

# SCBWI READING LIST 2018

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From picture books to middle grade to nonfiction to YA novels, there are hundreds of books to choose from, written and illustrated by members of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Use this list as your go-to guide to find books to engage readers of all ages.

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### ATLANTIC

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#### PRE-K-K

#### BOARD BOOK

##### ***My First Lift-the-Flap Animal Book***

Illustrated by Amy Mullen

Book Description: Little ones will love encountering the amazing animals inside this board book. And with lots of flaps to lift, there's lots of fun to have.

Illustrator's Residence: Arlington, Virginia

Publisher: duopress

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [mintparcel.com](http://mintparcel.com)

##### ***Nita's First Signs***

by Kathy MacMillan, illustrated by Sara Brezzi

Book Description: Nita knows just how to tell Mommy and Daddy what she needs—she just has to use her signs!

Author's Residence: Owings Mills, Maryland

Publisher: Familius Press

Publication Date: June 15, 2018

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

#### HOLIDAY

##### ***25 Days to Jesus***

by Christy Waltersdorff, illustrated by Mitch Miller

Book Description: An illustrated children's Advent devotional bringing to life the characters in the Nativity story like never before.

Illustrator's Residence: York, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Brethren Press

Publication Date: July 4, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [esketcho.com](http://esketcho.com)

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Amanda Panda and the Bigger, Better Birthday***

by Candice Ransom, illustrated by Christine Grove

Book Description: In the hilarious follow-up to *Amanda Panda Quits Kindergarten*, strong, sassy, and funny Amanda Panda is having a birthday crisis!

Author's Residence: Fredericksburg, Virginia

Publisher: Doubleday Books for Young Readers

Publishing Date: June 5, 2018

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

##### ***The Book Tree***

by Paul Czajak, illustrated by Rashin Kheiriyeh

Book Description: The Mayor decides books are dangerous and destroys all the books in town! But thanks to Arlo's imagination, books return blossoming more beautifully than ever.

Author's Residence: Farmingdale, New Jersey

Publisher: Barefoot Books

Publication Date: September 30, 2018

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

##### ***Busy-Eyed Day***

by Anne Marie Pace, illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon

Book Description: This rhyming and richly illustrated picture book is a clever and unusual celebration of being observant and keeping an eye out for magic in the everyday world that surrounds us.

Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: April 2018

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

##### ***Daddies Do***

by Lezlie Evans, illustrated by Elisa Ferro

Book Description: A rhyming ode to all the things daddies do with their children. "Who offers you courage to give it a try, then says you did great even when you don't fly? Daddies do. That's who!"

Author's Residence: Brambleton, Virginia

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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

##### ***I Got a Chicken for My Birthday***

by Laura Gehl

Book Description: Ana wants tickets to the amusement park for her birthday. Abuela Lola sends her a chicken instead! But this chicken is no ordinary chicken; it has plans!

Author's Residence: Chevy Chase, Maryland

Publisher: Carolrhoda

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

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

##### ***The Hugely-Wugely Spider***

by Ethan T. Berlin, illustrated by Karl Newsome Edwards

Book Description: In this hilarious book that deals with exclusion, *The Hugely-Wugely Spider* is too big to fit up the waterspout with the Itsy Bitsy Spider, but uses his size to save the day.

Author's Residence: South Orange, New Jersey

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Publication Date: May 22, 2018

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

##### ***Mary Had a Little Lab***

by Sue Fliess, illustrated by Petros Bouloubasis

Book Description: Mary is an enterprising young inventor who wants a pet, so she makes one with her Sheepinator! It's about making friends and being true to yourself.

Author's Residence: Ashburn, Virginia

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

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

***Magnolia Mudd and the Super Jumptastic Launcher Deluxe***

by **Katey Howes**, illustrated by **Valerio Fabbretti**

Book Description: Magnolia Mudd loves inventing! When her favorite uncle gets married, Magnolia must invent a Mudd-powered way to be part of the special day.

Author's Residence: New Hope, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: January 2, 2018

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

***Ready or Not, Woolbur Goes to School***

by **Leslie Helakoski**, illustrated by **Lee Harper**

Book Description: The free-spirited, fluffy, one-of-a-kind sheep

Woolbur is on his way to school, and he's more than ready...

Illustrator's Residence: Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: June 19, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [Leeharperart.com](http://Leeharperart.com)

***Take Care***

by **Madelyn Rosenberg**, illustrated by **Giuliana Gregori**

Book Description: A gentle, rhyming book about taking care of the world—and each other.

Author's Residence: Arlington, Virginia

Publisher: Albert Whitman

Publication Date: January 1, 2018

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

***This is the Day!***

by **Amy Parker**, illustrated by **Leeza Hernandez**

Book Description: Celebrate every moment of the day and learn you can make the world awesome, too! A jubilant, uplifting reminder to seize the day—inspired by Psalm 118:24.

Illustrator's Residence: New Jersey

Publisher: Little Shepherd

Publication Date: March 29, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [leezaworks.com](http://leezaworks.com)

***Thread of Love***

by **Kabir and Surishtha Sehgal**, illustrated by **Zara Gonzalez Hoang**

Book Description: Three siblings enjoy the Indian festival of Raksha Bandhan—a celebration of the special relationship between brothers and sisters.

Illustrator's Residence: Falls Church, Virginia

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: October 16, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [zaralikestodraw.com](http://zaralikestodraw.com)

***The World Needs Beautiful Things***

by **Leah Rachel Berkowitz**, illustrated by **Daniele Fabbri**

Book Description: Bezalel loves to collect things for his Beautiful Things Box. Everyone thinks his collecting is strange—until they need to create something beautiful themselves.

Author's Residence: Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Publication Date: August 2018

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

**GRADES 1-2**

**CHAPTER BOOK**

***Warren & Dragon's 100 Friends***

by **Ariel Bernstein**, illustrated by **Mike Malbrough**

Book Description: A modern-day Calvin and Hobbes-esque tale involving a dreamy boy and his vain dragon companion.

Author's Residence: Livingston, New Jersey

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

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

**EARLY READER**

***A Raccoon at the White House***

by **Rachel Dougherty**, illustrated by **Rachel Sanson**

Book Description: Discover the true story of President Calvin Coolidge's rambunctious raccoon and the rest of his wild menagerie in this fact-filled ready-to-read book.

Author's Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Simon Spotlight

Publication Date: July 3, 2018

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

**HUMOROUS CHAPTER BOOK SERIES**

***Beep and Bob: Too Much Space!***

by **Jonathan Roth**

Book Description: A funny and action-packed chapter book series about the new kid at space school and the devoted little alien who won't leave his side.

Author's Residence: Rockville, Maryland

Publisher: Aladdin

Publication Date: March 13, 2018

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

**NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK**

***Elizabeth Warren: Nevertheless, She Persisted***

by **Susan Wood**, illustrated by **Sarah Green**

Book Description: Biography exploring how Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts' first female senator, learned to speak up for her beliefs and fight for those who needed her help.

Author's Residence: Norfolk, Virginia

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 7, 2018

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

***Terrific Tongues!***

by **Maria Gianferrari**, illustrated by **Jia Liu**

Book Description: It's a straw, it's a mop, it's a sword—it's a tongue! Readers will marvel at these fascinating, unique, and terrific animal tongues.

Author's Residence: Leesburg, Virginia

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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

**PICTURE BOOK*****The Book Dragon***

by Kell Andrews, illustrated by Éva Chatelain

Book Description: The Book Dragon snatches away books to add to her stash. But brave young Rosehilda has a plan to get the books back.

Author's Residence: Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

Author's Website: [kellandrews.com](http://kellandrews.com)***Building Books***

by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Brianne Farley

Book Description: Katie loves to build and Owen loves to read. Can they learn to appreciate each other's hobbies and build something together?

Author's Residence: Arlington, Virginia

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

Author's Website: [meganwagnerlloyd.com](http://meganwagnerlloyd.com)***Daddy, Can You See the Moon?***

by Gayle C. Krause, illustrated by Carlos de la Garza

Book Description: A boy and his deployed dad share special moments looking at the moon, and the boy realizes that love is what keeps them connected.

Author's Residence: Matamoras, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Clear Fork

Publication Date: November 2018

Author's Website: [gayleckrause.com](http://gayleckrause.com)***The Gingerbread Man and the Leprechaun Loose at School***

by Laura Murray, illustrated by Mike Lowery

Book Description: In the fifth in the series, a sneaky leprechaun is making mischief throughout the Gingerbread Man's school. But the GB Man cooks up a homemade trap to try to catch him!

Author's Residence: McLean, Virginia

Publisher: GP Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: January 9, 2018

Author's Website: [LauraMurrayBooks.com](http://LauraMurrayBooks.com)***H is for Haiku: A Treasury of Haiku from A to Z***

by Sydell Rosenberg, illustrated by Sawsan Chalabi

Book Description: An A to Z compendium of "word-picture" haiku that celebrates the fun and joy of the small moments in our everyday lives.

Address of Author's Estate: Teaneck, New Jersey

Publisher: Penny Candy Books

Publication Date: April 10, 2018

***How Do Seesaws Go Up and Down***

by Jennifer Shand, illustrated by Srimalie Bassani

Book Description: In the How Do series, a question is asked and a silly answer is given before the scientific answer. Simple machines are explored here.

Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: Flowerpot Press

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

***Mapping Sam***

by Joyce Hesselberth

Book Description: An adventurous cat named Sam explores her neighborhood at night in this gorgeously illustrated book. A book both about how maps work and an engaging, character-driven story.

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Greenwillow Books

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

Author's Website: [joycehesselberth.com](http://joycehesselberth.com)***Mother Ghost: Nursery Rhymes for Little Monsters***

by Rachel Kolar, illustrated by Roland Garrigue

Book Description: A collection of thirteen nursery rhymes with Halloween twists, from "Mary, Mary, Tall and Scary" to "Wee Willie Werewolf."

Author's Residence: Laurel, Maryland

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: July 15, 2018

Author's Website: [rachelkolar.com](http://rachelkolar.com)***A Paintbrush for Paco***

by Tracey Kyle, illustrated by Joshua Heinsz

Book Description: Meet a little boy named Paco who loves to draw but can't seem to concentrate during school in this picture book that's sprinkled with Spanish words!

Author's Residence: Woodbridge, Virginia

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: July 3, 2018

Author's Website: [traceykyle.com](http://traceykyle.com)***Porcupine's Pie***

by Laura Renauld, illustrated by Jennie Poh

Book Description: Porcupine loves Fall Feast Day and its culinary traditions. But what happens when her friends can't make their specialties? A story of generosity and friendship.

Author's Residence: Leesburg, Virginia

Publisher: Beaming Books

Publication Date: October 9, 2018

Author's Website: [laurarenauld.com](http://laurarenauld.com)***Rubio and Julienne: A Sweet and Cheesy Tale***

by Dan Paley, illustrated by Lauren Gallegos

Book Description: A pair of star-crossed foodies overcome their parents' centuries-old feud by celebrating rather than separating different fruit and cheese combinations.

Illustrator's Residence: Arlington, Virginia

Publisher: Tilbury House

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [laurengallegos.com](http://laurengallegos.com)***She's Got This***

by Laurie Hernandez, illustrated by Nina Mata

Book Description: When Zoe sees a gymnast on TV, she realizes that gymnastics is just like flying. But after falling off the balance beam, she discovers that following her dreams is harder and scarier than she thought.

Illustrator's Residence: Rahway, New Jersey

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: October 9, 2018

## PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY

### ***Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor***

by Patricia Valdez, illustrated by Felicita Sala

Book Description: From a childhood love of reptiles to designing the London Zoo's Reptile House, see how one woman followed her passion and became a leading expert on Komodo dragons in the 1920s.

Author's Residence: Kensington, Maryland

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: March 13, 2018

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

### ***Turning Pages***

by Sonia Sotomayor, illustrated by Lulu Delacre

Book Description: Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor tells her own story for young readers for the very first time!

Illustrator's Residence: Maryland

Publisher: Philomel Books

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [luludelacre.com](http://luludelacre.com)

## SCIENCE

### ***Which Animal is Fastest?***

by Brian Rock, illustrated by Carolyn Le

Book Description: This "dashing dozen" of nature's speediest species examines the fastest on land, air, and sea. This story shows that speed can be measured in many ways.

Author's Residence: Richmond, Virginia

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

Publication Date: October 10, 2018

Author's Website: [BrianRock.net](http://BrianRock.net)

## GRADES 3-5

### ADVENTURE

### ***John Adams and the Magic Bobblehead***

by Deborah Kalb, illustrated by Robert Lunsford

Book Description: Adventure, history, and the drama of family life intertwine in this engrossing tale of a fifth-grade girl struggling to find her place in her newly blended family.

Author's Residence: Chevy Chase, Maryland

Publisher: Schiffer

Publication Date: November 28, 2018

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

### ***Taking Chances***

by Kelsey Abrams, illustrated by Jomike Tejido

Book Description: When Grace Ramirez discovers a catnapper about to steal her neighbor's prize-winning cat, she jumps into action to save the day.

Author's Residence: Alexandria, Virginia

Publisher: North Star Editions

Publication Date: January 2018

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

## CHAPTER BOOK

### ***Power Forward***

by Hena Khan, illustrated by Sally Wern Comport

Book Description: In the first book of an exciting series, ten-year-old Zayd stands up for his passion and gets one step closer to his big basketball dreams.

Author's Residence: Rockville, Maryland

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: May 8, 2018

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

## CONTEMPORARY FICTION

### ***Ana María Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle***

by Hilda Eunice Burgos

Book Description: Eleven-year-old Ana María practices for a big piano recital she hopes will help her win a scholarship to a top-notch private school.

Author's Residence: Ardmore, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Tu Books

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

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

### ***The Battle of Junk Mountain***

by Lauren Abbey Greenberg

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Shayne must navigate a summer of friendship troubles, a hoarding grandmother, and the danger of holding on too hard to one's past.

Author's Residence: Rockville, Maryland

Publisher: Running Press Kids

Publication Date: April 17, 2018

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

### ***The Eleventh Trade***

by Alyssa Hollingsworth

Book Description: *The Eleventh Trade* is about overcoming fear, being a friend, and finding a new home—a classic middle school story with a refugee focus.

Author's Residence: Hampton, Virginia

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

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

### ***Maddy & Cole: The Food Truck Grand Prix***

by Richie Frieman

Book Description: Ambitious and driven Maddy and her little brother, Cole, help their grandfather, Pop Pop Fantastico, win a massive food truck competition to take home the grand prize.

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: The Omnibus Publishing

Publication Date: March 13, 2018

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

## GRAPHIC NOVEL

### ***Masterpiece Robot: And the Ferocious Valerie Knick-Knack***

by Frank Tra, illustrated by Rebecca Evans

Book Description: Laura's vivid imagination transforms an autumn backyard into a futuristic battleground and siblings into unwitting but enthusiastic participants in a fight for a planet's survival.



Illustrator's Residence: Severna Park, Maryland  
 Publisher: Tilbury House Publishers  
 Publication Date: April 17, 2018  
 Illustrator's Website: [rebeccaevans.net](http://rebeccaevans.net)

## MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

### ***Charlie & Frog***

by Karen Kane, illustrated by Carlisle Robinson and Joe Sabitini  
 Book Description: A hearing boy and a deaf girl use ASL, gondolas, and the Dewey decimal system to solve a mystery in the quirky village of Castle-on-the-Hudson.  
 Author's Residence: Washington, DC  
 Publisher: Disney Hyperion  
 Publication Date: April 10, 2018  
 Author's Website: [karenkanebooks.com](http://karenkanebooks.com)

### ***Takedown***

by Laura Shovan  
 Book Description: *Takedown* explores competition, how it influences family and friendships, and what happens when one girl wants to break barriers in a sport dominated by boys.  
 Author's Residence: Ellicott City, Maryland  
 Publisher: Wendy Lamb Books  
 Publication Date: June 19, 2018  
 Author's Website: [laurashovan.com](http://laurashovan.com)

## MYSTERY

### ***The Ambrose Deception***

by Emily Ecton  
 Book Description: Three Chicago students are chosen to compete for a scholarship by participating in a scavenger hunt, but they soon suspect the contest is a scam.  
 Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia  
 Publisher: Disney Hyperion  
 Publication Date: February 13, 2018  
 Author's Website: [emilyecton.com](http://emilyecton.com)

### ***Layla's Vistaville Summer***

by Faygie Holt  
 Book Description: When Layla learns that her great-great-grandfather hid a treasure in her aunt's home, she plays detective in this story told through diary entries.  
 Author's Residence: Livingston, New Jersey  
 Publisher: Menucha Publisher  
 Publication Date: November 2018  
 Author's Website: [faygielevy.com](http://faygielevy.com)

## NONFICTION

### ***How Things Work: Then and Now***

by TJ Resler  
 Book Description: Travel back in time and into the not-so-distant future to dissect, explore, and discover how all kinds of things do what they do!  
 Author's Residence: Washington, DC  
 Publisher: National Geographic Kids  
 Publication Date: October 2018  
 Author's Website: [tjresler.com](http://tjresler.com)

## PICTURE BOOK

### ***The Edelweiss Pirates***

by Jennifer Elvgren, illustrated by Daniela Stamatadi  
 Book Description: In 1938 Germany, the Edelweiss Pirates, a resistance group of young people, form to work against the Nazis. Young Kurt uses jazz to show that he's not too young to join.  
 Author's: Barboursville, Virginia  
 Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing  
 Publication Date: September 1, 2018  
 Author's Website: [jenniferelvgren.com](http://jenniferelvgren.com)

### ***Why Did Daddy Have to Leave?***

by Robert C. Snyder, illustrated by Ron Himler  
 Book Description: This story helps children understand why a parent serving in the military and called to deploy overseas must leave for an extended length of time.  
 Author's Residence: Grove City, Pennsylvania  
 Publisher: Blue Marlin Publishing  
 Publication Date: June 14, 2018  
 Author's Website: [robertsnnyderbooks.com](http://robertsnnyderbooks.com)

## POETRY

### ***Leaf Litter Critters***

by Leslie Bulion, illustrated by Robert Meganck  
 Book Description: Nineteen poems in a variety of verse forms take readers on a decomposer safari through the "brown food web"—from bacteria to rove beetles.  
 Illustrator's Residence: Powhatan, Virginia  
 Publisher: Peachtree Publishers  
 Publication Date: March 1, 2018  
 Illustrator's Website: [meganck.com](http://meganck.com)

## GRADES 6-8

## CONTEMPORARY FICTION

### ***Alan Cole Doesn't Dance***

by Eric Bell  
 Book Description: Seventh grader Alan Cole navigates homophobia, new crushes, personal identity, and the nature of change in this sequel to *Alan Cole is not a Coward*.  
 Author's Residence: Ambler, Pennsylvania  
 Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books  
 Publication Date: September 9, 2018  
 Author's Website: [iamericbell.com](http://iamericbell.com)

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### ***The Length of a String***

by Elissa Brent Weissman  
 Book Description: A black adopted Jewish girl discovers her great-grandmother's diary from World War II.  
 Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland  
 Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers  
 Publication Date: May 1, 2018  
 Author's Website: [ebweissman.com](http://ebweissman.com)

### **Like Vanessa**

by Tami Charles, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Book Description: Middle graders will laugh and cry with thirteen-year-old Vanessa Martin as she tries to be like Vanessa Williams, the first black Miss America.

Author's Residence: Colonia, New Jersey

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: March 13, 2018

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

### **HORROR**

#### **Spooky Twisties III**

by Terri Bertha

Book Description: Nick, Chris, Lindsay, Amy, and friends continue to find themselves encountering the creepy and supernatural in their hometown, which has become a magnet for the paranormal.

Author's Residence: New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Publisher: MuseItUp Publishing

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

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

### **MAGICAL REALISM**

#### **Ghosts of Ordinary Objects: Bone's Gift**

by Angie Smibert

Book Description: Set in a Virginia coal-mining town in 1942, Bone discovers that she has the ability to see true stories in objects and investigates whether her mother's ability may have led to her death.

Author's Residence: Roanoke, Virginia

Publisher: Boyds Mill Press

Publication Date: March 20, 2018

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

### **MIDDLE GRADE FICTION**

#### **All Three Stooges**

by Erica S. Perl

Book Description: It's about Noah and Dash—seventh graders, best friends, and comedy junkies—whose friendship falls apart in the wake of a parent's suicide.

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: January 9, 2018

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

#### **A Promise Stitched in Time**

by Colleen Rowan Kosinski

Book Description: When Maggie McConnell purchases an old tweed coat, she never guesses that it will forever change the way she views life and her place in it.

Author's Residence: Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

Publication Date: September 2018

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

### **MYSTERY**

#### **The Jigsaw Jungle**

by Kristin Levine

Book Description: A mysterious treasure hunt helps to heal a broken family.

Author's Residence: Alexandria, Virginia

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

Publication Date: June 2018

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

#### **The West End Tree House Mystery**

by Mark Weakland

Book Description: While building a tree house, two best friends stumble upon a mysterious witch and her captive, facing fear and change in this coming-of-age tale.

Author's Residence: Hollsopple, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

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

### **NONFICTION**

#### **Fly Girls: The Daring American Women Pilots Who Helped Win WWII**

by P. O'Connell Pearson

Book Description: *Fly Girls* tells the nearly forgotten story of the 1,102 amazing female pilots who fought hardship, discrimination, and danger to serve their country during WWII.

Author's Residence: Fairfax, Virginia

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: February 6, 2018

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

### **REALISTIC FICTION**

#### **Tiny Infinites**

by JH Diehl

Book Description: Swim team, fireflies, science experiments, and three unlikely new friends help thirteen-year-old Alice navigate the tough summer of her mom's depression and her parents' split.

Author's Residence: Chevy Chase, Maryland

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Publication Date: May 8, 2018

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

### **GRADES 9-12**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### **Mary Shelley: The Strange True Tale of Frankenstein's Creator**

by Catherine Reef

Book Description: This book introduces an important 19th-century author and her work. Known for *Frankenstein*, Shelley also wrote novels that examine emotions and women's place in society.

Author's Residence: College Park, Maryland

Publisher: Clarion Books

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

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

## CONTEMPORARY FICTION

### ***The Disturbed Girl's Dictionary***

by NoNieqa Ramos

Book Description: Macy Cashmere is labeled emotionally disturbed. With humor and heart, Macy writes a personal dictionary to define life on her own terms.

Author's Residence: Ashburn, Virginia

Publisher: Carolrhoda Lab

Publication Date: February 1, 2018

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

### ***How She Died, How I Lived***

by Mary Crockett

Book Description: *Girl in Pieces* meets *The Way I Used to Be* in this powerful book about a girl overcoming survivor's guilt after a class-mate's brutal murder.

Author's Residence: Elliston, Virginia

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: November 13, 2018

Author's Website: [marycrockett.wixsite.com/author](http://marycrockett.wixsite.com/author)

### ***Lifeline***

by Abbey Nash

Book Description: An overdose lands Eli Ross in a 28-day rehab facility. But what he discovers there about himself and his family could change his life forever.

Author's Residence: Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Tiny Fox Press

Publication Date: May 2018

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

## DARK COMEDIC FANTASY

### ***Dead School***

by Laura Gia West

Book Description: Tina finally gets to perform at her school's talent show. But as she steps off stage, Tina Crocker croaks and ends up in Dead School.

Author's Residence: Washington, New Jersey

Publisher: Black Rose Writing

Publication Date: November 15, 2018

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

## NONFICTION

### ***Globalization: Why We Care About Faraway Events (Inquire & Investigate)***

by Carla Mooney, illustrated by Samuel Carbaugh

Book Description: Learn about globalization, how technology drives it, and how globalization affects economies, political systems, human rights, and cultures around the world.

Author's Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Nomad Press

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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



# SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2018

AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND

## PRE-K-K

### PICTURE BOOK

#### ***Blast Off!***

by Shelly Unwin, illustrated by Ben Wood

Book Description: Join two junior astronauts as they rocket around the solar system discovering what is unique about each planet in a funny and fact-filled adventure.

Author's Residence: Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

Publisher: Penguin Random House

Publication Date: April 30, 2018

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

#### ***Dig, Dump, Roll***

by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Brian Lovelock

Book Description: Squash-a-creaka, splosh-a-squeaka. What's at work? Here's a clue: it will roll the ground for you. Roller! Roller!

Coming through!

Author's Residence: Auckland, New Zealand

Publisher: Walker Books

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

#### ***Finding Granny***

by Kate Simpson, illustrated by Gwynneth Jones

Book Description: Edie has the perfect grandmother. But when Granny has a stroke, the person Edie loves doesn't seem to be there anymore. Or is she?

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales

Publisher: EK Books

Publication Date: July 1, 2018

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

#### ***The Hole***

by Kerry Brown, illustrated by Lucia Masciullo

Book Description: One by one, a group of animals come upon a strange black hole in the middle of the woods. What is lurking down below?

Illustrator's Residence: Merrimac, Queensland

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books Australia

Publication Date: April 23, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [LuciaMasciullo.com](http://LuciaMasciullo.com)

#### ***I've Got Eyes! Exceptional Eyes of the Animal World***

by Julie Murphy, illustrated by Hannah Tolson

Book Description: Animals describe their special eyes—bulging, hiding, handlebar, double-decker, and more. STEM, animal adaptations, and diversity for readers 4-8 by zoologist/author Julie Murphy.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria

Publisher: Amicus Ink

Publication Date: August 2018

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

#### ***Mamie***

by Tania McCartney

Book Description: Mamie leaves her magical home and sails far away. Will she find new friends in this strangely beautiful land?

Celebrating the life of May Gibbs.

Author's Residence: Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

Publisher's Name: HarperCollins Children's Books

Publication Date: November 2018

#### ***Oma's Buttons***

by Tania Ingram, illustrated by Jennifer Harrison

Book Description: A heartwarming story about the unique bond between a granddaughter and her grandma, celebrating family and precious shared memories.

Author's Residence: Adelaide, South Australia

Publisher: Penguin

Publication Date: April 2, 2018

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

#### ***Reece Give Me Some Peace!***

by Sonia Bestulic, illustrated by Nancy Bevington

Book Description: Reece is a very cheeky, curious young boy who loves making NOISE, or is that making music? Will his mother ever get any peace?!

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales

Publisher: Big Sky Publishing

Publication Date: September 2018

Author's Website: [soniabestulic.com.au](http://soniabestulic.com.au)

#### ***Scaredy Cat***

by Heather Gallagher, illustrated by Anil Tortop

Book Description: How long is the bond between a child and a beloved pet? A little girl shows how far she will go to protect her four-legged friend.

Author's Residence: Ipswich, Queensland

Publisher: New Frontier Publishing

Publication Date: January 5, 2018

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

#### ***Sebastian and the Special Stack of Stories***

by Kelly Hibbert, illustrated by Susanne deGennaro

Book Description: Where can you find the best spot to hear a story when you're the smallest and slowest one in a big family? Sebastian knows.

Author's Residence: Adelaide, South Australia

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books Australia

Publication Date: January 1, 2018

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

#### ***Spirit***

by Cherri Ryan, illustrated by Christina Booth

Book Description: A girl makes a tiny ship, called Spirit, sailing her

every day and nurturing her every night. What happens when Spirit faces her greatest challenge?

Author's Residence: Brisbane, Queensland

Publisher: Black Dog Books

Publication Date: July 1, 2018

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

### ***Waiting for the Night***

by Julie Thorndyke, illustrated by Anna Seed

Book Description: *Waiting for the Night* is an entrancing bedtime book of lilting verse and striking full-color spreads depicting Australian fauna in a stunning array of landscapes.

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales

Publisher: Interactive Press

Publication Date: April 2018

Author's Website: [jthorndyke.wordpress.com](http://jthorndyke.wordpress.com)

## **GRADES 1-2**

### **EARLY CHAPTER BOOK**

#### ***Olivia's Secret Scribbles: My New Best Friend***

by Meredith Costain, illustrated by Danielle McDonald

Book Description: Olivia is Ella's cheeky little sister from the Ella Diaries. But now it's her turn to tell her story. Find out what she's really like!

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria

Publisher: Scholastic Australia

Publication Date: February 2018

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

## **NONFICTION**

#### ***How to Help a Hedgehog and Protect a Polar Bear***

by Jess French, illustrated by Angela Keoghan

Book Description: Find out how to help endangered animals around the world as you discover the little things you can do to make a big difference.

Illustrator's Residence: Hamilton, New Zealand

Publisher: Nosy Crow

Publication Date: August 2, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [thepicturegarden.co.nz](http://thepicturegarden.co.nz)

## **PICTURE BOOK**

#### ***At the End of Holyrood Lane***

by Dimity Powell, illustrated by Nicky Johnston

Book Description: A poignant yet uplifting picture book that deals with domestic violence in a way that provides understanding and offers hope to young children.

Author's Residence: Gold Coast, Queensland

Publisher: EK Books

Publication Date: September 2018

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

#### ***Bruno: The Boisterous Blue Dog from the Bush***

by Robyn Osborne, illustrated by John Phillips

Book Description: A timeless Aussie tale celebrating the friendship between Bob the bushie and his best buddy, Bruno the blue dog.

Author's Residence: Tinnanbar, Queensland

Publisher: Big Sky Publishing

Publication Date: September 3, 2018

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

#### ***Dogasaurus***

by Lucinda Gifford

Book Description: What if you found a strange egg in a mysterious forest and brought it home? And when it hatched, out popped a baby DINOSAUR! But what would you do when it grows . . . and GROWS . . . and GROWS?

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria

Publisher: Scholastic Australia

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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

#### ***The Dream Bird***

by Aleesah Darlison, illustrated by Emma Middleton

Book Description: George is a day child. At nighttime, he struggles to sleep...until Gran tells him a bedtime story about the magical Dream Bird.

Author's Residence: Buderim, Queensland

Publisher: Wombat Books

Publication Date: April 15, 2018

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

#### ***Granny McFlitter the Champion Knitter***

by Heather Haylock, illustrated by Lael Chisholm

Book Description: Based on true events, a lively rhyming story about a sprightly granny who knits warm jumpers for shivery rescued penguins after an oil spill.

