Bianca Diaz

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

Author's Residence: Ottawa, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

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

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

by Carol Brendler, illustrated by Renee Kurilla

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

Author's Residence: Arlington Heights, Illinois

Publisher: Clarion Books

### ***A Poet's Bird Garden***

by Laura Nyman Montenegro

Book Description: When Natalie's pet bird, Chirpie, escapes, there's only one thing to do: Call the poets! Together they create a beautiful garden to lure her down. But is it enough?

Author's Residence: Evanston, Illinois

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

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

by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Dan Hanna

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

Author's Residence: Grand Ledge, Michigan

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

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

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

by Jill Friestad-Tate, illustrated by Sue Houston Safianoff

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

Author's Residence: Polk City, Iowa

Publisher: Spork/Clear Fork Publishing

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

### ***Punk Skunks***

by Trisha Speed Shaskan, illustrated by Stephen Shaskan

Book Description: Kit and Buzz are BSFs—best skunks forever. They play everything

together, including music, until one day they clash.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: HarperCollins

### ***Push! Dig! Scoop! A Construction Counting Rhyme***

by Rhonda Gowler Greene, illustrated by Daniel Kirk

Book Description: In this fun variation of "Over by the Meadow," ten mama and papa trucks show their youngsters how to build. Then (shhh)—it's snuggle-in time.

Author's Residence: West Bloomfield, Michigan

Publisher: Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers

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

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

by Yvonne Pearson, illustrated by Karen Ritz

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

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Minnesota Historical Society Press

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

### ***Salad Pie***

by Wendy BooydeGraaff, illustrated by Bryan Langdo

Book Description: When Maggie arrived at the park, it was empty and it was quiet. Perfect for making Salad Pie. Then Herbert arrived.

Author's Residence: Kentwood, Michigan

Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

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

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

by Angie Karcher, illustrated by Dana Karcher

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

Author's Residence: Evansville, Indiana

Publisher: M.T. Publishing

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

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

by Claudia Marie Lenart

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

Author's Residence: Wauconda, Illinois

Publisher: Loving Healing Press

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

### ***Show Me Happy***

by Kathryn Madeline Allen, photographs by Eric Futran

Book Description: A delightful read-aloud "showing" simple concepts children learn as they begin to socialize. Colorful photos illustrate real kids doing important activities like helping and sharing.

Author's Residence: Bloomfield, Michigan

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

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

### ***Sleepy Solar System***

by Dr. John Hutton, illustrated by Doug Cenko

Book Description: Rhyming text and whimsical illustrations provide an enchanting read-aloud and celebration of the wonders of outer space.

Illustrator's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Blue Manatee Press

### ***There Was an Old Mummy Who Swallowed a Spider***

by Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Steve Gray

Book Description: From the creators of the best-selling *There Was an Old Monkey Who Swallowed a Frog* comes a spooky rendition of the popular "Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" song.

Author's Residence: Edwardsville, Illinois

Publisher: Two Lions

### ***This is NOT a Cat!***

by David LaRochelle, illustrated by Mike Wahnoutka

Book Description: Is that sneaky intruder in Miss Mouse's class really a cat? This entire tale of suspense and surprise is told using only five different words!

Author's Residence: White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

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

### **Two Is Enough**

by Janna Matthies, illustrated by Tuesday Mourning

Book Description: A 2016 Bank Street book, this book celebrates two-person families—every day, in any season, and for always, two is perfect for lots of love!

Author's Residence: Indianapolis, Indiana

Publisher: Running Press Kids

### **Two Troll Tales from Norway**

by Margrete Lamond, illustrated by Ingrid Kallick

Book Description: Retold in authentic style by Margrete Lamond and sumptuously illustrated by Ingrid Kallick, these Norwegian stories of magic and mischief will enthrall young readers.

Illustrator's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: Christmas Press

### **Why Not?**

by Amanda Huneke, illustrated by Claudia Tenorio Pearl

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

Author's Residence: Goodhue, Minnesota

Publisher: Warren Publishing

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

## **GRADES 1-2**

### **Activity**

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

by Stacy Tornio and Ken Keffer, illustrated by Rachel Riordan

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

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

Publisher: Falcon Guides/Rowman and Littlefield

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

### **Biography**

#### ***Candace Parker***

by Mary Dunn

Book Description: With her dad as her first basketball coach, Candace Parker learned to slam dunk. She became a star player for the Women's National Basketball Association.

Author's Residence: Libertyville, Illinois

Publisher: Capstone Press

### **Chapter Book Series**

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

by Jane Kelley, illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner

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

Author's Residence: Mequon, Wisconsin

Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

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

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

by Michelle Houts, illustrated by Elizabeth Zechel

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

Author's Residence: Celina, Ohio

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

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

### **Early Chapter Book**

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

by Gina Bellisario, illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner

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

Author's Residence: Park Ridge, Illinois

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

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

#### ***Time for Cranberries***

by Lisl H. Detlefsen, illustrated by Jed Henry

Book Description: From the cranberry bog to the Thanksgiving table, join Sam and his family as they harvest a classic American fruit.

