

**SOCIETY OF CHILDREN’S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS  
OFFICIAL READING LIST — WINTER 2016/2017**

**TEXAS / OKLAHOMA**

**PREK-K**

**Picture Books**

***12 Cowboys Ropin’***

by Susan Holt Kralovansky

Book Description: The traditional Twelve Days of Christmas has been reimagined with Lone Star charm. The symbols of Texas are introduced with rustic fiber-art collages.

Author’s Residence: Georgetown, Texas

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

***Bizz & Buzz Make Honey Buns***

by Dee Leone

Book Description: Two bees use a little flower instead of a little flour to follow a recipe, which makes this book a humorous introduction to homophones.

Author’s Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap

***Don’t Eat the Bluebonnets***

by Ellen Leventhal and Ellen Rothberg, illustrated by Joel Cook

Book Description: Sue Ellen loves the taste of bluebonnets. After she eats every bluebonnet in her pasture, she must figure out a way to get them back.

Author’s Residence (Leventhal): Houston, Texas

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Author’s Website (Leventhal): [www.EllenLeventhal.com](http://www.EllenLeventhal.com)

***Freddy, Hoppie and the Eyeglasses***

by Michelle Nott, illustrated by Robert Lee Beers

Book Description: Freddy and his frog, Hoppie, jump into each day until numbers smudge, words blur, and classmates snicker. They need to tell Mom, but how?

Author’s Residence: Katy, Texas

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

***Froggy Bottom Blues***

by Sharon Edge Martin, illustrated by Timothy Lange

Book Description: Ellen Zanderfrog finds a trumpet. She’s going to Memphis to play the blues. But plans take a turn or two as she heads upriver.

Author’s Residence: Oilton, Oklahoma

Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

Author’s Website: [www.sharonedgemartin.com](http://www.sharonedgemartin.com)

***Grumpy Kyle***

by Allyn Stotz, illustrated by Jack Foster

Book Description: Kyle is always feeling Grumpy. What can he do to turn himself from grumpy Kyle to smiling Kyle?

Author’s Residence: Granbury, Texas

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Author’s Website: [www.allynstotz.blogspot.com](http://www.allynstotz.blogspot.com)

***Hound Dawg***

by Patricia Vermillion, illustrated by Cheryl Pilgrim

Book Description: Bessie, Calico, and Penny work their fingers to the bone down on the cotton farm. But Hound Dawg is a couch potato—lazy, lazy, lazy. Until one day . . .

Author’s Residence: Texas

Publisher: TCU Press

***I Can Help!***

by Peggy Perry Anderson

Book Description: Little Joe the Frog helps Mom run errands.

He helps Dad do chores. You never know how things will go when Joe is on the job!

Author’s Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

***I Love You Too, I Love You Three***

by Wendy Tugwood, illustrated by Sheila McGraw

Book Description: Through charming counting rhymes and gentle illustrations, this heartwarming book perfectly captures how the love between a mother and child transcends their separation.

Illustrator’s Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Firefly Books

***If I Weren’t With You***

by Rosie J. Pova, illustrated by Philip Martineau

Book Description: “Mama, if I weren’t born, what would you do?”

Willy asks Mama Bear. In a series of simple questions, the bear cub seeks and receives his mother’s reassurance of love.

Author’s Residence: Garland, Texas

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Author’s Website: [www.rosiejpova.com](http://www.rosiejpova.com)

***Little Brother’s Temper Tantrums***

by Mary Esparza-Vela, illustrated by Mike Motz

Book Description: Three tiny aliens go on a treasure hunt, and Baby Brother wants to take a dinosaur home. Plush doll characters available.

Author’s Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

Author’s Website: [www.readingforfun.net](http://www.readingforfun.net)

***Sleepyheads***

by Sandra J. Howatt, illustrated by Joyce Wan

Book Description: Rhyming text invites readers to find and identify sleeping animals, including one nocturnal animal and one sleepy-head who is asleep but not in bed.

Author’s Residence: Texas

Publisher: Little Simon

***A Truck Named Tony***

by M. Jane Hawkins, illustrated by David Barrow

Book Description: A red truck dreams of driving over bumpy roads

and up hills and down valleys, but first he must get out of the showroom.

Author's Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing  
Author's Website: [www.janehawkins.net](http://www.janehawkins.net)

### **Truck, Truck, Goose!**

by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Zoe Waring

Book Description: A silly goose causes one terrific truck traffic jam during his quest to have the perfect picnic.