Author's Residence: Auckland, New Zealand

Publisher: Penguin Random House New Zealand

Publication Date: March 2018

Author's Website: [heatherhaylock.nz](http://heatherhaylock.nz)

#### ***Is it the Way You Giggle?***

by Nicola Connelly, illustrated by Annie White

Book Description: Everyone is special in their own way. Is it the way you giggle or the way you wiggle? A heartwarming picture book celebrating our differences.

Illustrator's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria

Publisher: New Frontier Publishing

Publication Date: April 2018

Illustrator's Website: [anniewhite.com](http://anniewhite.com)

#### ***Jacaranda Snow***

by Catherine Greer, illustrated by Helene Magisson

Book Description: Jacaranda Snow is about one family that lives with less money but plenty of love and optimism.

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales

Publisher: Wombat Books

Publication Date: January 9, 2018

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

#### ***Marvin and Marigold: A Stormy Night***

by Mark Carthew, illustrated by Simon Prescott

Book Description: On a wild and stormy night, Marvin and Marigold are scared. The wind rattled windows, whistled, and whirled as lightning bolts cracked and thunderclaps swirled.

Author's Residence: Montrose, Victoria

Publisher: New Frontier Publishing

Publication Date: October 31, 2018

Author's Website: [markcarthew.com.au](http://markcarthew.com.au)

**Scaredy Cat**

by Heather Gallagher, illustrated by Anil Tortop

Book Description: When a little girl's beloved Scaredy Cat goes missing, she calls on readers to help her find him, with surprising results.

Author's Residence: Victoria

Publisher: New Frontier Publishing

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

Author's Website: [heathergallagher.com.au](http://heathergallagher.com.au)**Under the Southern Cross**

by Frané Lessac

Book Description: Nighttime in Australia, animals are waking, people are exploring, discoveries are being made—under the Southern Cross. A fantastic picture book tour of Australia after dark.

Author's Residence: Fremantle, West Australia

Publisher: Walker Books Australia

Publication Date: October 1, 2018

Author's Website: [franellessac.com](http://franellessac.com)**Visiting You**

by Rebecka Sharpe Shelberg, illustrated by Andrea Edmonds

Book Description: A heartwarming celebration of the power of love, and how it's our similarities, not our differences, that matter most.

Illustrator's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales

Publisher: EK Books

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [andreaedmonds.com](http://andreaedmonds.com)**GRADES 3-5****ADVENTURE*****The Extremely Weird Thing that Happened in Huggabie Falls***

by Adam Cece, illustrated by Andrew Weldon

Book Description: This is the first book in the Huggabie Falls trilogy, the funniest, craziest, weirdest series ever written, so far.

Author's Residence: Adelaide, South Australia

Publisher: Text Publishing

Publication Date: January 4, 2018

Author's Website: [adamcece.com](http://adamcece.com)***The Fastest Ship in Space***

by Pamela Freeman, illustrated by Yvonne Low

Book Description: To get to Earth, galactic travellers Katie and Sam must evade Space Station security, smugglers, and even their parents on the fastest ship in space.

Illustrator's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales

Publisher: Christmas Press

Publication Date: June 29, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [yvonnelow.com](http://yvonnelow.com)***Quark's Academy***

by Catherine Pelosi

Book Description: A junior fiction adventure complete with humorous dialogue, mad plotting, and peculiar characters for readers aged 8-12.

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales

Publisher: Hachette Book Group

Publication Date: February 2018

Author's Website: [catherinpelosi.com](http://catherinpelosi.com)**HISTORICAL FICTION*****The Dog with Seven Names***

by Dianne Wolfer

Book Description: Dog's life on a remote Australian farm is perfect, until War arrives and Dog's family evacuates. How can Dog return to the girl she loves?

Author's Residence: Albany, Western Australia

Publisher: Penguin Random House

Publication Date: July 2, 2018

Author's Website: [diannevolfer.com](http://diannevolfer.com)***Marvellous Miss May, Queen of the Circus (Heritage Heroes Series)***

by Stephanie Owen Reeder

Book Description: The true story of May Wirth, who in the early 1900s overcame a traumatic childhood to become the best circus bareback rider in the world.

Author's Residence: Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

Publisher: National Library of Australia Publishing

Publication Date: February 2018

Author's Website: [stephanieowenreeder.com](http://stephanieowenreeder.com)**ILLUSTRATED INFORMATIONAL BOOK*****From Dinosaurs to Diprotodons: Australia's Amazing Fossils***  
by Danielle Clode

Book Description: This fossil adventure takes you to the best sites to learn about the incredible Australian prehistoric animals that once roamed this ancient land.

Author's Residence: Adelaide, South Australia

Publisher: Museum Victoria

Publication Date: August 1, 2018

Author's Website: [danielleclode.com.au](http://danielleclode.com.au)**NONFICTION*****Australia Remembers: Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and War Memorials***

by Allison Paterson

Book Description: Explores the history and traditions of Australia's commemorative days and war memorials while inviting the reader to reflect and never forget.

Author's Residence: Sunshine Coast, Queensland

Publisher: Big Sky Publishing

Publication Date: October 2018

Author's Website: [allisonmarlowpaterson.com](http://allisonmarlowpaterson.com)**PICTURE BOOK*****My Storee***

by Paul Russell, illustrated by Aśka

Book Description: Book about overcoming dyslexia to express great imagination and creativity. Aimed at both children with literacy difficulties and as an educational tool for confident readers.

Illustrator's Residence: Perth, Western Australia

Publisher: EK Books

Publication Date: August 1, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [askaillustration.com](http://askaillustration.com)



### ***Waiting for the Night***

by Julie Thorndyke, illustrated by Anna Seed

Book Description: Dingoes dancing on tiptoes . . . Sugar Gliders munching on spiders . . . These are just some of the things our native creatures do to get ready for their nighttime. What do you do?  
 Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales  
 Publisher: Interactive Press  
 Publication Date: March 28, 2018  
 Author's Website: [jthorndyke.wordpress.com](http://jthorndyke.wordpress.com)

### ***Wisp: A Story of Hope***

by Zana Fraillon, illustrated by Graham Baker Smith

Book Description: Idris is born into a refugee camp. When the Wisp arrives, everyone who holds it finds their memories and hopes reawakened. But what happens when Idris holds it?  
 Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria  
 Publisher: Orion  
 Publication Date: August 28, 2018  
 Author's Website: [zanafraillon.com](http://zanafraillon.com)

## **REALISTIC FICTION**

### ***Rudi Hooper's Super Pooper-Scooper***

by Alan Horsfield, illustrated by Nancy Bevington

Book Description: Morris and Rudi have never received much acclaim. This all changes when big brother Rudi becomes the official doggie dropping ranger in the Tidy Towns scheme.  
 Author's Residence: Craiglie, Queensland  
 Publisher: Big Sky Publishing  
 Publication Date: January 2018  
 Author's Website: [alanhorsfield.com.au](http://alanhorsfield.com.au)

### ***The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee***

by Deborah Abela, illustrated by Aleksei Bitskoff

Book Description: A heartwarming story about a shy, anxious girl—who's a brilliant speller—and her family, who encourages her to enter the Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee.  
 Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales  
 Publisher: Sourcebooks  
 Publication Date: April 8, 2018  
 Author's Website: [deborahabela.com](http://deborahabela.com)

## **GRADES 6-8**

### **ADVENTURE**

#### ***The Green Sash***

by Alys Jackson

Book Description: A glimpse into the early life of the infamous Australian bushranger Ned Kelly as he saves a fellow schoolboy from drowning.  
 Author's Residence: Adelaide, South Australia  
 Publisher: The School Magazine  
 Publication Date: July 2018  
 Author's Website: [alysjackson.com](http://alysjackson.com)

## **CREATIVE NONFICTION**

### ***Kate Sheppard: Leading the Way for Women***

by Maria Gill, illustrated by Marco Ivancic

Book Description: Kate Sheppard's extraordinary story about how she won the right for New Zealand women to vote—the first country in the world to do so.  
 Author's Residence: Auckland, New Zealand  
 Publisher: Scholastic New Zealand  
 Publication Date: November 1, 2018  
 Author's Website: [mariagill.co.nz](http://mariagill.co.nz)

## **FANTASY**

### ***Lintang and the Forbidden Island***

by Tamara Moss

Book Description: Lintang is back for her second swashbuckling adventure. This time she's travelling to the pirate queen Captain Shafira's home country, the forbidden island of Allay.  
 Author's Residence: Western Australia  
 Publisher: Penguin Random House Australia  
 Publication Date: January 29, 2018  
 Author's Website: [tamaramoss.com.au](http://tamaramoss.com.au)

## **GRAPHIC NOVEL**

### ***Scarlet Hood***

by Mark C. Evans, illustrated by Isobel Lundie

Book Description: A time-travelling hoodie, angry Vikings, a ferocious dragon . . . could Scarlet's day get any worse? How about meeting the schoolyard bully, Greta the Cruel?  
 Author's Residence: Perth, Western Australia  
 Publisher: Salariya Book Co.  
 Publication Date: March 28, 2018  
 Author's Website: [mark-c-evans.com](http://mark-c-evans.com)

## **NONFICTION**

### ***Anzac Animals***

by Maria Gill, illustrated by Marco Ivancic

Book Description: Read the heartwarming true tales of the mascots and working animals that helped Anzac soldiers, sailors, pilots, and medics do their jobs in wartime.  
 Author's Residence: Auckland, New Zealand  
 Publisher: Scholastic  
 Publication Date: March 2018  
 Author's Website: [mariagill.co.nz](http://mariagill.co.nz)

### ***Zeroes and Ones: The Geeks, Heroes and Hackers Who Changed History***

by Cristy Burne

Book Description: A book about the creators of digital technologies. It's about what ordinary people can do with creativity, determination, and a bunch of zeros and ones.  
 Author's Residence: Perth, Western Australia  
 Publisher: Brio Books  
 Publication Date: August 2018  
 Author's Website: [cristyburne.com](http://cristyburne.com)



## GRADES 9-12

### CONTEMPORARY FICTION

#### ***Catch Me When You Fall***

by Eileen Merriman

Book Description: Seventeen-year-old Alex Byrd is having the worst and best day ever. A blood test shows her leukaemia has returned, but she also meets Jamie Orange.

Author's Residence: Auckland, New Zealand

Publisher: Penguin Random House

Publication Date: January 2, 2018

Author's Website: [eileenmerriman.co.nz](http://eileenmerriman.co.nz)

#### ***The Centre of My Everything***

by Allayne L. Webster

Book Description: Four points of view. One night that changes everything. Funny, shocking, real.

Author's Residence: South Australia

Publisher: Penguin Random House

Publication Date: February 2, 2018

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

#### ***The Harper Effect***

by Taryn Bashford

Book Description: The heartwarming and empowering comeback story of a girl who learns to win from a boy who has lost everything.

Author's Residence: Peregian Springs, Queensland

Publisher: Skyhorse Publishing

Publication Date: May 15, 2018

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

### HISTORICAL ADVENTURE

#### ***Sweet Adversity***

by Sheryl Gwyther

Book Description: Abandoned during the Great Depression, Addie McAllister and Macbeth, her Shakespeare-quoting cockatiel, must face the most perilous adventure of a lifetime.

Author's Residence: Brisbane, Queensland

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books Australia

Publication Date: June 18, 2018

Author's Website: [sherylgwyther.net](http://sherylgwyther.net)

### MENTAL HEALTH

#### ***The Happiness Quest***

by Richard Yaxley

Book Description: Tillie Bassett is sad and she doesn't know why. Her quest to understand happiness unlocks secrets and realizations.

Author's Residence: Brisbane, Queensland

Publisher: Omnibus Books

Publication Date: August 1, 2018

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

### REALISTIC FICTION

#### ***Out of the Cages***

by Penny Jaye

Book Description: After three years in the brothels of Mumbai, Meena finally has a chance of freedom. But escaping the brothel is only the start of being free.

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales

Publisher: Wombat Books

Publication Date: July 1, 2018

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

### SPECULATIVE FICTION

#### ***Hive***

by AJ Betts

Book Description: When Hayley, a fifteen-year-old beekeeper, discovers water dripping from a ceiling, her understanding of the world will never be the same.

Author's Residence: Perth, Western Australia

Publisher: Pan Macmillan Australia

Publication Date: June 26, 2018

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



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CALIFORNIA / HAWAII

## PRE-K-K

### BOARD BOOK

#### ***Los Angeles Is . . .***

by Elisa Parhad, illustrated by Alexander Vidal

Book Description: From taco trucks to tar pits, this stylish board book will delight toddlers and travelers alike as the perfect primer on the City of Angels.

Author's Residence: Pasadena, California

Publisher: Cameron + Company

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

#### ***Can You Hear a Coo, Coo?***

by Jamie Kiffel-Alcheh, illustrated by Marc Lumer

Book Description: In this stylized board book, animal pairs use rhythm, rhyme, and repetition as they march to a surprise destination . . . Noah's Ark! This book is a PJ Library selection.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

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

## NONFICTION

#### ***Water Land: Land and Water Forms Around the World***

by Christy Hale

Book Description: Brightly illustrated environments showcase land and water masses. With each turn of a die-cut page, a water form transforms into a land form. Back matter includes definitions and a fold-out map.

Author's Residence: Palo Alto, California

Publisher: Neal Porter Books

Publication Date: May 22, 2018

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

## PICTURE BOOK

#### ***Boats on the Bay***

by Jeanne Walker Harvey, illustrated by Grady McFerrin

Book Description: Houseboats, ferries, fishing boats, sailboats . . . see boats parade on a busy bay buoyed by lyrical text. Inspired by San Francisco, but with universal appeal.

Author's Residence: Sausalito, California

Publisher: Cameron + Company

Publication Date: August 21, 2018

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

#### ***Do You Believe in Unicorns?***

by Bethanie Murguia

Book Description: Is believing in magic the key to seeing a unicorn? If you keep your eyes open to wonder, the possibilities are endless.

Author's Residence: Sausalito, California

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

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

#### ***The Goodnight Train Rolls On***

by June Sobel, illustrated by Laura Huliska-Beith

Book Description: A colorful companion to *The Goodnight Train* with new nighttime hi-jinks on a crazy, colorful trip to Dreamland!

Author's Residence: Westlake Village, California

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

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

#### ***Hedgehog***

by Ashlyn Anstee

Book Description: Hedgehog is hogging the hedge and won't let the other animals live there. In this humorous political allegory, he learns that it's not a winning strategy.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Tundra

Publication Date: May 8, 2018

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

#### ***Hello School!***

by Priscilla Burris

Book Description: A delighted, diverse class of children are about to start school and experience all its wonders! Small and big moments are celebrated in this picture book.

Author's Residence: Orange County, California

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

Publication Date: July 3, 2018

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

#### ***Jack B. Ninja***

by Tim McCanna, illustrated by Stephen Savage

Description: In this imaginative ninja fantasy inspired by the classic nursery rhyme "Jack Be Nimble," Jack goes on a secret mission to find hidden treasure.

Author's Residence: San Jose, California

Publication Date: June 26, 2018

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

#### ***Honu and Moa***

by Edna Cabcabin Moran

Book Description: This humorous twist on a well-known Aesop tale features characters whose cultural significance continue to influence the Hawaiian islands today.

Author's Residence: Alameda, California

Publisher: BeachHouse Publishing

Publication Date: October 2018

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

### **Mermaid School**

by JoAnne Stewart Wetzel, illustrated by Julianna Swaney

Book Description: Molly and Squirt make new friends, sing the A-B-Seas, and ride the great kelp swing during their first day at this underwater school.

Author's Residence: Palo Alto, California

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf

Publication Date: July 17, 2018

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

### **Monster and Mouse Go Camping**

by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Jared Chapman

Book Description: Mouse promises Monster yummy food on their camping trip. But when Monster eats their tent and sleeping bags, what will the two friends do?

Author's Residence: Northern California

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: May 29, 2018

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

### **Mother Earth's Lullaby**

by Terry Pierce, illustrated by Carol Heyer

Book Description: *Mother Earth's Lullaby* creates a quiet moment for children, imparting a sense that even the most endangered animals feel safe at bedtime.

Author's Residence: Ridgecrest, California

Illustrator's Residence: Thousand Oaks, California

Publisher: Tilbury House

Publication Date: October 13, 2018

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

Illustrator's Website: [www.carolheyer.com](http://www.carolheyer.com)

### **Natsumi!**

by Susan Lendroth, illustrated by Priscilla Burris

Book Description: In Japan, exuberant Natsumi discovers that everyone can find their perfect fit. Booklist's starred review called the book "a joyful experience from beginning to end."

Author's Residence: Sierra Madre, California

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

Publication Date: March 13, 2018

### **Nature's Lullaby Fills the Night**

by Dee Leone, illustrated by Bali Engel

Book Description: From moths fluttering their powdery wings to willows shushing in the breeze, tender nature scenes sweep across land, sea, and sky to soothe little ones.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: February 6, 2018

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

### **One Snowy Day**

by Diana Murray, illustrated by Diana Toledano

Book Description: When millions of snowflakes blanket the town in white, *one* energetic puppy and *two* children set out for some snowy day fun. A counting book.

Illustrator's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [diana-toledano.com](http://diana-toledano.com)

### **Penguinaut!**

by Marcie Colleen, illustrated by Emma Yarlett

Book Description: *Penguinaut!* is for every child who's said, "I can do it myself!" and finds that the rewards are much richer when shared with friends.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Orchard Books

Publication Date: October 30, 2018

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

### **Pilar's Worries**

by Victoria Sanchez, illustrated by Jess Golden

Book Description: Pilar worries. And when auditions for her favorite ballet are announced, her worries grow. Pilar must decide: will the worries win . . . or will Pilar's dancing dream?

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Arthur Whitman and Company

Publication Date: October 1, 2018

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

### **Pip & Pup**

by Eugene Yelchin

Book Description: A barnyard farce in which a newly hatched chick and a puppy strike an unlikely friendship.

Author's Residence: Topanga, California

Publisher: Laura Godwin Books

Publication Date: April 2018

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

### **Rock What Ya Got!**

by Samantha Berger, illustrated by Kerascoët

Book Description: This book is about focusing on what you GOT, not on what's NOT, and ROCKING IT! It's about loving yourself as you are.

Author's Residence: Santa Monica, California

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: September 25, 2018

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

### **Sometimes Rain**

by Meg Fleming, illustrated by Diana Sudyka

Book Description: A magical tour through the seasons exploring the wonders of nature under the sometimes rainy—sometimes snowy—umbrella of friendship.

Author's Residence: Pleasanton, California

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: October 30, 2018

Author's Website: [megfleming.net](http://megfleming.net)

### **Springtime Babies**

by Danna Smith, illustrated by Takako Fisher

Book Description: Join the barnyard parade as Pony and Gray Goose go in search of animal babies just born on the farm.

Author's Residence: Lodi, California

Publisher: Little Golden Books

Publication Date: January 9, 2018

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

### **The Turtle Ship**

by Helena Ku Rhee, illustrated by Colleen Kong-Savage

Book Description: Loosely based on Korean history, the tale is

about a poor boy who wins a national engineering challenge with inspiration from his pet turtle.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Lee & Low

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

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

### ***Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Car***

by Kate Dopirak, illustrated by Mary Peterson

Book Description: Little red car beeps good night to all of his four-wheeled friends in this fresh take on the classic song "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

Illustrator's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: February 16, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [marypeterson.com](http://marypeterson.com)

### ***What can You Do with a Toolbox?***

by John Colaneri and Anthony Carrino, illustrated by Maple Lam

Book Description: HGTV stars John Colaneri and Anthony Carrino introduce young readers to the tools in a toolbox and how to use them.

Illustrator's Residence: San Gabriel, California

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [maplelam.com](http://maplelam.com)

## **GRADES 1-2**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### ***Ruth Asawa: A Sculpting Life***

by Joan Schoettler, illustrated by Traci Van Wagner

Book Description: Ruth Asawa, artist, educator, and arts activist, believed in making the world better. She understood exposing children to art was one path toward that goal.

Author's Residence: Fresno, California

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Publication Date: October 2018

### **CHAPTER BOOK**

#### ***Ellie May on Presidents' Day***

by Hillary Homzie, illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler

Book Description: Quirky and funny Ellie May enjoys learning about presidents. In an attempt to become flag leader, she learns honesty is the best sort of leadership.

Author's Residence: Napa, California

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: December 18, 2018

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

#### ***Here's Hank #11: Robot on the Loose***

by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

Book Description: Hank is ready to win his school's first-ever Build-a-Robot competition. There's just one problem: he completely forgot about the contest.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Penguin Workshop

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

#### ***Project Droid #5: Give a Bot a Bone***

by Amanda Burwasser and Nancy Krulik, illustrated by Mike Moran

Book Description: Robot kid Java and his human cousin Logan need money—fast! But it seems coming up with cash is really *ruff* business.

Author's Residence: Forestville, California

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: March 6, 2018

### **EARLY READER**

#### ***Buster the Very Shy Dog: More Adventures with Phoebe***

by Lize Bechtold

Book Description: It takes the special skills of both dogs to discover who the real Garbage Bandit is and save their buried bones from a mysterious machine.

Author's Residence: Pasadena, California

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Green Light Readers

Publication Date: April 10, 2018

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

## **NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK**

#### ***The Power of a Dream: Maria Feliciano Arballo, Latina Pioneer***

by Linda Covella, illustrated by Debbie Bolton

Book Description: In 1775, Feliciano Arballo, on an arduous journey from Mexico to California, follows her dream of a life without prejudice for her children and descendants.

Author's Residence: Santa Cruz, California

Publisher: MacLaren-Cochrane Publishing

Publication Date: October 20, 2018

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

## **PICTURE BOOK**

#### ***Alice's Magic Garden***

by Henry Herz, illustrated by Natalie Hoopes

Book Description: Filled with literary allusions and nods to its classic roots, *Alice's Magic Garden* is a delightful prequel beckoning an escape to the whimsy of Wonderland.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Familius

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

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

#### ***Bitter and Sweet***

by Sandra V. Feder, illustrated by Kyrsten Brooker

Book Description: When Hannah's family moves she feels only bitterness, until a new friend's gift reveals that sweetness can come from unexpected places. Some Jewish content.

Author's Residence: Burlingame, California

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Publication Date: October 1, 2018

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

#### ***Bug Off***

by Shawnie Clark, illustrated by Makarand Desai

Book Description: On the first day of school, Peter has mixed emotions. The school bully comes on the scene. Peter's life will never be the same due to one of the ugliest bugs and one act of kindness.

Author's Residence: Manteca, California  
Publisher: MacLaren-Cochrane Publishing  
Publication Date: July 17, 2018  
Author's Website: [booksbyshawnie.webs.com](http://booksbyshawnie.webs.com)

### ***Cleo and Cornelius***

by Elizabeth Nicholson, Janine Pibal, and Nick Geller; illustrated by Michelle Thies

Book Description: Two very different cat cousins explore two very unique ancient cultures as they embark on two very unexpected adventures.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Getty Publications  
Publication Date: August 28, 2018  
Author's Website: [janinepibal.com](http://janinepibal.com)

### ***Everything You Need for a Treehouse***

by Carter Higgins, illustrated by Emily Hughes

Book Description: Treehouses are for wonder. Treehouses are for snacks. Treehouses are for whispers and snickers and echoes. Treehouses are for everyone.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: Chronicle Books  
Publication Date: April 10, 2018  
Author's Website: [designofthepicturebook.com](http://designofthepicturebook.com)

### ***Hanukkah Hamster***

by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Andre Ceoii

Book Description: A lonely immigrant cab driver celebrates Hanukkah with a hamster one of his fares left behind.

Author's Residence: Woodland Hills, California  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press  
Publication Date: September 2018  
Author's Website: [michellemarkel.com](http://michellemarkel.com)

### ***The Holy Ghost is Like a Blanket (Boy Version)***

by Annalisa Hall, illustrated by Corey Egbert

Book Description: Meaningful analogies to help your little ones recognize the Holy Ghost as a positive influence in their lives.

Author's Residence: Poway, California  
Publisher: Cedar Fort, Inc.  
Publication Date: June 12, 2018  
Author's Website: [annalisa-hall.com](http://annalisa-hall.com)

### ***If I Didn't Have You***

by Alan Katz, illustrated by Chris Robertson

Book Description: A father and son discuss the variety of outlandish items they might have if not for the other in this funny and heartfelt look at the appreciation we have for our families.

Illustrator's Residence: Pasadena, California  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster  
Publication Date: April 10, 2018  
Illustrator's Website: [chrisrobertson.com](http://chrisrobertson.com)

### ***If Wendell had a Walrus***

by Lori Mortensen, illustrated by Matt Phelan

Book Description: A boy named Wendell dreams of getting a pet walrus. But looking for a walrus becomes its own adventure with unexpected results.

Author's Residence: Cameron Park, California  
Publisher: Henry Holt

Publication Date: April 17, 2018  
Author's Website: [lorimortensen.com](http://lorimortensen.com)

### ***Jack (Not Jackie!)***

by Erica Silverman, illustrated by Holly Hatam

Book Description: A big sister realizes that her little sister, Jackie, doesn't like dresses or fairies—she likes ties and bugs! Will she and her family be able to accept that Jackie identifies more as "Jack?"

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
Publisher: little bee books  
Publication Date: October 9, 2018  
Author's Website: [ericasilverman.com](http://ericasilverman.com)

### ***Love is Love***

by Michael Genhart, PhD, illustrated by Ken Min

Book Description: A sweet and straightforward story showing that gay families, straight families, and everything in between are all kinds of normal.

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California  
Publisher: Little Pickle Press  
Publication Date: May 2018  
Author's Website: [michaelgenhart.com](http://michaelgenhart.com)

### ***Marigold & Daisy***

by Andrea Zuill

Book Description: Marigold is excited to meet her new snail sister, but quickly realizes that Daisy must be an evil genius, capable of mesmerizing everyone.

Author's Residence: California  
Publisher: Sterling Children's Books  
Publication Date: February 6, 2018  
Author's Website: [andreaazuill.org](http://andreaazuill.org)

### ***Maximillian Villainous***

by Margaret Chiu Greanias, illustrated by Lesley Breen Withrow

Book Description: To keep his bunny sidekick, kindhearted Maximillian Villainous must give into villainy or find a way to stay good and still win his family's acceptance.

Author's Residence: Los Altos, California  
Publisher: Running Press Kids  
Publication Date: August 28, 2018  
Author's Website: [margaretgreanias.com](http://margaretgreanias.com)

### ***Mulan's Lunar New Year***

by Natasha Yim, illustrated by Sophie Li

Book Description: A young Mulan prepares to celebrate her favorite festival with her family—Chinese New Year! But everything Mulan does seems to turn out wrong . . .

Author's Residence: Ukiah, California  
Publisher: Disney Press  
Publication Date: October 30, 2018  
Author's Website: [natashayim.com](http://natashayim.com)

### ***Two Problems for Sophia***

by Jim Averbeck, illustrated by Yasmeen Ismail

Book Description: A sequel to *One Word from Sophia*, this time Sophia tackles Design Process to solve two problems—a sleepless family and a snoring pet giraffe.

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California  
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books  
Publication Date: June 23, 2018



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

### ***Which Animal is Fastest?***

by **Brian Rock**, illustrated by **Carolyn Le**

Book Description: This story examines nature's speediest animals on land, air, and sea, and will resonate with children taking standardized tests.

Illustrator's Residence: Fountain Valley, California

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

Publication Date: September 10, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [carolynle.com](http://carolynle.com)

### ***With Love, Grandma***

by **Helen Foster James**, illustrated by **Petra Brown**

Book Description: Grandma heads out on an adventure of her own and stays in touch with her grandchild through a series of sweet letters and memories.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: July 2018

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

## **POETRY**

### ***Fur, Feather, Fin—All of Us are Kin***

By **Diane Lang**, illustrated by **Stephanie Laberis**

Book Description: How animal classes and other animal groups are different, and pointing out some of the basic needs that we all share.

Author's Residence: Alamo, California

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

Author's Website: [dianelang.net](http://dianelang.net)

## **GRADES 3-5**

### **CHAPTER BOOK**

#### ***Maddy McGuire, CEO: Pet Camp***

by **Emma Bland Smith**, illustrated by **Lissy Marlin**

Book Description: Maddy is hosting a bring-your-pet summer camp for one week! Unfortunately, the practical details turn out to be trickier than Maddy imagined.

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Magic Wagon

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

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

## **CONTEMPORARY FICTION**

### ***The House that Lou Built***

by **Mae Respicio**

Book Description: Longing for an escape from her extended Filipino American family, 12-year-old Lou Bulosan-Nelson plans to carry out her big dream of building a tiny house, but difficulties quickly arise.

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Wendy Lamb Books

Publication Date: June 12, 2018

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

### ***Lou Lou and Pea and the Bicentennial Bonanza***

by **Jill Diamond**, illustrated by **Lesley Vamos**

Book Description: BFFs Lou Lou Bombay and Peacock Pearl must save their city's bicentennial birthday celebration from a sinister villain for their neighborhood of El Corazón!

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Publication Date: April 24, 2018

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

## **CONTEMPORARY REALISM**

### ***BAT and the Waiting Game***

by **Elana K. Arnold**, illustrated by **Charles Santoso**

Book Description: In this continuing story of the boy called BAT and his skunk kit, BAT faces new challenges with friends, family, and skunk caregiving.

Author's Residence: Huntington Beach, California

Publisher: Walden Pond Press

Publication Date: March 2018

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

## **FANTASY**

### ***Unwritten***

by **Tara Gilboy**

Book Description: Storybook character Gracie lives in the real world, but longs to discover what happened in the story she's from. The truth isn't what she's expecting.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Jolly Fish

Publication Date: October 16, 2018

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

## **HUMOROUS FICTION**

### ***Buttheads from Outer Space***

by **Jerry Mahoney**

Book Description: Two sixth graders invite aliens to visit them on Earth, but the ETs who show up are total buttheads who cause nothing but trouble.