Author's Residence: Grand Rapids, Wisconsin

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

### **Early Reader**

#### ***Alexander and the Stallion***

by Elizabeth Westra, illustrated by Kenneth Robert Ampel

Book Description: As a young boy, Alexander the Great tames a wild stallion.

Author's Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan

Publisher: Richard C. Owen Publishers

#### ***Cork and Fuzz: The Swimming Lesson***

by Dori Chaconas, illustrated by Lisa McCue

Book Description: Cork, the muskrat, tries to teach Fuzz, the opossum, how to swim.

Author's Residence: Germantown, Wisconsin

Publisher: Penguin Young Readers

#### ***The Day David Wasn't There***

by Linda Rae Apolzon

Book Description: One day David wakes up to find himself invisible. How will he get through the day?

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Caramel Tree

#### ***Timmy Triangle in Square Park***

by Ruth Wacker, illustrated by Pascale Lafond

Book Description: Square Park is for squares only. What will happen when Timmy Triangle makes a plan to play in Square Park?

Author's Residence: West Chester, Ohio

Publisher: Reading Reading Books

### **Graphic Novel**

#### ***Spook the Halloween Cat***

by Dean Norman

Book Description: A little girl finds a lost kitten on Halloween night.

It is a witches' cat and has magic powers. The witch tries to get her kitten back.

Author's Residence: Cleveland, Ohio

Publisher: Star Bright Books

## Historical Fiction Picture Book

### ***Me and Uncle Romie***

by Claire Hartfield, illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue

Book Description: Me and Uncle Romie is based on the life and art of world-renowned African American collage artist Romare Bearden.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

### ***The Seagoing Cowboy***

by Peggy Reiff Miller, illustrated by Claire Ewart

Book Description: Climb aboard with the seagoing cowboys and the horses and heifers they tend on their ocean journey at the close of WWII.

Illustrator's Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Publisher: Brethren Press

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

## Nonfiction

### ***Frederick Douglass***

by Barbara Kramer

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

Author's Residence: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

## Nonfiction Picture Book

### ***Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers***

by Sarah Warren

Book Description: The story of Dolores Huerta's extraordinary battle she waged to ensure fair and safe workplaces for migrant workers.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Two Lions

### ***Gandhi: A March to the Sea***

by Alice B. McGinty, illustrated by Thomas Gonzales

Book Description: "This re-telling of a fascinating story introduces today's American children to a remarkable man who freed India and influenced the whole world . . ."—Rajmohan Gandhi

Author's Residence: Champaign, Illinois

Publisher: Two Lions

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

by Tricia Martineau Wagner, illustrated by Candace Camling

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

Illustrator's Residence: Des Moines, Iowa

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

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

### ***Where Do Rivers Go, Momma?***

by Catherine L. Weyerhaeuser

Book Description: The author combines her talents as a geologist, educator, and illustrator to describe how water moves around the earth.

Author's Residence: White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Publisher: Mountain Press Publishing

## Picture Book

### ***Ah-Choo!***

by Lana Wayne Koehler and Gloria G. Adams, illustrated by

Ken Min

Book Description: This fun, interactive read-aloud about allergies, pets, and sibling relationships takes the reader on a rhyming romp through the alphabet.

Author's Residence (Adams): Stowe, Ohio

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

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

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

by Birdy Jones, illustrated by Janet McDonnell

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

Illustrator's Residence: Arlington Heights, Illinois

Publisher: Magination Press

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

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

by Songju Ma Daemicke, illustrated by Chistina Wald

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

Residence: Glenview, Illinois

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

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

### ***Coasting Casey***

by Shannon Anderson, illustrated by Colleen Madden

Book Description: Casey discovers a way to bring his passion for the arts into his studies, making school look a whole lot better. And his grades!

Author's Residence: Rensselaer, Indiana

Publisher: Free Spirit Publishing

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

by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Barry Gott

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

Author's Residence: Addison, Michigan

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

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

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

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Kristi Valiant

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

Illustrator's Residence: Evansville, Indiana

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

***Gator, Gator, Second Grader (Classroom Pet . . . or Not?)***  
by Conrad J. Storad, illustrated by Alex Lopez

Book Description: When second graders Benny and Jacob bring a baby alligator to school in a cardboard box, their teacher has an important message to share.  
Author's Residence: Barberton, Ohio  
Publisher: Five Star Publications

***Grumbles from the Town: Mother-Goose Voices with a Twist***  
by Jane Yolen and Rebecca Kai Dotlich, illustrated by Angela Matteson

