

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

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PREK-K

Picture Book

Can I Have My Ball Back?

by Alice Hemming, illustrated by Ed Myer

Book Description: Mr. Ricket has a new shed for his inventions, but he keeps getting interrupted.

Author's Residence: Hertford, United Kingdom

Publisher: Maverick

Author's Website: www.alicehemming.co.uk

Dreamer

by Brian Moses, illustrated by Bee Willey

Book Description: All the animals and wild places in this book need to be protected and looked after to save them for the children of the future.

Illustrator's Residence: Suffolk, United Kingdom

Publisher: Otter-Barry Books

Giraffe on a Bicycle

by Julia Woolf

Book Description: Monkey found a bicycle. Luckily, Giraffe knows how to ride it . . . sort of!

Author's Residence: Faversham Kent, United Kingdom

Publisher: Macmillan Children's Books

Goodnight Sleepy Babies

by Janet Bingham, illustrated by Sebastien Braun

Book Description: From cuddly tiger cubs to snoozing songbirds, each spread of this reassuring bedtime book features different parent animals settling their baby down for the night.

Author's Residence: Cambridge, England, United Kingdom

Publisher: Scholastic

Author's Website: www.janetbingham.co.uk

Motor Goose

by Rebecca Colby, illustrated by Jef Kaminsky

Book Description: A rhyme collection that every car/plane/boat/crane/digger/taxi/train-loving kid will adore. Motor Goose is a must-have for readers who like things that go.

Author's Residence: British Isles

Publisher: Feiwei & Friends

Author's Website: www.rebeccacolbybooks.com

Tiz and Ott's Big Draw

by Bridget Marzo

Book Description: Tiz and Ott, cat and donkey friends, draw and paint their way into an adventure and use their creativity to find their way back home.

Author's Residence: London, United Kingdom

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers

Wings!

by Paul Stewart, illustrated by Jane Porter

Book Description: Penguin wishes he could fly. Nothing seems to work until, with the help of his friends, he discovers an unexpected talent.

Illustrator's Residence: London, United Kingdom

Publisher: Otter-Barry Books

You Make Me Smile

by Layn Marlow

Book Description: A little girl, a snowman, and the simple pleasure a smile always brings . . . this book celebrates a friendship that lasts across the seasons.

Author's Residence: Reading, United Kingdom

Publisher: Oxford University Press

GRADES 1-2

Folklore

A Jar of Pickles and a Pinch of Justice

by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Uma Krishnaswamy

Book Description: Can Prince Veera and his friend Suku settle the disputes in King Bheema's court? These clever, funny trickster tales are sure to delight.

Author's Residence: London, British Isles, United Kingdom

Publisher: Walker Books UK

Picture Books

Lula's Brew

by Elizabeth O. Dulemba

Book Description: Lula's aunties want her to be a witch, but Lula would rather study cookbooks than spell books. Lula wants to be a famous chef.

Author's Residence: Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

Publisher: Xist Publishing

Posie Pixie and the Snowstorm

(Book 6 in the Whimsy Wood Series)

by Sarah Hill, illustrated by Sarah Mauchline

Book Description: It's January in Whimsy Wood, and Posie Pixie's just made two new friends! Come meet Violet Vole and her best friend, Sonny Shrew (the coolest dude in Whimsy Wood!).

Author's Residence: Bath, Wiltshire, England, United Kingdom

Publisher: Abela Publishing

GRADES 3-5

Adventure

Ambushed

By Nayanika Mahtani

Book Description: A jungle holiday adventure where gadget geek Tara stumbles upon a gang of poachers—and needs to save the lives of a tigress and her cubs!

Author's Residence: London, United Kingdom

Publisher: Puffin Books India

Fantasy

Journey to Dragon Island

by Claire Fayers, illustrated by Oriol Vidal

Book Description: Reaching the edge of the world can't stop the crew of the Onion! It's westward ho in search of dragons, no matter the obstacles.

Author's Residence: Cardiff, United Kingdom

Publisher: Henry Holt & Company

Author's Website: www.clairefayers.com

Humorous Fiction

Dave Pigeon (Nuggets!)

by Swapna Haddow, illustrated by Sheena Dempsey

Book Description: Calling all IPLOP agents: Dave Pigeon and best friend, Skipper, are back, and they've gone beak-first into trouble with a pigeon-nugget-making evil genius....

Author's Residence: United Kingdom

Publisher: Faber & Faber

Author's Website: www.swapnahaddow.co.uk

Nonfiction

Junior Ranger Activity Book

by Christy Mihaly, illustrated by Ben White

Book Description: Facts, quizzes, puzzles, and games related to the US national parks.

Author's Residence: London, England

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

Nonfiction Picture Book

Will's Words: How William Shakespeare Changed the Way You Talk

by Jane Sutcliffe, illustrated by John Shelley

Book Description: Uses the Bard's own familiar words and sayings, such as "dead as a doornail," to tell the story of the old Globe Theatre. Breathtakingly illustrated.

Illustrator's Residence: Norwich, United Kingdom

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Realistic Fiction

Bronze and Sunflower

by CAO Wenxuan, illustrated by Meilo SO,

translated by Helen Wang

Book Description: A heartwarming story of family and friendship by the winner of the 2016 Hans Christian Andersen Award.

Translator's Residence: London, United Kingdom

Publisher: Walker Books UK

GRADES 6-8

Action/Adventure

The Black Lotus: Shadow of the Ninja

by Kieran Fanning

Book Description: Ghost, Cormac, and Kate join the Black Lotus, a training school for ninjas who are sworn to protect the world from the evil samurai-run Empire.

