

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

SOUTHEAST

(Florida / Georgia / South Carolina / North Carolina / Alabama)

PREK-K

Nonfiction Picture Book

What if You Had Animal Eyes?!

by Sandra Markle, illustrated by Howard McWilliam

Book Description: What if you woke up and your eyes weren't yours? This book explores what would happen if you looked in the mirror and saw a pair of animal eyes instead of your own!

Author's Residence: Sarasota, Florida

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: www.sandra-markle.blogspot.com

Picture Book

Aliens Get the Sniffles Too

by Katy S. Duffield, illustrated by K. G. Campbell

Book Description: When Little Alien is feeling under the weather, can ANYTHING make him feel better? His trusty dog, Mars Rover, will give it an out-of-this-world try!

Author's Residence: Amelia Island, Florida

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Author's Website: www.katyduffield.com

Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum in a Dish

by Tracey M. Cox

Book Description: A dish of bubble gum and learning to count has never been so much fun! Match colors and watch the bubble get bigger and bigger as you count higher and higher.

Author's Residence: Ocilla, Georgia

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Hedgehog's 100th Day of School

by Lynne Marie, illustrated by Lorna Hussey

Book Description: It's time to celebrate the hundredth day of school. Spike's class is buzzing with ideas. Everyone knows what their hundred days project will be, but Spike's not sure . . .

Author's Residence: Hollywood, Florida

Publisher: Scholastic

A Hop is Up

by Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Lori Richmond

Book Description: A young boy and his energetic puppy take a walk in their neighborhood, where they encounter and interact with lots of friends along the way!

Author's Residence: Greenville, South Carolina

Publisher: Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers

I Have a Voice

by Joni Klein-Higger and Flora Zaken-Greenberg, PhD,
illustrated by Eileen Goldenberg

Book Description: Jamie is about to start kindergarten but is afraid to speak! This book addresses selective mutism and shyness. Rec-

ommended by the Selective Mutism Foundation.

Author's Residence (Klein-Higger): Palm Harbor, Florida

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

I'll Take My Chances

by Mark Burrows, illustrated by Sally Springer

Book Description: Everyday opportunities for failure and ultimate growth are pictured in humorous experiences or embarrassing disasters that encourage youngsters to take a chance on life.

Illustrator's Residence: Florida

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

It's Thanksgiving, Chloe Zoe!

by Jane Smith

Book Description: Chloe Zoe and Grammy Ella make the Thanksgiving pumpkin pie. But something goes wrong! It tastes awful! Is Thanksgiving ruined?!

Author's Residence: Wilmington, North Carolina

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Author's Website: www.superjane.com

Jackrabbit McCabe and the Electric Telegraph

by Lucy Margaret Rozier, illustrated by Leo Espinosa

Book Description: In a race between speedy Jackrabbit and the telegraph—the newfangled contraption that's changing the way Americans communicate—who will be left in the dust?

Author's Residence: Durham, North Carolina

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

Author's Website: www.lucymargaretrozier.com

Maple & Willow's Christmas Tree

by Lori Nichols

Book Description: Maple and Willow love trees—and now they are getting their first real Christmas tree. "AH-CHOO!" Could Maple be allergic to the perfect Christmas tree?

Author's Residence: Birmingham, Alabama

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

Mouse

by Zebo Ludvick

Book Description: A mouse with a delicious-looking cherry and the letter M discover friendship, one nibble at a time, as they journey through the alphabet together.

Author's Residence: North Port, Florida

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

Author's Website: www.zebostudio.com

Race Car Dreams

by Sharon Chriscoe, illustrated by Dave Mottram

Book Description: A race car washes his rims, fills his tummy, and chooses his book, then drifts off to sleep . . . and dreams of winning the race!

Author's Residence: Pilot Mountain, North Carolina

Publisher: Running Press Kids

Robot Burp Head Smartypants!

by Annette Simon

Book Description: Kirkus called this follow-up to Indie Kids Next pick and Buckeye Children's Award nominee Robot Zombie Frankenstein! "effervescent!"