Book Description: Poets Jane Yolen and Rebecca Kai Dotlich take fourteen Mother-Goose rhymes and twist them. Each rhyme pairs wildly different voices and perspectives.  
Illustrator's Residence: Columbus, Ohio  
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

***Hair for Mama***  
by Kelly A. Tinkham, illustrated by Amy J. Bates

Book Description: Eight-year-old Marcus searches a way to convince Mama to be in the Carter family pictures after she loses her hair from cancer treatment.  
Author's Residence: Newaygo, Michigan  
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

***Harriet and William and the Terrible Creature***  
by Valerie Scho Carey, illustrated by Lynne Cherry

Book Description: Adventurous Harriet and her twin brother, William, fly in a spaceship to a planet where they find an unhappy monster. Can they save the monster?  
Author's Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Publisher: Dutton Books for Young Readers

***I Love My Pirate Papa***  
by Laura Leuck, illustrated by Kyle M. Stone

Book Description: It's a yar vessel that can carry this crew of burly pirates, the captain, and his scrappy little son.  
Illustrator's Residence: Canton, Michigan  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

***If You Were a Dog***  
by Jamie A. Swenson, illustrated by Chris Raschka

Book Description: If you were a dog, a bird, a fish, or even a dinosaur—what sort would you be? Lively, sparse text—whimsical illustrations.  
Author's Residence: Janesville, Wisconsin  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

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

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

***The King Cake Baby***  
by Keila V. Dawson, illustrated by Vernon Smith

Book Description: The little plastic baby traditionally hidden inside a Mardi Gras King Cake is the runaway in this fractured fairy tale told New Orleans-style!  
Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

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

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

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

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

***Norbert's Big Dream***  
by Lori Degman, illustrated by Marco Bucci

Book Description: When a pig named Norbert fails to achieve his dream of swimming the English Channel, his friends find a creative way to help him.  
Author's Residence: Vernon Hills, Illinois  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

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

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

***The Left-Handed Fate***  
by Kate Milford, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler

Book Description: Return to Nagspeake for a new nautical fantasy adventure from the bestselling author of National Book Award nominee Greenglass House.  
Illustrator's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Henry Holt & Company

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Sophie's Squash Go to School***

by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf

Book description: On Sophie's first day of school, nobody appreciates her best friends, Bonnie and Baxter, baby squash she grew in her garden.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin  
 Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

### ***Stories from Bug Garden***

by Lisa Moser, illustrated by Gwen Millward

Book Description: What appears to be an abandoned garden is really home to an eclectic group of bug friends. Peek between blades of grass. Join the fun.

Author's Residence: Grafton, Wisconsin  
 Publisher: Candlewick Press

Tooth Tales from Around the World

by Marlene Targ Brill, illustrated by Katya Krenina

Book Description: This is the only nonfiction history of the Tooth Fairy interwoven with other tooth traditions from around the world. IRC/CBC Children's Choice.

Author's Residence: Wilmette, Illinois  
 Publisher: Charlesbridge

### ***Tuktuk: Tundra Tale***

by Robin Currie, illustrated by Phyllis Saroff

Book Description: A furry kamik sails off a sled, perfect for Tuktuk's burrow. Now he must outwit other animals to keep it.

Author's Residence: Glen Ellyn, Illinois  
 Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

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

by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Mary Grandpré

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

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

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

by Rachel Ruiz, illustrated by Steliyana Doneva

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

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

### ***Whose Story is This, Anyway?***

by Mike Flaherty, illustrated by Oriol Vidal

Book Description: A story about a boy. No, a pirate. Wait, a dinosaur. An alien . . . definitely an alien, but possibly a knight. We need help, dear reader!

Author's Residence: New Albany, Ohio  
 Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

## **Series Fiction**

### ***Cupcake Cousins: Winter Wonders***

by Kate Hannigan, illustrated by Brooke Boynton-Hughes

Book Description: Cousins Willow, Delia, and the whole Bumpus family celebrate the true meaning of the holiday season in the final book in the Cupcake Cousins series.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois  
 Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

## **GRADES 3-5**

### **Adventure**

#### ***Operation Tree Roper: An Eye Above***

by Robert A. Polk

Book Description: A one-eyed boy enlists the help of a wounded army veteran to save the family tree care business—and his chance at cosmetic surgery.

Author's Residence: Scottsbluff, Nebraska  
 Publisher: Anaiah Press

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

by Patrick Hueller, illustrated by Adam Record

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

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

### **Chapter Book Series**

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

by Sarah Aronson

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

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

### **Contemporary Fiction**

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

by Natalie Rompella

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

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

#### ***The Haunted House Project***

by Tricia Clasen

Book Description: Andie pretends to be her mother's ghost—spraying perfume, changing TV channels, and moving pictures—in order to bring her crumbling family back to reality.