Author's Residence: Burbank, California

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: March 20, 2018

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

### ***Making Friends and Horsing Around***

by **DL Green**, illustrated by **Leandra La Rosa**

Book Description: Shelby tries to fit in with the fashionistas, the burping boys, and other fourth graders. Finally, Shelby finds friends through her love of jokes and horses.

Author's Residence: Aliso Viejo, California

Publisher: Capstone

Publication Date: August 1, 2018

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

## **MIDDLE GRADE FICTION**

### ***Annie B., Made for TV***

by **Amy Dixon**

Book Description: Inspired by As Seen on TV commercials, Annie

likes to invent products and write clever sales pitches to go along with them.

Author's Residence: Clovis, California

Publisher: Running Press Kids

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

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

### ***Class Pets: Fuzzy's Great Escape***

by **Bruce Hale**

Book Description: When an adorable rabbit usurps Fuzzy's spot as Class Pets president, he decides to take the group on a field trip they'll never forget.

Author's Residence: Santa Barbara, California

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: June 26, 2018

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

### ***The Martin Luther King Mitzvah***

by **Mathew Tekulsky**

Book Description: A timeless story of two kids who defy the odds, unite a town, and make a brave stand against discrimination.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Fitzroy Books

Publication Date: October 5, 2018

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

### ***Stanley will Probably be Fine***

by **Sally J. Pla, illustrated by Steve Wolfhard**

Book Description: Stanley Fortinbras grapples with his anxiety—and learns what, exactly, it means to be brave—while on a suspenseful comic-trivia scavenger-hunt.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

Publication Date: February 2018

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

### ***Trail of the Ghost Bunny (Curious Cat Spy Club)***

by **Linda Joy Singleton**

Book Description: Is Kelsey's new historical home haunted with a ghost bunny? Kelsey, Becca, and Leo follow cryptic clues to solve a near-century-old ghost mystery.

Author's Residence: Burson, California

Publisher: Albert Whitman

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

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

## **MYSTERY**

### ***The Long, Lost Home (The Incurable Children of Ashton Place)***

by **Maryrose Wood, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler**

Book Description: Conclusion to the acclaimed Incurable Children of Ashton Place series. A plucky young governess solves the mystery of three children who were raised by wolves.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Balzer+Bray

Publication Date: June 19, 2018

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

## **NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK**

### ***Stalebread Charlie and the Razy Dazy Spasm Band***

by **Michael Mahin, illustrated by Don Tate**

Book Description: Based on true events, this vibrant, inspirational story celebrates self-reliance and the power of creativity and music.

Author's Residence: Carlsbad, California

Publisher: Clarion

Publication Date: July 8, 2018

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

### ***What Makes a Blizzard?***

by **Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld, illustrated by Maddie Frost**

Book Description: All blizzards are snowstorms, but not all snowstorms are blizzards! What is the difference? How much snow falls during a blizzard? How fast are the winds? Read and find out!

Author's Residence: Berkeley, California

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

Publication Date: January 2, 2018

## **REALISTIC FICTION**

### ***Dewey Fairchild, Teacher Problem Solver***

by **Lorri Horn**

Book Description: Genius problem solver Dewey takes up the challenge of troublesome teachers after a client shows up desperate to pacify his teacher.

Author's Residence: Culver City, California

Publisher: Amberjack Publishing

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

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

### ***Snow Lane***

by **Josephine Angelini**

Book Description: Follow an ever-optimistic ten-year-old girl, the youngest of nine, as she struggles with dyslexia at school and hoarding and abuse at home.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Feiwel and Friends

Publication Date: January 2, 2018

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

### ***Undercover Chefs***

by **Erin Fry**

Book Description: When the promise of a cupcake contest lures them to the outskirts of campus, three unlikely friends join forces to win at all costs.

Author's Residence: Glendora, California

Publisher: 50/50 Press

Publication Date: February 25, 2018

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

## **GRADES 6-8**

## **HISTORICAL FICTION**

### ***Tanayia: Whisper Upon the Water***

by **Connie Vines**

Book Description: Her village destroyed, Tanayia is taken hostage. A daring escape on the edge of Cochise's stronghold saves her life,



but her ordeal is only beginning.  
 Author's: Ontario, California  
 Publisher: Books We Love  
 Publication Date: January 4, 2018  
 Author's Website: [novelsbyconnievines.com](http://novelsbyconnievines.com)

## HISTORICAL FICTION-IN-VERSE

### ***Jazz Owls: a Novel of the Zoot Suit Riots***

by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez  
 Book Description: In multiple voices, this book shows Mexican-American family life in Los Angeles during WWII, when teenagers were attacked by racist sailors.  
 Author's Residence: Clovis, California  
 Publisher: Atheneum  
 Publication Date: May 8, 2018  
 Author's Website: [margaritaengle.com](http://margaritaengle.com)

## MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

### ***The Whistlebrass Clock People***

by Jack Keely and Briar Lee Mitchell, illustrated by Jack Keely  
 Book Description: When strange mechanical men kidnap adventurous teen Bobby Bamberger, his friends must unravel secrets hidden in the ancient Whistlebrass clock tower.  
 Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
 Publisher: Permuted Press  
 Publication Date: April 24, 2018  
 Author's Website: [whistlebrass.com](http://whistlebrass.com)

## MIDDLE GRADE SUPER HERO

### ***Bumblebee at Super Hero High***

by Lisa Yee  
 Book Description: When the world's honey supply starts to drop and some of her tech is stolen, Bumblebee enlists Wonder Woman and Batgirl to help her find out why.  
 Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California  
 Publisher: Random House  
 Publication Date: July 3, 2018  
 Author's Website: [lisayee.com](http://lisayee.com)

## NONFICTION

### ***101 Small Ways to Change the World***

by Aubre Andrus  
 Book Description: Learn how to help out family, friends, yourself, and the planet—and show how you're never too young to make a big difference.  
 Author's Residence: Santa Monica, California  
 Publisher: Lonely Planet Kids  
 Publication Date: October 16, 2018  
 Author's Website: [aubreandrus.com](http://aubreandrus.com)

### ***The Virginia-class Submarines***

by Earle Rice Jr.  
 Book Description: The new *Virginia*-class attack submarines are designed to keep the US Navy's edge in undersea warfighting and meet any new undersea challenges from potential adversaries.  
 Author's Residence: Julian, California

Publisher: Mitchell Lane Publishers  
 Publication Date: February 2018

### ***The Women's Rights Movement: Then and Now*** by Rebecca Langston-George

Book Description: Discusses the main concerns of the 1960s women's movement and how things have evolved since then.  
 Author's Residence: Bakersfield, California  
 Publisher: Capstone  
 Pub Date: January 1, 2018  
 Author's Website: [rebeccalangston-george.com](http://rebeccalangston-george.com)

## GRADES 9-12

## BIOGRAPHY

### ***Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Feminist***

by Angelica Shirley Carpenter  
 Book Description: For decades, Matilda Joslyn Gage worked closely with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, but her so-called "friends" wrote her out of history.  
 Author's Residence: Fresno, California  
 Publisher: South Dakota Historical Society Press  
 Publication Date: September 20, 2018  
 Author's Website: [angelicacarpenter.com](http://angelicacarpenter.com)

## CONTEMPORARY FICTION

### ***Between the Lines***

by Nikki Grimes  
 Book Description: Through preparations for a poetry slam, a diverse group of high school students bond as they discover their commonalities and learn that poetry is not only a powerful tool of self-expression, but also a catalyst for shaping community.  
 Author's Residence: Corona, California  
 Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books  
 Publication Date: February 2018  
 Author's Website: [nikkigrimes.com](http://nikkigrimes.com)

### ***First Break***

by Jamie Weil  
 Book Description: A chilling ride about what it's like to come of age in the midst of a psychotic break and come out on the other side.  
 Author's Residence: Cottonwood, California  
 Publisher: All Things That Matter Press  
 Publication Date: December 2018  
 Author's Website: [jamieweil.net](http://jamieweil.net)

### ***Secrets in Translation***

by Margo Sorenson  
 Book Description: On a trip to Italy, Alessandra must risk everything to protect herself and those she loves when an organized crime plot threatens to destroy them all.  
 Author's Residence: Rancho Mission Viejo, California  
 Publisher: Fitzroy Books  
 Publication Date: October 2018  
 Author's Website: [margosorenson.com](http://margosorenson.com)

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### ***When the Crickets Stopped Singing***

by Marilyn Cram Donahue

Book Description: In the summer of 1939, Angie finds the courage to defy social norms and struggle for justice when a dangerous man threatens a friend.

Author's Residence: Highland, California

Publisher: Calkins Creek

Publication Date: March 20, 2018

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

### ***Ozland***

by Wendy Spinale

Book Description: In the Everland series final installment, Gale will risk everything to locate the German crown's rightful heir, but it may cost her more than she bargained for.

Author's Residence: Pleasanton, California

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: April 2018

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

## NONFICTION

### ***Animals Go to War: From Dogs to Dolphins***

by Connie Goldsmith

Book Description: What do dogs, camels, horses, elephants, and dolphins have in common? For centuries people used animals in war, often with dire consequences for the animals.

Author's Residence: Carmichael, California

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

Publication Date: August 1, 2018

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

### ***A Career in Biomedical Engineering***

by Melissa Abramovitz

Book Description: Biomedical engineering is one of the most exciting and rapidly growing engineering fields. This book provides information and insider feedback about career opportunities.

Author's Residence: Roseville, California

Publisher: ReferencePoint Press

Publication Date: August 2018

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

## NOVEL-IN-VERSE

### ***The Opposite of Innocent***

by Sonya Sones

Book Description: When fourteen-year-old Lily finds herself trapped in an abusive relationship with a man twice her age, she must find a way out. A gripping #metoo conversation starter.

Author's Residence: Santa Monica, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

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

## REALISTIC FICTION

### ***Art Boss***

by Kayla Cagan

Book Description: Companion book to *Piper Perish* follows art student Piper to Manhattan, where she and Grace, a budding activist, wonder if art can change the world.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

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

## STEAMPUNK

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## CANADA

### PRE-K-K

#### BOARD BOOK

##### ***Will Bear Share?***

by Hilary Leung

Book Description: This new series features cute and quirky animal friends engaging in daily childhood struggles. Each forty-page book is loaded with subtle humor and unexpected twists!

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: May 29, 2018

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

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***The Better Tree Fort***

by Jessica Scott Kerrin, illustrated by Qin Leng

Book Description: "Let's build a tree fort," Russell says to his dad. Although his dad doesn't know much about building, his love is worth more than the best tree fort money can buy.

Author's Residence: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Publication Date: March 2018

##### ***Grandmother's Visit***

by Betty Quan, illustrated by Carmen Mok

Book Description: It is about love between a child and her grandmother in this story that will resonate with anyone who has lost a loved one.

Illustrator's Residence: St. Catharines, Ontario

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [carmenmokstudio.com](http://carmenmokstudio.com)

##### ***Mixer Twizzle's Breakfast***

by Regan WH Macaulay, illustrated by Wei Lu

Book Description: Mixer Twizzle is a mischievous but lonely egg-thieving creature who lives underneath the chicken coop. Can this imp learn to make friends at the farm?

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Mirror World Publishing

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

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

##### ***On My Swim***

by Kari-Lynn Winters, illustrated by Christina Leist

Book Description: Perfect for toddlers and emergent readers too, *On My Swim* is a whimsically illustrated rhythmic story. Come along for a splish-ery, squish-ery, sunny beach day!

Author's Residence: St. Catharines, Ontario

Publisher: Tradewind Books

Publication Date: June 2018

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

##### ***Seb and the Sun***

by Jami Gigot

Book Description: Seb lives in a sleepy northern town where the sun does not shine in winter. So Seb, along with his friend Walrus, embark on a journey to find the sun.

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia

Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

Publication Date: March 2018

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

### GRADES 1-2

#### BIOGRAPHY

##### ***Harriet Tubman: Freedom Fighter***

by Nadia L. Hohn, illustrated by Gustavo Mazali

Book Description: Learn about Harriet Tubman, who found her freedom from slavery through the Underground Railroad and returned south to help free several others.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: December 31, 2018

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Bus to the Badlands***

by Margriet Ruurs, illustrated by Claudia Davila

Book Description: Josh and friends embark on a field trip to the Dinosaur Museum. Encounters with a charging bull and slithering serpent lead to an amazing prehistoric discovery.

Author's Residence: Salt Spring Island, British Columbia

Publisher: Orca Books

Publication Date: September 2018

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

##### ***Sun Dog***

by Deborah Kerbel, illustrated by Suzanne Del Rizzo

Book Description: Juno the sled dog puppy loves living at the top of the world with her boy. But with dangers on the tundra, the pup must summon courage to save her boy.

Illustrator's Residence: Oakville, Ontario

Publisher: Pajama Press

Publication Date: June 8, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [suzannedelrizzo.com](http://suzannedelrizzo.com)

## POETRY

### ***Hungry for Science: Poems to Crunch On***

by Kari-Lynn Winters and Lori Sherrit-Fleming,  
illustrated by Peggy Collins

Book Description: Rollicking poems about all kinds of science, including diverse and colourful illustrations with experiments and explanations galore.

Illustrator's Residence: Napanee, Ontario

Publisher: Fitzhenry and Whiteside

Publication Date: June 2018

Illustrator's Website: [peggysillustration.com](http://peggysillustration.com)

## GRADES 3-5

### ADVENTURE

#### ***Tree Musketeers***

by Norma Charles

Book Description: Jeanie's new school friends want to save a magnificent old cedar tree from being chopped down by developers.

Problem is, the developer is Jeanie's uncle.

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia

Publisher: Ronsdale Press

Publication Date: September 30, 2018

Author's Website: [normacharles.ca](http://normacharles.ca)

### CONTEMPORARY FICTION

#### ***Missing Mike***

by Shari Green

Book Description: When Cara and her family are evacuated due to a raging wildfire, her beloved rescue dog, Mike, gets left behind. Will they ever be reunited?

Author's Residence: Campbell River, British Columbia

Publisher: Pajama Press

Publication Date: September 14, 2018

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

#### ***Offbeat***

by Megan Clendenan

Book Description: Fourteen-year-old Rose enters a fiddle competition with a unique prize to show her mom she really can make it as a folk musician.

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia

Publisher: Orca Books

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

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

### HUMOR

#### ***Mucus Mayhem***

by Kevin Sylvester, illustrated by Britt Wilson

Book Description: A girl with allergies gets zapped with radiation and gains the ability to turn her nose goo into superheroes.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: October 1, 2018

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

## NONFICTION

### ***Bat Citizens: Defending the Ninjas of the Night***

by Rob Laidlaw

Book Description: An introductory exploration into the amazing lives of bats, the threats they face, and the kids who are trying to help them.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Pajama Press

Publication Date: January 2018

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

### ***Solve This! Wild and Wacky Challenges for the Genius Engineer in You***

by Joan Marie Galat, illustrated by Jim Pailot and Sanjida Rashid

Book Description: Engineers dream up new ideas and bring them to life while figuring out creative solutions to problems they encounter. Find out how you can, too!

Author's Residence: Spruce Grove, Alberta

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: March 13, 2018

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

### PICTURE BOOK

#### ***The Outlaw***

by Nancy Vo

Book Description: The Outlaw leaves behind a trail of misdeeds and then suddenly disappears. One day, a mysterious stranger rides into town and things begin to change.

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Publication Date: May 2018

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

#### ***What Happens Next***

by Susan Hughes, illustrated by Carey Sookocheff

Book Description: Bullied by a classmate, our unnamed narrator confronts the bully in a unique way— and helps her see the world in a new way.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: OwlKids Books

Publication Date: March 2018

### REALISTIC FICTION

#### ***The Frame-Up***

by Wendy McLeod MacKnight

Book Description: An artistic boy discovers that all original art is alive when he visits the Beaverbrook Art Gallery.

Author's Residence: New Brunswick

Publisher: Greenwillow Books

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

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

#### ***Survivor Diaries: Avalanche!***

by Terry Lynn Johnson

Book Description: Twelve-year-old twins have their grit and will tested to the extreme when a skiing trip in Wyoming takes an abominable turn.

Author's Residence: Ontario

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
 Publication Date: January 3, 2018  
 Author's Website: [terrylynnjohnson.com](http://terrylynnjohnson.com)

## GRADES 6-8

### MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

#### ***Kasey & Ivy***

by Alison Hughes

Book Description: Eleven-year-old germaphobe Kasey spends all of July in the hospital—in the geriatric ward—and writes frantic, funny letters to her friend.

Author's Residence: Edmonton, Alberta

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Publication Date: May 2018

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

### NONFICTION

#### ***Breaking Through: Heroes in Canadian Women's Sport***

by Sue Irwin

Book Description: Women's sports are just as competitive and exciting to watch as men's! Who says you can't play "because you're a girl?"

Author's Residence: Grimsby, Ontario

Publisher: Lorimer Children & Teens

Publication Date: August 2018

## GRADES 9-12

### CONTEMPORARY FICTION

#### ***Learning Seventeen***

by Brooke Carter

Book Description: Reform school is about to get more interesting for Jane Learning when she meets the girl who changes her life.

Author's Residence: Maple Ridge, British Columbia

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Publication Date: January 1, 2018

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

### SHORT STORY COLLECTION

#### ***Deep Girls***

by Lori Weber

Book Description: Nine short stories explore the lives of teenage girls navigating the complexities, both cruel and wonderful, of adolescence and emerging adulthood.

Author's Residence: Montreal, Quebec

Publisher: Cormorant Books

Publication Date: September 15, 2018

Author's Website: [lori-weber.com](http://lori-weber.com)

### SPORTS FICTION

#### ***Sliding Home***

by Joyce Grant

Book Description: Miguel and Sebastian are very different teammates. To bring Miguel's father to Canada, they'll have to work

together better than they do on the baseball diamond!

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Lorimer Children & Teens

Publication Date: April 2018

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



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## INTERNATIONAL / OTHER

### PRE-K-K

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***The Magic Garden***

by Lemniscates

Book Description: A little story for the very young, where poetry and information converge with the aim of awakening children's interest in nature.

Author's Residence: Barcelona, Spain

Publisher: Walter Foster Jr.

Publication Date: March 2018

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

##### ***The Other Ducks***

by Ellen Yeomans, illustrated by Chris Sheban

Book Description: This Duck and That Duck get along swimmingly, but sometimes two ducks aren't enough. The search is on for others as these two acquire ducky skills.

Author's Residence: Prague, Czech Republic

Publisher: Neal Porter Books

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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

##### ***The Yin-Yang Sisters and the Dragon Frightful***

by Nancy Tupper Ling, illustrated by Andrea Offermann

Book Description: Opposite twin sisters Mei and Wei must combine their very different talents to defeat the frightful dragon that is threatening their village.

Author's Residence: Hamburg, Germany

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

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [andreaoffermann.com](http://andreaoffermann.com)

##### ***The Night Lion***

by Sanne Dufft

Book Description: Morgan has a hat. Morgan has a sword. But Morgan has big worries too. Luckily, his Nana knows just what he needs to scare them away.

Author's Residence: Tuebingen, Germany

Publisher: Pajama Press

Publication Date: February 2018

Author's Website: [sanne-dufft.de](http://sanne-dufft.de)

### GRADES 1-2

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***The Clever Tailor***

by Srividhya Venkat, illustrated by Nayantara Surendranath

Book Description: Rupa Ram is a poor tailor with an unfulfilled dream—to stitch something for his own family. Will his new *saa-fa* turban be of any use?

Author's Residence: Singapore, Singapore

Publisher: Karadi Tales

Publication Date: March 2018

##### ***Hello Goodbye Little Island***

by Leila Boukarim, illustrated by Barbara Moxham

Book Description: Soon after she moves to the little island, Maja discovers that distances do not matter and goodbyes are not forever.

Author's Residence: Singapore, Singapore

Publisher: Marshall Cavendish

Publication Date: September 7, 2018

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

##### ***The Man with Small Hair***

by Jane Jolly, illustrated by Andrew Joyner

Book Description: The man with small hair tries to look like everyone else, but finally realises he needs to just be himself.

Author's Residence: Adelaide, South Africa

Publisher: Little Hare

Publication Date: September 2018

Author's Website: [janejolly.com.au](http://janejolly.com.au)

##### ***Rice from Heaven: The Secret Mission to Feed North Koreans***

by Tina Cho, illustrated by Keum Jin Song

Book Description: Based on a true story, a young girl in South Korea helps deliver rice via balloons to the starving and oppressed people in North Korea.

Author's Residence: South Korea

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: August 14, 2018

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

### GRADES 3-5

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***The Manic Panic***

by Richa Jha

Book Description: How can a family survive when the internet goes down? Clearly the parents have no solution. Luckily, their daughter knows exactly what to do!

Author's Residence: New Delhi, India

Publisher: Creston Books

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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

##### ***My Bigger than an Elephant Secret***

by Kelly Johnstone, illustrated by Carina Povarchik

Book Description: It is about having a huge secret and the value of sharing.

Illustrator's Residence: San Rafael, Mendoza, Argentina

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [catruillustration.com](http://catruillustration.com)

## **GRADES 6-8**

### **NONFICTION**

#### ***Sexism and Race (Being Female in America)***

by Duchess Harris with Nadine Pinede

Book Description: This title takes a look at the history of sexism that women of color have endured, as well as current issues and steps to take for progress.

Author's Residence: Brussels, Belgium

Publisher: Essential Library

Publication Date: 2018



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## MIDSOUTH

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### PRE-K-K

#### NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

##### ***We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga***

by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frané Lessac

Book Description: Otsaliheliga (oh-jah-LEE-hay-lee-gah) expresses gratitude in the Cherokee language. Beginning in fall with Cherokee New Year, follow a full year of celebrations and experiences.

Author's Residence: Olathe, Kansas

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

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

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Hello, Door***

by Alastair Heim, illustrated by Alisa Coburn

Book Description: In *Hello, Door*, kids can follow a thieving fox as he greets everything he sees—and steals—in a home that isn't his.

Author's Residence: Kansas City, Missouri

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: January 2, 2018

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

##### ***It's Your First Day of School, Busy Bus!***

by Jody Jensen Shaffer, illustrated by Claire Messer

Book Description: Busy Bus is excited for the first day of school, but he also has some first-day jitters. Will the children like him? What if he gets lost?! Luckily, bus driver Ben knows just what to do.

Author's Residence: Liberty, Missouri

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: July 3, 2018

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

##### ***Play This Book***

by Jessica Young, illustrated by Daniel Wiseman

Book Description: This book is full of instruments waiting to share their sounds. The only thing this band needs is *you!*

Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee

Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books

Publication Date: May 22, 2018

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

### GRADES 1-2

#### EARLY CHAPTER BOOK

##### ***Bea Garcia: Tale of a Scaredy Dog***

by Deborah Zemke

Book Description: When Bea Garcia's beloved dog, Sophie, runs away from the monster cat next door, Bea needs to use all of her artistic skills to bring Sophie home again.

Author's Residence: Columbia, Missouri

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: July 2018

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

#### INFORMATIONAL

##### ***Toucan***

by Susan Weaver Jones

Book Description: What is a toucan? What does it look like? What does it do? Read to find out!

Author's Residence: Knoxville, Tennessee

Publisher: Hameray Publishing Group, Inc.

Publication Date: 2018

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

#### INFORMATIONAL FICTION

##### ***Dear Komodo Dragon***

by Nancy Kelly Allen, illustrated by Laurie Allen Klein

Book Description: Leslie and her pen pal, a wise-cracking Komodo dragon, exchange a series of letters chock full of accurate, interesting facts.

Author's Residence: Hazard, Kentucky

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

Publication Date: February 10, 2018

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

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***David's Flamingos***

by Pam Jones-Niill, illustrated by Jeanne Conway

Book Description: David is a young boy who finds a unique way to help his aging grandparents.

Illustrator's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: May 2018

Illustrator's Website: [jeanniespaintings.com](http://jeanniespaintings.com)

##### ***The Peace Dragon***

by Linda Ragsdale, illustrated by Marco Furlotti

Book Description: From the award-winning Peace Dragon Collection, a heart-opening tale about inclusiveness, releasing judgment,

and choosing compassion over fear.  
Author's Residence: Old Hickory, Tennessee  
Publisher: FlowerPot Press  
Publication Date: September 12, 2018  
Author's Website: [thepeacedragon.com](http://thepeacedragon.com)

### ***Hammering for Freedom***

by **Rita Lorraine Hubbard**, illustrated by **John Holyfield**  
Book Description: An enslaved blacksmith rents himself from his owner, settles in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and saves money to buy freedom for himself and his entire family.  
Author's Residence: Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Publisher: Lee & Low Books  
Publication Date: September 4, 2018  
Author's Website: [ritahubbard.com](http://ritahubbard.com)

### ***In the Time of Shimmer and Light***

by **Paul Schexnayder**  
Book Description: The happy island of the Hare and Gator family is almost ruined by a found object, but Queen Ida Peacock has a plan.  
Author's Residence: New Iberia, Louisiana  
Publisher: University of Louisiana-Lafayette Press  
Publication Date: August 2018  
Author's Website: [schex.com](http://schex.com)

### ***Let the Children March***

by **Monica Clark-Robinson**, illustrated by **Frank Morrison**  
Book Description: In 1963 Birmingham, Alabama, thousands of African American children marched against segregation. Facing fear, hate, and danger, they used their voices to change the world.  
Author's Residence: Little Rock, Arkansas  
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for Kids  
Publication Date: January 2, 2018  
Author's Website: [monicaclark-robinson.com](http://monicaclark-robinson.com)

### ***Poppy's Best Babies***

by **Susan Eaddy**, illustrated by **Rosalinde Bonnet**  
Book Description: Poppy's thrilled! Her rockin' Grandma GeeGee has come to help with newborn babies. But the demanding twins become "Worst Babies" and GeeGee's dubbed "Worst Grandma."  
Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee  
Publisher: Charlesbridge  
Publication Date: May 22, 2018  
Author's Website: [susaneaddy.com](http://susaneaddy.com)

### ***Roof Octopus***

by **Lucy Branam**, illustrated by **Rogério Coelho**  
Book Description: Nora discovers an octopus on her apartment building. When they become friends, the octopus disappears. Will he reappear in time to come for show-and-tell?  
Author's Residence: Jacksboro, Tennessee  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press  
Publication Date: March 1, 2018  
Author's Website: [lucybranam.com](http://lucybranam.com)

### ***Sophie and Little Star***

by **Amber Hendricks**, illustrated by **Raissa Figueroa**  
Book Description: When a little star falls from her home in the sky, she finds help from an unexpected friend.  
Author's Residence: Marshall, Missouri

Publisher: Spork  
Publication Date: October 9, 2018  
Author's Website: [thisjustread.wordpress.com](http://thisjustread.wordpress.com)

### ***Stegothosaurus***

by **Bridget Heos**, illustrated by **TL McBeth**  
Book Description: Stegothosaurus is different from his stegosaurus brothers. He loves, cherishes, and adores words! But will he be too busy describing an allosaurus to run away?  
Author's Residence: Kansas City, Missouri  
Publisher: Macmillan  
Publication Date: June 12, 2018  
Author's Website: [authorbridgetheos.com](http://authorbridgetheos.com)

### ***Twelve Days of Christmas in Tennessee***

by **Alice Faye Duncan**, illustrated by **Mary Uhles**  
Book Description: Two cousins in ugly Christmas sweaters travel Tennessee in a clunking van to discover famous Tennessee history makers, land formations, and tourist sites.  
Author's Residence: Memphis, Tennessee  
Illustrator's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee  
Publisher: Sterling Children's Books  
Publication Date: September 4, 2018  
Author's Website: [alicefayeduncan.com](http://alicefayeduncan.com)  
Illustrator's Website: [maryuhles.com](http://maryuhles.com)

## **POETRY**

### ***A Place to Start a Family: Poems About Creatures that Build***

by **David L. Harrison**, illustrated by **Giles Laroche**  
Book Description: Many animals build in order to find a mate, lay eggs, give birth, and protect their babies. The types of structures they create are extraordinary.  
Author's Residence: Springfield, Missouri  
Publisher: Charlesbridge  
Publication Date: January 16, 2018  
Author's Website: [davidlharrison.com](http://davidlharrison.com)

## **GRADES 3-5**

## **ACTIVITY**

### ***Mensa Fun Puzzle Challenges for Kids: Terrific Ways to Stretch Your Brain!***

by **Evelyn B. Christensen**  
Book Description: One hundred challenges for young puzzlers, including number puzzles, word puzzles, logic puzzles, and visual puzzles. Hints make puzzles flexible for a variety of skill ranges.  
Author's Residence: Lexington, Kentucky  
Publisher: Sky Pony Press  
Publication Date: November 6, 2018  
Author's Website: [evelynchristensen.com](http://evelynchristensen.com)

## **HISTORICAL FICTION**

### ***The Story Collector***

by **Kristin O'Donnell Tubb**, illustrated by **Iacopo Bruno**  
Book Description: *The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* meets *Harriet the Spy*. Inspired by the real life of Viviani Joffre Fedeler, born and raised in the New York Public Library.  
Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee

Publisher: Henry Holt  
 Publication Date: August 28, 2018  
 Author's Website: [kristintubb.com](http://kristintubb.com)

## NONFICTION

### ***Mindful Me: Mindfulness and Meditation for Kids***

by Whitney Stewart, illustrated by Stacy Peterson

Book Description: *Mindful Me* gives kids a toolkit of simple mindfulness exercises for handling stress and managing negative thoughts and emotions.

Author's Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana  
 Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company  
 Publication Date: April 3, 2018  
 Author's Website: [whitneystewart.com](http://whitneystewart.com)

### ***Northern Lights***

by Ben McClanahan

Book Description: Explains what causes the Northern Lights. Beautiful photos, fact-filled text, and helpful infographics help readers learn all about the science behind this phenomenon.

Author's Residence: Kansas City, Missouri  
 Publisher: Focus Readers  
 Publication Date: August 2018  
 Author's Website: [benmcclanahan.com](http://benmcclanahan.com)

## PICTURE BOOK

### ***Memphis, Martin and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968***

by Alice Faye Duncan, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

Book Description: Here is a historical fiction that explores Dr. King's last stand for justice and the Memphis labor strike that led to his assassination.