Author's Residence: Ireland

Publisher: Scholastic

The Scarlet Files: Cat Burglar

by Tamsin Cooke

Book Description: Schoolgirl by day, cat burglar by night, Scarlet returns treasures to their rightful owners. But when she steals an ancient Aztec bracelet, her world turns upside down.

Author's Residence: Somerset, England

Publisher: Oxford University Press

Fantasy

Hyacinth and the Secrets Beneath

by Jacob Sager Weinstein

Book Description: An American girl finds herself in a madcap chase through the secret magical rivers underneath London, encountering giant pigs, sketchy unicorns, and other strange creatures.

Author's Residence: London, United Kingdom

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Author's Website: www.jacobsagerweinstein.com

Ghost Story

Minty

by Christina Banach

Book Description: Minty and Jess are inseparable, until one fateful day the unthinkable happens and their sisterly bond is shattered.

Author's Residence: Fife, Scotland, United Kingdom

Publisher: Three Hares

Historical Fiction

Black Powder

by Ally Sherrick

Book Description: A rip-roaring, life-and-death quest set at the time of the Gunpowder Plot and packed with history and adventure.

Author's Residence: Farnham, Surrey, United Kingdom

Publisher: Chicken House

Humorous Fiction

I'm an Alien and I Want to Go Home

by Jo Franklin, illustrated by Marty Kelly

Book Description: Three friends, a misunderstanding, and a lot of ice. Will Daniel ever get back to the planet he came from?

Author's Residence: London, United Kingdom

Publisher: Clarion Books

Jack Dash and the Summer Blizzard

by Sophie Plowden, illustrated by Judy Brown

Book Description: If you had a magic quill pen that made drawings come to life, what would you draw? Jack's chaotic adventures continue in this hilarious sequel.

Author's Residence: London, United Kingdom

Publisher: Catnip Publishing

Author's Website: www.sophieplowden.co.uk

Waiting for Gonza

by Dave Cousins

Book Description: Thirteen-year-old "disaster magnet" Oz learns the hard way that sometimes even the biggest mistakes can turn out to be for the best!

Author's Residence: Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

Publisher: Oxford University Press

Realistic Fiction

Being Jack

by Jill Atkins

Book Description: Jack loves sports. He's an all-around popular guy, but when tragedy strikes on an activity weekend in the mountains, Jack's world comes crashing down around him.

Author's Residence: West Sussex, England

Publisher: Ransom Publishing

Science Fiction

Spacejackers: The Lost Sword

by Huw Powell

Book Description: The fast-paced sequel to Spacejackers about a teenage boy called Jake Cutler who joins a crew of space pirates to save the seven solar systems.

Author's Residence: Portishead in North Somerset, United Kingdom

Publisher: Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers

GRADES 9-12

Action Adventure

Chasing Danger

by Sara Grant

Book Description: When modern-day pirates attack a remote tropical island, fourteen-year-old Chase must outrun, out-think, and outfight the pirates . . . before it's too late!

Author's Residence: London, England

Publisher: Scholastic UK

Fantasy

Destiny's Revenge

by Philip S. Davies

Book Description: Plague strikes Anestra City, and Queen Katelin tries to save her people through a deal with the gods. Must she sacrifice her own life?

Author's Residence: Banbury, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom

Publisher: Books to Treasure

Author's Website: www.philipdavies.com

Mechanica

by Betsy Cornwell

Book Description: A brilliant mechanic invents her own kind of happily-ever-after in this steampunk Cinderella retelling.

Author's Residence: Galway, Ireland

Publisher: Clarion Books

Future Fiction

Ways of the Doomed

by Moira McPartlin

Book Description: A YA future fiction novel that explores zeitgeist themes appealing to the new political engagement of teens: nationalism, prejudice, and societal division.

Author's Residence: Killearn, Stirlingshire, United Kingdom

Publisher: Saraband Books

Magical Fantasy Adventure

The Golden Acorn

(The Adventures of Jack Brenin, Book One)

by Catherine Cooper, illustrated by Catherine Cooper and Ron Cooper

Book Description: The first book in a series about an ordinary boy who has an extraordinary magical adventure after finding a golden acorn.

Author's Residence: Shrewsbury, United Kingdom

Publisher: Infinite Ideas

Realistic Fiction

The Awkward Autumn of Lily McLean

by Lindsay Littleton

Book Description: The last thing Lily wants is to start up that weird psychic stuff again. But it might be her only hope . . .

Author's Residence: Glasgow, Scotland

Publisher: Floris Books

Author's Website: www.lindsaylittleton.co.uk

Science Fiction

Into the No Zone

by Eugene Lambert

Book Description: Volume 2 of The Sign of One trilogy. Twins are evil, with a twist!

Author's Residence: Stroud, United Kingdom

Publisher: Egmont

Author's Website: www.eugenelambert.com

Thriller

I Have No Secrets

by Penny Joelson

Book Description: Jemma has severe cerebral palsy. She can't move or communicate, but she is the only one who knows the identity of a murderer.

Author's Residence: London, UK

Publisher: Electric Monkey/Egmont

Author's Website: www.pennyjoelson.co.uk

Little White Lies

by Katie Dale

Book Description: When Lou falls for gorgeous Christian, she's ensnared in a dangerous web of deceit, her life at risk, loyalties torn. But Lou's keeping secrets, too...

Author's Residence: Cambridge, United Kingdom

Publisher: Simon & Schuster UK