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Rodzilla

by Rob Sanders, illustrated by Dan Santat

Book Description: Breaking news: Rodzilla is on the loose! Marvel at the sight of his chubby monstrosity. Can any brave citizen save Megalopolis from the toddling Rodzilla?

Author's Residence: Brandon, Florida

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Author's Website: www.robsanderswrites.com

Rutabaga Boo!

by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen, illustrated by Bonnie Adamson

Book Description: Two simple words celebrate the special bond between a mother and son. Mom isn't always nearby . . . but she's never too far away.

Illustrator's Residence: Greenville, South Carolina

Publisher: Atheneum Books

Illustrator's Website: www.bonnieadamson.com

Super Jumbo

by Fred Koehler

Book Description: Little Jumbo the elephant has visions of being a superhero but has a hard time finding anyone who appreciates his daring good deeds.

Author's Residence: Lakeland, Florida

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Ten Easter Eggs

by Vijaya Bodach

Book Description: Follow and count along in this sweet story as ten touchable eggs hatch one by one into fuzzy, flocked chicks in a rhyming adventure.

Author's Residence: Charleston, South Carolina

Publisher: Cartwheel/Scholastic

William's Winter Nap

by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Chuck Groenink

Book Description: A string of furry visitors interrupts William's sleep on a wintry night. Each time, he scooches over. Can he make room for just one more?

Author's Residence: Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Author's Website: www.lindaashman.com

GRADES 1-2

Chapter Book

Carlos and Carmen: The Pet Show Problem

by Kirsten McDonald, illustrated by Erika Meza

Book Description: Carlos and Carmen want their cat, Spooky, to be in the pet show, but Spooky has other plans.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: Magic Wagon/ABDO

Author's Website: www.kirstenmcdonald.wixsite.com/writer

The Dino Files: A Mysterious Egg

by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Mike Boldt

Book Description: This hilarious series follows a nine-year-old dinosaur expert, his paleontologist grandparents, a cat named Saurus, and fossils that might not be so extinct!

Author's Residence: Kernersville, North Carolina

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Humorous Fiction

Emma McKenna's Ice Cream Dilemma

by Terry Cook

Book Description: Emma's uncle Pete has come to take her for ice cream. When she can't decide, he suggests something "different." What will Emma choose?

Author's Residence: Oviedo, Florida

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Nonfiction Picture Book

Long May She Wave: The True Story of Caroline Pickersgill and Her Star-Spangled Creation

by Kristen Fulton, illustrated by Holly Berry

Book Description: Discover the story of the girl who sewed the American flag that inspired the lyrics of the National Anthem and our country's iconic symbol for freedom.

Author's Residence: Davenport, Florida

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Author's Website: www.kristenfulton.com

Picture Book

Baby on Board: How Animals Carry Their Young

by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Cathy Morrison

Book Description: Baby on Board engages readers by showing how different animals carry their young. Then it asks about ways they might have been carried as youngsters.

Author's Residence: Orange City, Florida

Publisher: Dawn Publications

Author's Website: www.MarianneBerkes.com

Colby Mouse's Christmas Gift

by Barbara Bockman, illustrated by KC Snider

Book Description: When Colby Mouse sees the happiness of the people family celebrating Christmas, he devises a plan so he can participate.

Author's Residence: Gainesville, Florida

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Gatsby's Grand Adventures Book 3: Thomas Gainsborough's "Girl with Pigs"

by Barbara Cairns, illustrated by Eugene Ruble

Book Description: Gatsby the cat lives in an art gallery. He explores famous paintings at night. Strange things happen when he forgets to jump out in time.

Author's Residence: Homosassa, Florida

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

A Hanukkah with Mazel

by Joel Edward Stein, illustrated by Elisa Vavouri

Book Description: When Misha, a poor artist, discovers a lost and hungry cat in his barn, it inspires him to celebrate Hanukkah in a very special way.

Author's Residence: Port St. Lucie, Florida

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Her Pink Hair

by Jill Dana

Book Description: The story of a young girl's perspective of her best friend's battle with cancer, told through poetic text and mixed-media clay illustrations.

