

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

SOUTHWEST
(Nevada / Arizona / Utah / Colorado / Wyoming / New Mexico)

PREK-K

Picture Books

Almost a Minyan

by Lori Sales Kline, illustrated by Susan Simon

Book Description: A Jewish girl joins a traditionally all-male prayer quorum on the death of her beloved grandfather—Children's Book Pick 2017 by the Jewish Women's Archive.

Author's Residence: Tucson, Arizona

Publisher: Sociosights Press

Website: www.susansimon.com

Blue on Blue

by Dianne White, illustrated by Beth Krommes

Book Description: It's a bright, beautiful, blue-on-blue day, but a summer storm is on its way, and soon... Thunder! Lightning! Rain is pouring. Will the sun ever be back?

Author's Residence: Gilbert, Arizona

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Author's Website: www.diannewrites.com

Brunhilda's Backwards Day

by Shawna J. C. Tenney

Book Description: Brunhilda the witch loves to make trouble. But then, one night, Brunhilda's cat makes trouble instead . . . The next day, everything is backwards!

Author's Residence: Eagle Mountain, Utah

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Busy Builders, Busy Week!

by Jean Reidy, illustrated by Leo Timmers

Book Description: Digging, dumping, 'dozing, and more! A delightful rhyming picture book, where young readers learn the days of the week as a joyous construction crew works together!

Author's Residence: Colorado

Publisher: Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers

Do Princesses and Super Heroes Hit the Trail?

by Carmela LaVigna Coyle, illustrated by Mike Gordon

Book Description: Join our favorite princess and her super hero brother as they discover that the national parks hold a bounty of excitement and adventure!

Author's Residence: Denver, Colorado

Publisher: Muddy Boots Books/Rowman and Littlefield

Happy Mamas

by Kathleen T. Pelley, illustrated by Ruth E. Harper

Book Description: A lyrical read-aloud that depicts a range of human and animal mamas mothering their little ones over the course of a day. Available in Spanish.

Author's Residence: Greenwood Village, Colorado

Publisher: Child Welfare League of America

If Your Monster Won't Go to Bed

by Denise Vega, illustrated by Zachariah O'Hara

Book Description: If your monster won't go to bed, don't ask your parents to help. They know nothing about putting monsters to bed. Read this book instead.

Author's Residence: Denver, Colorado

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: www.denisevega.com

La Princesa and the Pea

by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

Book Description: The Princess and the Pea gets a fresh twist in this charming bilingual retelling with vibrant art inspired by the culture of Peru.

Illustrator's Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona

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

Website: www.juanamartinezneal.com

The Little Snowplow

by Lora Koehler, illustrated by Jake Parker

Book Description: Mighty Mountain Road Crew's snowplow trains hard to handle big snows. But can he handle blizzards and unexpected trouble, too? A vehicle adventure with heart.

Author's Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Nonnie and I

by Savannah Hendricks, illustrated by Lisa M. Griffin

Book Description: Set in Botswana, a young girl is afraid that her first day of school will mean leaving her best friend, a giraffe, behind.

Author's Residence: Arizona

Publisher: Xist Publishing

Author's Website: www.theseashelloflife.wordpress.com

Old MacDonald Had a Dragon

by Ken Baker, illustrated by Christopher Santoro

Book Description: Old MacDonald likes the new dragon on his farm until it starts swallowing up all the animals in this humorous adaptation of the popular song.

Author's Residence: Orem, Utah

Publisher: Two Lions

Picture Book/Bilingual

La Madre Goose: Nursery Rhymes for Los Niños

by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

Book Description: Classic Mother Goose rhymes get a Latino twist in this cozy collection—familiar characters in vibrant, luminous scenes brimming with fanciful details.

Illustrator's Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona

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

Lift-a-Flap Language Learners: The Enchanted Forest

by **Samantha Chagollan**, illustrated by **Evegenia Golubeva**

Book Description: A lift-the-flap fairy-tale mashup featuring forty new Spanish vocabulary words and a fun story filled with favorite characters.