Author's Residence: Janesville, Wisconsin  
 Publisher: Sky Pony Press

### **Kate Walden Directs: Bride of Slug Man**

by Julie Mata

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Kate Walden is making a sci-fi movie, but quarreling friends and a know-it-all new kid threaten to turn it into an alien-sized flop.

Author's Residence: Neenah, Wisconsin

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

### **Larger-Than-Life Lara**

by Dandi Daley Mackall

Book Description: With humor and angst, Laney communicates the art of storytelling as it happens.

Author's Residence: Cinnamon Lake, Ohio

Publisher: Tyndale House

### **Reality Natalie**

by Katie Sparks

Book Description: When the most popular kid-hosted TV show, Kidz Konnection, holds guest host auditions, the show's biggest fan, eleven-year-old Natalie Greyson, decides to try out.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Firedrake Books

### **Early Chapter Book**

#### **Adalyn's Clare**

by Kari Dunn Buron, illustrated by Lou Wisniewski

Book Description: Adalyn is a very smart but lonely fourth grader. Clare is the new therapy puppy assigned to help Adalyn relax and hopefully find a friend.

Author's Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota

Publisher: AAPC Publishing

### **Fantasy**

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

by Susan Maupin Schmid, illustrated by Lissy Marlin

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

Author's Residence: West Des Moines, Iowa

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

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

#### **Red: The True Story of Red Riding Hood**

by Liesl Shurtliff

Book Description: Red is not afraid of anything, except magic. But when Granny falls gravely ill, Red must overcome her fears and go on a magical quest to save Granny's life.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

#### **William and the Witch's Riddle**

by Shutta Crum, illustrated by Lee Wildish

Book Description: An adventurous re-imagination of Sleeping Beauty, in which a boy solves a witch's riddle to save his family and end a centuries-long curse.

Author's Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

### **Graphic Novel**

#### **Caveboy Dave: More Scrawny Than Brawny**

by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Phil McAndrew

Book Description: "A prehistoric version of Wimpy Kid meets Captain Underpants"—Boys Life Magazine

Author's Residence: Fox River Grove, Illinois

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

### **Historical Fiction**

#### **Ahimsa**

by Supriya Kelkar

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

Author's Residence: Detroit, Michigan

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

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

#### **Jingo Fever**

by Stephanie Golightly Lowden

Book Description: It is 1918, and America is at war with Germany. Twelve-year-old Adelle struggles to cope with local bullies who hate German Americans.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: Crickhollow Books

#### **Prairie Anna**

by Peggy House

Book Description: In 1926, Anna and her family struggle to survive the prairie. When hardship drives her from the familiar, Anna must make one hard decision.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Journey Forth

#### **The Seagoing Cowboy**

by Peggy Reiff Miller, illustrated by Claire Ewart

Book Description: A young man finds more than the adventure he seeks delivering livestock on a cattle boat to Poland after World War II.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Brethren Press

#### **What the Moon Said**

by Gayle Rosengren, illustrated by Jonathan Bean

Book Description: Ten-year-old Esther learns the true meaning of love when her family moves from Chicago to a ramshackle farm in Wisconsin during the Great Depression.

Author's Residence: Fitchburg, Wisconsin

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

### **Mystery**

#### **The Harlem Charade**

by Natasha Tarpley

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

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Scholastic



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

### **Seeking Cassandra**

by **Luricia Clifton**

Book Description: Seeking the truth about her dad's involvement in the disappearance of prehistoric artifacts leads twelve-year-old Cassandra to discover truths about herself.

Author's Residence: Davis, Illinois

Publisher: Holiday House

### **Narrative Nonfiction**

### **Fight for Survival: The Story of the Holocaust (Tangled History series)**

by **Jessica Freeburg**

Book Description: In an immersive, exciting narrative nonfiction format, this powerful book follows a selection of people who experienced the events of the Holocaust.

Author's Residence: Lakeville, Minnesota

Publisher: Capstone Press

### **Nonfiction**

### **The American Revolution: Experience the Battle for Independence**

by **Judy Dodge Cummings**

Book Description: Readers become amateur historians as they design political bumper stickers, build battlefield dioramas, and calibrate marshmallow cannons in order to interpret the American Revolution.

Author's Residence: Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Publisher: Nomad Press

### **Programming Pioneer Ada Lovelace**

by **Valerie Bodden**

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

Author's Residence: Waukesha, Wisconsin

Publisher: Lerner

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

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

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

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

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: American Girl

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

### **The White House for Kids: A History of a Home, Office, and National Symbol with 21 Activities**

by **Katherine L. House**

Book Description: This in-depth history describes what it's like to live, work, and grow up in the White House; includes numerous archival photos and cross-curricular activities.