Author's Residence: Edmond, Oklahoma  
Publisher: HarperCollins  
Author's Website: [www.tammisauer.com](http://www.tammisauer.com)

### **Whobert Whoever, Owl Detective**

by Jason Gallaher, illustrated by Jess Pauwels

Book Description: What happened to Perry the Possum? Whobert Whoever, Owl Detective, is on the case in this hilarious who-who-dun-it.

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books  
Author's Website: [www.jasongallaher.com](http://www.jasongallaher.com)

### **Why Am I Me?**

by Paige Britt, illustrated by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko

Book Description: Two children on a subway—one brown, one white—ponder big questions while watching the world go by. A beautiful celebration of humanity and diversity.

Author's Residence: Georgetown, Texas  
Publisher: Scholastic Press  
Author's Website: [www.paigebritt.com](http://www.paigebritt.com)

## **GRADES 1-2**

### **Early Reader**

#### **Daring Amelia**

by Barbara Lowell, illustrated by Jez Tuya

Book Description: Amelia Earhart flew in air shows, breaking speed and altitude records. But Amelia wanted more—to be the first woman to fly across the Atlantic.

Author's Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Publisher: Penguin Young Readers  
Author's Website: [www.barbaralowell.com](http://www.barbaralowell.com)

#### **What This Story Needs is a Hush and a Shush**

by Emma J. Virján

Book Description: All Pig in a Wig wants to do is get some sleep, but the farm animals are keeping her awake! Will she ever find some peace and quiet?

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: HarperCollins

### **Mystery**

#### **Scooby-Doo Beginner Mysteries: Creepy Cowboy Caper**

by Michael Anthony Steele, illustrated by Scott Jeralds

Book Description: The gang end up in a ghost town. Spirited stampedes! A creepy outlaw! Something strange is going on in Sladerville, but is it really haunted?

Author's Residence: Kerens, Texas

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

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

## **Nonfiction Picture Book**

### **Manjhi Moves a Mountain**

by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by Danny Popovic

Book Description: Manjhi Moves a Mountain is the true story of a man who moved a mountain for love, using only a hammer, a chisel, and persistence.

Author's Residence: Plano, Texas  
Publisher: Creston Books  
Author's Website: [www.nancychurnin.com](http://www.nancychurnin.com)

### **Mission to Space**

by John B. Herrington

Book Description: Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington shares with young readers his astronaut training, his flight on the space shuttle Endeavor, and his mission to the International Space Station.

Author's Residence: Ada, Oklahoma  
Publisher: White Dog Press/Chickasaw Press

### **The Swamp Where Gator Hides**

by Maryann Berkes, illustrated by Roberta Baird

Book Description: Under the algae that carpets the swamp hides a gator! Only his watchful eyes can be seen, but what happens when gator makes his move?

Illustrator's Residence: Houston, Texas  
Publisher: Dawn Publications

## **Picture Book**

### **88 Instruments**

by Chris Barton, illustrated by Louis Thomas

Book Description: A boy gets to pick only one instrument in a music store, but there are so many to choose from!

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

### **Art from Her Heart: Folk Artist Clementine Hunter**

by Kathy Whitehead, illustrated by Shane W. Evans

Book Description: Clementine Hunter's paintings recorded hard work and joyful celebrations of southern farm life, but segregation kept her from viewing them in a gallery until after hours.

Author's Residence: College Station, Texas  
Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

### **Bears Make the Best Reading Buddies**

by Carmen Oliver, illustrated by Jean Claude

Book Description: Adelaide tells her teacher, Mrs. Fitz-Pea, that her reading buddy is nothing to be afraid of because bears really do make the best reading buddies!

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas  
Publisher: Capstone Press  
Author's Website: [www.carmenoliver.com](http://www.carmenoliver.com)

### **The Blues Go Birding at Wild America's Shores**

by Carol Malnor and Sandy Fuller, illustrated by Louise Schroeder

Book Description: Five humorous little birds go on an adventurous bird-watching trip and discover birds along all of North America's coasts, from Newfoundland to Alaska.

Illustrator's Residence: Austin, Texas  
 Publisher: Dawn Publications

### ***A Friend for Freckles***

by Erin Liles, illustrated by Alexander Morris

Book Description: Freckles the three-legged dog wants a home more than anything. Will people ever look past what he doesn't have and see what he does?

Author's Residence: Kyle, Texas

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

### ***My Name is James Madison Hemings***

by Jonah Winter, illustrated by Terry Widener

Book Description: A first-person narrative told by James Madison Hemings, who was born into slavery in 1805.

Illustrator's Residence: McKinney, Texas

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

### ***The Night the Mice Sang***

by Marla F. Jones, illustrated by Holly Abston

Book Description: Willa believes she can hear mice singing about the coming rain. Should her family be concerned or will vindication be sweet for this special girl?