Author's Residence: Memphis, Tennessee  
 Publisher: Boyds Mills Press  
 Publication Date: August 2018  
 Author's Website: [alicefayeduncan.com](http://alicefayeduncan.com)

## POETRY

### ***Bayou Song: Creative Explorations of the Louisiana Landscape***

by Margaret Simon, illustrated by Anna Cantrell

Book Description: *Bayou Song* is a journey through poetry, art, and photography along Louisiana's bayou habitat. Readers explore plants and animals that live along the bayou.

Author's Residence: New Iberia, Louisiana  
 Publisher: UL Press  
 Publication Date: June 18, 2018  
 Author's Website: [reflectionsontheteche.com](http://reflectionsontheteche.com)

## GRADES 6-8

## FANTASY

### ***Marabel and the Book of Fate***

by Tracy Barrett

Book Description: Free-spirited Marabel must defy expectations to rescue her brother—and their kingdom—in this action-packed

magical story perfect for fans of *Ella Enchanted*.

Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee  
 Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers  
 Publication Date: February 6, 2018  
 Author's Website: [tracybarrett.com](http://tracybarrett.com)

## MYSTERY

### ***Until Proven Innocent***

by Laura Stewart Schmidt

Book Description: How many secrets can an abandoned house hold after fifty years? Fifteen-year-old Alison has just two weeks to find out.

Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri  
 Publisher: Black Rose Writing  
 Publication Date: October 11, 2018  
 Author's Website: [laurastewartschmidt.com](http://laurastewartschmidt.com)

## GRADES 9-12

## CONTEMPORARY SUSPENSE

### ***The Windfall App***

by Teresa Richards

Book Description: Marina wins the lottery, only to learn that the game was tampered with and she is now the pawn in someone else's twisted game.

Author's Residence: La Grange, Kentucky  
 Publisher: Evernight Teen  
 Publication Date: July 27, 2018  
 Author's Website: [authorteresarichards.com](http://authorteresarichards.com)

## FANTASY

### ***Dragon Bonded***

by Kath Boyd Marsh

Book Description: To save her brother, Dr'gon Hazel must trust Wizard Gaelyn, despite discovering her best friend Gaelyn is an old Dr'gon enemy, a Fae.

Author's Residence: Richmond, Kentucky  
 Publisher: CBAYBooks  
 Publication Date: November 1, 2018  
 Author's Website: [kathboydmarshauthor.com](http://kathboydmarshauthor.com)

## MYSTERY

### ***It Should Have Been You***

by Lynn Slaughter

Description: Ghostwriting her school newspaper's advice column is the one thing that makes Clara feel normal after her twin's murder—until she starts getting threatening emails.

Author's Residence: Louisville, Kentucky  
 Publisher: Page Street Publishing Company  
 Publication Date: January 30, 2018  
 Author's Website: [lynnslaughter.com](http://lynnslaughter.com)

## NONFICTION

### ***The Dakota Access Pipeline***

by Sue Bradford Edwards

Description: Follows the controversial building of the pipeline at the

Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota and associated protests. Includes glossary, selected bibliography, websites, and index.

Author's Residence: Florissant, Missouri

Publisher: Abdo Publishing

Publication Date: January 2018

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

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MIDDLE EAST / INDIA / ASIA

## PRE-K-K

### PICTURE BOOK

#### ***All Eyes on Alexandra***

by Anna Levine, illustrated by Chiara Pasqualotto

Book Description: Alexandra Crane is terrible at following her family in their flying Vee. But will Alexandra discover that a bad follower can make a great leader?

Author’s Residence: Mevasseret Zion, Israel

Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

Publication Date: August 2018

Author’s Website: [annalevine.org](http://annalevine.org)

## GRADES 3-5

### CHAPTER BOOK

#### ***Best Friends Forever***

by Arti Sonthalia, illustrated by Lavanya Karthik

Book Description: Pari’s little world turns topsy turvy when the new girl, Amber, joins their class. Everything is changing—her seat, her project partner . . . even her BFF, Aditi. Can she deal with all of it?

Author’s Residence: Hyderabad, Telangana, India

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: June 15, 2018

## GRADES 6-8

### NONFICTION

#### ***Dear Libby, Will You Answer My Questions About Friendship?***

by Libby Kiszner

Book Description: Containing seven core principles, this life-changing resource not only explains the dynamics of connections and friendships, but gives practical tools to develop them.

Author’s Residence: Jerusalem, Israel

Publisher: Familius

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

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



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## OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2018

### MIDWEST

(Minnesota / Iowa / Nebraska / Wisconsin / Illinois / Michigan / Indiana / Ohio)

#### PRE-K-K

#### BOARD BOOK

##### ***This Book***

by Kathryn Madeline Allen, illustrated by Lizzy Doyle

Book Description: With simple rhyming text, *This Book* introduces letters, numbers, shapes, and more! Toddlers will delight in the colorful images and in seeing themselves as readers.

Author's Residence: Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Publication Date: March 2018

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

#### NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Stretch to the Sun: From a Tiny Sprout to the Tallest Tree on Earth***

by Carrie A. Pearson, illustrated by Susan Swan

Book Description: The tallest known tree on earth, a coast redwood, is approximately 380 feet tall—and still growing! This "tree-ography" will encourage an appreciation for nature.

Author's Residence: Marquette, Michigan

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: October 9, 2018

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

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Adrian Simcox Does NOT Have a Horse***

by Marcy Campbell, illustrated by Corinna Luyken

Book Description: Adrian Simcox tells everyone he has a horse. Chloe does not believe him. This story about empathy and imagination, and shows that friendship is the best gift.

Author's Residence: Wooster, Ohio

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 14, 2018

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

##### ***Bark Park***

by Trudy Krisher, illustrated by Brooke Boynton-Hughes

Book Description: A delightful pre-k through kindergarten read-aloud about a variety of dogs at the dog park frolicking in a variety of entertaining ways.

Author's Residence: Dayton, Ohio

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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

##### ***Bear's Scare***

by Jacob Grant

Book Description: When Bear finds spiderwebs in his tidy home

he searches everywhere for the messy guest, but what he finally discovers might be an unlikely friend.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Publication Date: June 12, 2018

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

##### ***Big, Brave, Bold Sergio***

by Debbie Wagenbach, illustrated by Jamie Tablason

Book Description: A story about Sergio's commitment to kindness and doing the right thing even in the face of peer pressure.

Author's Residence: Burlington, Iowa

Publisher: Magination Press

Publication Date: March 19, 2018

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

##### ***Don't Feed the Bear***

by Kathleen Doherty, illustrated by Chip Wass

Book Description: Bear and Ranger have a "war of words" on signs, both vying to get the campers to feed them. Will they ever call a truce?

Author's Residence: Schererville, Indiana

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: April 10, 2018

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

##### ***Dreams***

by Francis Henderson, illustrated by Karissa Bettendorf

Book Description: What do you see when you dream? Visit the magical world of dreams in this rhyming picture book.

Author's Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska

Publisher: Handersen Publishing

Publication Date: September 15, 2018

##### ***A Fall Ball for All***

by Jamie A. Swenson, illustrated by Chiara Fedele

Book Description: "Come one, come all to the annual Windfall Ball." Join the animals as they gather, celebrate, and prepare for the long winter.

Author's Residence: Janesville, Wisconsin

Publisher: Millbrook

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

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

##### ***A Horse Named Jack***

by Linda Vander Heyden, illustrated by Petra Brown

Book Description: Meet Jack, a horse who's bored, Bored, BORED! Count to ten (and back again) as Jack escapes his stall in search of adventure!

Author's Residence: Appleton, Wisconsin

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: April 15, 2018

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

***How to Grow a Dinosaur***

by Jill Esbaum, illustrated by Mike Boldt

Book Description: A big-kid dinosaur can't wait to teach the new baby *everything* in this funny, tender, joyful take on becoming a big sister or brother.

Author's Residence: Dixon, Iowa

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: January 23, 2018

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

***A Lullaby of Summer Things***

by Natalie Ziarnik, illustrated by Madeline Valentine

Book Description: Open this warm, lyrical book and find a little girl dreamily remembering a perfect day at the beach with her family.

Author's Residence: Barrington, Illinois

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade

Publication Date: May 15, 2018

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

***Let's Go ABC! Things that Go, from A to Z***

by Rhonda Gowler Greene, illustrated by Daniel Kirk

Book description: A fun alphabet book about transportation! In short rhymes, 26 vehicles tell what they do and how they GO!

Author's Residence: Orchard Lake, Michigan

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Publication Date: May 15, 2018

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

***Mr. Reginald and the Bunnies***

by Paula Wallace

Book Description: Three rambunctious bunnies romp through the quiet life of their Uncle Reginald and his upstairs neighbor, Mrs.

Paddock. Full of sweet mischief and giggles.

Author's Residence: Omaha, Nebraska

Publisher: Pomegranate

Publication Date: September 15, 2018

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

***People Don't Bite People***

by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Molly Idle

Book Description: A reminder for overeager little biters that biting is for food in this hysterical read-aloud picture book. Learning good behavior has never been so fun!

Author's Residence: Addison, Michigan

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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

***Priscilla's Perfect Tea Party***

by Jill Friestad-Tate, illustrated by Sue Safianoff

Book Description: Priscilla plans the perfect tea party, but it does not go perfectly. Her brother shows her that perfection is not always what we imagine.

Author's Residence: Polk City, Iowa

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: May 4, 2018

***Russell Wrestles the Relatives***

by Cindy Chambers Johnson, illustrated by Daniel Duncan

Book Description: Russell must think of ways to out-manuever his wrestler relatives when they all come for a family reunion.

Author's Residence: Des Moines, Iowa

Publisher: Aladdin

Publication Date: June 12, 2018

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

***The Sandcastle that Lola Built***

by Megan Maynor, illustrated by Kate Berube

Book Description: A modern, summery spin on *The House that Jack Built*, in which Lola's day at the beach leads to new friends and a giant sandcastle.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: May 2018

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

***The Secrets of Ninja School***

by Deb Pilutti

Book Description: Master Willow's Ninja School is a place where junior ninja saplings go to learn the ways of the ninja—and discover their own secret school.

Author's Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

Publication Date: March 20, 2018

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

***Small Walt and Mo the Tow***

by Elizabeth Verdick, illustrated by Marc Rosenthal

Book Description: Determined snowplow Small Walt meets a friend, Mo the Tow, when a fierce snowstorm leaves a car stranded in a ditch.

Author's Residence: Woodbury, Minnesota

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: October 2018

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

***The Three Little Pugs***

by Nina Victor Crittenden

Book Description: Three little pugs try to remove the Big Bad Cat from their cozy basket so they can have a nap.

Author's Residence: Deephaven, Minnesota

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: March 6, 2018

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

***What Mommies Like***

by Judy Carey Nevin, illustrated by Stephanie Six

Book Description: A bear mom and her cub spend the day doing things moms (and cubs) like: taking a bike ride to the library, building a fort, reading books, and of course, saying "I love you!"

Author's Residence: Pickerington, Ohio

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: April 2018

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

***Z GOES FIRST***

by Sean Lamb, illustrated by Mike Perry

Book Description: The letter Z is tired of being last. With the help of her friend, Y, she decides to skip ahead and go first.

Author's Residence: Cudahy, Wisconsin

Publisher: Imprint

Publication Date: May 29, 2018



**GRADES 1-2****EARLY CHAPTER BOOK*****Being Bree, Book 2: Bree and the Loose Tooth Worries***

by Christine Sromek Laforet, illustrated by Lisa Rush

Book Description: After Bree swallows her loose tooth, she must outsmart the tooth fairy in order to receive the ring she needs to join the Girls with Bling Club.

Author's Residence: Avon, Ohio

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: August 2018

Author's Website: [christinesromeklaforet.com](http://christinesromeklaforet.com)***Ellie Ultra: Super Spooked***

by Gina Bellisario, illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner

Book Description: When the villainous Fairy Nightmare visits Ellie and her friends at a Halloween sleepover, Ellie is stuck facing her worst fear—the dark.

Author's Residence: Park Ridge, Illinois

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

Author's Website: [ginabellisario.com](http://ginabellisario.com)***Horse Gentler in Training (Winnie: The Early Years)***

by Dandi Daley Mackall, illustrated by Phyllis Harris

Book Description: In this prequel to the best-selling Winnie the Horse Gentler series (over half a million copies), Winnie learns horse gentling while struggling to save the family ranch.

Author's Residence: West Salem, Ohio

Publisher: Tyndale House Publishers

Publication Date: October 9, 2018

Author's Website: [dandibooks.com](http://dandibooks.com)***The Mukluk Ball***

by Katharine Johnson, illustrated by Alicia Schwab

Book Description: With help from friends, Karhu dances his way to Finn Town's liveliest winter event, the Mukluk Ball, featuring the Bear Hug Twist.

Illustrator's Residence: Plymouth, Minnesota

Publisher: Minnesota Historical Society Press

Publication Date: November 2018

Illustrator's Website: [aliciaschwab.com](http://aliciaschwab.com)***Star Powers***

by Lisa Rose, illustrated by Katie Wood

Book Description: Star Powers is a second-grade girl who uses a wheelchair and wants to be an astronaut.

Author's Residence: Detroit, Michigan

Publisher: Rourke Educational Media

Publication Date: July 13, 2018

Author's Website: [LisaRoseWrites.com](http://LisaRoseWrites.com)**INFORMATIONAL*****I Am the Rain***

by John Paterson

Book Description: The story of Water, in its own words. Back matter includes "The Science Behind the Poetry," STEM activities, water conservation tips, and more.

Author's Residence: Northbrook, Illinois

Publisher: Dawn Publications

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

**NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK*****Aim for the Skies: Jerrie Mock and Joan Merriam Smith's Race to Complete Amelia Earhart's Quest***

by Aimée M. Bissonette, illustrated by Doris Ettlinger

Book Description: A recounting of the 1964 air race between Americans Geraldine Mock and Joan Merriam Smith, the first two women to fly around the world.

Author's Residence: Richfield, Minnesota

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: September 15, 2018

Author's Website: [aimeebissonette.com](http://aimeebissonette.com)***Big Tree Down!***

by Laurie Lawlor, illustrated by David Gordon

Book Description: When Big Tree, a favorite local landmark, is split by lightning, neighbors and community workers alike come together to deal with the emergency.

Author's Residence: Evanston, Illinois

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: February 2018

Author's Website: [laurielawlor.com](http://laurielawlor.com)***Dwarf Rabbits***

by Buffy Silverman

Book Description: *Hop! Hop! Hop!* A fluffy dwarf rabbit explores its new home. Read this book to learn about these gentle, playful pets!

Author's Residence: Augusta, Michigan

Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

Publication Date: January 1, 2018

Author's Website: [buffysilverman.com](http://buffysilverman.com)***The World Never Sleeps***

by Natalie Rompella, illustrated by Carol Schwartz

Book Description: Through lyrical nonfiction vignettes, readers learn what insects and other invertebrates do at all hours of the night and day.

Author's Residence: Libertyville, Illinois

Publisher: Tilbury House

Publication Date: July 3, 2018

Author's Website: [natalierompella.com](http://natalierompella.com)**PICTURE BOOK*****Astronaut Annie***

by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Nicole Tadgell

Book Description: Annie bravely shares her far-out dream at her school's Career Day, despite the well-intentioned dreams others have for her.

Author's Residence: Libertyville, Illinois

Publisher: Tilbury House

Publication Date: March 6, 2018

Author's Website: [suzanneslade.com](http://suzanneslade.com)***Be Kind***

by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Jen Hill

Book Description: When Tanisha spills grape juice on her dress, her

classmate ponders what it means to be kind.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Publication Date: February 6, 2018

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

### ***The Best Mother***

by **CM Surrisi**, illustrated by **Diane Goode**

Book Description: For every child who's ever wondered if the grass is greener, *The Best Mother* affirms that there's nothing better than your own mother's love.

Author's Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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

### ***The Field***

by **Baptiste Paul**, illustrated by **Jacqueline Alcántara**

Book Description: "Vini! Come! The field calls!" Teams are formed, the field is cleared of cows, and the game begins! But will a tropical rainstorm threaten their plans?

Illustrator's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: North South Books

Publication Date: March 2018

Illustrator's Website: [jacquelinealcantara.com](http://jacquelinealcantara.com)

### ***Finding a Dove for Gramps***

by **Lisa J. Amstutz**, illustrated by **Maria Luisa di Gravio**

Book Description: A boy and his mom continue the family tradition of participating in the annual bird count.

Author's Residence: Dalton, Ohio

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Publication Date: November 1, 2018

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

### ***Franny's Father is a Feminist***

by **Rhonda Leet**, illustrated by **Megan Walker**

Book Description: Through sweet, straightforward prose, *Franny's Father* portrays the loving bond between a young girl and her father who isn't afraid of bucking gender norms.

Author's Residence: De Pere, Wisconsin

Publisher: POW! Kids Books

Publication Date: March 6, 2018

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

### ***Goodnight Whispers***

by **Michael Leannah**, illustrated by **Dani Torrent**

Book Description: A man whispers positive messages to his daughter as she sleeps at night, creating a bond between them that is both heartwarming and inspirational.

Author's Residence: Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Publisher: Familius

Publication Date: August 1, 2018

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

### ***Hannah's Tall Order: An A to Z Sandwich***

by **Linda Vander Heyden**, illustrated by **Kayla Harren**

Book Description: Hungry Hannah's messy romp through the alphabet will have readers in fits of giggles from beginning to end.

Illustrator's Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

### ***If You had a Jetpack***

by **Lisl H. Detlefsen**

Book Description: Join one clever rabbit as he puts his homemade jetpack to good use by visiting his Nana and helping the astronauts on the space station.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: April 24, 2018

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

### ***Isle of You***

by **David LaRochelle**, illustrated by **Jaime Kim**

Book Description: A child who has had a difficult day travels to the Isle of You, where the wonderful things she imagines help to lift her spirits.

Author's Residence: White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: December 11, 2018

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

### ***Made by Maxine***

by **Ruth Spiro**, illustrated by **Holly Hatam**

Book Description: Maxine is an inspiring young maker who shows that with enough creativity, determination, and odds 'n ends to tinker with, she can solve any problem!

Author's Residence: Deerfield, Illinois

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: October 9, 2018

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

### ***The Masterpiece***

by **Shelley Kinder**, illustrated by **Kathi Green Nixon**

Book Description: God paints a sunrise onto a deep blue sky as families get ready for school and admire the vibrant masterpiece. Sparse text. Hidden paintbrushes.

Author's Residence: Grabill, Indiana

Publisher: Spork

Publication Date: November 27, 2018

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

### ***Meet My Family! Animal Babies and Their Families***

by **Laura Purdie Salas**, illustrated by **Stephanie Fizer Coleman**

Book Description: Baby animals introduce their family structures in charming rhyming text (with prose sidebars) in this celebration of diversity, animals, and families of all kinds!

Author's Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota

Publisher: Millbrook Press

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

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

### ***A Place for Pluto***

by **Stef Wade**, illustrated by **Melanie Demmer**

Book Description: Pluto searches for his true identity in the solar system after finding out he's not a planet anymore.

Author's Residence: Brookfield, Wisconsin

Publisher: Capstone Publishing

Publication Date: July 1, 2018

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

### ***Polar Bear Island***

by **Lindsay Bonilla**, illustrated by **Cinta Villalobos**

Book Description: When Kirby, a fun-loving penguin, arrives on

Polar Bear Island, she shakes things up—much to the dismay of Parker, the mayor.

Author's Residence: North Canton, Ohio

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

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

### ***A Round of Robins***

by **Katie Hesterman**, illustrated by **Sergio Ruzzier**

Book Description: From defending their territory to bidding their fledglings farewell, *A Round of Robins* explores the nesting cycle of the robin with sixteen playful, plucky poems.

Author's Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

Publication Date: March 27, 2018

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

### ***The Very Best Story Ever Told: The Gospel with American Sign Language***

by **Robin Currie**, illustrated by **David Kurtz Williams**

Book Description: *The Very Best Story Ever Told* encourages children with physical engagement in the Gospel by teaching words with rhymed text in American Sign Language.

Author's Residence: Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Publisher: Beaming Books

Publication Date: August 7, 2018

Author's Website: [robincurrie.net](http://robincurrie.net)

## **POETRY**

### ***Bumble Bee Sneeze***

by **Nichole Hansen**, illustrated by **Tevin Hansen**

Book Description: A collection of whimsical poems about childhood with bright, watercolor illustrations. From sharing and siblings to pets and crowds, being a kid can be tough.

Illustrator's Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska

Publisher: Handersen Publishing

Publication Date: September 15, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [tevinhansen.com](http://tevinhansen.com)

## **GRADES 3-5**

## **ADVENTURE**

### ***The Adventures of Bubba Jones: Time Traveling Through Acadia National Park***

by **Jeff Alt**, illustrated by **Hannah Tuohy**

Book Description: Time-leaping kids learn fun facts about Maine's Acadia National Park and solve a mystery. This is book three of a national park series.

Author's Residence: Mason, Ohio

Publisher: Beaufort Books

Publication Date: June 4, 2018

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

## **CHAPTER BOOK**

### ***Cody and the Heart of a Champion***

by **Tricia Springstubb**, illustrated by **Eliza Wheeler**

Book Description: The last book in this award-winning series about the adventures of Cody and her lively, diverse family, friends, and

neighbors.

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: June 2018

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

## **CONTEMPORARY FICTION**

### ***Field Tripped***

by **Allan Woodrow**

Book Description: When a class of fifth graders visit the mansion of an eccentric inventor, things go horribly wrong. The sequel to *Class Dismissed* and *Unschooling*.

Author's Residence: Vernon Hills, Illinois

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

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

## **EARLY READER**

### ***The Squeezor is Coming!***

by **Becky Benishek**, illustrated by **Matt Fiss**

Book Description: The Squeezor is a monster who just wants to give hugs. But he looks so scary, other monsters run away! How can he make friends?

Author's Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Publisher: MacLaren-Cochrane Publishing

Publication Date: August 14, 2018

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

## **FANTASY**

### ***Overworld Heroes Adventure Box Set***

by **Danica Davidson**

Book Description: In a spinoff to the Overworld Adventures series, eleven-year-old Minecraft character Stevie and his friends must protect the worlds from the evil Ender Dragon.

Author's Residence: Sturgis, Michigan

Publisher: Skyhorse Publishing

Publication Date: November 20, 2018

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

### ***The Phantom Tower***

by **Keir Graff**

Book Description: Twin brothers discover their new home is also a portal—for an hour a day—to a parallel dimension in this rollicking middle-grade adventure.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

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

Publication Date: August 21, 2018

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

### ***The Starlight Slippers***

by **Susan Maupin Schmid**, illustrated by **Lissy Marlin**

Book Description: Princess Mariposa wants her grandmother's starlight slippers for her wedding. But Darling discovers their tie to the castle's magic. Could wearing them loose the dragons?

Author's Residence: West Des Moines, Iowa

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: June 26, 2018

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

### ***Time Castaways: The Mona Lisa Key***

by Liesl Shurtliff

Book Description: Siblings Mateo, Ruby, and Corey travel through time on a 17th-century frigate to uncover secrets of their past and future.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

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

## **MAGICAL REALISM**

### ***Earwax and Cadillacs: The Final Adventure of Mucus Phlegmball***

by Kerry Crowley

Book Description: Superhero Mucus Phlegmball battles his arch enemy, Turner, after accidentally giving him superpowers with a snooger to the head.

Author's Residence: Genesee, Wisconsin

Publisher: MustYoung Publishing

Publication Date: January 16, 2018

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

## **MIDDLE GRADE SUPER HERO**

### ***The Stupendous Adventures of Mighty Marty Hayes***

by Lora L. Hyler

Book Description: A cast of multicultural superheroes work with CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing technology in their 7th grade advanced science classroom and share a love of spy gadgets.

Author's Residence: Glendale, Wisconsin

Publisher: HenschelHAUS Publishing, Inc.

Publication Date: March 6, 2018

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

## **NONFICTION**

### ***Destination Space: The Space Shuttle Missions***

by Patti Richards

Book Description: Explores scientists' thrilling quest to develop the space shuttle. Engaging text, vibrant photos, and infographics help readers learn about this important advancement in space exploration.

Author's Residence: Farmington Hills, Michigan

Publisher: Focus Readers

Publication Date: January 2018

Author's Website: [pattigail1.com](http://pattigail1.com)

### ***Dinosaur Devotions: 75 Dino Discoveries, Bible Truths, Fun Facts, and More!***

by Michelle Medlock Adams, illustrated by Denise Turu

Book Description: Dinosaur Devotions blends fun dinosaur facts with a deeper understanding of God's Word, making your child's faith journey an extra fun adventure!

Author's Residence: Bedford, Indiana

Publisher: Thomas Nelson

Publication Date: October 16, 2018

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

## **NONFICTION IN VERSE**

### ***Struttin' with Some Barbecue: Lil Hardin Armstrong Becomes the First Lady of Jazz***

by Patricia Hruby Powell, illustrated by Rachel Himes

Book Description: Lil Hardin and her husband, Louis Armstrong, were musical royalty—inventing a new kind of sound—making jazz in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century in Chicago.

Author's Residence: Champaign, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: December 11, 2018

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

## **NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK**

### ***Fairy Spell: How Two Girls Convinced the World that Fairies are Real***

by Marc Tyler Nobleman, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler

Book Description: The true story of British cousins who fooled the world with a remarkable hoax—photographs of “real” fairies. Exquisitely illustrated, including the original photographs.

Illustrator's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Clarion Books

Publication Date: April 24, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [wheelerstudio.com](http://wheelerstudio.com)

### ***Adventures to School: Real-Life Journeys of Students from Around the World***

by Miranda Paul and Baptiste Paul, illustrated by Isabel Muñoz

Book Description: Read about children from thirteen countries around the world who have an extraordinary trek to school! Includes sidebars and back matter.

Author's Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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

## **PICTURE BOOK**

### ***Otis & Will Discover the Deep***

by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Katherine Roy

Book Description: The suspenseful, little-known true story of two determined pioneers who made the first dive into the deep ocean.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

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

## **PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY**

### ***A Lady has the Floor: Belva Lockwood Speaks Out for Women's Rights***

by Kate Hannigan, illustrated by Alison Jay

Book Description: Belva Lockwood fought for equality for women in the classroom, in the courtroom, and in politics. In her quest for fairness and parity, she ran for President of the US, becoming the first woman on the ballot.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Publication Date: January 30, 2018

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

### ***Midnight Teacher: Lilly Ann Granderson and Her Secret School***

by Janet Halfmann, illustrated by London Ladd

Book Description: *Midnight Teacher* is the true story of an enslaved woman who ran a secret nighttime school in Mississippi. She risked being whipped because she believed in the power of education.

Author's Residence: South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Publication Date: February 13, 2018

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

### **REALISTIC FICTION**

#### ***Eliza Bing is (Not) a Star***

by Carmella Van Vleet

Book Description: Eliza Bing, a sixth grader with ADHD, auditions for the school play to stay close to her new best friend, and drama ensues (pun intended.)

Author's Residence: Lewis Center, Ohio

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: September 25, 2018

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

#### ***The Key to Every Thing***

by Pat Schmatz

Book Description: For eleven-year-old Tash, Cap'n Jackie isn't just the elderly next-door neighbor—she's family. When she disappears, only Tash holds the key that might bring her back.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: May 8, 2018

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

### **SIGN LANGUAGE**

#### ***Hand Talk: Reni Goes to School***

by Barbara Champion, illustrated by Christopher Tice

Book Description: Reni is apprehensive about going to school because of his difficulty communicating. But when he learns Sign Language, Reni discovers school can be fun.

Author's Residence: Chaska, Minnesota

Publisher: Royal Fireworks Press

Publication Date: 2018

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

### **GRADES 6-8**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### ***Dolores Huerta Stands Strong: The Woman Who Demanded Justice***

by Marlene Targ Brill

Book Description: Huerta's early hard life led her to advocacy for farmworkers, immigrants, and women's rights, earning the nation's highest honors and rallying a nation with "Sí, se puede" ("Yes, we can").

Author's Residence: Wilmette, Illinois

Publisher: University of Ohio Press

Publication Date: July 2018

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

### **CONTEMPORARY FICTION**

#### ***Captain Superlative***

by JS Puller

Book Description: It's Don Quixote for middle schoolers. When a student declares herself the class superhero, Janey Silverman must uncover why anyone would do something so weird!

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Disney Hyperion

Publication Date: May 8, 2018

Author's Website: [pullerwrites.wordpress.com](http://pullerwrites.wordpress.com)

### **HISTORICAL FICTION**

#### ***The Cheese Song***

by Lisa Gammon Olson, illustrated by Lauren Rutledge

Book Description: Join Libby and Josie as they journey on one of the infamous orphan trains in 1896 from NYC to the Midwest, looking for that forever family and the American dream.

Author's Residence: Coon Valley, Wisconsin

Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

Publication Date: August 2018

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

### **NARRATIVE NONFICTION**

#### ***Tomb Raiders: Real Tales of Grave Robberies***

by Judy Dodge Cummings

Book Description: Armed with shovels and crowbars, thieves throughout history have unearthed graves out of greed, hunger, and curiosity. Learn the little-known stories of body snatchers and crooks from the crypt.

Author's Residence: Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Publisher: Nomad Press

Publication Date: February 2018

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

### **NONFICTION**

#### ***Capsized! The Forgotten Story of the SS Eastland Disaster*** by Patricia Sutton

Book Description: When the SS *Eastland* capsized in the Chicago River, it claimed more passenger lives than the *Titanic*. It was the greatest loss of life on Great Lakes.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher's Name: Chicago Review Press

Publication Date: July 1, 2018

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

#### ***Count the Wings: The Life and Art of Charley Harper*** by Michelle Houts

Book Description: Midcentury modern artist Charley Harper's nature art can be found everywhere; his fascinating life story can be found within the pages of this book.