Author's Residence: Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Hidden Dangers

by Lola M. Schaefer, illustrated by Tymn Armstrong

Book Description: These thirteen dangerous creatures can be difficult to spot, but look closely and be prepared to act quickly to avoid injury or death!

Author's Residence: Dawsonville, Georgia

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Author's Website: www.lolaschaefer.com***If an Elephant Went to School***

by Ellen Fischer, illustrated by Laura Wood

Book Description: Through a series of humorous questions and answers, readers learn about classroom objectives and animal behaviors.

Author's Residence: Greensboro, North Carolina

Publisher: Mighty Media Kids

More-igami

by Dori Kleber, illustrated by G. Brian Karas

Book Description: Joey loves everything that folds. He's determined to master the art of origami. Practice makes perfect in this multicultural story. Includes a simple origami craft.

Author's Residence: Dunwoody, Georgia

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Nana's Favorite Things

by Dorothy H. Price, illustrated by TeMika Grooms

Book Description: Sasha loves her Nana's snacks. When she learns her Nana has diabetes, Sasha creates a clever plan to help her Nana become active and healthy.

Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina

Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

Author's Website: www.dorothyhprice.com***An Orangutan's Night Before Christmas***

by Laura Boldin-Fournier, illustrated by Stan Jaskiel

Book Description: Santa's gone ape! His new helper is a funny orangutan. Oranga-Claus delivers gifts to zoo animals but confuses their keeper with his strange language.

Author's Residence: Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

Author's Website: www.lauraboldin.com***Saylor on the Seashore***

by Tonya Calvert, illustrated by Alejandro Echavez

Book Description: With a little help from his friends, a young seagull learns to survive in the Florida Panhandle.

Author's Residence: Columbus, Georgia

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Author's website: www.tonyacalvert.com***Trosclair and the Alligator***

by Peter Huggins, illustrated by Lindsey Gardiner

Book Description: Trosclair, a Cajun boy living on Bayou Fontaine in Louisiana, uses his wits to save himself and his dog, Ollie, from Gargantua, the rogue alligator.

Author's Residence: Auburn, Alabama

Publisher: Star Bright Books

The Veterans' Clubhouse

by Kristen Zajac, illustrated by Jennifer Houdeshell

Book Description: When Patrick, Hailey, and their parents befriend a homeless man, they learn he's a veteran. The kids organize a benefit concert to help the homeless.

Author's Residence: Tampa, Florida

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Waiting for Snow

by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Renata Liwska

Book Description: "Wake Up, Sky! Time to Snow!" shouts Badger. Badger's friends try to trick snow, but Hedgehog reminds them that "it will snow in snow's time."

Author's Residence: Alva, Florida

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

When Christmas Feels Like Home

by Gretchen Griffith, illustrated by Carolina Farias

Book Description: Eduardo discovers his new life in America is not so different after all, and home is wherever family might be.

Author's Residence: Lenoir, North Carolina

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

GRADES 3-5**Adventure*****Clayton Stone, Facing Off***

by Ena Jones

Book Description: In this sequel to *Clayton Stone, At Your Service*, middle-school spy Clayton Stone is back in business—this time going undercover to protect the president's son.

Author's Residence: Greensboro, North Carolina

Publisher: Holiday House

Chapter Book***Aleca Zamm Is a Wonder***

by Ginger Rue, illustrated by Zoe Persico

Book Description: Everything changes for Aleca Zamm when, on her tenth birthday, she realizes she can stop time just by saying her name.

Author's Residence: Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Publisher: Aladdin

Author's Website: www.gingerruebooks.com

Contemporary Fantasy

The Princess and the Page

by Christina Farley

Book Description: A mystical adventure about a pulls-no-punches princess and the power of her magical pen.

Author's Residence: Clermont, Florida

Publisher: Scholastic Press

Author's Website: www.ChristinaFarley.com

Fantasy

The Map to Everywhere

by Carrie Ryan and John Parke Davis, illustrated by Todd Harris

Book Description: Set sail on a river of pure magic!

Author's Residence (Ryan): Charlotte, North Carolina

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Wandmaker's Apprentice

by Ed Masessa

Book Description: For fans of Harry Potter but based entirely in the real world. The diverse cast includes kids from Greenland, Ecuador, and Ireland as well as Native Americans.