Author's Residence: Yukon, Oklahoma

Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

### ***There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight***

by Penny Parker Klostermann, illustrated by Ben Mantle

Book Description: Meet an old dragon who swallows pretty much an entire kingdom! Written in rollicking rhyme, this book is sure to be requested again and again.

Author's Residence: Abilene, Texas

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

### ***Toby and the Secret Code***

by Una Belle Townsend, illustrated by Gwen Coleman Lester

Book Description: Toby's class report is about his great-great-grandfather, Tobias Frazier, who was a World War I Choctaw code talker. Includes some Choctaw words.

Author's Residence: Yukon, Oklahoma

Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

### ***Tommy James***

by Maria Ashworth, illustrated by Andrea Peixoto Emmerick

Book Description: Tommy James may be little, but he knows how to wrangle in a bully like Bo Jones.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

## **Picture Books/Bilingual**

### ***Rey Antonio and Rey Feo: A San Antonio Fiesta Story***

by Kena Sosa, illustrated by Jessica McClure

Book Description: A story of the Fiesta celebration in San Antonio through the adventures of rival brothers who both wish to be King of the City.

Author's Residence: Texas

Publisher: 4RV Publishing

### ***Scarecrow's Journey***

by Timothy Lange

Book Description: Scarecrow's head isn't just stuffed with straw; it's filled with the longing to fly. So when the farmer leaves, Scarecrow must decide to either stay or pursue his dream of flying.

Author's Residence: Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

### ***The Story Circle/El Circulo de cuentos***

by Diane Gonzales Bertrand, illustrated by Wendy Martin

Book Description: After a terrible flood, a clever teacher and her students refill empty bookshelves with homemade books of their stories.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Arte Publico Press

### ***A Surprise for Teresita/Una Sorpresa Para Teresita***

by Virginia Sanchez-Korrol, illustrated by Carolyn Dee Flores

Book Description: Set in a Puerto Rican neighborhood in NYC, this bilingual picture book captures both the daily life of an urban community and a child's excitement about her birthday surprise.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Arte Publico Press/Piñata Books

Picture Book/Religious

### ***A Christmas Story with St. Joseph***

by Geraldine Guadagno, illustrated by Maria Cristina Lo Cascio

Book Description: The Christmas story told through the eyes of Joseph, husband of Mary.

Author's Residence: Canyon Lake, Texas

Publisher: The Word Among Us Press

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

## **GRADES 3-5**

### **Chapter Book**

#### ***My Friend Frank***

by David L. Roper, illustrated by Adam Cobble

Book Description: Herbie wants a pet—a dog, a cat, anything. He finds a shivering, seven-foot, green-skinned . . . uh, guy. "Can I keep him, Mom? Can I, huh?"

Author's Residence: Midwest City, Oklahoma

Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

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

### **Fantasy**

#### ***Sienna, the Cowgirl Fairy: Trying to Make It Rain***

by Alayne Kay Christian, illustrated by Brian Martin

Book Description: After renouncing her fairy side, half-human Sienna struggles to fit in at fairy camp, where cliquish fairies reject her spunky spirit and outspoken ways.

Author's Residence: Livingston, Texas

Publisher: Spork/Clear Fork Publishing

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

#### ***Skeleton Tree***

by Kim Ventrella

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Stanly Stanwright discovers beauty, and a friend, in Death with the help of an unusual tree grow-

ing in his backyard.

Author's Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Publisher: Scholastic Press

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

### **Tut: The Story of My Immortal Life**

by P. J. Hoover

Book Description: King Tut used to rule Egypt. Now he's stuck in middle school. Even worse, his crazy uncle, the guy who's been locked in the tomb for 3000 years, is out to get him.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Starscape

## **Historical Fiction**

### **Anywhere but Paradise**

by Anne Bustard

Book Description: Set in 1960, Hawaii is not paradise for newcomer Peggy Sue until a new friend, hula, and the beauty of the islands change her mind.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Lerner

### **Voices of the Western Frontier**

by Sherry Garland, illustrated by Julie Dupre Buckner

Book Description: From Sacagawea in the Lewis and Clark expedition to a modern-day cowgirl, sixteen first-person narratives tell the story of America's Westward expansion.