Author's Residence: Rockford, Ohio

Publisher: Ohio University Press

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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



## REALISTIC FICTION

### ***Drum Roll, Please***

by Lisa Jenn Bigelow

Book Description: Rock band camp holds many surprises for thirteen-year-old Melly, but none is as exciting or confusing as falling for her band mate Adeline.

Author's Residence: Skokie, Illinois

Publisher: Harper

Publication Date: June 26, 2018

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

### ***Ethan Marcus Makes His Mark***

by Michele Weber Hurwitz

Book Description: Polar opposite siblings Ethan and Erin are invited to a prestigious tech-maker camp and realize the only way to succeed is to team up.

Author's Residence: Buffalo Grove, Illinois

Publisher: Aladdin Books

Publication Date: November 13, 2018

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

### ***Half a Buck***

by Patricia Gilkerson

Book Description: Mysterious loads of horses keep showing up at Piper's riding teacher's barn. How dangerous does the situation have to get before she calls in the Horse Rescuers?

Author's Residence: Lake Elmo, Minnesota

Publisher: Fire and Ice

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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

## SCIENCE FICTION

### ***Horizon Alpha: Homecoming***

by DW Vogel

Book Description: *Homecoming* completes the Horizon Alpha trilogy, a science fiction adventure about a human colony on a planet of dinosaurs.

Author's Residence: Hamilton, Ohio

Publisher: Future House Publishing

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

### ***The Tomb***

by SA Bodeen

Book Description: Together, Kiva and Seth must search for the engine their spaceship needs. Danger, romance, and twists abound in this high-stakes science fiction adventure.

Author's Residence: Black River Falls, Wisconsin

Publisher: Feiwel and Friends

Publication Date: September 25, 2018

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

## GRADES 9-12

## CONTEMPORARY FICTION

### ***All That I Can Fix***

by Crystal Chan

Book Description: Fifteen-year-old Ronney's dad had attempted

suicide; while they try to mend the relationship, a local exotic zoo has a breakout of wild animals that rampage the county.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Simon Pulse

Publication Date: June 2018

Author's Website: [crystalchan.net](http://crystalchan.net)

### ***American Panda***

by Gloria C. Chao

Book Description: A laugh-out-loud novel about a Taiwanese-American teen whose parents want her to be a doctor despite her squeamishness with germs. Four starred reviews + JLG Selection.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Simon Pulse

Publication Date: February 6, 2018

Author's Website: [gloriachao.wordpress.com](http://gloriachao.wordpress.com)

### ***American Road Trip***

by Patrick Flores-Scott

Book Description: Teodoro Avila might lose his one shot at college and love when his sister tricks him into a road trip to save their PTSD-addled brother.

Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

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

## HISTORICAL FANTASY

### ***The Kithseeker***

by MK Wiseman

Book Description: Liara, an apprentice, and Nagarath, her bookish wizard, race to find a fabled magick mirror before it falls into the hands of a rival mage.

Author's Residence: Cedarburg, Wisconsin

Publisher: Xchylar Publishing

Publication Date: August 21, 2018

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

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### ***In Those Glory Days of Elvis***

by Josephine Rascoe Keenan

Book Description: This is the third book in the Days of Elvis series about a young girl who makes a serious mistake in coping with her broken home.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Pen-L Publishing

Publication Date: September 2018

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

### ***The Unbinding of Mary Reade***

by Miriam McNamara

Book Description: Based on the true story of a girl who disguised herself as a boy to sail with infamous pirates Anne Bonny and Calico Jack.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: June 19, 2018

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

## MYSTERY

### ***Questions I Want to Ask You***

by Michelle Falkoff

Book Description: A recent high school graduate who believes his mother is dead receives a letter from her on his eighteenth birthday.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: May 29, 2018

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

## NONFICTION

### ***Extreme Longevity: Discovering Earth's Oldest Organisms***

by Karen Latchana Kenney

Book Description: Meet science experts studying specimens of extreme longevity, such as 400-year-old sharks, and learn how long-lived species resist disease and aging.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

Publication Date: August 2018

Author's Website: [latchanakenney.wordpress.com](http://latchanakenney.wordpress.com)

## SCIENCE FICTION

### ***Original Syn***

by Beth Kander

Book Description: What if all it cost to save the world . . . was your humanity? *Original Syn*: family secrets, free will, forbidden love, and the perils of aggressive technology.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Owl House Books

Publication Date: September 25, 2018

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

## THRILLER

### ***Surface Tension***

by Mike Mullin

Book Description: Jake witnesses terrorists causing a plane crash. Jake is the only one who knows how they did it, and they want him dead.

Author's Residence: Danville, Indiana

Publisher: Tanglewood Press

Publication Date: May 8, 2018

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

### ***The Window***

by Amelia Brunskill

Book Description: After Jess Cutter's twin sister, Anna, dies in an alleged tragic accident, Jess becomes obsessed with tracking down the identity of Anna's secret boyfriend.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Delacorte Press

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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





# SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS

## OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2018

### NEW ENGLAND

(Maine / Vermont / New Hampshire / Connecticut / Massachusetts / Rhode Island)

#### PRE-K-K

#### BOARD BOOK

##### ***I Love You for Miles and Miles***

by Alison Goldberg, illustrated by Mike Yamada

Book Description: Love can be stronger than the strongest excavator, longer than the longest train, and taller than the tallest crane.

Author's Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Publication Date: December 31, 2018

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

#### NONFICTION BOARD BOOK

##### ***101 Dinosaurs and Other Prehistoric Reptiles***

by April Jones Prince, illustrated by Bob Kolar

Book Description: Meet the long necks, flyers, sharp teeth, and other creatures of prehistoric times in this oversized board book with 101 reptiles to name and sound out!

Author's Residence: Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

Publisher: Cartwheel Books

Publication Date: January 30, 2018

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

##### ***Whose Boat?***

by Toni Buzzeo, illustrated by Tom Froese

Book Description: This lyrical nonfiction ode to boats features six kinds of workers and their boats—a patrol boat, tugboat, car ferry, lobster boat, lifeboat, and fireboat.

Author's Residence: Arlington, Massachusetts

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: May 22, 2018

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

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***An Extraordinary Ordinary Moth***

by Karlin Gray, illustrated by Steliyana Doneva

Book Description: "Beautiful . . . a perfect reminder that everyone and everything, no matter how seemingly ordinary, is extraordinary to the right person."—*San Francisco Book Review*

Author's Residence: Westport, Connecticut

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: March 2018

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

##### ***Before You Sleep: A Bedtime Book of Gratitude***

by Annie Cronin Romano, illustrated by Ioana Hobai

Book Description: This story encourages children to reflect on all aspects of their day using their five senses, fostering a sense of gentle gratitude.

Author's Residence: Hopedale, Massachusetts

Publisher: Page Street Kids

Publication Date: October 9, 2018

##### ***Grow***

by Cynthia Platt, illustrated by Olivia Holden

Book Description: A girl inspires her city neighborhood to nurture a garden together—proving that one person can make big changes in the world.

Author's Residence: Marblehead, Massachusetts

Publisher: Amicus Ink

Publication Date: March 13, 2018

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

##### ***My Pet Wants a Pet***

by Elise Broach, illustrated by Eric Barclay

Book Description: A boy longs for a pet, and his mother finally says yes. But then the pet wants a pet, and so on, as mayhem ensues!

Author's Residence: Easton, Connecticut

Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

Publication Date: March 2018

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

##### ***Someone New***

by Anne Sibley O'Brien

Book Description: A companion to *I'm New Here*, *Someone New* tells the story of three immigrant children from the perspective of the classmates who welcome them.

Author's Residence: Peaks Island, Maine

Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing

Publication Date: July 10, 2018

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

##### ***Too Much! Not Enough!***

by Gina Perry

Book Description: Exuberant Peanut and steadfast Moe are roommates and best friends . . . most of the time. Can these two learn to appreciate their differences?

Author's Residence: North Hampton, New Hampshire

Publisher: Tundra

Publication Date: August 18, 2018

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

##### ***What If . . .***

by Samantha Berger, illustrated by Mike Curato

Book Description: This girl is determined to express herself! No matter what is taken away from her, she'll use her creativity to triumph over any obstacle.

Illustrator's Residence: Massachusetts

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: April 10, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [mikecurato.com](http://mikecurato.com)

## GRADES 1-2

### EARLY CHAPTER BOOK

#### ***Jasmine Toguchi, Drummer Girl***

by **Debbi Michiko Florence**, illustrated by **Elizabet Vukovic**

Book Description: Eight-year-old Jasmine Toguchi is excited to play the Japanese taiko drum for the school talent show, but worries she won't be good enough in time.

Author's Residence: Mystic, Connecticut

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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

#### ***Molly Mac: Top Secret Author Visit***

by **Marty Kelley**

Book Description: Molly Mac wants to learn the secret of how to be a rich, famous author so she never has to get out of her pajamas.

Author's Residence: New Boston, New Hampshire

Publisher: Capstone Press

Publication Date: August 1, 2018

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

#### ***Princess Posey and the Flower Girl Fiasco***

by **Stephanie Greene**, illustrated by **Stephanie Roth Sisson**

Book Description: Posey is excited about being the flower girl in her Gramps' wedding, until she finds out it's going to change her world. Can her pink tutu help her find the courage to accept it?

Author's Residence: Northampton, Massachusetts

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

Publication Date: February 13, 2018

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

### EARLY READER

#### ***The Bossy Pirate***

by **John Steven Gurney**

Book Description: Jack's bedroom becomes a pirate ship sailing on the high seas. But the fantasy stops being fun when Jack gets too bossy.

Author's Residence: Brattleboro, Vermont

Publisher: Schiffer

Publication Date: October 28, 2018

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

### FOLKTALE

#### ***How the Finch Got His Colors***

by **Annemarie Riley Guertin**, illustrated by **Helena Perez Garcia**

Book Description: Based on a Belgian folktale, this beautifully told creation myth has underlying messages of patience and kindness.

Author's Residence: Haverhill, Massachusetts

Publisher: Familius

Publication Date: March 6, 2018

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

## FRIENDSHIP

#### ***I'm Mixed!***

by **Maggy Williams**, illustrated by **Elizabeth Hasegawa Agresta**

Book Description: Growing up as a biracial child, Maggy Williams had three options: she could identify as black, white, or mixed. She chose to embrace her multiracial heritage.

Illustrator's Residence: Cos Cob, Connecticut

Publisher: Loving Healing Press

Publication Date: February 14, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [agresta.us](http://agresta.us)

### NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

#### ***All Kinds of Friends***

by **Shelley Rotner & Sheila Kelly**, photo illustrations by **Shelley Rotner**

Book Description: This book celebrates all the different kinds of friends in your life.

Illustrator's Residence: Northampton, Massachusetts

Publisher: Millbrook Press

Publication Date: March 2018

Illustrator's Website: [shelleyrotner.com](http://shelleyrotner.com)

#### ***Fossil by Fossil: Comparing Dinosaur Bones***

by **Sara Levine**, illustrated by **TS Spookytooth**

Book Description: This picture book will keep you guessing as you find out how human skeletons are like—and unlike—those of dinosaurs.

Author's Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts

Publisher: Millbrook Press

Publication Date: January 2018

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

#### ***Running on Sunshine (How Does Solar Energy Work?)***

by **Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano**, illustrated by **Giovana Medeiros**

Book Description: Ping! Zing! Sunshine's energy strikes solar panels and powers freezers, toasters, gadgets, and more. Discover the what, how, and why of running on sunshine!

Author's Residence: Plympton, Massachusetts

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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

#### ***A Seed is the Start***

by **Melissa Stewart**

Book Description: Meet seeds that pop, hop, creep, and explode in this introduction to plant growth and seed dispersal. Stunning photographs and fact-packed text will delight children.

Author's Residence: Acton, Massachusetts

Publisher: National Geographic, Kids

Publication Date: February 13, 2018

Author's Website: [melissa-stewart.com](http://melissa-stewart.com)

### PICTURE BOOK

#### ***Do Doodlebugs Doodle? Amazing Insect Facts***

by **Corinne Demas** and **Artemis Roehrig**, illustrated by **Ellen Shi**

Book Description: This interactive read-aloud asks humorous questions about insects, followed by informative answers. Photos and further information.

Author's Residence: Amherst, Massachusetts  
 Publisher: Persnickety Press  
 Publication Date: March 2018  
 Author's Website: [corinnedemas.com](http://corinnedemas.com)

### ***Don't Ask a Dinosaur***

by Matt Forrest Esenwine & Deborah Bruss, illustrated by Louie Chin

Book Description: A party goes wildly awry when a pack of dinosaurs attempt hilariously impossible tasks, like setting the table and blowing up balloons.  
 Author's Residence: Warner, New Hampshire  
 Publisher: POW!  
 Publication Date: April 17, 2018  
 Author's Website: [MattForrest.com](http://MattForrest.com)

### ***Ella & Monkey at Sea***

by Emilie Boon

Book Description: Ella and monkey navigate their stormy emotions when they leave behind home in Holland and set sail with Mama for a new home in America.  
 Residence: Boston, Massachusetts  
 Publisher: Candlewick Press  
 Publication Date: August 7, 2018  
 Author's Website: [emilieboon.com](http://emilieboon.com)

### ***Fright School***

by Janet Lawler, illustrated by Chiara Galletti

Book Description: Where do monsters go to learn how to scare trick-or-treaters? Fright School, of course! This not-too-scary picture book overflows with funny monsters and rollicking rhyme.  
 Author's Residence: Farmington, Connecticut  
 Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company  
 Publication Date: September 1, 2018  
 Author's Website: [janetlawler.com](http://janetlawler.com)

### ***Harriet's Horrible Hair Day***

by Dawn Lesley Stewart, illustrated by Michael P. White

Book Description: An unruly curl pops out of Harriet's braid. When Harriet's sister offers to fix her rebellious curl, more and more curls break loose.  
 Author's Residence: Holliston, Massachusetts  
 Publisher: Peachtree Publishers  
 Publication Date: February 1, 2018  
 Author's Website: [dlstewart.com](http://dlstewart.com)

### ***Hey, Hey, Hay! (A Tale of Bales and the Machines that Make Them)***

by Christy Mihaly, illustrated by Joe Cepeda

Book Description: This rhyming story of haymaking follows a farm girl and her mother as they "store summer in a bale," celebrating family, the seasons, and farm work.  
 Author's Residence: East Calais, Vermont  
 Publisher: Holiday House  
 Publication Date: August 14, 2018  
 Author's Website: [christymihaly.com](http://christymihaly.com)

### ***How to Code a Sandcastle***

by Josh Funk, illustrated by Sara Palacios

Book Description: Pearl and her robot Pascal use fundamental computer coding concepts like sequences and loops to construct the best beach day ever!

Author's Residence: Boston, Massachusetts  
 Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers  
 Publication Date: May 15, 2018  
 Author's Website: [joshfunkbooks.com](http://joshfunkbooks.com)

### ***Lights, Camera, Carmen!***

by Anika Denise, illustrated by Lorena Alvarez Gómez

Book Description: In the vein of Eloise, Olivia, and Fancy Nancy, Carmen is a little girl with a big personality. Can she learn to share the spotlight?  
 Author's Residence: Barrington, Rhode Island  
 Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers  
 Publication Date: September 11, 2018  
 Author's Website: [anikadenise.com](http://anikadenise.com)

### ***My Awesome Summer by P. Mantis***

by Paul Meisel

Book Description: Told in dated entries, P. Mantis describes the entirety of her life, sharing the fun and beauty of her world as well its little ups and downs.  
 Author's Residence: Newtown, Connecticut  
 Publisher: Holiday House  
 Publication Date: May 8, 2018  
 Author's Website: [paulmeisel.com](http://paulmeisel.com)

### ***The Princess and the Cafe on the Moat***

by Margie Markarian, illustrated by Chloe Douglass

Book Description: How does a princess end up running a cafe by the moat? Find out in this sweet fairy tale with an entrepreneurial twist and a message about kindness.  
 Author's Residence: Franklin, Massachusetts  
 Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press  
 Publication Date: March 15, 2018  
 Author's Website: [margiemarkarian.com](http://margiemarkarian.com)

### ***The Rough Patch***

by Brian Lies

Book Description: Grief and anger cause a gardener fox named Evan to destroy something valuable to him, and a surprise visitor leads him back to hope.  
 Author's Residence: Duxbury, Massachusetts  
 Publisher: Greenwillow  
 Publication Date: August 14, 2018  
 Author's Website: [brianlies.com](http://brianlies.com)

### ***Sweet Pea & Friends: Alpaca Lunch***

by John & Jennifer Churchman, illustrated by John Churchman

Book Description: By the authors of the instant New York Times best seller *The Sheepover*, featuring an adventurous young alpaca who discovers new foods growing around the farm.  
 Illustrator's Residence: Essex, Vermont  
 Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers  
 Publication Date: July 10, 2018

### ***Wild Orca: The Oldest, Wisest Whale in the World***

by Brenda Peterson, illustrated by Wendell Minor

Book Description: A moving homage to Granny, the world's oldest known orca who lived to be 105 years old, this intimate story celebrates the importance of respecting and protecting wildlife.  
 Illustrator's Residence: Washington, Connecticut  
 Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books

Publication Date: September 2018  
Illustrator's Website: [minorart.com](http://minorart.com)

***The Yin-Yang Sisters and the Dragon Frightful***

by Nancy Tupper Ling, illustrated by Andrea Offermann

Book Description: Twin sisters Mei and Wei have opposing views, but with creativity and gumption this dynamic duo just might solve the problem of Frightful the Dragon.

Author's Residence: Walpole, Massachusetts

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

Publication Date: September 2018

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

**PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY**

***Anybody's Game: Kathryn Johnston, the First Girl to Play Little League Baseball***

by Heather Lang, illustrated by Cecilia Puglesi

Book Description: In 1950, when girls were not welcome on Little League fields, Kathryn Johnston stepped up to the plate and showed the world that girls can play baseball!

Author's Residence: Lexington, Massachusetts

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

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

***Grandma Gatewood Hikes the Appalachian Trail***

by Jennifer Thermes

Book Description: Emma Gatewood was the first woman to solo thru-hike the entire Appalachian Trail at the age of 67, proving that no peak is insurmountable.

Author's Residence: Newtown, Connecticut

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: May 8, 2018

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

**GRADES 3-5**

**ADVENTURE**

***The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle***

by Christina Uss, illustrated by Jonathan Bean

Book Description: The quirky story of a twelve-year-old girl who rides her bike across the United States in search of her first true friend.

Author's Residence: East Longmeadow, Massachusetts

Publisher: Margaret Ferguson Books

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

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

**CHAPTER BOOK**

***Miranda and Maude: The Princess and the Absolutely Not a Princess***

by Emma Wunsch, illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner

Book Description: A princess and a revolutionary form an unexpected friendship in this charming illustrated chapter book series, perfect for fans of Judy Moody and Clementine!

Author's Residence: Lebanon, New Hampshire

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 7, 2018  
Author's Website: [emmawunsch.com](http://emmawunsch.com)

**CONTEMPORARY FICTION**

***Smart Cookie***

by Elly Swartz

Book Description: Meet the spunky and big-hearted Frankie, who is all about family and secrets with a dash of mischief and mystery!

Author's Residence: Brookline, Massachusetts

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: January 30, 2018

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

**HISTORICAL FICTION**

***Lifeboat 12***

by Susan Hood

Book Description: This poignant novel-in-verse tells the true story of a boy's harrowing experience on a lifeboat after surviving a torpedo attack during World War II.

Author's Residence: Southport, Connecticut

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

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

**MAGICAL REALISM**

***What the Wind can Tell You***

by Sarah Marie A. Jette

Description: Isabelle Perez knows that her brother is capable of more than anyone realizes. Can she make her family believe in the possibilities that exist?

Author's Residence: Belmont, Massachusetts

Publisher: Islandport Press

Publication Date: May 15, 2018

Author's Website: [sarahmariejette.wordpress.com](http://sarahmariejette.wordpress.com)

**MIDDLE GRADE FICTION**

***Lucy Castor Finds Her Sparkle***

by Natasha Lowe

Book Description: Nine-year-old Lucy Castor hates change, but she must find a way to cope when her whole world is turned upside down.

Author's Residence: Deerfield, Massachusetts

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: February 20, 2018

**NONFICTION**

***Dog Days of History***

by Sarah Albee

Book Description: A history of the human/dog relationship, from ancient times to the present.

Author's Residence: Watertown, Connecticut

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: March 2018

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

### ***Moth and Wasp, Soil and Ocean: Remembering Chinese Scientist Pu Zhelong's Work for Sustainable Farming***

by Sigrid Schmalzer, illustrated by Melanie Linden Chan  
Book Description: This story, told through the memories of a farm boy, will immerse young readers in Chinese culture, the natural history of insects, and sustainable agriculture.  
Illustrator's Residence: North Kingstown, Rhode Island  
Author's Residence: Amherst, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Tilbury House  
Publication Date: February 6, 2018  
Illustrator's Website: [melanielindenchan.com](http://melanielindenchan.com)  
Author's Website: [sigridschmalzer.org](http://sigridschmalzer.org)

## **REALISTIC FICTION**

### ***Lizzy and the Good Luck Girl***

by Susan Lubner  
Book Description: Told with humor and heart, this is a middle grade story about family, friendship, and the awesome power of hope—plus cats in sweaters!  
Author's Residence: Southborough, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Running Press Kids  
Publication Date: November 6, 2018  
Author's Website: [susanlubner.com](http://susanlubner.com)

## **SCIENCE FICTION**

### ***Sven Carter & the Android Army***

by Rob Vlock  
Book Description: Sven Carter—part boy, part robot—is back, and now it's up to him to stop the android army from destroying the human race.  
Author's Residence: Sudbury, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Aladdin  
Publication Date: October 16, 2018  
Author's Website: [robvlock.com](http://robvlock.com)

## **SCIENCE POETRY**

### ***Leaf Litter Critters***

by Leslie Bulion, illustrated by Robert Meganck  
Book Description: A humorous tour through the leaf litter layer's decomposer ecosystem. Nineteen science-packed poems with accompanying narrative notes, glossary, and hands-on activities for nature explorers.  
Author's Residence: Durham, Connecticut  
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers  
Publication Date: March 1, 2018  
Author's Website: [lesliebulion.com](http://lesliebulion.com)

## **GRADES 6-8**

## **ADVENTURE**

### ***The Treasure of Mad Doc Magee***

by Elinor Teele  
Book Description: From the author of *The Mechanical Mind of John Coggin* comes a funny, heartfelt, rip-roaring puzzle box of an adventure about grit, guts, and gold.  
Author's Residence: Gloucester, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Walden Pond Press

Publication Date: August 21, 2018  
Author's Website: [elinorteele.com](http://elinorteele.com)  
**CONTEMPORARY FICTION**

### ***EZ and the Intangibles***

by Bob Katz  
Book Description: The intangibles that don't show up in the stats are Ethan "EZ" Zanay's only hope at basketball glory. But he'll need someone to notice.  
Author's Residence: Lexington, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Fitzroy Books  
Publication Date: November 2, 2018  
Author's Website: [bobkatz.info](http://bobkatz.info)

### ***How We Roll***

by Natasha Friend  
Book Description: For Quinn McAvoy, going bald in eighth grade was a nightmare. But when her family moves, no one knows she has alopecia—or that the wig she's wearing isn't her real hair.  
Author's Residence: Madison, Connecticut  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux  
Publication Date: June 5, 2018  
Author's Website: [natashafriend.com](http://natashafriend.com)

### ***It Wasn't Me***

by Dana Alison Levy  
Book Description: *The Breakfast Club* meets middle school mystery in this story of six very different seventh graders forced together in the aftermath of a vandalism incident.  
Author's Residence: Massachusetts  
Publisher: Delacorte Press  
Publication Date: November 2018  
Author's Website: [danaalisonlevy.com](http://danaalisonlevy.com)

### ***Lights, Camera, Disaster***

by Erin Dionne  
Book Description: Twelve-year-old Hess Greene wants to make a movie for the school talent show, but her Executive Function Disorder and her teacher get in the way.  
Author's Residence: Framingham, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Scholastic  
Publication Date: March 27, 2018  
Author's Website: [erindionne.com](http://erindionne.com)

### ***P.S. I Miss You***

by Jen Petro-Roy  
Book Description: When Evie's sister leaves home after getting pregnant, Evie writes Cilla letters about her seventh-grade year and her crush on the new girl in school.  
Author's Residence: Chelmsford, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Feiwel & Friends  
Publication Date: March 6, 2018  
Author's Website: [jenpetroroy.com](http://jenpetroroy.com)

### ***Someone Else's Shoes***

by Ellen Wittlinger  
Book Description: Izzy finds the family and acceptance she craves after her mourning uncle and cousin, and then her mother's boyfriend's rebellious son, move in with her.  
Author's Residence: Haydenville, Massachusetts  
Publisher: Charlesbridge



Publication Date: September 11, 2018  
Author's Website: [ellenwittlinger.com](http://ellenwittlinger.com)

## NONFICTION

### ***The Capture of Black Bart: Gentleman Bandit of the Old West***

by Norman H. Finkelstein

Book Description: The exciting story of Black Bart, the most famous stagecoach robber of the Old West, and his capture by a relentless detective.

Author's Residence: Framingham, Massachusetts

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Publication Date: November 8, 2018

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

## REALISTIC FICTION

### ***The Benefits of Being an Octopus***

by Ann Braden

Book Description: Trapped in generational rural poverty, twelve-year-old Zoey is convinced by a teacher to join the debate club and discovers she's stronger than she thinks.

Author's Residence: Brattleboro, Vermont

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: September 2018

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

### ***Roller Boy***

by Marcia Strykowski

Book Description: After his baseball dreams fall through, thirteen-year-old Mateo tries his luck at the roller-skating rink while dodging bullies, avoiding gluten, and gaining Hayley's friendship.

Author's Residence: Bradford, Massachusetts

Publisher: Fitzroy Books

Publication Date: September 14, 2018

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

## GRADES 9-12

## BIOGRAPHY

### ***Mary's Monster: Love, Madness, and How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein***

by Lita Judge

Book Description: Pairing free verse with black-and-white illustrations, *Mary's Monster* is a unique biography of Mary Shelley, the pregnant teenage runaway who wrote *Frankenstein*.

Author's Residence: Peterborough, New Hampshire

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Publication Date: January 30, 2018

Author's Website: [litajudge.net](http://litajudge.net)

## CONTEMPORARY FANTASY

### ***Uncharted***

by Erin Cashman

Book Description: An atmospheric fantasy twisting legends and reality, featuring danger, magic, romance, and a secret that some would die to protect and others would kill to expose.

Author's Residence: Boxborough, Massachusetts

Publisher: Page Street Publishing

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

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

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### ***What the Night Sings***

by Vesper Stamper

Book Description: After losing her family and everything she knew in the Nazi concentration camps, Gerta is finally liberated and meets Lev, a fellow teen survivor who she just might be falling for.

Author's Residence: New Milford, Connecticut

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: February 20, 2018

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

## THRILLER

### ***Ten After Closing***

by Jessica Bayliss

Book Description: Alternates between events before and during a hold-up. Two teens with unique challenges explore their relationship while trying to survive. STEM. Diversity.

Author's Residence: Beacon Falls, Connecticut

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

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

## YOUNG ADULT FICTION

### ***The Predious Dreadful***

by Steven Parlato

Book Description: Combining romance, humor, and hints of the paranormal, this profound novel follows one teenager's struggle to redefine herself in the wake of childhood trauma.

Author's Residence: Waterbury, Connecticut

Publisher: Simon Pulse

Publication Date: February 13, 2018

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



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### PRE-K-K

### HOLIDAY

#### ***Dreidel Day***

by **Amalia Hoffman**

Book Description: Sweet Cat and her dreidels set off on a counting adventure, spinning, bouncing, tumbling, hopping, hiding, balancing, resting, and finally lighting the menorah.

Author's Residence: Larchmont, New York

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Publication Date: Fall, 2018

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

### PICTURE BOOK

#### ***All of Us***

by **Carin Berger**

Book Description: A celebration of the timeless power of love and the universal bonds of community.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Greenwillow Books

Publication Date: May 2018

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

#### ***Big Bunny***

by **Rowboat Watkins**

Book Description: Two offstage narrators compete for control over the scariness of their bedtime story about how big bunny should be.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Publication Date: March 2018

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

#### ***Corduroy Takes a Bow***

by **Vicki Davis**, illustrated by **Jody Wheeler**

Book Description: Lisa takes Corduroy to the theater for the first time. It's so exciting and he just can't help heading out on his own to explore.

Illustrator's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: September 2018

Illustrator's Website: [WheelerIllustration.com](http://WheelerIllustration.com)

#### ***Don't Touch My Hair***

by **Sharee Miller**

Book Description: Teaches the importance of asking for permission first as a young girl attempts to escape the curious hands that want to touch her hair.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: November 6, 2018

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

#### ***Garden Party: A Counting Adventure Book***

by **Tania Guarino**, illustrated by **Emma Allen**

Book Description: Celebrate good friends! Follow Cottontail with a "wiggle, hop, wiggle" down Farmer Dale's Trail while counting adorable woodland animals in their search for yummy treats!

Author's Residence: Lagrangeville, New York

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

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

#### ***I Hate Everyone***

by **Naomi Danis**, illustrated by **Cinta Arribas**

Book Description: A birthday girl is a hot mess of emotions: Go away! No! Stay! Can you stay even if I hate you? I love you!

Author's Residence: Forest Hills, New York

Publisher: POW!

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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

#### ***Hey Wall: A Story of Art and Community***

by **Susan Verde**, illustrated by **John Parra**

Book Description: There is a wall in Ángel's neighborhood. Around it, the community bustles with life: music, dancing, laughing. Not the wall. It is bleak. One boy decides to change that. But he can't do it alone.

Illustrator's Residence: Queens, New York

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [johnparraart.com](http://johnparraart.com)

#### ***If You Want to Fall Asleep***

by **Jackie Azuea Kramer**, illustrated by **Lisa Brandenburg**

Book Description: It's bedtime, but Little Mouse isn't sleepy. He's tried reading, snacking, and snuggling. Maybe Mama Mouse can help. A wish and a hug and now it's time to dream.