Author's Residence: Oviedo, Florida

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: www.edmasessa.com

Historical Fiction

Groundhogs Across America

by Barbara Birenbaum

Book Description: Life and locales of twenty-one groundhogs across America, including Punxsutawney Phil predicting Spring's onset. Under-Groundhog Spy Network seeks impostors. Photos. Dictionary, map, and song.

Author's Residence: Clearwater, Florida

Publisher: Peartree Books

Ruby Lee and Me

by Shannon Hitchcock

Book Description: Set in the midst of school integration, two girls, one black and one white, discover what it means to be true friends.

Author's Residence: Tampa, Florida

Publisher: Scholastic Press

The Safest Lie

by Angela Cerrito

Book Description: Nine-year-old Anna Bauman, given a new name, escapes the Warsaw ghetto. She struggles to learn her new identity yet never forget the old one. WWII.

Author's Residence: Athens, Georgia

Publisher: Holiday House

Humorous Fiction

Dead Possums Are Fair Game

by Taryn Souders

Book Description: One dead possum + one wacky aunt + one hungry dog = disaster. Can Ella stop her troubles from multiplying before it's too late?

Author's Residence: Sorrento, Florida

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Author's Website: www.TarynSouders.com

Night of the Living Cuddle Bunnies

by Jonathan Rosen, illustrated by Xavier Bonet

Book Description: Devin Dexter thinks his neighbor is bringing the hot new Christmas toy, the Cuddle Bunny, to life. He must stop them before Gravesend is overrun.

Author's Residence: Tamarac, Florida

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Author's Website: www.HouseofRosen.com

Nonfiction

The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael and Her Tribute to Veterans

by Barbara Elizabeth Walsh, illustrated by Layne Johnson

Book Description: Biography of Moina Belle Michael, who established the Flanders Field Memorial Poppy as a universal symbol of tribute and support for veterans and their families.

Author's Residence: Key Largo, Florida

Publisher: Calkins Creek

Those Colossal Cats

by Marta Magellan, illustrated by Steve Weaver

Book Description: With photographs and cartoon illustrations, this book answers twenty questions, including: Do big cats purr? Which cat is the fastest?

Author's Residence: Pinecrest, Florida

Publisher: Pineapple Press

Unsolved Mysteries of Nature

by Heather L. Montgomery

Book Description: Fish raining from the sky, stones sliding across the desert, frogs with five legs?!? Discover wacky mysteries of nature just waiting to be solved.

Author's Residence: Ardmore, Alabama

Publisher: Capstone Press

Nonfiction Activity Books

Amazing Cardboard Tube Science

by Jodi Wheeler-Toppen

Book Description: Why throw old cardboard tubes in the recycling when you can reuse them yourself? These fun experiments and projects will keep readers entertained and learning.

Author's Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

Publisher: Capstone Press

Picture Book

Crabbing: A Lowcountry Family Tradition

by Tilda Balsley, illustrated by Monica Wyrick

Book Description: Two boys learn the art of crabbing from their grandfather. The book features poetic language, soft watercolors, environmental education, and an original crabcake recipe!

Author's Residence: Reidsville, North Carolina

Publisher: University of South Carolina Press

Lewis Tewanima, Born to Run

by Sharon K. Solomon, illustrated by Lisa Fields

Book Description: When Hopi Lewis Tewanima was forced off the mesa, his whole life changed. After winning the silver medal in the 1912 Olympics, Lewis returned to Arizona.

Author's Residence: The Villages, Florida

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

Author's Website: www.sharonsbooks.net**Writing Home: The Story of Author Thomas Wolfe**

by Laura Boffa

Book Description: Explore author Thomas Wolfe's childhood in Asheville, North Carolina; his challenging and triumphant journey to becoming a writer; and his eventual return home.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: Taylor Trade

Poetry**When the Sun Shines on Antarctica: Poems from the Frozen Continent**

by Irene Latham, illustrated by Anna Wadham

Book Description: The sun rises, ice melts, grass grows, seals squabble, whales sing, and young penguins slide, glide, and belly-flop during the summer season in Antarctica.

