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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

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

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

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

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

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

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: Bramleton, Virginia
Publisher: Sterling Children’s Books
Publication Date: May 1, 2018
Author’s Website: 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

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

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
**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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
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

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

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

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

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: joychesselberth.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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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: hildaeuniceburgos.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

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

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

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.
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

**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

**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

**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

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

**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

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
**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)

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**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)

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**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)

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**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)

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**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)

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**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

*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 classmate’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

*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

**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

**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: carlaamooney.com
**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

*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

*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: Merriam, Queensland
Publisher: HarperCollins Children’s Books Australia
Publication Date: April 23, 2018
Illustrator’s Website: 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

*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

*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

*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

*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

*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

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

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

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

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: dimitpowell.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

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

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

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

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

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

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
**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

**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: franelessac.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

**GRADERS 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

**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

**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 he loves?
Author’s Residence: Albany, Western Australia
Publisher: Penguin Random House
Publication Date: July 2, 2018
Author’s Website: diannewolfer.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

**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

**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

**PICTURE BOOK**

**My Storee**
by Paul Russell, illustrated by Aška
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
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

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

REALISTIC FICTION

Rudi Hooper’s Super Pooper-Scooper
by Alan Horsefield, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grades 6-8

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Author’s Website: alysjackson.com
GRADERS 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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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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

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: jamiekiffelalcheh.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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
**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: joannenewetzel.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

**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
Illustrator’s Website: 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 the little ones.
Author’s Residence: San Diego, California
Publisher: Sterling Children’s Books
Publication Date: February 6, 2018
Author’s Website: 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

**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

**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

**Pip & Pup**
by Eugene Y elchin
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

**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

**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

**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

**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.

**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.”

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK**

**The Power of a Dream: Maria Feliciana Arballo, Latina Pioneer**
by Linda Covella, illustrated by Debbie Bolton
Book Description: In 1775, Feliciana Arballo, on an arduous journey from Mexico to California, follows her dream of a life without prejudice for her children and descendants.

**EARLY READER**

**Buster the Very Shy Dog: More Adventures with Phoebe**
by Lisze 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.

**EARLY READER**

**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.

**EARLY READER**

**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.
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

Everything You Need for a Treehouse
by Carter Higgins, illustrated by Emily Hughes
Book Description: Treeshouses are for wonder. Treeshouses are for snacks. Treeshouses are for whispers and snickers and echoes. Treeshouses are for everyone.
Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Chronicle Books
Publication Date: April 10, 2018
Author’s Website: designofthepicturebook.com

Hanukkah Hamster
by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Andre Ceoiin
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

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

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

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

Jack (Not Jackie!)
bym 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

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: andreazuill.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

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

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
**Which Animal is Fastest?**
by Brian Rock, illustrated by Carolyn Le
Book Description: This story examines nature’s swiftest 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

**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

**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

**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: emmab史mit史.com

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**MYSTERY**

**The Long, Lost Home (The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place)**
by Maryrose Wood, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler
Book Description: Conclusion to the acclaimed Incorrigible 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

**NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK**

**Stalebread Charlie and the Razzy Dazzy 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

**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

**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

**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

**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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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

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

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

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

STEAMPUNK
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

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

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

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

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

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 slithery 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

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: suszannedelrizzo.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
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

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: robblaidlawbooks.com

GRADERS 3-5

ADVENTURE

Tree Musketeers
by Norma Charles
Book Description: Jeanie’s new school friends want to save a magni-
nificent 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

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

Offbeat
by Megan Clendenan
Book Description: Fourteen-year-old Rose enters a fiddle competi-
tion 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

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

PICTURE BOOK

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
Author’s Website: nancyvo.com

HUMOR

Mucus Mayhem
by Kevin Sylvester, illustrated by Brit 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: kevinsylvestertbooks.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
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

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

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

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
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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

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

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

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

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 safa 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

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

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

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

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
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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**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

**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

_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

_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

**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

**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

**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

**PICTURE BOOK**

_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.
Illustrator’s Residence: St. Louis, Missouri
Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing
Publication Date: May 2018
Illustrator’s Website: 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,
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

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

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

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

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

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

Stegothesaurus
by Bridget Heos, illustrated by TL McBeth
Book Description: Stegothesaurus 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

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
Illustrator’s Website: 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

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

HISTORICAL FICTION

The Story Collector
by Kristin O’Donnell Tubb, illustrated by Jacopo 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
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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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: Mevesseret Zion, Israel
Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group
Publication Date: August 2018
Author’s Website: 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: askdearlubby.com
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: kmabooks.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