Author's Residence: Iowa City, Iowa

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

### **Picture Books**

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

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

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

Authors' Residence: Akron, Ohio

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

### **Dangerous Jane**

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

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

Author's Residence: Libertyville, Illinois

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

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

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

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

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

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company

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

### **The Olive Tree**

by **Elsa Marston**, illustrated by **Claire Ewart**

Book Description: Two children, neighbors in a village divided by warfare, quarrel over an olive tree between their houses, which leads to unexpected reconciliation.

Author's Residence: Bloomington, Indiana

Publisher: Wisdom Tales Press

### **Sea of Echoes**

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

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

Author's Residence: South Bend Indiana

Publisher: Taylor Trade

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

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

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

Author's Residence: Oak Park, Illinois

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

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

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

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

Author's Residence: Greenfield, Indiana

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

## Realistic Fiction

### **27 Magic Words**

by Sharelle Byars Moranville

Book Description: Kobi struggles to accept the past and embrace the future as she leaves Grandmamma in Paris for an uncle she doesn't know in Des Moines.

Author's Residence: West Des Moines, Iowa

Publisher: Holiday House

### **Serendipity and Me**

by Judith L. Roth

Book Description: Sara has less than a week to persuade her father that this kitten is exactly what their lonely, broken family of two needs to heal.

Author's Residence: Elkhart, Indiana

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

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

### **The Stepping Stones Journals**

by Diana R. Jenkins

Book Description: Four friends face life's challenges with faith and fun, sharing their struggles in their own words.

Author's Residence: Jeffersonville, Indiana

Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

### **Threads**

by Ami Polonsky

Book Description: Two girls—one Chinese, one American—are linked when the imprisoned Chinese girl places a note asking for help in a purse.

Author's Residence: Deerfield, Illinois

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

### **Unschooling**

by Allan Woodrow

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

Author's Residence: Vernon Hills, Illinois

Publisher: Scholastic

### **While You Were Out**

by Judith Irvin Kuns

Book Description: A funny and moving story in which Penelope is beginning fifth grade without her best friend but instead with her father, the new school janitor.

Author's Residence: Sandusky, Ohio

Publisher: Dutton Books for Young Readers

## GRADES 6-8

### Adventure

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

adapted by Debrah J. Peters

Book Description: A sword. A secret. A sworn enemy. Step into this adventure, and choose your path. But choose wisely, or else . . .

Author's Residence: Rogers, Minnesota

Publisher: Lake 7 Creative

### **Turn Left at the Cow**

by Lisa Bullard

Book Description: Trav searches to learn more about the father he never knew—a search that turns dangerous when he discovers his dad was a bank robber.

Author's Residence: Blaine, Minnesota

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

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

## Biography

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

by Julie K. Rubini

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

Author's Residence: Toledo, Ohio

Publisher: Ohio University Press

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

## Contemporary Fiction

### **Hanging with My Peeps**

by Katherine Higgs-Coulthard

Book Description: When Dad's rust-bucket lurches into the driveway with forty-three chickens in the back, Sami's life is turned upside down by Dad's latest scheme.

Author's Residence: Niles, Michigan

Publisher: Astraea Press

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

by Jack Cheng

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

Author's Residence: Detroit, Michigan

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

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

## Fantasy

### **McGrave's Hotel**

by Steve Bryant, illustrated by Mat Dawson

Book Description: Spend a perilous night with bellhop James Elliott (and his new sidekick, Death's daughter!) in a haunted NYC hotel in 1936.

Author's Residence: Bloomington, Indiana

Publisher: Month9Books

## Graphic Novel

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

by Sara Latta, illustrated by Jeff Weigel

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

Illustrator's Residence: Belleville, Illinois

Publisher: Lerner

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

## Historical Fiction

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

by Sara K. Joiner

Book Description: Katrien, a thirteen-year-old living on the island of Java, must fight mud, giant waves, and her bitter rival after Krakatoa erupts in 1883.

Author's Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Publisher: Holiday House

### ***The Drum of Destiny***

by Chris Stevenson

Book Description: A discarded drum and a dream at the dawn of the American Revolution sends a patriot orphan to Boston to join the fight for freedom.

Author's Residence: Clarks Hill, Indiana

Publisher: Capstone Press

### ***Eddie's War***

by Carol Fisher Saller

Book Description: A farmboy's WWII coming-of-age. "An authentic window into the past" (Horn Book 2012); "a quick, excellent read" (Kirkus Best 2011); "outstanding merit" (Bankstreet Best 2012).

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Namelos

### ***The Enemy Above***

by Michael P. Spradlin

Book Description: In 1940s Ukraine, a young boy must do all he can to save his family and remain one step ahead of the Gestapo. Based on a true story.