Author's Residence: Birmingham, Alabama

Publisher: Millbrook Press

Realistic Fiction**The Lost Cipher**

by Michael Oechsle

Book Description: A poor Appalachian boy dealing with the sudden loss of his father must solve a centuries-old buried treasure legend to save his family's mountain.

Author's Residence: Hillsborough, North Carolina

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Wish

by Barbara O'Connor

Book Description: The story of a girl who, with the help of a friend, kind relatives, and a stray dog, unexpectedly learns the true meaning of family.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

GRADES 6-8**Adventure****Hard Times for Jake Smith**

by Aileen Kilgore Henderson

Book Description: When twelve-year-old MaryJake is abandoned in the Great Depression, she's tired of obeying. Disguising herself as a boy, she's determined to survive on her own.

Author's Residence: Brookwood, Alabama

Publisher: Milkweed Editions

The Scent of Something Sneaky

by Gail Hedrick

Description: Using science and good reasoning skills, fourteen-year-old Emily tries to prevent the closure of a North Carolina inn—and the dark reason behind it.

Author's Residence: Bradenton, Florida

Publisher: Tumblehome Learning

Author's Website: www.gailehedrick.com**Contemporary Fiction****Call Me Sunflower**

by Miriam Spitzer Franklin

Book Description: Eleven-year-old Sunny comes up with a "super-stupendous" plan to reunite her parents until she discovers a photo that changes everything.

Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Website: www.miriamfranklin.com**Corroded**

by Carrie Dalby

Book Description: Contemporary story about a friendship between a neurotypical freshman girl and a teen boy with high-functioning autism.

Author's Residence: Mobile, Alabama

Publisher: Anaiah Press

Last in a Long Line of Rebels

by Lisa Lewis Tyre

Book Description: Lou researches her family's history and learns that during the Civil War, a shipment of gold was stolen. The chief suspect? Her great-great-great-grandfather!

Author's Residence: Acworth, Georgia

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

Historical Fiction**Aim**

by Joyce Moyer Hostetter

Book Description: Junior Bledsoe makes some unfortunate choices as he copes with his father's death and family dysfunction. A prequel to Blue and Comfort.

Author's Residence: Hickory, North Carolina

Publisher: Calkins Creek

Grace and the Guiltless

by Erin Johnson

Book Description: After her family is murdered, Grace Milton becomes a bounty hunter to track down the killers.

Author's Residence: Reidsville, North Carolina

Publisher: Capstone Press

Jacqueline

by Jackie Minniti

Book Description: Based on a true story, a tale of family, faith, unusual friendships, and the resiliency of the human spirit set in occupied France in 1944.

Author's Residence: Treasure Island, Florida

Publisher: Anaiah Press

Just a Drop of Water

by Kerry O'Malley Cerra

Book Description: Set in Florida, this is the story of two boys—one Christian, one Muslim—and how their friendship is tested in the wake of September 11.

Author's Residence: Florida

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

The Last Cherry Blossom

by Kathleen Burkinshaw

Book Description: Yuriko discovers a shocking family secret right before her world in Hiroshima is about to ignite and become a shadow of what it had been.

Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Author's Website: www.kathleenburkinshaw.com

Under Siege!

by Robyn Gioia

Book Description: Two boys get caught up in the 1702 attack on St. Augustine. Too young to fight, thirteen-year-olds Pedro and Miguel sneak behind enemy lines to help.

Author's Residence: Jacksonville, Florida

Publisher: Pineapple Press

Author's Website: www.robvingioia.com

Young Patriots: Inspiring Stories of the American Revolution

by Elizabeth Weiss Vollstadt and Marcella Fisher Anderson,

illustrated by Layne Johnson

Book Description: Fifteen short stories bring to life the American Revolution by showing its major events through the eyes of young people.

Author's Residence (Vollstadt): DeLand, Florida

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Historical Thriller

Projekt 1065

by Alan Gratz

Book Description: Michael O'Shaunessey, the son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi, Germany, is a spy for the Allies in the Hitler Youth.