Author's Residence: Bryan, Texas

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

## **Humorous Fiction**

### **Zack Delacruz: Just My Luck**

by Jeff Anderson, illustrated by Andrea Miller

Book Description: Zack is back—and eager to meet the new girl. Things get off to a rough start and total chaos erupts in this humorous romp.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

## **Mystery**

### **The Fourth Ruby**

by James R. Hannibal

Book Description: Framed! The Crown Jewels are missing. Jack Buckles is blamed. Now he must chase the real thief across the globe to foil his sinister plan.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

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

## **Nonfiction**

### **Exploring Earth**

by Carmen Bredeson

Book Description: Why is Earth the only planet in the solar system that has life? Why are there four seasons? What causes the weather? Find out here.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Enslow Publishing

### **The Hole Story of the Doughnut**

by Pat Miller, illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch

Book Description: Nearly everyone loves doughnuts. Now learn the humorous story of Captain Hanson Crockett Gregory, who invented them more than 166 years ago!

Author's Residence: Richmond, Texas

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

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

### **Super-Awesome Science: The Science of Speed**

by Wendy Hinote Lanier

Book Description: The Science of Speed explores the science behind speed on land, in water, and through the air.

Author's Residence: Beaumont, Texas

Publisher: Core Library/ABDO

## **Nonfiction Picture Book**

### **Army Camels: Texas Ships of the Desert**

by Doris Fisher, illustrated by Julie Dupre Buckner

Book Description: Called the US Army Camel Experiment, camels sailed to Texas in 1856 to open up the Wild West.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

### **Tad Lucas: Trick-Riding Rodeo Cowgirl**

by Laura B. Edge, illustrated by Stephanie Ford

Book Description: Tad Lucas has been called the greatest woman rider of all time. She dazzled crowds in the early 1900s doing daring tricks and riding broncs.

Author's Residence: Kingwood, Texas

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

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

## **Picture Book**

### **Willy the Texas Longhorn**

by Alan C. Elliott, illustrated by Stephanie Ford

Book Description: Willy saves Christmas by painting his horns fluorescent blue and flying Santa's sleigh across Texas. (A Rudolph story with a Longhorn.)

Author's Residence: Dallas, Texas

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

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

## **Picture Book/Bilingual**

### **Lupita's First Dance/El Primer Baile de Lupita**

by Lupe Ruiz-Flores, illustrated by Gabhor Utomo

Book Description: A bilingual picture book about a young girl who shows courage when she takes a risk after her partner fails to show up for her first dance performance.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Arte Publico Press

## **Picture Book Biography**

### **Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Taught the World About Kindness**

by Donna Janell Bowman, illustrated by Daniel Minter

Book Description: A reading, writing, calculating horse? "Ridicu-

lous!" people said, until William "Doc" Key and his horse, Beautiful Jim Key, proved the power of kindness.

Author's Residence: Round Rock, Texas

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

## Realistic Fiction

### ***Chained***

by Lynne Kelly

Book Description: Ten-year-old elephant keeper Hastin befriends his elephant Nandita and soon realizes escaping from the cruel circus owner is the only way they will both survive.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

### ***Gianna the Great***

by Becky Villareal

Book Description: Gianna Saldaña is searching for information about her family. What she finds out in this story will change her life forever.

Author's Residence: Garland, Texas

Publisher: Anaiah Press

### ***Moose, Baseball and a Friend Named Dutch***

by Janet Wykes Moore

Book Description: Eighty-five percent of Alaskan children are urban dwellers. Wilderness stories do not tell their stories. *Moose, Baseball and a Friend Named Dutch*, set in Anchorage, does.

Author's Residence: Weatherford, Oklahoma

Publisher: Outskirts Press

### ***The STEM Club Goes Exploring***

by Lois Melbourne, illustrated by Jomike Tejido

Book Description: Students explore careers as they interview a technology entrepreneur, a geologist, and professionals in health-care and veterinary care.

Author's Residence: Southlake, Texas

Publisher: Greenleaf Press

## GRADES 6-8

### Fantasy

#### ***Nightingale's Nest***

by Nikki Loftin

Book Description: A haunting, magical story about a boy with the weight of the world on his shoulders and a girl with the gift of healing in her voice.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Razorbill

#### ***The Radiant Road***

by Katherine Catmull

Book Description: When an ancient evil threatens to destroy the roads between human and fairy, only Clare and a strange boy named Finn stand in the way.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Dutton Books for Young Readers

## Historical Fiction

### ***A Family for Leona***

by Beverly Stowe McClure

Book Description: After Leona's mother dies, she's sent west on the Orphan Train, while her brothers and sisters stay behind. Will she ever see them again?

Author's Residence: Iowa Park, Texas

Publisher: 4RV Publishing

### ***The Grave Robber's Secret***

by Anna Myers

Book Description: Forced to rob graves, Robby becomes interested in medicine at the college where he sells the bodies, but murder changes everything.