Author's Residence: Costa Mesa, California

Publisher: Walter Foster Jr. (Quarto)

Author's Website: www.storybysam.com

GRADES 1-2

Early Reader

Pigeon Hero!

by **Shirley Raye Redmond**, illustrated by **Doris Ettliger**

Book Description: The true story of G.I. Joe, a World War II pigeon who carries a message that saves an Italian town.

Author's Residence: Los Alamos, New Mexico

Publisher: Simon Spotlight

Picture Book

Cookiesaurus Rex

by **Amy Fellner Dominy and Nate Evans**, illustrated by **AG Ford**

Book Description: A dinosaur-shaped cookie can't get any respect as he's being decorated in this laugh-out-loud picture book told from the point of view of this sassy *treat*. Author's Residence (Dominy): Phoenix, Arizona

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Author's Website (Dominy): www.amydominy.com

Don't Call Me Grandma

by **Vaunda Mcheaux Nelson**, illustrated by **Elizabeth Zunon**

Book Description: A little girl recounts the reasons her great-grandmother is hard to love . . . and why she loves her anyway.

Author's Residence: Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Famously Phoebe

by **Lori Alexander**, illustrated by **Aurélie Blard-Quintard**

Book Description: Phoebe is the star of her family until a tiny newcomer arrives on set. Will Phoebe learn to share the spotlight in her new role—big sister?

Author's Residence: Tucson, Arizona

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Author's Website: www.lorialalexanderbooks.com

Field-Trip Fiasco

by **Julie Danneberg**, illustrated by **Judy Love**

Book Description: Mrs. Hartwell, of First Day Jitters fame, takes her class on a field trip to the zoo. Despite her best efforts, chaos ensues.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Author's Website: www.juliedanneberg.com

Jamaica is Thankful

by **Juanita Havill**, illustrated by **Anne Sibley O'Brien**

Book Description: Jamaica's friend Kristin arrives with a kitten. Jamaica wants to keep the kitten, but how can she when her brother is allergic to cats?

Author's Residence: Sonoita, Arizona

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree

by **Claudia Cangilla McAdam**, illustrated by **Dave Hill**

Book Description: Orphan Kristoph and missionary Boniface change the hearts of men worshipping an oak tree and start the tradition of bringing evergreens home at Christmas.

Author's Residence: Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Publisher: Paraclete Press

Monday Is Wash Day

by **MaryAnn Sundby**, illustrated by **Tessa Blackham**

Book Description: Two sisters help wash clothes. From gathering clothes to washing and hanging them outside to putting them away, the family works together.

Author's Residence: Castle Rock, Colorado

Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

The Nian Monster

by **Andrea Wang**, illustrated by **Alina Chau**

Book Description: The Nian Monster has returned at Chinese New Year intent on devouring Shanghai—starting with Xingling! Can she find a way to outwit the monster?

Author's Residence: Denver, Colorado

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

The Night Before the Snow Day

by **Natasha Wing**, illustrated by **Amy Wummer**

Book Description: Natasha Wing's newest Night Before book is for kids who dream of snowball fights, sledding, and snow days!

Author's Residence: Fort Collins, Colorado

Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

Sam and Gram and the First Day of School

by **Dianne Blomberg, PhD**, illustrated by **George Ulrich**

Book Description: Sam often feels lonely and scared during his school day. His grandma helps him through this, and Sam learns to belong.

Author's Residence: Lafayette, Colorado

Publisher: Magination Press

Space Boy and the Snow Monster

by **Dian Curtis Regan**, illustrated by **Robert Neubecker**

Book Description: A Snow Monster has captured Radar! Niko blasts off for Planet Ice. Can he rescue Radar, outwit a Killer Bunny, and zip back to Planet Home in time for cocoa?

Author's Residence: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Author's Website: www.diancurtisregan.com

www.spaceboybooks.com

A Symphony of Cowbells

by **Heather Preusser**, illustrated by **Eileen Ryan Ewen**

Book Description: When a Swiss dairy cow loses her bell and disrupts the harmony of the whole herd, it's up to Petra to find a melodious solution.