Author's Residence: Lapeer, Michigan

Publisher: Scholastic Press

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

by Sharon Biggs Waller

Book Description: The adventures of a British girl in China hunting for the orchid that will save her family. Set in the Victorian era after the Opium Wars.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

### ***Mari's Hope (Conclusion of the Odin's Promise trilogy)***

by Sandy Brehl

Book Description: In Mari's Hope, set in Norway during World War II, Mari faces greater risks and responsibilities as the German war efforts falter.

Author's Residence: Muskego, Wisconsin

Publisher: Crispin Books/Crickhollow Books

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

### ***Out of the Dragon's Mouth***

by Joyce Burns Zeiss

Book Description: Fourteen-year-old Mai flees Vietnam in the hold of a fishing trawler, facing danger, deceit, and first love, hoping to resettle in America.

Author's Residence: Evanston, Illinois

Publisher: Flux

### ***Who's Jim Hines?***

by Jean Alicia Elster

Book Description: Who's Jim Hines? is a coming-of-age story about

a twelve-year-old African American boy coming to terms with the racial realities of Detroit in 1935.

Author's Residence: Detroit, Michigan

Publisher: Wayne State University Press

## Historical Romance

### ***Playing by Heart***

by Carmela A. Martino

Book Description: In this novel inspired by a real composer, fifteen-year-old Emilia uses her musical talents to win noble status in eighteenth-century Milan, with unexpected repercussions.

Author's Residence: Naperville, Illinois

Publisher: Vinspire Publishing

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

## Mystery

### ***Seven Riddles to Nowhere***

by A.J. Cattapan

Book Description: To inherit a fortune and save his school, Kameron Boyd must be the first to answer all the riddles on a scavenger hunt through Chicago.

Author's Residence: Arlington Heights, Illinois

Publisher: Vinspire Publishing

## Nonfiction

### ***Bold Women of Medicine: 21 Stories of Astounding Discoveries, Daring Surgeries, and Healing Breakthroughs***

by Susan M. Latta

Book Description: Stories of twenty-one women from the 1800s to the present focused on finding cures, tending the wounded, and healing with science.

Author's Residence: Edina, Minnesota

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

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

### ***The Jerrie Mock Story: The First Woman to Fly Solo Around the World***

by Nancy Roe Pimm

Book Description: Jerrie Mock chased after her childhood dream: to accomplish what her hero, Amelia Earhart, died trying to do—a complete circumnavigation of the globe!

Author's Residence: Plain City, Ohio

Publisher: Ohio University Press

### ***Stolen into Slavery***

by Judy and Dennis Fradin

Book Description: Solomon Northup's remarkable true story of twelve years in bondage is retold within its geographical, social, and historical context.

Authors' Residence: Evanston, Illinois

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

### ***Super Women: Six Scientists Who Changed the World***

by Laurie Lawlor

Book Description: Inspiring true stories of women born at the beginning of the twentieth century who, in the face of discrimination and sexism, courageously pursued their scientific passions.

Author's Residence: Evanston, Illinois

Publisher: Holiday House  
Author's Website: [www.laurielawlor.com](http://www.laurielawlor.com)

## Novel in Verse

### ***When My Sister Started Kissing***

by Helen Frost

Book Description: Sisters Claire and Abi spend a summer at the lake they love, navigating changes within their family and their social life.  
Author's Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Publisher: Margaret Ferguson Books  
Author's Website: [www.helenfrost.net](http://www.helenfrost.net)

## Realistic Fiction

### ***Ethan Marcus Stands Up***

by Michele Weber Hurwitz

Book Description: Hours of sitting in school pushes Ethan to take a stand with an invention to solve his constant squiggling, but will it work?  
Author's Residence: Buffalo Grove, Illinois  
Publisher: Aladdin  
Author's Website: [www.micheleweberhurwitz.com](http://www.micheleweberhurwitz.com)

### ***Flip the Bird***

by Kym Brunner

Book Description: Teen falconer runs into trouble when he falls for a girl whose parents are the leaders of a radical animal rights group.  
Author's Residence: Arlington Heights, Illinois  
Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

### ***In Search of Mockingbird***

by Loretta Ellsworth

Book Description: Erin travels the thousand-plus miles from St. Paul, Minn., to Monroeville, Ala., on a bus to meet her literary idol Harper Lee in 1986.  
Author's Residence: Lakeville, Minnesota  
Publisher: Square Fish

### ***The Quarter Horse (Book #4 in The Horse Rescuers Series)***

by Patricia Gilkerson

Book Description: Piper needs to help Jeff sell his horse but finds out the mare is colicky. Can Piper find a good home for Daisy while keeping her alive?  
Author's Residence: Lake Elmo, Minnesota  
Publisher: Melange Books

### ***The Reinvention of Edison Thomas***

by Jacqueline Houtman

Book Description: Eddy Thomas loves science and can invent anything—except a solution to his bully problem.  
Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin  
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