Author's Residence: Bakersville, North Carolina

Publisher: Scholastic

Humorous Fiction

The Book That Proves Time Travel Happens

by Henry Clark

Book Description: Three diverse students from Ambrose Bierce Middle School travel to 1852 with a Gigantopithecus and a trombone and fail to be inconspicuous. Trouble results.

Author's residence: St. Augustine, Florida

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

The Greatest Zombie Movie Ever

by Jeff Strand

Book Description: Three best friends with great passion but almost no money or resources set out to make the ultimate zombie movie epic. Lots and lots of stuff goes wrong.

Author's Residence: Tampa, Florida

Publisher: Sourcebooks Fire

This Is Not the Abby Show

by Debbie Reed Fischer

Book Description: A twelve-year-old girl with ADHD impulsively takes a prank too far and winds up in summer school, where she is encouraged to tap into her comedic talents.

Author's Residence: Boca Raton, Florida

Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Mystery

Hiding Carly, A Sean Gray Junior Special Agent Mystery

by Ann E. Eisenstein

Book Description: The hero, eleven-year-old Sean, searches for the truth about the murder of his FBI-agent father and a connection with a new girl in his class.

Author's Residence: Columbia, South Carolina

Publisher: Peak City Publishing

Tangled Lines

by Bonnie J. Doerr

Book Description: While investigating pelican killings in the Florida Keys, two young teens discover a crime ring and expose themselves to the same fate as the pelicans.

Author's Residence: Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Publisher: Leap Books

Vampires on the Run

by C. M. Surrisi

Book Description: Two black-clad horror writers from New York City have arrived in Maiden Rock. Do they just write about vampires or are they . . . ?

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Author's Website: www.cmsurrisi.com

Nonfiction

Bioengineering: Discover How Nature Inspires Human Design

by Christine Burillo-Kirch, illustrated by Alexis Cornell

Book Description: Explores different fields, including communication and transportation, while encouraging kids to think critically and creatively to fulfill everyday needs using designs from nature.

Author's Residence: Cary, North Carolina

Publisher: Nomad Press

Marie Curie for Kids: Her Life and Scientific Discoveries, with 21 Activities and Experiments

by Amy M. O'Quinn

Book Description: A comprehensive biography of the Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie—her struggles, achievements, life, and legacy. Includes twenty-one activities and experiments.

Author's Residence: Fitzgerald, Georgia

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

STEAM Guides in App Development

by Ruth M. Kirk

Book Description: Apps seem like magic, but their development depends upon science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Learn how you can enter the world of app development.

Author's Residence: Winston Salem, North Carolina
 Publisher: Rourke Educational Media

The Writing on the Walls: Discovering Medieval and Ancient Graffiti

by Toni Blackwell Rhodes

Book Description: Students discover medieval England, ancient Rome, and ancient Greece through graffiti left behind on walls, pillars, and scraps of pottery.

Author's Residence: Stone Mountain, Georgia
 Publisher: Prufrock Press

Poetry Anthology

National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry

by B. J. Lee (contributing author), edited by J. Patrick Lewis

Book Description: When words in verse are paired with the awesomeness of nature, something magical happens! Curated by former U.S. Poet Laureate J. Patrick Lewis.

Author's Residence: Pinellas Park, Florida
 Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

Realistic Fiction

Lily and Dunkin

by Donna Gephart

Book Description: A transgender girl and a new boy in town, who has bipolar disorder, try to save a tree, themselves, and each other.

Author's Residence: Florida
 Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Starting Over

by Sheri S. Levy

Book Description: Trina trains a new service puppy, learns people are not what they seem, struggles with tough choices, and finds her first crush exhilarating.

Author's Residence: Okatie, South Carolina
 Publisher: Barking Rain Press
 Author's Website: www.sherislevy.com

Tofu Quilt

by Ching Yeung Russell

Book Description: Bucking tradition, a Chinese girl wants to become a writer. Facing hardships but also experiencing success, she is content to be a girl—and writer.

Author's Residence: Simpsonville, South Carolina
 Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Winter's Tide

by Lisa Williams Kline

Book Description: Stepsisters, and complete opposites, try to forge a relationship in their new family. A young beached whale on the North Carolina coast brings them together.