Author's Residence: Huntington, New York

Publisher: Clavis Books

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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

#### ***Khalida and the Most Beautiful Song***

by **Amanda Moeckel**

Book Description: A song is ready to be heard. Khalida is ready to play it. With her rigid schedule, will there be time for them to connect?

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Page Street Kids

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

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

#### ***Kindergarrten Bus***

by **Mike Ornstein**, illustrated by **Kevin M. Barry**

Book Description: It's the first day of school and the bus driver is a pirate! Using humor, *Kindergarrten Bus* addresses anxiety children

can feel in new situations.  
 Author's Residence: New York  
 Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press  
 Publication Date: July 15, 2018

***The Little Dancers: Showtime!***

by **Maryann Macdonald**

Book Description: Miss Amy's ballet studio is performing "The Butterfly Ball." Everyone wants to be a butterfly, but someone will have to play a glowworm . . .  
 Author's Residence: New York, New York  
 Publisher: Imprint  
 Publication Date: August 28, 2018

***Lucía The Luchadora and the Million Masks***

by **Cynthia Leonor Garza, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez**

Book Description: Lucía the Luchadora's big heart is on display again in her latest adventure, where she learns that some things, including trouble-making little sisters, are one of a kind.  
 Illustrator's Residence: New York, New York  
 Publisher: POW!  
 Publication Date: October 9, 2018  
 Illustrator's Website: [alysabermudezart.com](http://alysabermudezart.com)

***Mighty Tug***

by **Alyssa Satin Capucilli, illustrated by David Mottram**

Book Description: A look at all a small tugboat can do in the busy NYC harbor, especially when she's brave, mighty, and persistent!  
 Author's Residence: Hastings on Hudson, New York  
 Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books  
 Publication Date: January 23, 2018  
 Author's Website: [alysacapucilli.com](http://alysacapucilli.com)

***Paddle Perch Climb: Bird Feet are Neat***

by **Laurie Ellen Angus**

Book Description: Follow birds in their habitats, discovering clues about how they move, where they live, and what they eat by the shapes of their feet.  
 Author's Residence: East Quogue, New York  
 Publisher: Dawn Publications  
 Publication Date: March 2018  
 Author's Website: [laurieangus.com](http://laurieangus.com)

***Picnic with Oliver***

by **Mika Song**

Book Description: The cat and mouse duo from *Tea with Oliver* plan a picnic, but when things don't go as planned they have to get creative.  
 Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York  
 Publisher: HarperCollins  
 Publication Date: July 3, 2018  
 Author's Website: [mikasongdrawing.com](http://mikasongdrawing.com)

***Scarlet's Magic Paintbrush***

by **Melissa Stoller, illustrated by Sandie Sonke**

Description: Scarlet paints perfect pictures with her magic paintbrush, until the brush disappears and her own creativity emerges.  
 Author's Residence: New York, New York  
 Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing  
 Publication Date: September 2018  
 Author's Website: [MelissaStoller.com](http://MelissaStoller.com)

***Stop That Yawn!***

by **Caron Levis, illustrated by LeUyen Pham**

Book Description: Granny's yawn is on the loose! Can Gabby Wild stop that yawn from spreading the snooze, or will it be lights out for Never Sleeping City? Grit your teeth, seal your lips, and stop that . . .  
 Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York  
 Publisher: Atheneum  
 Publication Date: October 16, 2018  
 Author's Website: [caronlevis.com](http://caronlevis.com)

***Take Your Octopus to School Day***

by **Audrey Vernick, by Diana Schoenbrun**

Book Description: Sam is pretty sure he's the only kid with a real live pet octopus to bring to school. What could possibly go wrong?  
 Illustrator's Residence: Brooklyn, New York  
 Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers  
 Publication Date: September 25, 2018  
 Illustrator's Website: [DianaSchoenbrun.net](http://DianaSchoenbrun.net)

***Zola's Elephant***

by **Randall de Sève, illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski**

Book Description: When Zola moves next door, a young girl's wild imagination provides all the reasons a friendship between them is impossible—yet, ultimately, irresistible . . .  
 Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York  
 Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers  
 Publication Date: October 9, 2018  
 Author's Website: [randalldeseve.com](http://randalldeseve.com)

**GRADES 1-2**

**EASY CHAPTER BOOK**

***Marvel Super Hero Adventures: Buggin' Out!***

by **MacKenzie Cadenhead and Sean Ryan, illustrated by Derek Laufman**

Book Description: When Doctor Octopus crashes a school science fair, Spider-Man, Ant-Man, and the Wasp team up and show that big things can come in small packages.  
 Author's Residence: New York, New York  
 Publisher: Marvel Press  
 Publication Date: June 5, 2018  
 Author's Website: [mackenziecadenhead.com](http://mackenziecadenhead.com)

***Our Principal is a Frog!***

by **Stephanie Calmenson, illustrated by Aaron Blecha**

Book Description: This hilarious easy-to-read chapter book is a take-off on *The Frog Prince*. The principal plays leapfrog in the gym and eats a student's bug collection!  
 Author's Residence: New York, New York  
 Publisher: Aladdin Books  
 Publication Date: May 8, 2018  
 Author's Website: [stephaniecalmenson.com](http://stephaniecalmenson.com)

**FANTASY**

***The Prince Problem***

by **Vivian Vande Velde**

Book Description: A story-loving prince must rescue a practical-minded princess, a task made harder by the curse that keeps

transforming him into different animals.  
 Author's Residence: Rochester, New York  
 Publisher: Scholastic  
 Publication Date: November 2018  
 Author's Website: [VivianVandeVelde.com](http://VivianVandeVelde.com)

## GRAPHIC NOVEL

### ***Noodleheads Find Something Fishy***

by Martha Hamilton, Mitch Weiss, and Tedd Arnold; illustrated by Tedd Arnold

Book Description: Best-selling author-illustrator Tedd Arnold has teamed up with two professional storytellers to create a third comic-style book about the gullible Noodlehead Brothers, Mac and Mac.

Authors' Residence: Ithaca, New York  
 Publisher: Holiday House  
 Publication Date: September 2018  
 Authors' Website: [beautyandthebeaststorytellers.com](http://beautyandthebeaststorytellers.com)

## HUMOR

### ***The Universe's Greatest Dinosaur Jokes and Pre-Hysterical Puns***

by Artie Bennett

Book Description: With chuckle-inducing chapters that include flying reptiles, sea creatures, early humans, mad science, and more, this one-of-a-kind book features more than 600 original, hysterical jokes.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York  
 Publisher: Sterling Children's Book  
 Publication Date: March 13, 2018  
 Author's Website: [artiebennett.com](http://artiebennett.com)

## NONFICTION

### ***Footprints on the Moon: Apollo's Giant Leap of Exploration and Discovery***

by Alexandra Siy

Book Description: With compelling text, the great vision of the scientists, engineers, and astronauts who struggled to make the dream a reality is brought into sharp focus.

Author's Residence: Clarksville, New York  
 Publisher: Charlesbridge  
 Publication Date: May 2018  
 Author's Website: [alexandrasiy.com](http://alexandrasiy.com)

## NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

### ***Carlos Santana: Sound of the Heart, Song of the World***

by Gary Golio, illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez

Book Description: The story of legendary guitarist Carlos Santana's early years in Mexico and the life-changing influence of his demanding mariachi-violinist father.

Author's Residence: Ossining, New York  
 Publisher: Henry Holt  
 Publication Date: September 6, 2018  
 Author's Website: [garygolio.com](http://garygolio.com)

### ***A Day in a Forested Wetland***

by Kevin Kurtz, illustrated by Sherry Neidigh

Book Description: Come along on a journey through a forested wetland aquatic habitat. Meet the bats, bobcats, beavers, and barred owls that call the swamp forest home.

Author's Residence: Rochester, New York  
 Publisher: Arbordale Publishing  
 Publication Date: October 2018  
 Author's Website: [kevkurtz.com](http://kevkurtz.com)

## PICTURE BOOK

### ***Autumn is for Apple Pie***

by Wendy Dunham, illustrated by Michal Sparks

Book Description: Skunk, Raccoon, and their woodland friends make an apple pie for the very first time. This is a tale of friendship, sharing, teamwork, and compassion.

Author's Residence: Brockport, New York  
 Publisher: Harvest House Publishers  
 Publication Date: August 2018  
 Author's Website: [wendydunhamauthor.com](http://wendydunhamauthor.com)

### ***Bye Bye Pesky Fly***

by Lysa Mullady, illustrated by Janet McDonnell

Book Description: When Pig's peaceful, feel-good kind of day is interrupted by Pesky Fly, he has to figure out what to do.

Author's Residence: Smithtown, New York  
 Publisher: Magination Press  
 Publication Date: May 2018  
 Author's Website: [lysamullady.com](http://lysamullady.com)

### ***David's Flamingos***

by Pam Jones-Nill, illustrated by Jeanne Conway

Book Description: David is a young boy who finds a unique way to help his aging grandparents.

Author's Residence: Ridge, New York  
 Publisher: Spork  
 Publication Date: May 2018  
 Author's Website: [pjonesnill.com](http://pjonesnill.com)

### ***A Heart Just Like My Mother's***

by Lela Nargi, illustrated by Valeria Cis

Book Description: A young girl searches for her place in the world, which she discovers through an act of kindness.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York  
 Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing  
 Publication Date: January 1, 2018  
 Author's Website: [lelanargi.com](http://lelanargi.com)

### ***My Community***

by Raven Howell, illustrated by Yeng Yang

Book Description: Open your eyes! Stretch, yawn, and enjoy this rollicking day, joining with a diverse and loving community to a sweet day's end.

Author's Residence: Cold Spring, New York  
 Publisher: MacLaren-Cochrane Publishing  
 Publication Date: September 18, 2018  
 Author's Website: [ravenhowell.com](http://ravenhowell.com)

### **No Peacocks!**

by Robin Newman, illustrated by Chris Ewald

Book Description: The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine's peacocks are set on tasting the school's famous mac 'n cheese.

Does this cheesy story end happily?

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

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

### **Rooster Wore Skinny Jeans**

by Jessie Miller, illustrated by Barbara Bakos

Book Description: Rooster is so excited when his new skinny jeans arrive in the mail, but what will the other animals think of his stunning new style?

Author's Residence: Buffalo, New York

Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

Publication Date: October 2018

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

### **An Unlikely Ballerina**

by Krystyna Poray Goddu, illustrated by Cosei Kawa

Book Description: Little Lily Marks suffered from leg disabilities, but persevered to become the renowned Alicia Markova, the first Jewish-British prima ballerina in the world.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing Publishing

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

## **PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY**

### **Pies from Nowhere: How Georgia Gilmore Sustained the Montgomery Bus Boycott**

by Dee Romito, illustrated by Laura Freeman

Book Description: The story of Georgia Gilmore, a hidden figure of history who used her passion for baking to help the Montgomery Bus Boycott achieve its goal.

Author's Residence: Buffalo, New York

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: November 6, 2018

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

### **Ruth Asawa: A Sculpting Life**

by Joan Schoettler, illustrated by Traci Van Wagoner

Description: Ruth Asawa drew upon the transformative experiences of her life in her experiments with unconventional mediums—using lines, space, and wire to create three-dimensional sculptures.

Illustrator's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Publication Date: October 1, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [tracivanwagoner.com](http://tracivanwagoner.com)

## **POETRY**

### **Seeing into Tomorrow: Haiku by Richard Wright**

Poems by Richard Wright, biography by Nina Crews

Book Description: This book features twelve haiku poems written by African American literary giant Richard Wright, and is illustrated with photographic collages created by Nina Crews.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Millbrook Press

Publication Date: February 1, 2018

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

## **GRADES 3-5**

### **CHAPTER BOOK**

#### **Princess Pulverizer 3: Don't Mooove**

by Nancy Krulik, illustrated by Ben Balistreri

Book Description: Princess Pulverizer's Quest of Kindness continues as she and her friends battle a terrifying troll and a menacing monster made entirely of cheese.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Penguin Workshop

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

### **CONTEMPORARY FICTION**

#### **Milo on Wheels**

by Elizabeth Gordon

Book Description: Milo keeps to himself because he's afraid he'll be teased about his disability. Will a go-cart rally push him out of his comfort zone?

Author's Residence: Buffalo, New York

Publisher: West 44 Books

Publication Date: December 1, 2018

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

#### **Naomis Too**

by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich and Audrey Vernick

Book Description: The two Naomis are sisters now . . . or are they? The ups and downs of middle school and the mysteries of family dynamics make life complicated!

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Balzer + Bray

Publication Date: September 11, 2018

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

#### **Sing Like Nobody's Listening**

by Allison Gutknecht

Book Description: In the tradition of *Pitch Perfect*, two best friends battle it out for a capella group singing supremacy.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Aladdin

Publication Date: January 16, 2018

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

## **FANTASY**

#### **Ogre Enchanted**

by Gail Carson Levine

Book Description: In this gender-switched "Beauty and the Beast," Evie is transformed into an ogre by the fairy Lucinda. A prequel to *Ella Enchanted*.

Author's Residence: Brewster, New York

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: October 16, 2018

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

**Secondhand Heroes: The Last Battle**

by Justin LaRocca Hansen

Book Description: Two ordinary objects turn a pair of brothers into superheroes. Now they're banding together with their neighborhood friends to defeat the evil Trench once and for all.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: April 10, 2018

Author's Website: [justinlaroccahansen.com](http://justinlaroccahansen.com)**HISTORICAL FICTION****GI Dogs: Judy, Prisoner of War**

by Laurie Calkhoven

Book Description: Meet Judy, who served bravely alongside her navy crew during World War II and became the only canine prisoner of war in the Pacific.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: March 27, 2018

Author's Website: [lauriecalkhoven.com](http://lauriecalkhoven.com)**The Last Grand Adventure**

by Rebecca Behrens

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Bea finds herself on a unique road trip with her grandmother Pidge as they search for Pidge's long-lost sister—the legendary Amelia Earhart.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Aladdin

Publication Date: March 20, 2018

Author's Website: [rebeccabehrens.com](http://rebeccabehrens.com)**INFORMATIONAL PICTURE BOOK****Rodent Rascals**

by Roxie Munro

Book Description: Twenty-one rodents are featured, all real size. Fun facts about these varied fascinating creatures. Three starred reviews (Booklist, Kirkus, PW).

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: February 6, 2018

Author's Website: [roxiemunro.com](http://roxiemunro.com)**MIDDLE GRADE FICTION****Lulu the Broadway Mouse**

by Jenna Gavigan

Book Description: Lulu lives in Broadway's Shubert Theatre and wants nothing more than to perform on its stage. But no mouse has ever been on Broadway before . . .

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Running Press Kids

Publication Date: October 9, 2018

Author's Website: [iamjennagavigan.com](http://iamjennagavigan.com)**NONFICTION****Los 50 estados (The 50 States: Spanish Edition)**

by Gabrielle Balkan, illustrated by Sol Linero

Book Description: Be inspired by the inventiveness, beauty, and diversity of the United States in this curious collection of fact-filled maps. A favorite atlas now en español!

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Wide-Eyed Books

Publication Date: June 1, 2018

Author's Website: [gabriellebalkan.com](http://gabriellebalkan.com)**Made by Hand: Steel Drums**

by Patricia Lakin, photographs by Glenn Rowsey

Book Description: Discover how Trinidadians gave birth to this captivating 20<sup>th</sup>-century instrument. Learn how pan maker and player Glenn Rowsey creates steel drums. Timeline, glossary, and back matter included.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Aladdin

Publication Date: December 18, 2018

Author's Website: [patricialakin.com](http://patricialakin.com)**POETRY****Every Month is a New Year**

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Susan L. Roth

Book Description: Poems about New Year celebrations around the globe.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Lee &amp; Low

Publication Date: May 2018

Author's Website: [marilysinger.net](http://marilysinger.net)**Can I Touch Your Hair? Poems of Race, Mistakes and Friendship**

by Irene Latham and Charles Waters, illustrated by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko

Book Description: A fifth grade boy and girl have to work together on a poetry project, and they're not sure what to write about . . . at first.

Waters' Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Publication Date: January 1, 2018

Waters' Website: [charleswaterspoetry.com](http://charleswaterspoetry.com)**GRADES 6-8****CONTEMPORARY FICTION****Well, that was Awkward**

by Rachel Vail

Book Description: *Cyrano*, but in a NYC middle school, with genders swapped and texting in place of balconies and swords. Humor, panache, and romance, plus family heartbreak and the awesomest tortoise.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: February 27, 2018

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



## FANTASY

### ***Guided by Magic***

by Kim Ellis

Book Description: Meet Rami, Sada, and Miela, three sisters who must escape their small mining community and their tyrant father in book two of the Karakesh Chronicles.

Author's Residence: New Paltz, New York

Publisher: Handersen Publishing

Publication Date: September 15, 2018

Author's Website: [tangledmagic.blog](http://tangledmagic.blog)

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### ***Locked Up for Freedom***

by Heather E. Schwartz

Book Description: Despite brutal treatment in a makeshift jail in 1963, more than thirty African American girls, ages eleven to sixteen, remain committed to the Civil Rights Movement.

Author's Residence: Burnt Hills, New York

Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

Publication Date: January 2018

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

## NONFICTION

### ***30 Animals that Share Our World***

Edited by Jean Reynolds, contributions by

Aline Alexander Newman

Book Description: An anthology of fascinating bite-sized essays about all kinds of intriguing creatures, written by award-winning writers (including Aline Alexander Newman).

Contributor's Residence: Turin, New York

Publisher: Quarto Publishing

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

Contributor's Website: [alinealexandernewman.com](http://alinealexandernewman.com)

### ***Back from the Brink: Saving Animals from Extinction***

by Nancy Castaldo

Book Description: Delves into the threats to seven species and the scientific and political efforts to coax them back from the brink of extinction.

Author's Residence: Hudson Valley, New York

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: April 24, 2018

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

### ***The Renaissance Explorers: With History Projects for Kids***

by Alicia Z. Klepeis

Book Description: This book lets readers follow the biographies of five famous Renaissance explorers from their childhoods until their exhilarating days of scouting new-to-them lands.

Author's Residence: Hamilton, New York

Publisher: Nomad Press

Publication Date: September 14, 2018

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

### ***Spooked!: How a Radio Broadcast and The War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America***

by Gail Jarrow

Book Description: Jarrow explores the famous 1938 *War of the Worlds* radio broadcast, the artists behind it, the aftermath, and the repercussions of "fake news" today.

Author's Residence: Ithaca, New York

Publisher: Calkins Creek

Publication Date: August 7, 2018

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

## GRADES 9-12

## CONTEMPORARY FICTION

### ***Soulstruck***

by Natasha Sinel

Book Description: Rachel tries to get struck by lightning, hoping to find her soul mate. But when she discovers her mother's secret, Rachel questions everything she's known.

Author's Residence: Bedford Corners, New York

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: June 12, 2018

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

### ***Wavehouse***

by Alice Kaltman

Book Description: Super-surfer Anna contends with fraught family dynamics, percolating first love, fantastic waves, and crippling social anxiety during the most intense summer of her life.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Fitzroy Books

Publication Date: June 15, 2018

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

## NONFICTION

### ***Diet for a Changing Climate: Food for Thought***

by Christy Mihaly and Sue Heavenrich

Book Description: We can reduce greenhouse gases—and maybe help solve global hunger—by putting bugs, weeds, and invasive species on our plates. Recipes included.

Author's Residence: Candor, New York

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

Publication Date: August 1, 2018

### ***Recipes for Good Luck: The Superstitions, Rituals, and Practices of Extraordinary People***

by Ellen Weinstein

Book Description: An array of unique practices are revealed, from quirky superstitions to preperformance rituals, and the real personalities, creative processes, and curious habits of these influential people are celebrated.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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

## NONFICTION ANTHOLOGY

### ***Dear Heartbreak: YA Authors and Teens on the Dark Side of Love***

Edited by Heather Demetrios

Contributors: Adi Alsaid, Becky Albertalli, Libba Bray, Mike Curato, Heather Demetrios, Amy Ewing, Zach Fehst, Gayle Forman, Corey Ann Haydu, Varian Johnson, AS King, Nina LaCour, Kim Liggett, Kekla Magoon, Sarah McCarry, Sandhya Menon, Cristina Moracho, Jasmine Warga, and Ibi Zoboi

Editor's Residence: New York City, New York

Publisher: Henry Holt

Publication Date: December 18, 2018

Editor's Website: [heatherdemetrios.com](http://heatherdemetrios.com)

## URBAN FANTASY

### ***The Last Ghost***

by Jamie Blake

Book Description: Christian has died. His Death knows she was assigned the wrong case and works with the ghosts of his past to save free will forever.

Author's Residence: Albany, New York

Publisher: 50/50 Press

Publication Date: October 1, 2018

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





# SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS

## OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2018

### SOUTHEAST

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

#### PRE-K-K

#### BOARD BOOK

##### ***Two by Two***

by Lisa Lowe Stauffer, illustrated by Angelika Scudamore

Book Description: This playful, rhyming story is sure to have little ones laughing and dancing along as two mischievous monkeys let loose the zoo aboard Noah's ark.

Author's Residence: Roswell, Georgia

Publisher: Zonderkidz

Publication Date: July 31, 2018

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

#### NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Little Kids: First Big Book of the Rain Forest***

by Moira Rose Donohue

Book Description: Tree frogs! Jaguars! Exotic birds! Meet these fascinating animals and more in this introduction to Earth's tropical rain forests, filled with brilliant photographs.

Author's Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: July 17, 2018

Author's Website: [moirarosedonohue.net](http://moirarosedonohue.net)

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Doll-E 1.0***

by Shanda McCloskey

Book Description: A STEM-friendly tale of a girl and the doll she upgrades to be her new friend, for fans of *The Most Magnificent Thing* and *Rosie Revere, Engineer*.

Author's Residence: Ball Ground, Georgia

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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

##### ***Inky's Amazing Escape***

by Sy Montgomery, illustrated by Amy Schimler-Safford

Book Description: A fictionalized account based on a true story of Inky the octopus' escape from the New Zealand Aquarium.

Illustrator's Residence: Roswell, Georgia

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: October 2018

Illustrator's Website: [amyschimler.com](http://amyschimler.com)

##### ***Pirate Jack Gets Dressed***

by Nancy Raines Day, illustrated by Allison Black

Book Description: Jaunty pirate Captain Jack uses every color of the rainbow to pick out his outfit in this bright and bold read-aloud.

Author's Residence: St. Simons Island, Georgia

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

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

##### ***Shark Nate-O***

by Tara Luebbe and Becky Cattie, illustrated by Daniel Duncan

Book Description: A shark-obsessed boy learns to swim. Includes shark facts.

Author's Residence: Fort Mill, South Carolina

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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

##### ***Step by Step***

by Loreen Leedy

Book Description: Who made the animal tracks? Young readers are eager to turn the page to see each baby animal, including mammals, reptiles, birds, and invertebrates.

Author's Residence: Chuluota, Florida

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: May 8, 2018

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

##### ***Teach Your Giraffe to Ski***

by Viviane Elbee, illustrated by Danni Gowdy

Book Description: Great spotties! It's snowing and your giraffe wants to ski! While trying to restrain his fearless giraffe, a cautious little boy learns something about courage.

Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Publication Date: November 1, 2018

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

##### ***What if Dinosaurs were Pink?***

by Jarrett Whitlow, illustrated by Daniela Dogliani

Book Description: Maybe dinosaurs went to school or rode in cars and played sports too. One day we may know and not think how cool it was dinosaurs were pink!

Author's Residence: Oviedo, Florida

Publisher: Warren Publishing

Publication Date: May 11, 2018

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

#### GRADES 1-2

#### BILINGUAL PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Galápagos Girl***

by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Angela Dominguez

Book Description: Valentina lives on the Galápagos Islands, spending her days in the natural world. When she learns her wild companions are threatened, she promises to protect them. Bilingual.

Author's Residence: Alva, Florida

Publisher: Lee & Low  
Publication Date: September 18, 2018  
Author's Website: [marshadianearnold.com](http://marshadianearnold.com)

## BIOGRAPHY

### ***Spring After Spring: How Rachel Carson Inspired the Environmental Movement***

by **Stephanie Roth Sisson**

Book Description: A biography of Rachel Carson and her journey from observing the connections in nature as a child to growing up to become a writer and ultimately inspiring the modern environmental movement.

Author's Residence: Sarasota, Florida

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Publication Date: August 14, 2018

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

## NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

### ***Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag***

by **Rob Sanders, illustrated by Steven Salerno**

Book Description: This moving and inspiring story traces the life of the LGBTQ+ Pride flag. This remarkable true story is one of equality, pride, hope, and love.

Author's Residence: Brandon, Florida

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: April 2018

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

### ***What if You had an Animal Tail?!***

by **Sandra Markle, illustrated by Howard McWilliam**

Book Description: What if you could have any animal tail? There are tons of amazing animal tails. But your tailbone is just what your body needs!

Author's Residence: Lakewood Ranch, Florida

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: August 2018

Author's Website: [sandra-markle.blogspot.com](http://sandra-markle.blogspot.com)

## PICTURE BOOK

### ***Cece Loves Science***

by **Shelli R. Johannes and Kimberly Derting, illustrated by Vashti Harrison**

Book Description: Cece, a budding and inquisitive scientist, and her equally curious best friend, Isaac, conduct experiments to see whether Cece's dog, Einstein, will eat his vegetables.

Author's Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

Publisher: Greenwillow Books

Publication Date: June 19, 2018

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

### ***A Tuba Christmas***

by **Helen L. Wilbur, illustrated by Mary Reaves Uhles**

Book Description: Playing the tuba is difficult. But with encouragement from her music teacher, Ava finds a place for herself and her tuba in a special holiday celebration!

Author's Residence: Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: September 2018  
Author's Website: [helenwilbur.com](http://helenwilbur.com)

### ***No, No Elizabeth***

by **Carmen Jimenez, illustrated by Claudia Tenorio Pearl**

Book Description: Elizabeth wants to play all day! Her family and even the kitty can't always play and sometimes they must say "no." Spanish.

Author's Residence: Columbia, South Carolina

Publisher: Warren Publishing

Publication Date: April 30, 2018

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

## GRADES 3-5

### CHAPTER BOOK

### ***Art Smart Science Detective: The Case of the Sliding Spaceship***

by **Melinda Long, illustrated by Monica Wyrick**

Book Description: Art and his friends are stargazing when they see a spaceship racing toward Earth. They need a plan, fast! STEM/STEAM friendly. Space science.

Author's Residence: Greenville, South Carolina

Publisher: Young Palmetto Books

Publication Date: December 15, 2018

## CONTEMPORARY FICTION

### ***Wonderland***

by **Barbara O'Connor**

Book Description: A big-hearted story about the meaning of friendship, the challenges of growing up, and one lovable runaway dog.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

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

## FOLKTALE

### ***Little Orange Honey Hood: A Carolina Folktale***

by **Lisa Anne Cullen**

Book Description: During an unexpected encounter with a hungry alligator, Blossom realizes that she must fight to save Grandma from more than just mosquito fever.

Author's Residence: Ridgeway, South Carolina

Publisher: Young Palmetto Books

Publication Date: May 15, 2018

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

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### ***The Rhino in Right Field***

by **Stacy DeKeyser**

Book Description: In this hilarious novel, a baseball-loving boy must get past his strict immigrant parents—and the rhino in the outfield—to become a batboy.

Author's Residence: Sarasota, Florida

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Publication Date: July 10, 2018

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

**HUMOR*****Mr. Puffball: Escape from Castaway Island***

by Constance Lombardo

Book Description: All paws on deck! Everyone's favorite Hollywood cat is ready for his big break in the final book of the Mr. Puffball trilogy.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: April 24, 2018

Author's Website: [constancelombardo.com](http://constancelombardo.com)**NONFICTION*****Anole Invasion***

by Marta Magellan, illustrated by Mauro Magellan

Book Description: The green anoles, small lizards that are helpful to plants, are native. Invading anoles from other countries are taking over their territory. How will they cope?

Author's Residence: Miami, Florida

Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

Publication Date: June 2018

Author's Website: [martamagellan.com](http://martamagellan.com)***Astronaut-Aquanaut: How Space Science and Sea Science Interact***

by Jennifer Swanson

Book Description: Journey from the deepest trenches in the oceans to the farthest humans have ventured into space and learn what it takes to explore the extremes.

Author's Residence: Jacksonville, Florida

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: January 2018

Author's Website: [JenniferSwansonBooks.com](http://JenniferSwansonBooks.com)***Dog Science Unleashed: Fun Activities to Do with Your Canine Companion***

by Jodi Wheeler-Toppen, photographs by Matthew Rakkola

Book Description: Learn the science of dogs through fun activities, interesting information, and behind-the-scenes peeks into current canine research.

Author's Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

Publisher: National Geographic

Publication Date: August 2018

Author's Website: [OnceUponAScienceBook.com](http://OnceUponAScienceBook.com)***Women in Film (Women in the Arts)***

by Nadine Pinede

Book Description: *Women in Film* introduces readers to some of the film industry's most influential women and describes opportunities in acting, directing, writing, and other roles.

Author's Residence: Sunrise, Florida

Publisher: Essential Library

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

Author's Website: [nadinepinede.com](http://nadinepinede.com)***Engineers are Problem Solvers***

by Nikole Brooks Bethea

Book Description: What do engineers do? In this STEAM-based title, follow the engineering design process to solve problems.

Author's Residence: Marianna, Florida

Publisher: Rourke Educational Media

Publication Date: July 1, 2018

Author's Website: [NikoleBethea.com](http://NikoleBethea.com)**PICTURE BOOK*****The Dress and the Girl***

by Camille Andros, illustrated by Julie Morstad

Book Description: A girl and her favorite dress must leave their Greek island home and end up getting separated during the journey.