### ***The Smell of Old Lady Perfume***

by Claudia Guadalupe Martinez

Book Description: Chela Gonzalez is a nerd and a soccer player who is excited to start sixth grade. But nothing happens as she imagined when her strong father has a stroke.  
Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois  
Publisher: Cinco Puntos Press

## True Colors

by Krysten Lindsay Hager

Book Description: Landry gets “unfriended” by her friends after a competition. She makes new friends but is torn between being herself and conforming to the new group.  
Author's Residence: Dayton, Ohio  
Publisher: Astraea Press

## GRADES 9-12

### Action/Adventure

#### ***Escape from the Past: The Duke's Wrath***

by Annette Oppenlander

Book Description: Trying out an experimental computer game, a nerdy gamer time-travels to medieval Germany, where he must survive feuding lords, disease, and dungeons while trying to find a way home.  
Author's Residence: Bloomington, Indiana  
Publisher: Lodestone Books

### Contemporary Fiction

#### ***The Art of Holding On and Letting Go***

by Kristin Bartley Lenz

Book Description: A fifteen-year-old rock climber starts over at her grandparents' home in Detroit after a tragic mountaineering accident in Ecuador, finding friendship and first love.  
Author's Residence: Royal Oak, Michigan  
Publisher: Elephant Rock Books

#### ***Learning to Swear in America***

by Katie Kennedy

Book Description: Seventeen-year-old physics genius Yuri is called in to help NASA stop an asteroid. He meets Dovie and learns to create a life worth saving.  
Author's Residence: Marshalltown, Iowa  
Publisher: Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers

#### ***Life After Juliet***

by Shannon Lee Alexander

Book Description: Happy endings aren't guaranteed in the real world, but devoted bookworm Becca Hanson is learning that maybe life and love are worth the risk.  
Author's Residence: Indianapolis, Indiana  
Publisher: Entangled Teen

### Radical

by E. M. Kokie

Book Description: A lesbian teen survivalist juggles family stress, survival training, new friendships, and first romance. When disaster strikes, she learns what it really takes to survive.  
Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin  
Publisher: Candlewick Press

#### ***Tell Me Something Real***

by Calla Devlin

Book Description: Three sisters struggle with the bonds that hold their family together as they face a darkness settling over their lives in this masterfully written debut novel.  
Author's Residence: Des Moines, Iowa  
Publisher: Atheneum Books

## Contemporary Romance

### ***The Boy Next Door***

by Katie Van Ark

Book Description: Maddy and Gabe are friends, skating partners, and next-door neighbors. Maddy still wants more, but which hurts worse—falling on ice or falling in love?

Author's Residence: Holland, Michigan

Publisher: Swoon Reads

## Fantasy

### ***Arrows***

by Melissa Gorzelanczyk

Book Description: A modern cupid story set in present-day Wisconsin combining the fantastical elements of Greek mythology with the contemporary drama of MTV's Teen Mom.

Author's Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin

Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

### ***Assassin's Heart***

by Sarah Ahiers

Book Description: The Godfather meets Romeo & Juliet when a teen assassin sets out on a path of vengeance for her murdered family.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: HarperTeen

### ***The Dragon's Ring***

by Debra Daugherty

Book Description: With the dragon's ring, a knight captures a unicorn. Now he can marry the princess; but if the unicorn is not set free, it'll die.

Author's Residence: Pleasant Plains, Illinois

Publisher: Astraea Press

## Historical Fiction

### ***City of Cannibals***

by Ricki Thompson

Book Description: It's 1536, and Dell's father has forbidden her to enter London. But a strange boy draws her into the city where she fears she'll be eaten alive.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Front Street

### ***NOLA Gals***

Barbara J. Rebbeck

Book Description: When Hurricane Katrina strikes New Orleans, it scatters families. Grace and Essence meet in Houston, Texas, where together they struggle to survive prejudice and bullying.

Author's Residence: Royal Oak, Michigan

Publisher: Neverland Publishing

### ***To Stay Alive: Mary Ann Graves and the Tragic Journey of the Donner Party***

by Skila Brown

Book Description: A moving narrative, in verse, told from the viewpoint of one of the survivors of the ill-fated Donner Party of 1846.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Candlewick Press

## Mystery

### ***Trail of Secrets***

by Laura Wolfe

Book Description: Indie Book Award Finalist! Brynlei attends Foxwoode Riding Academy and unravels the truth about a girl who vanished on a trail ride four years earlier.

Author's Residence: Milford, Michigan

Publisher: Fire and Ice Young Adult Books

## Nonfiction

### ***3D Printing: The Revolution in Personalized Manufacturing***

by Melissa Koch

Book Description: Meet the people who are revolutionizing 3D manufacturing. Discover what you might 3D print someday with this "crack primer to a strange new world."—Kirkus

Author's Residence: Decorah, Iowa

Publisher: Lerner

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

### ***Exoplanets: Worlds Beyond Our Solar System***

by Karen Latchana Kenney

Book Description: A look at the thousands of exoplanets that have been discovered since the early 1990s, the possibilities for life beyond Earth, and the cutting-edge technologies used by scientists.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

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

### ***Torpedoed! A World War II Story of a Sinking Passenger Ship and Two Children's Survival at Sea***

by Cheryl Mullenbach

Book Description: *Torpedoed!* recreates the events surrounding the sinking of the *Athenia* in World War II.