Author's Residence: Westminster, Colorado

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Author's Website: www.heatherpreusser.com

Turkey Trick or Treat

by Wendi Silvano, illustrated by Lee Harper

Book Description: Turkey is desperate for Halloween treats. But he'll have to use his clever disguises to get any. Hilarious companion to Turkey Trouble and Turkey Claus.

Author's Residence: Grand Junction, Colorado

Publisher: Two Lions

GRADES 3-5**Action Adventure****The World's Greatest Adventure Machine**

by Frank L. Cole, illustrated by Elizabet Vukovic

Book Description: Four lucky kids win a chance to be the first to ride the Adventure Machine, which might have a mind of its own.

Author's Residence: Logan, Utah

Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: www.frankcolewrites.com**Biography****Klimt, the Golden Painter**

by Nora Rath-Hodann, illustrated by Peter Diamond, translated by Julie Sullivan

Book Description: A children's biography of Viennese painter Gustav Klimt.

Translator's Residence: Gunnison, Colorado

Publisher: JGIM Verlag

Translator's Website: www.webwight.org**Contemporary Fiction****Look Both Ways in the Barrio Blanco**

by Judith Robbins Rose

Book Description: The lonely, but gifted twelve-year-old daughter of undocumented immigrants finds her world is torn apart after she's paired with a pushy, fading TV news personality mentor.

Author's Residence: Centennial, Colorado

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Author's Website: www.jrose.net**Three Pennies**

by Melanie Crowder

Book Description: A girl in foster care tries to find her birth mother before she loses her forever in this spare and beautifully told novel about last chances and new opportunities.

Author's Residence: Colorado

Publisher: Atheneum Books

Author's Website: www.melaniecrowder.com**Write This Down**

by Claudia Mills

Book Description: An aspiring seventh-grade writer yearns to realize her dream of publication—but what if she can do so only by revealing painful family secrets?

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Margaret Ferguson Books

Contemporary Paranormal**Mirabella and the Faded Phantom**

by Sharon Skinner, illustrated by Keith Decesare

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Mirabella befriends a faded phantom and then must unravel the mystery of the ghost's past before the old house it haunts is demolished.

Author's Residence: Mesa, Arizona

Publisher: Brick Cave Books

Historical Fiction**The Midnight Ride of Blackwell Station**

by Mary Peace Finley, illustrated by Judith Hunt

Book Description: Raephy lives in an isolated railroad depot, but her wish for a town doesn't prepare her for the midnight hijacking of Blackwell Station—with her inside!

Author's Residence: Colorado

Publisher: Filter Press

Inspirational Biography**Milton Hershey: Young Chocolatier**

by M. M. Eboch

Book Description: Milton Hershey faced many hardships before founding his famous chocolate company, including learning challenges and a difficult family situation. His story will inspire young readers.

Author's Residence: Socorro, New Mexico

Publisher: Aladdin

Mystery**Book Scavenger**

by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman, illustrated by Sarah Watts

Book Description: Kids stumble onto a secret literary scavenger hunt through San Francisco, unaware that others with malicious intent are hunting the same prize.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

Narrative Nonfiction**Safe at Last: True Stories of Horse Rescues**

by Elaine Pease, photographs by Roxanne Capaul

Book Description: In this award-winning chapter book, follow the thrilling rescues of six endangered horses to their inspiring and happy endings. Glossary. Hippo-Therapy. Empathy.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Filter Press

Nonfiction**101 Books to Read Before You Grow Up**

by Bianca Schulze

Book Description: A fun handbook for book lovers and their families to read, check off, and give their own book reviews.

Author's Residence: Broomfield, Colorado

Publisher: Quarto Kids

Author's Website: www.thechildrensbookreview.com

How the West Was Drawn: Women's Art

by Linda L. Osmundson

Book Description: Questions urge the reader to really look at the art of fourteen woman western painters. Text includes tidbits about the women and the art.