Author's Residence: Davidson, North Carolina
 Publisher: Zonderkidz

Yellow Bird and Me

by Joyce Hansen

Book Description: The last person Doris wants to be bothered with is Yellow Bird, the class clown, until she discovers the real reason behind his antics.

Author's Residence: Lexington, South Carolina
 Publisher: Clarion Books

Science Fiction

Relativity

by Cristin Bishara

Book Description: What if your perfect world is only one parallel universe away?

Author's Residence: Tampa, Florida
 Publisher: Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers

GRADES 9-12

Contemporary Fiction

Georgia Peaches and Other Forbidden Fruit

by Jaye Robin Brown

Book Description: Joanna must decide if she's going to break a promise to her preacher dad or go for the girl she loves.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina
 Publisher: HarperTeen

The Possibility of Somewhere

by Julia Day

Book Description: Two teens learn there's more to each other than they thought as they prepare for life after graduation and the new beginnings they both crave.

Author's Residence: Cary, North Carolina
 Publisher: St. Martin's Press

Fantasy

Avenging Fate (Threads of the Moirae Book 2)

by Jennifer Derrick

Book Description: Atropos must avenge the death of the boy she loved while also freeing humanity from the deadly grip of the Keres.

Author's Residence: Raleigh, North Carolina
 Publisher: Clean Teen Publishing

Grey

by Christi J. Whitney

Book Description: Sebastian Grey thinks he's just a normal teenager—until he's pulled into a world of secretive Gypsies, shadowy creatures, and a destiny he cannot escape.

Author's Residence: Woodstock, Georgia
 Publisher: Harper Voyager

Island of Exiles

by Erica Cameron

Book Description: Surviving Shiara is a struggle, but true hardship is having to choose between serving the clan that's protected Khya and saving the brother she loves.

Author's Residence: Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 Publisher: Entangled Teen
 Author's Website: www.byericacameron.com

Historical Fiction

Halley

by Faye Gibbons

Book Description: When fourteen-year-old Halley's father dies in Depression-era Georgia, she must deal with harsh grandparents and struggle to get her education.

Author's Residence: Deatsville, Alabama

Publisher: NewSouth Books

Magical Realism

The First Last Day

by Dorian Cirrone

Book Description: When Haleigh is caught in an endless summer, she must race to find the mystery of the magic paints that caused the time loop.

Author's Residence: Davie, Florida

Publisher: Aladdin

Myth

The Sky Throne

by Chris Ledbetter

Book Description: Zeus Origin Story. X-Men meets Greek mythology.

Author's Residence: Wilmington, North Carolina

Publisher: Month9Books

Author's Website: www.csledbetter.com

Nonfiction

Starving: Can We Feed Everyone?

by Lisa A. Wroble

Book Description: Introduces readers to the specifics of feeding a population, including problems, such as the dangers of overly processed food, and possible solutions, such as agroecology.

Author's Residence: Naples, Florida

Publisher: Enslow Publishing

Author's Website: www.lisawroble.com

Women in Politics (Women in the World series)

by Avery Elizabeth Hurt

Book Description: With engaging profiles of women leaders and a thoughtful examination of why women are underrepresented in world governments, this resource inspires girls to seek leadership positions.

Author's Residence: Birmingham, Alabama

Publisher: Rosen Young Adult

Author's Website: www.averyhurt.com

Novel in Verse

Crazy

by Linda Vigen Phillips

Book Description: A novel in verse that draws from the author's experiences coming to terms with her mother's mental illness and growing up in Oregon in the sixties.

Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina

Publisher: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

Realistic Fiction

The Milk of Birds

by Sylvia Whitman

Book Description: An American teen who struggles with school and a Sudanese teen who survived genocide in Darfur exchange letters during 2008, transforming their very different lives.

Author's Residence: Florida

Publisher: Atheneum Books

Spin the Sky

by Jill MacKenzie

Book Description: Seventeen-year-old Magnolia enters a dance competition in hopes of changing her tainted reputation to one that she can be proud of.

Author's Residence: Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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