Author's Residence: Panora, Iowa

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

### ***Women of Colonial America: 13 Stories of Courage and Survival in the New World***

by Brandon Marie Miller

Book Description: School Library Journal: "Thoroughly researched and engrossing look at Colonial America." Publishers Weekly: Miller offers "insight into what it meant to be a woman in America's fledgling days."

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

## Mystery

### ***The Bakersville Dozen***

by Kristina McBride

Book Description: A fast-paced mystery showcasing a video-gone-viral, a grisly scavenger hunt, kidnappings, and one girl trying to save herself and her friends.

Author's Residence: Centerville, Ohio

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

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

### **On Edge**

by **Gin Price**

Book Description: When a serial-killing graffiti artist starts painting your picture all over town . . . it puts a girl on edge.

Author's Residence: Metro Detroit, Michigan

Publisher: The Poisoned Pencil

### **Realistic Fiction**

#### **Double Exposure**

by **Bridget Birdsall**

Book Description: Award-winning book about an intersex teen athlete who overcomes bullying and finds herself. Paperback edition contains a teacher's guide and educational supplement.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

#### **Hello?**

by **Liza Wiemer**

Book Description: Linked and transformed by a call, *Hello?* weaves five teens' stories into a compelling narrative of friendship, family, loss, love, heartbreak, healing, serendipity, and hope.

Author's Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Publisher: Spencer Hill Contemporary

#### **Hold**

by **Rachel Davidson Leigh**

Book Description: After his sister's death, Lucas Aday can hardly drag himself back to school. Nothing could prepare him to discover that he can stop time.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: Duet Books/Interlude Press

#### **In Those Dazzling Days of Elvis**

by **Josephine Rascoe Keenan**

Book Description: Julie Morgan, a small-town girl bound by the social code of the 1950s, makes a serious mistake attempting to cope with her broken home.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Pen-L Publishing

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

#### **Original Fake**

by **Kirstin Cronn-Mills, illustrated by E. Eero Johnson**

Book Description: In this Banksy-inspired illustrated novel, an escalating sibling rivalry train-wrecks to become a vengeful street-art war.

Author's Residence: North Mankato, Minnesota

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

#### **Paint Me a Monster**

by **Janie Baskin**

Book Description: The journey a teen with a mentally unstable mother and emotionally distant father braves in order to find self acceptance, love, and safety.

Author's Residence: Northbrook, Illinois

Publisher: Enslow Publishing

#### **The Sound of Us**

by **Julie Hammerle**

Book Description: A geeky, introverted high school student finds friendship, love, and herself at a summer camp for opera singers.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Entangled Teen

#### **Teach Me to Forget**

by **Erica M. Chapman**

Book Description: Guilt-ridden Ellery navigates through losing her sister, lying to everyone, and falling in love—all while waiting for the date she chose to die.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Merit Press

### **Romantic Comedy**

#### **Boomerang Boyfriend**

by **Chris Cannon**

Book Description: This Entangled Teen book contains kisses that make the world fall away and snarky humor that may cause you to LOL in public places.

Author's Residence: Edwardsville, Illinois

Publisher: Entangled Teen

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

### **Science Fiction**

#### **Ashfall**

by **Mike Mullin**

Book Description: Fifteen-year-old Alex struggles to survive and find his family after the Yellowstone supervolcano erupts, plunging the world into a cataclysmic natural disaster.

Author's Residence: Danville, Indiana

Publisher: Tanglewood Press

### **Supernatural Thriller**

#### **Entwined**

by **Cherie Colyer**

Book Description: Sixteen-year-old Madison Riley is doing the bidding of a crossroad demon. She has no choice, if she wants her six-year-old brother to remain healthy and alive.

Author's Residence: Bartlett, Illinois

Publisher: Omnific Publishing

### **Thriller**

#### **Aftermath**

by **Clara Kensie**

Book Description: Four years after being kidnapped, a teen girl escapes and returns home, only to discover that her family has fallen apart in her absence.

Author's Residence: Round Lake Beach, Illinois

Publisher: Merit Press

#### **This Darkness Mine**

by **Mindy McGinnis**

Book Description: Mindy McGinnis, award-winning author of *The Female of the Species* and *A Madness So Discreet*, returns with a new dark and twisted psychological thriller—perfect for fans of *Gone Girl* and *Fight Club*.

Author's Residence: Columbus, Ohio

Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins

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