Author's Residence: Fort Collins, Colorado

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

Nonfiction Picture Book

Like a Bird: The Art of the American Slave Song

by Cynthia Grady, illustrated by Michele Wood

Book Description: Vibrant paintings with musical scores and brief histories convey the meaning and richness of thirteen spirituals. A gorgeous holiday book.

Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Publisher: Millbrook Press

Author's Website: www.cynthiagrady.com

Organisms That Glow

by Bobi Martin

Book Description: From fireflies to mantis shrimp, this well-researched book is a fascinating introduction to bioluminescence and bio-fluorescence for young readers.

Author's Residence: Yuma, Arizona

Publisher: Britannica/Rosen Publishing

Seeds of Freedom: The Peaceful Integration of Huntsville, Alabama

by Hester Bass, illustrated by E. B. Lewis

Book Description: How racial discrimination and unfairness were met successfully and nonviolently with perseverance and ingenuity. NCSS Woodson Honor. PW starred review: "Nonfiction storytelling at its best."

Author's Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Picture Book

The Night Before Christmas in Ski Country

by Suzanne Nieman Brown, illustrated by Dana Schlingman

Book Description: The slopes are bare in Ski Country. How will a snowboarding Santa and his dog, Cocoa, bring fresh powder in time for a white Christmas?

Author's Residence: Evergreen, Colorado

Publisher: Westcliffe/Big Earth Publishing

Zachary Z. Packrat Backpacks the Grand Canyon

by Brooke Bessesen, illustrated by Jenny Campbell

Book Description: Discover the spectacular nature of America's "grandest" national park with this interactive adventure—and a few humorous (and heart-stopping) surprises along the way.

Author's Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona

Publisher: Arizona Highways Books

Picture Book Biography

Colorful Dreamer: The Story of Artist Henri Matisse

by Marjorie Blain Parker, illustrated by Holly Berry

Book Description: This lyrical, visually rich picture book tells Henri

Matisse's remarkable story, inspiring and encouraging readers to never give up on their dreams.

Author's Residence: Englewood, Colorado

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Poetry

Yum! iMmmm! ¡Qué Rico! America's Sproutings

by Pat Mora, illustrated by Rafael Lopez

Book Description: A luscious collection of haiku celebrating foods native to the Americas, these poems capture the tasty essence of foods that have delighted, united, and enriched our lives for centuries.

Author's Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Realistic Fiction

Christmas Wonders

by Robyn Buttar

Book Description: Since nine-year-old Luke has never celebrated Christmas, the tradition of sharing Christmas Wonders in his new hometown makes him feel like an outsider—again.

Author's Residence: Lewiston City, Utah

Publisher: Familius

The Last Panther

by Todd Mitchell

Book Description: After capturing the last-known wild panther with her scientist father, eleven-year-old Kiri embarks on a dangerous journey to save both the panther and herself.

Author's Residence: Fort Collins, Colorado

Publisher: Delacorte Press

Author's Website: www.ToddMitchellBooks.com

One Hundred Spaghetti Strings

by Jen Nails

Book Description: Fifth-grade chef Steffy aspires to bring her fractured family back together by cooking them their favorite meals.

Author's Residence: Las Vegas, Nevada

Publisher: HarperCollins

Author's Website: www.jennails.com

The Only Road

by Alexandra Diaz

Book Description: After the murder of his cousin, Jaime and Ángela must leave Guatemala and embark on the dangerous journey through Mexico in order to survive.

Author's Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Stand Up and Whistle

by Phyllis J. Perry, illustrated by Agnieszka Grochalska

Book Description: When seventh grader Jeannie learns a construction company will poison prairie dogs, she and her friends mobilize to move rather than exterminate the animals.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Amberjack

Author's Website: www.phyllisjperry.com

Science

What's for Dinner? Quirky, Squirmy Poems from the Animal World

by Katherine B. Hauth, illustrated by David Clark

Book Description: "... finding food is not a joke. Living things must eat or croak." Twenty-nine poetic vignettes reveal varied, weird, amusing, and gross animal survival techniques.