Author's Residence: Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Publisher: Abrams

Publication Date: August 7, 2018

Author's Website: [camilleandros.com](http://camilleandros.com)***Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race***

by Margot Lee Shetterly, illustrated by Laura Freeman

Book Description: The true story of four female African American mathematicians at NASA, known as "colored computers," and how they overcame gender and racial barriers to succeed.

Illustrator's Residence: Dunwoody, Georgia

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: January 16, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [LFreemanArt.com](http://LFreemanArt.com)**POETRY*****Can I Touch Your Hair? Poems of Race, Mistakes and Friendship***

by Irene Latham and Charles Waters, illustrated by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko

Book Description: A fifth grade boy and girl have to work together on a poetry project, and they're not sure what to write about . . . at first.

Lathams' Residence: Oneonta, Alabama

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Publication Date: January 1, 2018

Lathams' Website: [irenelatham.com](http://irenelatham.com)**GRADES 6-8****CONTEMPORARY FICTION*****Hope in the Holler***

by Lisa Lewis Tyre

Book Description: The poignant—and funny—story of a girl trying to be brave and find her place in the world while living with scheming relatives.

Author's Residence: Acworth, Georgia

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books

Publication Date: January 9, 2018

Author's Website: [LisaLewisTyre.com](http://LisaLewisTyre.com)**HISTORICAL FICTION*****Drive***

by Joyce Moyer Hostetter

Book Description: Competition and crisis threaten the close relationship between twins Ida and Ellie Honeycutt. Fourth book in Bakers Mountain Stories.

Author's Residence: Hickory, North Carolina  
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press  
Publication Date: September 11, 2018  
Author's Website: [joycemoyerhostetter.com](http://joycemoyerhostetter.com)

## HUMOROUS FICTION

### ***From Sunset Till Sunrise***

by Jonathan Rosen

Book Description: Devin Dexter gets invited by a pretty neighbor to a school dance at the Nosfer Academy of Talented Understudies. Unfortunately, it's a school of vampires!  
Author's Residence: Coral Springs, Florida  
Publisher: Skyhorse Publishing  
Publication Date: August 21, 2018  
Author's Website: [HouseofRosen.com](http://HouseofRosen.com)

## MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

### ***Garbage Island***

by Fred Koehler

Book Description: Adrift at sea in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, lost animals use the materials around them to build a new life. Until everything goes wrong.  
Author's Residence: Lakeland, Florida  
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press  
Publication Date: October 9, 2018  
Author's Website: [ilikefred.com](http://ilikefred.com)

### ***Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe***

by Jo Hackl

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Cricket runs away to live in a tree house in a ghost town in piney-woods Mississippi to try and solve a complex clue trail left by an eccentric artist with a logic all of his own.  
Author's Residence: Greenville, South Carolina  
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers  
Publication Date: July 10, 2018  
Author's Website: [johackl.com](http://johackl.com)

## MYSTERY

### ***The Law of Finders Keepers***

by Sheila Turnage

Book Description: In this final book in the best-selling Newbery Honor-winning mystery series, Mo LoBeau and the Desperado Detectives finally tackle the case of Mo's Upstream Mother.  
Author's Residence: Farmville, North Carolina  
Publisher: Kathy Dawson Books  
Publication Date: September 11, 2018  
Author's Website: [sheilaturnage.com](http://sheilaturnage.com)

## NONFICTION

### ***Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill***

by Heather L. Montgomery, illustrated by Kevin O'Malley

Book Description: Contagious cancer, saving species, feeding the elderly—what's the common thread? Roadkill. Fact-filled and humorous, *Something Rotten* offers a hopeful look at a tragic topic.  
Author's Residence: Ardmore, Alabama  
Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's

Publication Date: October 17, 2018  
Author's Website: [HeatherLMontgomery.com](http://HeatherLMontgomery.com)

## REALISTIC FICTION

### ***In Your Shoes***

by Donna Gephart

Book Description: Set in a bowling center and a funeral home, Amy and Miles embark on a journey of friendship, family, loss, resilience and . . . of course, bowling.  
Author's Residence: South Florida  
Publisher: Delacorte Press  
Publication Date: October 9, 2018  
Author's Website: [donnaagephart.com](http://donnaagephart.com)

### ***One True Way***

by Shannon Hitchcock

Book Description: When two middle-school girls develop a crush on each other, their feelings are wonderful, confusing, and cause lots of problems.  
Author's Residence: Tampa, Florida  
Publisher: Scholastic  
Publication Date: February 27, 2018  
Author's Website: [shannonhitchcock.com](http://shannonhitchcock.com)

## SPOOKY ADVENTURE

### ***Evangeline of the Bayou***

by Jan Eldredge, illustrated by Joseph Kuefler

Book Description: Twelve-year-old haunt huntress Evangeline Clement gets called to a case in New Orleans and confronts a monster that's been after her family for generations.  
Author's Residence: Celebration, Florida  
Publisher: Balzer + Bray  
Publication Date: May 1, 2018  
Author's Website: [JanEldredge.com](http://JanEldredge.com)

## GRADES 9-12

## CONTEMPORARY FICTION

### ***The Last to Let Go***

by Amber Smith

Book Description: A twisted tragedy leaves Brooke and her siblings on their own in this provocative novel from the New York Times best-selling author of *The Way I Used to Be*.  
Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina  
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books  
Publication Date: February 6, 2018  
Author's Website: [ambersmithauthor.com](http://ambersmithauthor.com)

## FANTASY

### ***War of Storms***

by Erica Cameron

Book Description: Khya couldn't stop the invasion. Now there isn't much time before her brother, her friends, her home, and her new allies are all destroyed.  
Author's Residence: Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
Publisher: Entangled Teen

Publication Date: November 5, 2018  
 Author's Website: [byericacameron.com](http://byericacameron.com)

## PARANORMAL

### ***Crossing the Line***

by Ellen Wolfson Valladares

Book Description: Two worlds collide as Laura, a spirit, and Rebecca, a living teen, unite to help a troubled girl and discover new clues about Laura's death.

Author's Residence: Weston, Florida

Publisher: WiDo Publishing

Publication Date: March 2018

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

## REALISTIC FICTION

### ***Watching You***

by Shannon Greenland

Book Description: Viola moves across the country in search of a fresh start. But danger lurks around the corner when she attracts the attention of an unwanted admirer.

Author's Residence: St. Augustine, Florida

Publisher: Entangled Teen

Publication Date: July 2, 2018

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

## ROMANCE

### ***Love Me, Love Me Not***

by SM Koz

Book Description: Family, abandonment, and forbidden romance are at the core of this powerful and emotionally charged novel about a teen who falls for her foster brother.

Author's Residence: Pinehurst, North Carolina

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

Publication Date: June 19, 2018

## THRILLER

### ***The Color of Lies***

by CJ Lyons

Book Description: Ella trusts her ability to read people's auras. But the new boy in town makes her question everything, including how her parents died.

Author's Residence: Hilton Head, South Carolina

Publisher: HarperCollins Blink

Publication Date: November 11, 2018

Author's Website: [CJLyons.net](http://CJLyons.net)





# SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2018

## SOUTHWEST

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

### PRE-K-K

#### BOARD BOOK

##### ***In the Rain***

by Elizabeth Spurr, illustrated by Manelle Oliphant

Book Description: A girl enjoys adventures in the rain with her mom and pet dog.

Illustrator's Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [manelleoliphant.com](http://manelleoliphant.com)

##### ***The Twelve Days of Christmas in Arizona***

by Jennifer J. Stewart, illustrated by Lynne Avril

Book Description: This sturdy board book uses the classic song to showcase Arizona. It's a happy, festive way for families to celebrate where they live.

Author's Residence: Tucson, Arizona

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

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

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Alma and How She Got Her Name***

by Juana Martinez-Neal

Book Description: What's in a name? For one little girl, her very long name tells the vibrant story of where she came from—and who she may one day be.

Author's Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: April 10, 2018

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

##### ***Bark Park***

by Trudy Krisher, illustrated by Brooke Boynton-Hughes

Book Description: A delightful PRE-K-Kindergarten read-aloud about a variety of dogs at the dog park frolicking in a variety of entertaining ways.

Illustrator's Residence: Fort Collins, Colorado

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [BrookeBoyntonHughes.com](http://BrookeBoyntonHughes.com)

##### ***Cookiesaurus Christmas***

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

Book Description: Cookiesaurus Rex would like nothing more than to make it onto Santa's cookie plate. Will his Christmas dreams come true, or will they be crumbled?

Author's Residence: Phoenix, Arizona

Publisher: Disney Hyperion

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

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

##### ***A Couch for Llama***

by Leah Gilbert

Book Description: When the Lago family loses their new couch and a curious llama finds it, can they get their furniture back—and keep Llama happy, too?

Author's Residence: Denver, Colorado

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: February 6, 2018

Author's Website: [leah-gilbert.com](http://leah-gilbert.com)

##### ***Gus in the Big City***

by David IA Mason, illustrated by Simon Kono

Book Description: Gus is a cautious little fly who never learned to fly. He's lost in NYC and goes on an epic adventure to get back home.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: October 2018

##### ***He's Your Daddy! Ducklings, Joeys, Kits, and More***

by Charline Profiri, illustrated by Andrea Gabriel

Book Description: This book introduces young children to the names of daddy animals and those of their babies.

Author's Residence: Sun City West, Arizona

Publisher: Dawn Publications

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

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

##### ***The Little i Who Lost His Dot***

by Kimberlee Gard, illustrated by Sande Sonke

Book Description: Little i can't wait to meet his friends at school, but there's just one problem: he can't find his dot anywhere!

Author's Residence: Parker, Colorado

Publisher: Familius

Publication Date: August 1, 2018

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

##### ***What if Everybody Said That?***

by Ellen Javernick, illustrated by Colleen Madden

Book Description: A companion book to *What If Everybody Did That?* explores the power of words and shows kids that the things we say matter.

Author's Residence: Loveland, Colorado

Publisher: Two Lions

Publication Date: July 1, 2018

##### ***Who Eats Orange?***

by Dianne White, illustrated by Robin Page

Book Description: Who eats orange—a bunny? A chicken? Maybe you? Find out in this unique exploration of the rainbow of colorful foods eaten by animals around the world.

Author's Residence: Gilbert, Arizona

Publisher: Beach Lane Books  
Publication Date: August 14, 2018  
Author's Website: [diannewrites.com](http://diannewrites.com)

## RESOURCE

### ***Fun Baby Learning Games***

by Sally Goldberg, Ph.D.

Book Description: A birth-to-three age and stage developmental handbook with activities to help parents maximize their time during these formative years.

Author's Residence: Fountain Hills, Arizona  
Publisher: Gryphon House  
Publication Date: June 2018  
Author's Website: [earlychildhoodnews.net](http://earlychildhoodnews.net)

## GRADES 1-2

### NARRATIVE NONFICTION

### ***An Inconvenient Alphabet: Ben Franklin & Noah Webster's Spelling Revolution***

by Beth Anderson, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley

Book Description: Ever wish English was eezeyeer to spell? Ben Franklin and Noah Webster did! But even for great thinkers, what seems easy can be hard.

Author's Residence: Loveland, Colorado  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster  
Publication Date: September 25, 2018  
Author's Website: [bethandersonwriter.com](http://bethandersonwriter.com)

## NONFICTION

### ***If Polar Bears Disappeared***

by Lily Williams

Book Description: This book uses accessible, charming art to explore what would happen if the sea ice melted, causing the extinction of polar bears, and how it would affect environments around the globe.

Author's Residence: Denver, Colorado  
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press  
Publication Date: August 8, 2018  
Author's Website: [lilywilliamsart.com](http://lilywilliamsart.com)

## PICTURE BOOK

### ***Bookjoy, Wordjoy***

by Pat Mora, illustrated by Raul Colón

Book Description: Pat Mora's playful poetry invites us to experience the excitement of reading and writing. Captivating illustrations by Raul Colón create bookjoy and wordjoy for all ages.

Author's Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Publisher: Lee & Low Books  
Publication Date: July 10, 2018  
Author's Website: [patmora.com](http://patmora.com)

### ***The Bunny Poets***

by Barbara Tboni, illustrated by Sandy Ferguson Fuller

Book Description: Two bunny friends explore the sights, sounds, scents, and scenery on a picnic and create a poem together. Full color.

Illustrator's Residence: Vail, Colorado  
Publisher: MacLaren-Cochrne Publishing  
Publication Date: April 2018  
Illustrator's Website: [alparts.com](http://alparts.com)

### ***The Giving Farmer***

by Erika Pizzo, illustrated by Josh Lewis

Book Description: Through helping animals in need, the farmer discovers how his life and work have meaning.

Illustrator's Residence: Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Publisher: David C. Cook  
Publication Date: September 1, 2018  
Illustrator's Website: [joshjlewis.com](http://joshjlewis.com)

### ***Mela and the Elephant***

by Dow Phumiruk, illustrated by Ziyue Chen

Book Description: When Mela's boat is swept down the river and deep into the jungle, she needs help from the animals to find her way home.

Author's Residence: Lone Tree, Colorado  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press  
Publication Date: March 2018  
Author's Website: [artbydow.com](http://artbydow.com)

### ***This is It***

by Daria Peoples-Riley

Book Description: A young ballerina, uncertain of her talent, follows the poetically compelling voice of her shadow to discover the courage she needs to dance.

Author's Residence: Las Vegas, Nevada  
Publisher: HarperCollins  
Publication Date: February 6, 2018  
Author's Website: [dariapeoples.com](http://dariapeoples.com)

## GRADES 3-5

### ADVENTURE

### ***The Cryptid Catcher***

by Lija Fisher

Book Description: A humorous MG adventure novel about a thirteen-year-old boy's search for legendary creatures like the Loch Ness Monster and Bigfoot!

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado  
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux  
Publication Date: August 21, 2018  
Author's Website: [LijaFisher.com](http://LijaFisher.com)

### ANIMAL FICTION

### ***A Pup Called Trouble***

by Bobbie Pyron

Book Description: When an overly curious coyote pup named Trouble becomes lost in downtown New York City, it takes faith and friends to find his way home.

Author's Residence: Park City, Utah  
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books  
Publication Date: February 2018  
Author's Website: [bobbiepyron.com](http://bobbiepyron.com)

## FANTASY

### ***The Lighthouse Between the Worlds***

by **Melanie Crowder**

Book Description: Griffin must traverse dangerous new worlds if he hopes to save his father from a peril that threatens all of humanity.

Author's Residence: Colorado

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: October 23, 2018

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

## NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

### ***Write to Me: Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian they Left Behind***

by **Cynthia Grady**, illustrated by **Amiko Hirao**

Book Description: A touching true story about Japanese American children who corresponded with their beloved librarian while they were imprisoned in World War II internment camps.

Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: January 2018

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

## NONFICTION

### ***Digging for Poop Fossils (The Power of Poop)***

by **Kristina Lyn Heitkamp**

Book Description: Whether it weighs a whopping four pounds or is the size of an egg, fossilized feces is a precious treasure that tells secrets of our ancient past.

Author's Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah

Publisher: Enslow Publishing

Publication Date: January 1, 2018

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

### ***Electricity: From Benjamin Franklin to Nikola Tesla (STEM Stories)***

by **Jenny Mason**

Book Description: This unique, high-interest approach to STEM content traces the history of key scientific discoveries from their earliest inventors to the modern day.

Author's Residence: Durango, Colorado

Publisher: Checkerboard Library

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

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

## REALISTIC FICTION

### ***Missing Bones***

by **Phyllis J. Perry**

Book description: Ricky can meet the challenges of a new step-family and school, but can he do so without his dog, Bones?

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Tumblehome Learning, Inc.

Publication Date: June 1, 2018

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

## GRADES 6-8

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### ***Phoebe's Heron***

by **Winnie Anderson**

Book Description: Introduces readers to the beginnings of the Audubon Society in the state of Colorado. Inspired by Sarah Orne Jewette's classic short story, "A White Heron."

Author's Residence: Evergreen, Colorado

Publisher: Crispin Books

Publication Date: February 2018

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

## MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

### ***The Crossroads***

by **Alexandra Diaz**

Book Description: After having arrived in the US a week ago, Jaime and Angela face new challenges: language difficulties, discrimination, and living without legal documents.

Author's Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

Author's Website: [alexandra-diaz.com](http://alexandra-diaz.com)

## NONFICTION

### ***The Most Influential Women in STEM***

by **Barbara Allman**

Book Description: Tells the story of the many women who have excelled in STEM fields despite real obstacles.

Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Publisher: Rosen Publishing Group

Publication Date: August 15, 2018

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

## GRADES 9-12

## CONTEMPORARY FICTION

### ***All Out of Pretty***

by **Ingrid Palmer**

Book Description: When her Gram dies, sixteen-year-old honors student Andrea is whisked away to live with her estranged, drug-addicted mother and her mother's controlling dealer/boy-friend.

Author's Residence: Evergreen, Colorado

Publisher: Creston Books

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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

### ***Fat Girl on a Plane***

by **Kelly deVos**

Book Description: Follow teen fashion designer Cookie Vonn across two timelines—before and after the major weight loss she falsely believes will solve all her problems.

Author's Residence: Gilbert, Arizona

Publisher: HarlequinTeen

Publication Date: June 15, 2018

Author's Website: [kellydevos.us](http://kellydevos.us)

## SCIENCE FICTION

### ***Transcendent Powers: Supernal Dawn***

by Sharon Skinner & JA Giunta

Book Description: Activating alien artifacts results in vibrations that alter DNA, changing ordinary people into supers. Now, Lee and Ember must decide where their loyalties lie.

Author's Residence: Mesa, Arizona

Publisher: Brick Cave Books

Publication Date: March 16, 2018

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

## THRILLER

### ***Watch You Burn***

by Amanda Searcy

Book Description: A girl must keep her arsonist ways hidden—or watch her life go up in flames.

Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Publisher: Delacorte Press

Publication Date: October 23, 2018

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

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## TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

### PRE-K-K

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Hedgehog Needs a Hug***

by Jen Betton

Book Description: Hedgehog needs a hug to cheer him up! But no one wants to wrap their arms around Hedgehog's prickles. A story of empathy and kindness.

Author's Residence: Dallas, Texas

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

Publication Date: June 19, 2018

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

##### ***Knock Knock***

by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Guy Francis

Book Description: A bear named Harry tries to settle in for hibernation, but his woodland friends have other ideas.

Author's Residence: Edmond, Oklahoma

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: July 31, 2018

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

##### ***Lucy and the String***

by Vanessa Roeder

Book Description: Lucy finds a string, so she gives it a tug. What does she discover on the other end? A very big surprise.

Author's Residence: Round Rock, Texas

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 7, 2018

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

### GRADES 1-2

#### EARLY READER

##### ***Alexander Hamilton: American Hero***

by Barbara Lowell, illustrated by George Ermos

Book Description: From patriot to soldier to secretary of the treasury, Alexander Hamilton helped make America strong. Find out why he is one of America's greatest heroes.

Author's Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Publisher: Penguin Young Readers

Publication Date: June 26, 2018

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

##### ***Nearly Fearless Monkey Pirates: Hunt for the Octo-Shark***

by Michael Anthony Steele, illustrated by Pauline Reeves

Book Description: When the rest of the crew doesn't believe the octo-shark is real, Captain Banana Beard insists they hunt for the mythical creature!

Author's Residence: Kerens, Texas

Publisher: Picture Window Books

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

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

#### FAIRYTALE

##### ***The Texas Nutcracker***

by Jennifer Coleman, illustrated by Wade Dillon

Book Description: In this Texas-themed retelling of the Nutcracker story, history blends with fiction as a girl and her Nutcracker travel to the Land of the Wildflowers.

Author's Residence: Pflugerville, Texas

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Publication Date: October 1, 2018

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

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Alligator Jazz***

by Samuel E. Pittman II, illustrated by Sheila Bailey

Book Description: Alligator Slim and his sax are a hit at the zoo! But jealous Weasel plans to spoil Slim's success. Will Slim's jazz career be ruined?

Author's Residence: College Station, Texas

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Publication Date: October 15, 2018

##### ***The Amazing Watercolor Fish/El Asombroso Pez Acuarela (English and Spanish Edition)***

by Carolyn Dee Flores

Book Description: In this playful rhyming picture book, two fish imagine a beautiful, mysterious world beyond their bowls.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Piñata Books

Publication Date: October 31, 2018

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

##### ***Friends Stick Together***

by Hannah E. Harrison

Book Description: Rupert the rhino is refined. Levi, the new tickbird in class, is not, but he's determined to be Rupert's symbiotic best pal anyway.

Author's Residence: Ada, Oklahoma

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: April 10, 2018

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

##### ***The Little Red Fort***

by Brenda Maier, illustrated by Sonia Sanchez

Book Description: This modern spin on a timeless favorite celebrates the pluck and ingenuity of young creators everywhere.

Author's Residence: Oklahoma

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: March 27, 2018

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

***The Potbelly Pig Promise***

by **Barbara Shepherd**, illustrated by **David Barrow**

Book Description: Dylan promises his autistic friend a picture of a potbelly pig from Grandpa's pig farm. Oops. Grandpa doesn't raise potbellies. Will Dylan keep his promise?

Author's Residence: Edmond, Oklahoma

Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing

Publication Date: January 10, 2018

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

***The Remember Balloons***

by **Jessie Oliveros**, illustrated by **Dana Wulfekotte**

Book Description: In a world where memories are kept in balloons, what can James do when Grandpa's balloons start floating away?

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

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

***Silence Please***

by **Johnny Ray Moore**, illustrated by **Tatiana Escallon**

Book Description: This collection of poems and illustrations will put readers face-to-face with dreams and unique characters such as a boy and his teddy, a cricket, a singing bee, and a herd of kangaroos.

Illustrator's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: April 10 2018

Illustrator's Website: [tatianaescallon.com](http://tatianaescallon.com)

***Quiet Please, Owen McPhee!***

by **Trudy Ludwig**, illustrated by **Patrice Barton**

Book Description: An uproarious story with a gentle message about the power of listening—not only with your ears but also with your heart.

Illustrator's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf

Publication Date: July 3, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [patricebarton.com](http://patricebarton.com)

**PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY**

***Irving Berlin: The Immigrant Boy Who Made America Sing***

by **Nancy Churnin**, illustrated by **James Rey Sanchez**

Book Description: The story of Irving Berlin, who came to America as a five-year-old refugee and grew to write the songs "God Bless America" and "White Christmas."

Author's Residence: Plano, Texas

Publisher: Creston Books

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

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

**GRADES 3-5**

**CONTEMPORARY FICTION**

***Girls Who Code: Lights, Music, Code!***

by **Jo Whitemore**

Book Description: Friends in a coding club must work together to program the lights at the school dance to sync to music . . . while dealing with an interloper.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Penguin Workshop

Publication Date: March 13, 2018

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

**HUMOR**

***Pierre François: 5th Grade Mishaps***

by **Lori Ann Stephens**, illustrated by **Trevor James Yokochi**

Book Description: Fifth grade (and overnight Adventure Camp) present hilarious obstacles for Pierre in this adventure that Kirkus Reviews calls "a winning protagonist with a charming setting."

Author's Residence: Dallas, Texas

Publisher: Black Rose

Publication Date: January 2018

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

***Upstaged***

by **Jeff Anderson**, illustrated by **Andrea Miller**

Book Description: Zack wants to win the role of Scrooge in Davy Crockett Middle School's *A Christmas Carol*—and Abhi's admiration—but he's not the only one.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: October 2018

Author's Website: [writeguy.net](http://writeguy.net)

**NONFICTION**

***To the Moon and Back: My Apollo 11 Adventure***

by **Buzz Aldrin with Marianne Dyson**, paper engineering and design by **Bruce Foster**

Book Description: In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first lunar landing, astronaut Buzz Aldrin shares his story through this exclusive pop-up adventure.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Paper Engineer's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: October 16, 2018

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

Paper Engineer's Website: [paperpops.com](http://paperpops.com)

**NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK**

***Abraham Lincoln's Dueling Words***

by **Donna Janell Bowman**, illustrated by **SD Schindler**

Book Description: As a young lawyer, Abe Lincoln did something so rascally he was challenged to a duel. The event taught him to be a better man.

Author's Residence: Round Rock, Texas

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Publication Date: April 1, 2018

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

**PICTURE BOOK**

***Jackson Sundown: Native American Bronco Buster***

by **Doris Fisher**, illustrated by **Sarah Cotton**

Book Description: A Native American Nez Perce, Jackson Sundown flees the US Army and endures discrimination for years before finally becoming a rodeo champion superstar!



Author's Residence: Houston, Texas  
 Publisher: Pelican Publishing  
 Publication Date: January 29, 2018  
 Author's Website: [abcdoris.com](http://abcdoris.com)

## GRADES 6-8

### CONTEMPORARY FANTASY

#### *The Boy, the Boat, and the Beast*

by Samantha M. Clark

Book Description: A boy wakes alone on a spooky beach and must gather his courage and face his fears if he's going to get home.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: June 26, 2018

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

### CONTEMPORARY FICTION

#### *The Prophet Calls*

by Melanie Sumrow

Book Description: Gentry lives in a polygamous community when the Prophet's orders start verging on the extreme. Can Gentry protect herself and her family from the Prophet?

Author's Residence: Dallas, Texas

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: November 6, 2018

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

### HISTORICAL FICTION

#### *The Colors of the Rain*

by RL Toalson

Book Description: Set during the 1972 desegregation battles in Houston, Texas, this novel-in-verse is about a boy and his family dealing with loss, dark secrets, and restoration.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Yellow Jacket

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

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

### NONFICTION

#### *Amazing Texas Girls*

by Mary Dodson Wade

Book Description: Fifteen women, born in Texas or arriving as young persons, come alive to tell the accomplishments of individuals from different cultures, abilities, and ambitions.

Author's Residence: Texas

Publisher: Lone Star Press

Publication Date: March 2018

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

#### *Bonnie and Clyde: The Making of a Legend*

by Karen Blumenthal

Book Description: A true tale of love, crime, and murder tracing this notorious couple's wild ride and the complicated legacy that survives them.

Author's Residence: Dallas, Texas

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 14, 2018

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

## GRADES 9-12

### CONTEMPORARY FICTION

#### *Borrowed*

by Lucia DiStefano

Book Description: On the anniversary of her heart transplant, seventeen-year-old Linnea discovers that the donor is trying to hijack her life and reclaim the gift.

Author's Residence: Georgetown, Texas

Publisher: Elephant Rock Books

Publication Date: November 16, 2018

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

#### *The Last Wish of Sasha Cade*

by Cheyanne Young

Book Description: Raquel's best friend, Sasha, has died of cancer. Overwhelmed and brokenhearted, Raquel can't even imagine life without her. And then a letter from Sasha arrives.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: KCP Loft

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

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

### CONTEMPORARY SCIENCE FICTION

#### *Road to Eugenica*

by AM Rose

Book Description: Yesterday, Drea couldn't do anything spectacular. Today, she's smarter than Google and can fight like a boss. She'll push her skills to their limit as she uncovers...Eugenica.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Entangled Teen

Publication Date: February 5, 2018

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

### HISTORICAL FICTION

#### *In Another Time*

by Caroline Leech

Book Description: WW2—a teenage girl joins the Women's Timber Corps as a lumberjill and finds independence, friendship, and perhaps love in the forests of the Scottish Highlands.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: HarperTeen

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

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

### REALISTIC FICTION

#### *Hearts Unbroken*

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Book Description: Two student journalists, one Native and one Arab American, are assigned to cover the controversy over the diverse casting of their high school musical.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: October 9, 2018



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

***Titanic Summer***

by **Russell J. Sanders**

Book Description: Jake Hardy struggles to accept his gay identity amidst the fight for the Houston Equal Right Ordinance, Summer 2015.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Harmony Ink Press

Publication Date: March 6, 2018

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

***You Can't Tell by Looking***

by **Russell J. Sanders**

Book Description: Two high school boys, one Methodist, one Muslim, fall in love.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas

Publisher: Harmony Ink Press

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

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

**ROMANCE**

***Select Few***

by **Marit Weisenberg**

Book Description: In this continuation of The Select series, Julia Jaynes searches for her mother and clues to her identity—with Angus, the boy she used to love.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: October 9, 2018

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

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UK / IRELAND

## PRE-K-K

### PICTURE BOOK

#### ***How Rude!***

by **Clare Helen Welsh**, illustrated by **Olivier Tallec**

Book Description: How rude can a guest duck at a tea party be? A simple, hilarious story with an important message and touching ending.

Author's Residence: United Kingdom

Publisher: Quarto

Publication Date: October 2018

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

#### ***I Love You, Bunny***

by **Alina Surnaite**

Book Description: It's bedtime for Suzy, but she's scared that monsters will come in the night. Luckily her beloved Bunny is there to keep her safe.

Author's Residence: Cambridge, Cambridgeshire

Publisher: Lincoln Children's Books

Publication Date: February 1, 2018

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

#### ***Luna and the Moon Rabbit***

by **Camille Whitcher**

Book Description: Inspired by Asian folklore, this magical tale follows a young girl who accompanies the moon rabbit on a nighttime adventure through otherworldly landscapes.

Author's Residence: Hornchurch, Greater London

Publisher: Scribblers

Publication Date: April 2018

Author's Website: [camillewhitcher.co.uk](http://camillewhitcher.co.uk)

#### ***Not Yet Zebra***

by **Lou Kuenzler**, illustrated by **Julia Woolf**

Book Description: A humorous alphabet book with a difference. Can Zebra learn to wait his turn?

Illustrator's Residence: British Isles, United Kingdom

Publisher: Faber and Faber

Publication Date: February 2018

Illustrator's Website: [juliawoolfillustration.com](http://juliawoolfillustration.com)

#### ***Oscar the Hungry Unicorn***

by **Lou Carter**, illustrated by **Nikki Dyson**

Book Description: Oscar has eaten *everything* on the table, including his stable. Now he'll have to find somewhere else to live!

Author's Residence: Cambridge, Cambridgeshire

Publisher: Hachette Children's

Publication Date: September 20, 2018

#### ***A T-wit for a T-wo***

By **Charlie Farley**, illustrated by **Layn Marlow**

Book Description: Tawny Owl, T-woo, goes on a quest to find the missing part of his song, and finds that anything is possible if you believe in yourself.