Author's Residence: Chandler, Oklahoma

Publisher: Walker Books

### ***Living on Sisu: The 1913 Union Copper Strike Tragedy***

by Deborah K. Frontiera

Book Description: The events of a strike in Michigan's Copper District in 1913 told through the eyes of a twelve-year-old girl. Won Purple Dragonfly Award.

Author's Residence: Houston Texas

Publisher: ABCs Press

## Nonfiction

### ***Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws That Affect Us Today***

by Cynthia Levinson and Sanford Levinson

Book Description: The Framers of our Constitution tried their best, but many decisions, compromises, and indecisions prevent us from being "a more perfect union."

Authors' Residence: Austin, Texas, and Boston, Massachusetts

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Author's Website (Cynthia Levinson): [www.cynthialevinson.com](http://www.cynthialevinson.com)

### ***Lone Star Legacy: The Texas Rangers Then and Now***

by Melanie Chrimer

Book Description: Historical account of the Texas Ranger Law Enforcement Organization. From 1823 to the present, the origination, changes, and advancements are described through true Texas events.

Author's Residence: Pearland, Texas

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

## Realistic Fiction

### ***Caleb and Kit***

by Beth Vrabel, illustrated by Erwin Madrid

Book Description: A magical friendship, coping with disability, and the pains of growing up and growing apart come together in this story about a boy living with cystic fibrosis.

Author's Residence: Keller, Texas

Publisher: Running Press Kids

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

### ***Maybe a Fox***

by Kathi Appelt and Alison McGhee

Book Description: Sylvie has not come back, and Jules is left behind.

With the help of a small fox, the world begins to right itself.

Author's Residence (Appelt): College Station, Texas

Publisher: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

### **Peppermint Cocoa Crushes**

by Laney Nielson

Book Description: Sasha wants to win the talent show, but when nothing goes as planned, can she save a friendship and still enjoy the spotlight?

Author's Residence: Plano, Texas

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

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

## **GRADES 9-12**

### **Contemporary Fiction**

#### **All You Need Is Love**

by Russell J. Sanders

Book Description: In 1969, gay teen Dewey Snodgrass navigates a world that includes Vietnam, the Stonewall Riots, and a hippie he is falling in love with.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Harmony Ink Press

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

#### **Until I Break**

by Kara Bietz

Book Description: When gunshots echo through the halls of Broadmeadow High School, whose finger is on the trigger?

Author's Residence: Cypress, Texas

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

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

### **Fantasy**

#### **The Storyspinner**

by Becky Wallace

Book Description: A case of mistaken identity exposes a young performer to a danger she could never have imagined and a secret her father died to protect.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

#### **Walter Plume and the Dehydrated Imagination**

by Rebecca Lynn Morales

Book Description: Before Ickabod Von Snot-hook sucks everyone's joy dry with his neverending rules, Walter must save everyone with his new life-giving powers and his imagination!

Author's Residence: Temple, Texas

Publisher: Cedar Fort

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

### **Historical Fiction**

#### **Grendel's Mother: The Saga of the Wyrd-Wife**

by Susan Signe Morrison

Book Description: A historical novel telling the story of the Old English poem, Beowulf, from the point of view of the young women in a heroic world.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Top Hat Books/John Hunt

#### **The Year We Sailed the Sun**

by Theresa Nelson

Book Description: Spitfire orphan Julia Delaney rails against nuns and gangsters alike in her struggle to be reunited with her beloved brother in 1911-1912 St. Louis.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Atheneum Books

### **Mystery**

#### **Evidence of Things Not Seen**

by Lindsey Lane

Book Description: When a high school junior goes missing, everyone has a theory about what happened to him. Only one thing is for certain: Until one possibility is proven true, all possibilities exist.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers

### **Paranormal**

#### **The Recruit**

by M. M. Cox

Book Description: Catch an angel, earn a fortune. Get caught by one, lose your life. When you hunt for the fallen, you always risk losing your heart.

Author's Residence: Edmond, Oklahoma

Publisher: Bluewood Publishing

### **Science Fiction**

#### **The Last Tree**

by Denise Getson

Book Description: A young girl with power over water encounters an ancient tree of mysterious potential. Can these two extraordinary beings delay humanity's slow march toward extinction?

Author's Residence: Dallas, Texas

Publisher: CBAY Books

#### **Polaris**

by Beth Bowland

Book Description: A boy has to win a "game" in order to save his family, his best friend, and himself from aliens. Don't open the door. Don't invite him in. He is not from here.

Author's Residence: Arlington, Texas

Publisher: Month9Books