Author's Residence: Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Publisher: Charlesbridge

GRADES 6-8

Adventure

Treasure at Lure Lake

by Shari Schwarz

Book Description: With map in hand, two brothers embark on a mountain adventure that will lead them to a secret at the heart of their strained relationship.

Author's Residence: Fort Collins, Colorado

Publisher: Cedar Fort

Contemporary Fiction

Bull Rider

by Suzanne Morgan Williams

Book Description: When Cam's brother, Ben, is seriously injured in the Iraq war, Cam risks riding a dangerous bull to overcome his grief and give Ben new hope.

Author's Residence: Reno, Nevada

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Five Times Revenge

by Lindsay Eland

Book Description: Five unlikely friends. Two bullies. One epic prank. This funny, heartwarming novel about friendship and standing up for yourself will appeal to all ages.

Author's Residence: Breckenridge, Colorado

Publisher: Greenwillow

Hide and Seek

by Katy Grant

Book Description: Fourteen-year-old Chase discovers two young boys while geocaching in the woods. When he helps them, he finds more adventure—and danger—than he bargained for.

Author's Residence: Flagstaff, Arizona

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Soldier Sister, Fly Home

by Nancy Bo Flood, illustrated by Shonto Begay

Book Description: A sister at war. A hotheaded horse named Blue. Tess's Navajo and white identities at battle. Summer is turning out to be anything but easy.

Author's Residence: Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Historical Fiction

Cinnamon Moon

by Tess Hilmo, illustrated by Scott McKowen

Book Description: Set just after the Great Chicago Fire, this is a novel about loss and hope and the struggle of two orphans to rebuild a family.

Author's Residence: Highland, Utah

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

Golden Spike (The Iron Horse Chronicles Book Three)

by Robert Lee Murphy

Book Description: The driving of the Golden Spike almost didn't happen. History doesn't mention the troublesome incident, but Will Braddock knew. He had to get involved.

Author's Residence: Henderson, Nevada

Publisher: Five Star Publications

Author's Website: www.robertleemurphy.net

Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine

by Caroline Starr Rose

Book Description: Hoping to strike it rich, two brothers set out on a treacherous journey to Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush.

Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico

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

Author's Website: www.carolinestarrrose.com

Magical Realism

Finn's Choice

by Darby Karchut

Book Description: A monster-hunting apprentice must use every scrap of Irish luck and pluck to save his beloved master from a vengeful Celtic war goddess.

Author's Residence: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Publisher: Spencer Hill Press

The Time of the Fireflies

by Kimberley Griffiths Little

Book Description: A thrilling story of one girl's race to unravel the dangerous curse that has haunted her family for generations—and prevent tragedy from striking again.

Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Publisher: Scholastic Press

Mystery

The Perfect Blindside

by Leslea Wahl

Book Description: Snowboarding superstar Jake moves to a small town to avoid the paparazzi but finds himself involved in a mystery in the abandoned silver mine.

Author's Residence: Greenwood Village, Colorado

Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

Under Locker and Key

by Allison K. Hymas

Book Description: When twelve-year-old retrieval specialist Jeremy Wilderson botches a job, he must team up with his nemesis to save the school from a crime spree.

Author's Residence: Provo, Utah

Publisher: Aladdin
Author's Website: www.allisonkhymas.com

Nonfiction

Extinction: What Happened to the Dinosaurs, Mastodons, and Dodo Birds?

by Laura Perdew, illustrated by Tom Casteel

Book Description: Extinction explores the mysteries of extinction on the planet, past, present, and future, including the five mass extinctions in Earth's history and current sixth extinction.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Nomad Press

Author's Website: www.lauraperdew.com

Realistic Fiction

The Dogs of Winter

by Bobbie Pyron

Book Description: When young Mishka finds himself living on the streets of Moscow, his survival depends on a pack of feral dogs.

Inspired by a true story!