Illustrator's Residence: Reading, Berkshire

Publisher: Orchard Hachette

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

Author's Website: [laynmarlow.co.uk](http://laynmarlow.co.uk)

#### ***Wishing for a Dragon***

by **Becky Cameron**

Book Description: Three children go on a bedtime adventure in a magical hot air balloon. They see pirate teddybears, unicorns, and tigers, but will they find a dragon?

Author's Residence: Oxford, Oxfordshire

Publisher: Hodder Children's

Publication Date: March 2018

Author's Website: [beckycameron.co.uk](http://beckycameron.co.uk)

## GRADES 1-2

### HUMOROUS FICTION

#### ***Dave Pigeon (Racer!)***

by **Swapna Haddow**, illustrated by **Sheena Dempsey**

Book Description: Family secrets are revealed as Dave Pigeon goes beak-to-beak with the evilest parrot of the high skies in the biggest race of his life.

Author's Residence: London, England

Publisher: Faber & Faber

Publication Date: January 18, 2018

Author's Website: [swapnahaddow.co.uk](http://swapnahaddow.co.uk)

#### ***Jack Dash and the Great Custard Cake-Off***

by **Sophie Plowden**, illustrated by **Judy Brown**

Book Description: Part three in the Jack Dash series. Jack's magic feather makes his drawings come to life . . . except he's not very good at drawing.

Author's Residence: London, England

Publisher: Catnip Publishing

Publication Date: September 2018

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

### PICTURE BOOK

#### ***Bonkers***

by **Cath Jones**, illustrated by **Chris Jevons**

Book Description: A hilarious and stunningly illustrated picture book about optimistic Zebra, pessimistic Penguin, and a giant beet-root. Includes topics of teamwork, growing plants, and POO!

Author's Residence: Whitstable, Kent

Publisher: Maverick  
Publication Date: September 2018  
Author's Website: [cathjoneswriter.wordpress.com](http://cathjoneswriter.wordpress.com)

### **Crow Not Crow**

by Jane Yolen and Adam Stemple, illustrated by Elizabeth Dulemba

Book Description: A gentle tale of a father introducing his daughter to the joys of bird watching using the "Crow, not Crow" method for distinguishing birds.

Illustrator's Residence: Edinburgh, Scotland  
Publisher: Cornell Lab Publishing Group  
Publication Date: August 4, 2018  
Illustrator's Website: [dulemba.com](http://dulemba.com)

### **The Lucky, Lucky Leaf**

by David Hoskins, illustrated by Chantal Bourgonje

Book Description: It's a windy autumn day and the friends are out catching falling leaves for luck. Nim wants to break his all-time record of five lucky leaves before tea time.

Illustrator's Residence: United Kingdom  
Publisher: Hubble & Hattie  
Publication Date: September 2018  
Illustrator's Website: [horaceandnim.co.uk](http://horaceandnim.co.uk)

### **Daddy Hairdo**

by Francis Martin, illustrated by Claire Powell

Book Description: Amy's hairs are out of control and only one 'do will do: a Daddy Hairdo! Dad's done his homework and his styles are out of this world, but, as Amy discovers, they can make life a trifle tricky . . .

Author's Residence: Liverpool, Merseyside  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster  
Publication Date: May 9, 2018  
Author's Website: [thephantomscribbler.com](http://thephantomscribbler.com)

### **Franny's Father is a Feminist**

by Rhonda Leet, illustrated by Megan Walker

Book Description: Through sweet, straightforward prose, *Franny's Father* portrays the loving bond between a young girl and her father who isn't afraid of bucking gender norms.

Illustrator's Residence: British Isles, United Kingdom  
Publisher: POW!  
Publication Date: March 6, 2018  
Illustrator's Website: [meganwalkerillustration.co.uk](http://meganwalkerillustration.co.uk)

### **Garden Party: A Counting Adventure Book**

by Tania Guarino, illustrated by Emma Allen

Book Description: Children learn counting skills as they follow bunny Cottontail and her animal friends as they journey towards the tasty treats in Farmer Dale's vegetable garden.

Illustrator's Residence: Kent, England  
Publisher: Spork  
Publication Date: August 2018  
Illustrator's Website: [emmaallenillustrator.co.uk](http://emmaallenillustrator.co.uk)

### **Worzel Goes for a Walk. Will You Come, Too?**

by Catherine Pickles, illustrated by Chantal Bourgonje

Book Description: Come with Worzel and learn how much fun walking with your dog can be. Find out how to keep everyone safe and become a responsible dog owner.

Author's Residence: Southwold, Suffolk

Publisher: Hubble & Hattie  
Publication Date: September 2018

## **GRADES 3-5**

### **HISTORICAL FICTION**

#### ***A Pattern of Secrets***

by Lindsay Littleton

Book Description: An adventure story set in Victorian Paisley. Jessie joins Jim in a frantic race against time to solve the mystery of a missing heirloom.

Author's Residence: Glasgow, Scotland  
Publisher: Cranachan Books  
Publication Date: April 16, 2018  
Author's Website: [lindsaylittleson.co.uk](http://lindsaylittleson.co.uk)

#### ***The Buried Crown***

by Ally Sherrick

Book Description: A wartime-set adventure about an evacuee, George, and a Jewish refugee, Kitty, caught up in a Nazi plot to steal a priceless piece of ancient treasure.

Author's Residence: Farnham, Surrey  
Publisher: Chicken House  
Publication Date: April 5, 2018  
Author's Website: [allysherrick.com](http://allysherrick.com)

### **HUMOR**

#### ***My Fangtastically Evil Vampire Pet***

by Mo O'Hara, illustrated by Marek Jagucki

Book Description: This epic spin-off from the My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish series features an aspiring evil scientist, paranormal pets, and summer camp surprises. Mwaaa haa haa haa!

Author's Residence: London, England  
Publisher: Feiwei and Friends  
Publication Date: March 2018  
Author's Website: [moohara.co.uk](http://moohara.co.uk)

## **GRADES 6-8**

### **ADVENTURE**

#### ***Stunt Double Jungle Curse***

by Tamsin Cooke

Book Description: Fourteen-year-old stunt double Finn is working on a new blockbuster. It's a dream job, but are the whispers around set true? Is the film really cursed?

Author's Residence: Somerset, United Kingdom  
Publisher: Oxford University Press  
Publication Date: July 5, 2018  
Author's Website: [tamsincooke.co.uk](http://tamsincooke.co.uk)

### **CONTEMPORARY FICTION**

#### ***Ella on the Outside***

by Cath Howe, illustrated by Nic Theobald

Book Description: Ella, the new girl in school, struggles to find the right friends whilst hiding a shameful family secret.

Author's Residence: London, England

Publisher: Nosy Crow  
 Publication Date: May 3, 2018  
 Author's Website: [cathhowe.com](http://cathhowe.com)

## FANTASY

### ***Dragon Daughter***

by Liz Flanagan

Book Description: The dragons were lost, until now! Fiery friendships, forgotten family, and the struggle for power collide. Milla's battle for freedom uncovers her own hidden past.  
 Author's Residence: Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire  
 Publisher: David Fickling Books  
 Publication Date: October 4, 2018  
 Author's Website: [lizflanagan.co.uk](http://lizflanagan.co.uk)

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### ***Unveiling Venus***

by Sophia Bennett

Book Description: A Victorian girl, the darling of the pre-Raphaelite art set, gets the chance to rise in society. All she must do is betray her best friend...  
 Author's Residence: London, England  
 Publisher: Stripes  
 Publication Date: February 8, 2018  
 Author's Website: [sophiabennett.com](http://sophiabennett.com)

## HUMOR

### ***Grandma Dangerous and the Dog of Destiny***

by Kita Mitchell, illustrated by Nathan Reed

Book Description: Grandma's stolen a dog. It's not just any old dog, though. It's a 3,000-year-old Dog of Destiny . . .  
 Author's Residence: Wantage, Oxfordshire  
 Publisher: Orchard  
 Publication Date: June 28, 2018  
 Author's Website: [kitamitchell.com](http://kitamitchell.com)

## REALISTIC FICTION

### ***The Polka Dot Shop***

by Laurel Remington

Book Description: Fun, fashion, friendship, and life lessons as Andy attempts to transform her mum's vintage shop into a fantastic clothing boutique.  
 Author's Residence: London, England  
 Publisher: Chicken House  
 Publication Date: July 5, 2018  
 Author's Website: [laurelremington.com](http://laurelremington.com)

## GRADES 9-12

## CONTEMPORARY THRILLER

### ***The Truth About Lies***

by Tracy Darnton

Book Description: A fast-paced suspense novel about a girl who remembers everything.  
 Author's Residence: Bath, Somerset

Publisher: Stripes  
 Publication Date: July 12, 2018  
 Author's Website: [tracydarnton.com](http://tracydarnton.com)

## FANTASY

### ***The Forest Queen***

by Betsy Cornwell

Book Description: From a New York Times best-selling author, a fresh, female-centered take on Robin Hood in which a young noblewoman, like the legendary hero, becomes an outlaw fighting for social justice.  
 Author's Residence: Galway, Ireland  
 Publisher: Clarion Books  
 Publication Date: August 7, 2018  
 Author's Website: [betsycornwell.com](http://betsycornwell.com)

## HISTORICAL FANTASY

### ***Black Snow Falling***

by LJ MacWhirter, illustrated by Tim Byrne

Book Description: In 1592, Ruth is betrayed and trapped by monstrous sexism. Her devastation splits apart time itself, where she sees evil dream thieves at work.  
 Author's Residence: Edinburgh, Scotland  
 Publisher: Scotland Street Press  
 Publication Date: August 1, 2018  
 Author's Website: [lmacwhirter.com](http://lmacwhirter.com)

## HUMOR

### ***Bank***

by Emma Quigley

Book Description: Teenagers have the genius idea of pooling their savings, setting up a bank, and lending money to their schoolmates at extortionate interest rates.  
 Author's Residence: Dublin, Ireland  
 Publisher: Little Island  
 Publication Date: October 3, 2018

## MYSTERY

### ***Girl in the Window***

by Penny Joelson

Book Description: Fourteen-year-old Kasia is stuck at home ill when she sees a young woman abducted from the street. Did the girl opposite see too?  
 Author's Residence: London, England  
 Publisher: Egmont  
 Publication Date: August 2018  
 Author's Website: [pennykendal.co.uk](http://pennykendal.co.uk)

## NONFICTION

### ***Economic Inequality: The American Dream Under Siege***

by Coral Celeste Frazer

Book Description: A clearly written examination of the causes of economic inequality and its effects on democracy and on the life chances of young Americans.

Author's Residence: Norwich, Norfolk  
Publisher: Twenty-first Century Books  
Publication Date: January 2018  
Author's Website: [coralcelestefrazer.com](http://coralcelestefrazer.com)

## REALISTIC FICTION

### ***The Girl in the Broken Mirror***

by Savita Kalhan

Book Description: A powerful story of a fifteen-year-old British Asian girl that explores themes of family, loyalty, and culture clash, but is ultimately about hope and understanding.

Author's Residence: London, England  
Publisher: Troika Books  
Publication Date: May 1, 2018  
Author's Website: [savitakalhan.com](http://savitakalhan.com)

## SCIENCE FICTION

### ***The Long Forever***

by Eugene Lambert

Book Description: Final volume of The Sign of One trilogy.

Author's Residence: Stroud, Gloucestershire  
Publisher: Egmont UK  
Publication Date: June 28, 2018  
Author's Website: [eugenelambert.com](http://eugenelambert.com)

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## OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2018

### WEST

(Washington / Oregon / Alaska / Idaho / Montana / North Dakota / South Dakota)

#### PRE-K-K

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

#### NONFICTION

##### ***Look & Learn: Before and After***

by Ruth A. Musgrave

Book Description: Penguins, raccoons, and other adorable animals demonstrate the important preschool concept of "before and after," inviting readers to count down from five to one.

Author's Residence: Tualatin, Oregon

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: July 2018

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

#### PICTURE BOOK

##### ***Adrian Simcox Does NOT Have a Horse***

by Marcy Campbell, illustrated by Corinna Luyken

Book Description: Adrian Simcox tells everyone he has a horse. Chloe does not believe him. This story about empathy and imagination, and shows that friendship is the best gift.

Illustrator's Residence: Olympia, Washington

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: August 14, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [www.corinnaluyken.com](http://www.corinnaluyken.com)

##### ***Bub***

by Elizabeth Rose Stanton

Book Description: Bub is a little monster caught in the middle of, and wanting to be seen by, his boisterous little monster family.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: January 16, 2018

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

##### ***Catalina and the King's Wall***

by Patty Costello, illustrated by Diana Cojocar

Book Description: Catalina the baker uses her wily baking skills to stop the king from building a wall that is intended to keep people who are "different" out.

Author's Residence: Boise, Idaho

Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

Publication Date: May 5, 2018

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

##### ***Cycle City***

by Alison Farrell

Book Description: When little Etta Elephant goes to her Aunt Ellen's house, she takes a journey through a city filled with bikes of all kinds!

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Publication Date: March 20, 2018

##### ***Finn's Feather***

by Rachel Noble, illustrated by Zoey Abbott

Book Description: Finn knows his brother is gone; he also knows that his brother sent him the beautiful white feather. A story about resilience, memory, and friendship.

Illustrator's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Enchanted Lion Books

Publication Date: June 12, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [zoeydraws.com](http://zoeydraws.com)

##### ***I'm Done!***

by Gretchen Brandenburg McLellan, illustrated by Catherine Lazar Odell

Book Description: A sweet tale of a distractible little beaver's attempts to make his first dam, and his triumph when he perseveres and can say, "I'm Done!"

Author's Residence: Camas, Washington

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: September 25, 2018

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

##### ***Neck & Neck***

by Elise Parsley

Book Description: In this crowd-pleasing read-aloud, a giraffe's self-esteem is tested during a hilarious confrontation between unlikely lookalikes!

Author's Residence: Beresford, South Dakota

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

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

##### ***Snow Sisters!***

by Kerri Kokias, illustrated by Teagan White

Book Description: Just like snowflakes, no two sisters are alike, but that doesn't mean they can't work together to make the perfect snow day!

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: January 2, 2018

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

##### ***Vincent Comes Home***

by Jessixa Bagley and Aaron Bagley

Book Description: Vincent the cat has spent his whole life sailing around the world on a cargo ship, but the one place he's never been is "home."

Authors' Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Publication Date: February 13, 2018

Authors' Websites: [jessixa.com](http://jessixa.com) & [aaronbagley.com](http://aaronbagley.com)

### ***What Do They Do with All that Poo?***

by Jane Kurtz, illustrated by Allison Black

Book Description: Hilarious but accurate look at poo in the zoo. Nonfiction/STEM connections. Saving the Earth one poo at a time. #scienceisaverb  
Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon  
Publisher: Beach Lane  
Publication Date: June 2018  
Author's Website: [janekurtz.com](http://janekurtz.com)

### ***Where do Diggers Celebrate Christmas?***

by Brianna Caplan Sayres, illustrated by Christian Slade

Book Description: Join many different trucks as they celebrate Christmas. Watch them decorate their tree, put out milk and cookies for Santa, and help pull Santa's sleigh.  
Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington  
Publisher: Random House Children's Books  
Publication Date: September 2018  
Author's Website: [briannacaplansayres.com](http://briannacaplansayres.com)

## **GRADES 1-2**

### **MYSTERY**

#### ***King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth***

by Dori Hillestad Butler, illustrated by Nancy Meyers

Book Description: Kayla's tooth disappears before the tooth fairy has a chance to visit. Can her dog King help her find it?  
Author's Residence: Kirkland, Washington  
Publisher: Peachtree Publishers  
Publication Date: March 2018  
Author's Website: [kidswriter.com](http://kidswriter.com)

### **PICTURE BOOK**

#### ***Alligator Jazz***

by Samuel Pittman II, illustrated by Sheila Bailey

Book Description: Alligator Slim is tired of playing the blues down in the swamp. From now on, he's going to play jazz! So he packs up his saxophone and heads to the big city.  
Illustrator's Residence: Portland, Oregon  
Publisher: Pelican Publishing  
Publication Date: October 15, 2018  
Illustrator's Website: [sheilabaileyart.com](http://sheilabaileyart.com)

#### ***Cece Loves Science***

by Shelli R. Johannes and Kimberly Derting, illustrated by Vashti Harrison

Book Description: Cece, a budding and inquisitive scientist, and her equally curious best friend, Isaac, conduct experiments to see whether Cece's dog, Einstein, will eat his vegetables.  
Author's Residence: Bonney Lake, Washington  
Publisher: Greenwillow Books  
Publication Date: June 19, 2018  
Author's Website: [cecelovesscience.com](http://cecelovesscience.com)

#### ***Gran, Gran, Granny***

by Rae McDonald, illustrated by Eric Groff

Book Description: Following a fierce autumn windstorm, a family treks through the forest to celebrate an ancient Douglas fir tree on her annual measurement day.

Author's Residence: Puyallup, Washington  
Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing  
Author's Website: [raemcdonald.com](http://raemcdonald.com)

### ***Grizzly Boy***

by Barbara Davis-Pyles, illustrated by Tracy Subisak

Book Description: One morning Theo decides he's a grizzly bear—no easy task, thanks to his clever mother and a school full of rules!  
Author's Residence: Everson, Washington  
Publisher: Little Bigfoot  
Publication Date: September 4, 2018  
Author's Website: [barbaradavispyles.com](http://barbaradavispyles.com)

### ***Jinx and the Doom Fight Crime!***

by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Samantha Cotterill

Book Description: Jinx and her little brother, the Doom, are pretty typical kids—except when they turn into superheroes and fight crime.  
Author's Residence: Port Angeles, Washington  
Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books  
Publication Date: February 13, 2018  
Author's Website: [lisamantchev.com](http://lisamantchev.com)

### ***Hu Wan and the Sleeping Dragon***

by Judy Young, illustrated by Jordi Solano

Book Description: Nine-year-old Hu Wan is given the honor of making a special gourd into a cricket cage, but selflessly gives it to cheer someone less fortunate.  
Author's Residence: Preston, Idaho  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press  
Publication Date: January 2018  
Author's Website: [judyyoungpoetry.com](http://judyyoungpoetry.com)

### ***Luis and Tabitha***

by Stephanie Campisi, illustrated by Hollie Mengert

Book Description: Luis is an alley cat who has everything figured out . . . until he meets Tabitha, a beautiful indoor cat.  
Author's Residence: Yacolt, Washington  
Publisher: Familius  
Publication Date: September 1, 2018  
Author's Website: [stephaniecampisi.com](http://stephaniecampisi.com)

### ***Max Explains Everything: Grocery Store Expert***

by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Deborah Hocking

Book Description: Max knows everything about the grocery store and explains how to make the best out of a shopping trip with one's parent.  
Illustrator's Residence: Portland, Oregon  
Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers  
Publication Date: April 10, 2018  
Illustrator's Website: [deborahhockingillustration.com](http://deborahhockingillustration.com)

### ***My Red Velvet Cape***

by Dana Sullivan

Book Description: For his birthday, Mateo's grandmother is making him a red velvet cape! But is the gift really what he thinks it is?  
Author's Residence: Newcastle, Washington  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press  
Publication Date: February 2018  
Author's Website: [danajsullivan.com](http://danajsullivan.com)



### ***Papa Bear's Page Fright***

by Wade Bradford, illustrated by Mary Ann Fraser

Book Description: When Papa Bear discovers he's inside of a book and readers out there are looking at him, he gets very nervous and forgets his lines.

Illustrator's Residence: Star, Idaho

Publisher: Peter Pauper Press

Publication Date: April 2018

Illustrator's Website: [maryannfraser.com](http://maryannfraser.com)

### ***Yellow Kayak***

by Nina Laden, illustrated by Melissa Castrillon

Description: On a calm day, a child and "friend" set out for a peaceful kayak paddle, which turns into an unexpected and exciting adventure.

Author's Residence: Lummi Island, Washington

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: January 23, 2018

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

## **PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY**

### ***The Diamond & the Boy***

by Hannah Holt, illustrated by Jay Fleck

Book Description: This dual-narrative picture book follows the story of natural diamond creation and the life of H. Tracy Hall, the inventor of a diamond-making machine.

Author's Residence: Hillsboro, Oregon

Publisher: Balzer + Bray

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

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

## **GRADES 3-5**

### **ADVENTURE**

#### ***Following Baxter***

by Barbara Kerley, illustrated by Gilbert Ford

Book Description: Jordie loves walking Professor Reese's dog. But what's going on in the professor's basement laboratory? *Following Baxter* is a funny story of mystery and adventure.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Harper

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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

#### ***Spartacus Ryan Zander and the Secrets of the Incredible***

by Molly Elwood

Book Description: Spartacus' human cannonball mom was kidnapped. It'll take a road trip, a sideshow, goths, and a lemur to save her. Funny, adventurous. Some dark themes.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Fitzroy Books

Publication Date: August 3, 2018

Author's Website: [mollyelwood.me](http://mollyelwood.me)

## **CONTEMPORARY FICTION**

### ***Rules of the Ruff***

by Heidi Lang

Book Description: A twelve-year-old girl gets caught up in a feud between rival dog walkers.

Author's Residence: Richland, Washington

Publisher: Amulet Books

Publication Date: August 14, 2018

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

### ***Where the Watermelons Grow***

by Cindy Baldwin

Book Description: Della would do anything to heal her mama's schizophrenia, but the town's magic bees have other plans—healing Della's heart.

Author's Residence: Hillsboro, Oregon

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

Publication Date: July 3, 2018

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

## **FANTASY**

### ***Maggie & Abby's Neverending Pillow Fort***

by Will Taylor

Book Description: Two best friends are delighted when their pillow forts link up, but soon learn the pillow fort network they've discovered is already inhabited.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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

## **HISTORICAL FICTION**

### ***Code Word Courage***

by Kirby Larson

Book Description: During WWII, a stray dog helps an eleven-year-old girl and a young Marine overcome their secret fears.

Author's Residence: Kenmore, Washington

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: April 2018

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

### ***Two-Moon Journey***

by Peggy King Anderson

Book Description: An eleven-year-old Potawatomi girl finds a surprising way to save her people and give them hope during the 1838 Indian Removal.

Author's Residence: Kirkland, Washington

Publisher: Indiana Historical Society Press

Publication Date: May 2018

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

## **MYSTERY**

### ***Explorer Academy Book #1: The Nebula Secret***

by Trudi Trueit

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Cruz Coronado joins an elite group of young explorers, cracking codes and solving puzzles to

unlock a mystery that could change our world forever.  
Author's Residence: Everett, Washinton  
Publisher: Under the Stars, National Geographic  
Publication Date: September 4, 2018  
Author's Website: [trudittrueit.com](http://trudittrueit.com)

## NONFICTION

### ***Biomimic Building (Nature-inspired Innovations)***

by Robin Koontz

Book Description: Designers and engineers use nature-inspired building designs, materials, and systems to build safer, more sustainable, and energy-efficient buildings.

Author's Residence: Noti, Oregon

Publisher: Rourke Publishing Group

Publication Date: July 1, 2018

Author's Website: [robinkoontz.blog](http://robinkoontz.blog)

### ***Children on the American Frontier***

by Rachel Hamby

Book Description: Illustrates the experience of children living on the American frontier. Captivating text, informative infographics, and historical photos make a compelling read for history lovers.

Author's Residence: Spokane, Washington

Publisher: Focus Readers

Publication Date: August 1, 2018

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

### ***Ultimate Predatorpedia: The Most Complete Predator Reference Ever***

by Christina Wilsdon

Book Description: Predators from sharks to tiny spiders fill this fact- and photo-packed book about ferocious, fierce, and fantastic animals that prey on others for survival.

Author's Residence: Woodinville, Washington

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

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

## PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY

### ***Thomas Paine and the Dangerous Word***

by Sarah Jane Marsh, illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham

Book Description: An inspiring journey of courage, failure, and resilience, Thomas Paine's persuasive *Common Sense* rallied Americans to declare independence against the mightiest empire in the world.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Disney Hyperion

Publication Date: May 29, 2018

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

## REALISTIC FICTION

### ***Curious McCarthy's Electric Ideas***

by Tory Christie

Book Description: Curious McCarthy hypothesizes that when there is no electricity at the house, one of the seven McCarthy kids will get in trouble. Curious' interest in electricity has been sparked.

Author's Residence: Fargo, North Dakota

Publisher: Capstone

Publication Date: January 2018

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

## SCIENCE FICTION

### ***Redworld, Year One***

by AL Collins, illustrated by Tomislav Tikulin

Book Description: A biracial girl, Belle, hates being the new kid on Mars. She faces dangerous criminals, stumbles onto ancient sites, makes alien friends, and discovers a new belonging.

Author's Residence: Redmond, Washington

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

Publication Date: February 2, 2018

## GRADES 6-8

## BIOGRAPHY

### ***The Big, Bold, Adventurous Life of Lavinia Warren***

by Elizabeth Raum

Book Description: Lavinia Warren (1842-1919) never grew taller than 32 inches. This biography tells Lavinia's remarkable story and explores the social and political history of her time.

Author's Residence: Fargo, North Dakota

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

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

## CONTEMPORARY FICTION

### ***Dickensen Academy***

by Christine Grabowski

Book Description: When Autumn discovers her boarding school is secretly teaching dream conveyance, it may be a dream come true. Or is it her worst nightmare?

Author's Residence: Newcastle, Washington

Publisher: The Wild Rose Press

Publishing Date: September 12, 2018

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

### ***Lovely, Dark, and Deep***

by Justina Chen

Book Description: When she suddenly and inexplicably becomes allergic to the sun, renegade journalist Viola Li is imprisoned in the dark. Wait: imprisoned? Think again.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: July 31, 2018

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

## HUMOROUS FICTION

### ***I am Fartacus: Electric Boogerloo***

by Mark Maciejewski

Book Description: Alanmoore Middle School's mascot is stolen and Chub is the prime suspect. Can he find the real thief before the new principal expels him?

Author's Residence: Issaquah, Washington

Publisher: Aladdin

Publication Date: July 17, 2018

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

## NONFICTION

### ***Martin and Bobby: A Journey to Justice***

by Claire Rudolf Murphy

Book Description: This book reveals the final days and words of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert Kennedy in 1968 as allies fighting poverty and racism.

Author's Residence: Spokane, Washington

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Publication Date: October 2, 2018

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

## REALISTIC FICTION

### ***Stu Truly***

by Dan Richards

Book Description: When Stu lies to impress his new crush, he finds that keeping up the charade might just tear his whole world apart.

Author's Residence: Bothell, Washington

Publisher: Bonnier

Publication Date: July 3, 2018

## SPECULATIVE FICTION

### ***R is for Rebel***

by J. Anderson Coats

Book Description: Sent to reform school, Malley is determined to resist the conquering empire's plans to reeducate her.

Author's Residence: Everett, Washington

Publisher: Atheneum

Publication Date: February 20, 2018

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

## GRADES 9-12

## CONTEMPORARY FICTION

### ***Antipodes***

by Michele Bacon

Book Description: After her future implodes, Erin Cerise, an ambitious American teen, is forced to study abroad in Christchurch, New Zealand to augment her Ivy League prospects.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

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

### ***Jacked Up***

by Erica Sage

Book Description: Nick's sister is dead and his parents are shipping him to Jesus camp. He's also being followed by Jack Kerouac, who's annoying for a genius.

Author's Residence: Lake Tapps, Washington

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

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

## FANTASY

### ***Poison's Cage***

by Breeana Shields

Book Description: An assassin becomes a spy in this heart-pounding sequel to *Poison's Kiss*.

Author's Residence: Olympia, Washington

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: January 16, 2018

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

## MAGICAL REALISM

### ***Winterfolk***

by Janel Kolby

Book Description: Rain lives in Seattle's Jungle, where she's been taught to be invisible. When the city plans to sweep the Jungle, Rain is forced into action.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: HarperTeen

Publication Date: February 6, 2018

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

## NONFICTION

### ***Underneath it All: A History of Women's Underwear***

by Amber J. Keyser

Book Description: This feminist exploration of women's underwear reveals the intimate role lingerie plays in defining women's bodies, sexuality, gender identity, and body image.

Author's Residence: Bend, Oregon

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books

Publication Date: January 1, 2018

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

## THRILLER

### ***Love and Lechery at Albert Academy***

by Dolores Maggioro

Book Description: As Pina pines for Katie at Albert Academy in 1959, Head Mistress Craney stages a blood-curdling cat and mouse game to snare Pina for herself.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Sapphire Books Publishing

Publication Date: June 1, 2018

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



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SPANISH / BILINGUAL

## GRADES 1-2

### BILINGUAL PICTURE BOOK

#### ***Galápagos Girl***

by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Angela Dominguez

Book Description: Valentina lives on the Galápagos Islands, spending her days in the natural world. When she learns her wild companions are threatened, she promises to protect them. Bilingual.

Author's Residence: Alva, Florida

Publisher: Lee & Low

Publication Date: September 18, 2018

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

### PICTURE BOOK

#### ***Pasando Páginas***

by Sonia Sotomayor, illustrated by Lulu Delacre

Book Description: Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor tells her own story for young readers for the very first time!

Illustrator's Residence: Maryland

Publisher: Philomel Books

Publication Date: September 4, 2018

Illustrator's Website: [luludelacre.com](http://luludelacre.com)

### SPANISH PICTURE BOOK

#### ***The Amazing Watercolor Fish/El Asombroso Pez Acuarela***

by Carolyn Dee Flores

Book Description: In this playful, rhyming picture book, two fish imagine a beautiful, mysterious world beyond their bowls.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Piñata Books

Publication Date: October 31, 2018

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

## GRADES 3-5

### NONFICTION

#### ***Los 50 estados (The 50 States: Spanish Edition)***

by Gabrielle Balkan, illustrated by Sol Linero

Book Description: Be inspired by the inventiveness, beauty, and diversity of the United States in this curious collection of fact-filled maps. A favorite atlas now en español!

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Wide-Eyed Books, an imprint of Quarto

Publication Date: June 1, 2018

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