

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

MIDDLE EAST / INDIA / ASIA

PREK-K

Picture Book

The Adventures of Squirky the Alien #4: Where Is My Mama?

by Melanie Lee, illustrated by David Liew

Book Description: Squirky, Emma, and Mr. Quentin arrive at Planet S. They befriend a purple monster there called Crystal. Her mama is missing and she's getting worried!

Author's Residence: Singapore

Publisher: MPH Group Publishing

Numbers Do

by Kathleen Ahrens and Chu-Ren Huang, illustrated by Marjorie Van Heerden

Book Description: This English-Chinese bilingual picture book incorporates numbers with a gentle bedtime adventure to lull young children to sleep.

Author's Residence (Ahrens): Hong Kong

Publisher: Sun Ya Publications

Author's Website (Ahrens): www.kathleenahrens.com

GRADES 1-2

Picture Book

Brushing Is No Fun!

by Srividhya Venkat, illustrated by Anupama Ajinkya Apte

Book Description: Rohan does not like to brush his teeth or take a bath. But his sister, Riya, tells him a secret that changes his mind!

Author's Residence: Singapore

Publisher: Pratham Books

Dad's Too Busy

by Lily Kong, illustrated by Jeanette Yap

Book Description: Emma found a stray cat. The cat created a mess in the house. Will her parents allow Emma to keep the cat?

Author's Residence: Singapore

Publisher: Epigram Books

Fred

by Kaila Eunhye Seo

Book Description: A young boy's world is filled with colorful playmates, but as he gets older, his magical friends fade away. But maybe magic and wonder never really do disappear.

Author's Residence: Seoul, Korea

Publisher: Peter Pauper Press

The Magic Spicebox

by Namita Moolani Mehra, illustrated by Heetal Dattani Joshi

Book Description: *The Magic Spicebox* is a beautifully illustrated storybook and cookbook featuring a collection of colorful, imaginative

spice stories paired with kid-friendly recipes.

Author's Residence: Singapore

Publisher: Scholastic

Maxilla

by Lianne Ong, illustrated by Shing

Book Description: A story about learning to let go and caring for the environment. Reuben finds a caterpillar in the school garden and keeps her as a pet.

Author's Residence: Singapore, Singapore

Publisher: MPH Group Publishing

The Star of the Zoo

by Virginie Zurcher, illustrated by Daniel Howarth

Book Description: The animals are settling down for the night when Little Star falls into the zoo. Little Star is desperate to get back home, but who will succeed in helping her?

Author's Residence: Hong Kong

Publisher: QED Publishing/Quart

GRADES 3-5

Chapter Book

Big Bully and M-Me

by Arti Sonthalia

Book Description: Krish has to give a speech at school. But how can he when he stammers? And what's worse, his partner is the Big Bully! Will Krish get out of this mess?

Author's Residence: India (Telangana)

Publisher: Duckbill Books

Mystery

The Legend of Lady Yue (Sherlock Hong, Book 4)

by Don Bosco

Book Description: Sherlock Hong's tutor Miss Priya disappears under the most mysterious circumstances. He follows the clues and figures out the truth.

Author's Residence: Singapore

Publisher: Marshall Cavendish

Novel in Verse

Somewhere Among

by Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu, illustrated by Sonia Chaghatzbanian

Book Description: Set in Japan 2001, eleven-year-old Ema hopes to find peace in her relationships at home, with a bully at school, and within herself.

Author's Residence: Japan

Publisher: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

Picture Book

Rudolf and Ippai Attena

by Saito Hiroshi, illustrated by Hanmo Sugiura, translated by Deborah Iwabuchi and Kazuko Enda

Book Description: Rudolf, a young cat, gets lost in Tokyo. Ippai Attena, a cat about town, takes him under his wing—giving him education in the process.

Translator's Residence (Iwabuchi): Maebashi, Japan

Publisher: Kodansha

Translator's Website (Iwabuchi): www.minamimuki.com

GRADES 9-12

Contemporary Fiction

Karma Khullar's Mustache

by Kristi Wientge, illustrated by Serge Bloch

Book Description: Middle school is all wrong. Karma's best friend has replaced her, Daddy lost his job, Mom is forever at work, AND she's grown a mustache.

Author's Residence: Singapore, Singapore

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: www.kristiwientge.com

Slightly Burnt

by Payal Dhar

Book Description: Komal is devastated when her best friend tells her he's gay.

Author's Residence: New Delhi, India

Publisher: Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers

Historical Fiction

Up from the Sea

by Leza Lowitz

Book Description: A powerful novel about a boy caught up in the 3-11-11 Japan tsunami, which Buzzfeed called the #1 "YA Book You Should Be Reading."

Author's Residence: Tokyo, Japan

Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: www.lezalowitz.com