Author's Residence: Park City, Utah

Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books

Supernatural Mystery

The Haunting of Springett Hall

by E.B. Wheeler

Book Description: Lucy doesn't remember how she became a ghost, but she must solve the mystery to stop a necromancer before he strikes again.

Author's Residence: North Logan, Utah

Publisher: Cedar Fort

GRADES 9-12

Adventure

Mirage

by Tracy Clark

Book Description: Ryan spends her days hurling herself out of planes. After a brush with death, she must fight the girl she's become—or lose herself forever.

Author's Residence: Minden, Nevada

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Contemporary Fantasy

The Dreamosphere

by Laura Stoddard

Book Description: Gwen has fantastical adventures in the dimension where dreams still exist; along the way, her grieving heart is healed and she solves a great mystery.

Author's Residence: Phoenix, Arizona

Publisher: Sweetwater Books/Cedar Fort

The Replacement Crush

by Lisa Brown Roberts

Book Description: Determined to heal her broken heart, book blog-

ger Vivian creates a list of safe crushes. But Dallas, the cute new nerd, wages a counter-mission.

Author's Residence: Denver, Colorado

Publisher: Entangled Teen

Fantasy

Curio

by Evangeline Denmark

Book Description: Transported to a land inside an enchanted cabinet, Grey searches among the living porcelain and clockwork inhabitants for the human who knows the way home.

Author's Residence: Colorado

Publisher: Blink/HarperCollins

Gateway to Fourline

by Pam Brondos

Book Description: Years before, a gateway opened between their world and ours. Sending one young woman through may be the key to survival for the kingdom of Fourline.

Author's Residence: Casper, Wyoming

Publisher: Skyscape

Tokens and Omens

by Jeri Baird

Book Description: After a time of magic, Zander and Alexa undergo a dangerous trial known as the Quest. Survival depends on earning tokens that counteract the omens.

Author's Residence: Montrose, Colorado

Publisher: Jolly Fish Press

Mystery

Blind Spot

by Laura Ellen

Book Description: Sixteen-year-old Roswell Hart comes to terms with her visual impairment as she tries to clear her name in the death of a classmate.

Author's Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Final Fall

by Heather W. Petty

Book Description: In the conclusion of their game, Sherlock Holmes and Miss James "Mori" Moriarty find out how far they're willing to fall for love and revenge.

Author's Residence: Reno, Nevada

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: www.heatherwpetty.com

Nonfiction

Bold Women in California History

by Kay Moore, illustrated by Stephanie Frostad

Book Description: Highlights thirteen California women who created lasting change when they dared to be bold. Informative biographies are a valuable resource and an entertaining read.

Author's Residence: Las Vegas, Nevada

Publisher: Mountain Press Publishing

Paranormal

Messenger

by Carol Lynch Williams

Book Description: An eerie, atmospheric tale that's part romance, ghost story, and mystery about a girl who talks to those who've died—even if she'd rather not.

Author's Residence: Provo, Utah

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Paranormal Romance

Beyond the Rising Tide

by Sarah Beard

Book Description: Kai died saving Avery's life, and now Avery's life is unraveling. In order to help her, Kai dangerously blurs the barriers between life and death.

Author's Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah

Publisher: Sweetwater Books/Cedar Fort

Psychological Thriller

Still Photo

by Kim Harnes

Book Description: The story of sixteen-year-old Jess Waterford, a photographer's assistant whose life tears apart as her past and present collide.

Author's Residence: Sparks, Nevada

Publisher: Evernight Teen

Realistic Fiction

Pin Drop

by Roz Monette

Book Description: Sixteen-year-old Mo Perez fights for survival as a homeless teenager living in Denver.

Author's Residence: Bromfield, Colorado

Publisher: Cedar Grove Publishing

Thriller

The Truth Beneath the Lies

by Amanda Searcy

Book Description: In this tale of one teen's present horrors and another's haunting past, only one of the girls will survive.

Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Publisher: Delacorte Press

Author's Website: www.amandasearcybooks.com