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: marccampbell.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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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

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

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

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

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-maneuver 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: cindychambersjohnson.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

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: October 2018
Author’s Website: 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

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

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

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 Bing Club.  
Author’s Residence: Avon, Ohio  
Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing  
Publication Date: August 2018  
Author’s Website: christinesromeklaforet.com

**Ellie Ultra: Super Spooked**  
by Gina Bellisario, illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner  
Book Description: When the villainous Fairy Frightmare 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

**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

**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

**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

**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.

**NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK**

**Aim for the Skies: Jerrie Mock and Joan Merriam Smith’s Race to Complete Amelia Earhart’s Quest**  
by Aimée M. Bissonnette, 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: aimeebissonnette.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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

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**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

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

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

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: Handsen Publishing
Publication Date: September 15, 2018
Illustrator’s Website: tevinhansen.com

GRADERS 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

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

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 Unschooled.
Author’s Residence: Vernon Hills, Illinois
Publisher: Scholastic
Publication Date: August 28, 2018
Author’s Website: 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

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

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

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
**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

**Earwax and Cadillacs: The Final Adventure of Mucus Phelgmball**  
by Kerry Crowley  
Book Description: Superhero Mucus Phelgmball battles his arch enemy, Turner, after accidentally giving him superpowers with a snooger to the head.  
Author's Residence: Genesee, Wisconsin  
Publisher: MusItY oung Publishing  
Publication Date: January 16, 2018  
Author's Website: kerrycrowley.com

**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

**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

**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

**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 20th century in Chicago.  
Author's Residence: Champaign, Illinois  
Publisher: Charlesbridge  
Publication Date: December 11, 2018  
Author's Website: talesforallages.com

**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

**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

**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
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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: judydodgecummings.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

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
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

_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

_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

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: August 21, 2018  
Author’s Website: mkwisemanauthor.com

_Historic Fantasy_  
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: Xchyler Publishing  
Publication Date: August 21, 2018  
Author’s Website: 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

_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

**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

**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: patrickfloresscott.com

**HISTORICAL FICTION_**

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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

**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
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

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

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

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

**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
SCBWI Recommended 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

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 toothed, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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

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

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

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: annemariearileyguertin.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

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: shelleyrotneter.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

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: caroleyndecristofano.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

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.
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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
Author’s Website: 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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Publication Date: September 11, 2018
Author's Website: 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If You Want to Fall Asleep
by Jackie Azuera 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

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: amandamoecckel.com

Kindergarrrnten 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, Kindergarrrnten 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: alyssabermudezart.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: alyssacapucilli.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

_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: mikasongdraws.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

_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

_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

_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

**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

_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

**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
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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

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
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

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

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

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

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

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
**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**Made by Hand: Steel Drums**
by Patricia Lakin, photographs by Glenn Rowsey
Book Description: Discover how Trinidadians gave birth to this captivating 20th-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

**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 & Low
Publication Date: May 2018
Author’s Website: marilynsinger.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

**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
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

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: heathereschwartz.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

**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

**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

**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

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

**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

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
Author’s Website: ellenweinstein.com

**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
NONFICTION ANTHOLOGY

Dear Heartbreak: YA Authors and Teens on the Dark Side of Love
Edited by Heather Demetrios
Editor’s Residence: New York City, New York
Publisher: Henry Holt
Publication Date: December 18, 2018
Editor’s Website: 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: jamiecblake.com
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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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: rob Sanderswrites.com

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: barbaraoconnor.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
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.
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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: Coral Springs, Florida
Publisher: Skyhorse Publishing
Publication Date: August 21, 2018
Author’s Website: 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: Lakeland, Florida
Publisher: Boyds Mills Press
Publication Date: October 9, 2018
Author’s Website: 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: Greenville, South Carolina
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers
Publication Date: July 10, 2018
Author’s Website: 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: Farmville, North Carolina
Publisher: Kathy Dawson Books
Publication Date: September 11, 2018
Author’s Website: 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: Ardmore, Alabama
Publisher: Bloomsbury Children’s

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: South Florida
Publisher: Delacorte Press
Publication Date: October 9, 2018
Author’s Website: donnagephart.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: Tampa, Florida
Publisher: Scholastic
Publication Date: February 27, 2018
Author’s Website: shannonhitchcock.com

SPOOKY ADVENTURE

Evangeline of the Bayou
by Jan Eldredge, illustrated by Joseph Kuefler
Book Description: Twelve-year-old haunt huntress Evangeline Clem- ent gets called to a case in New Orleans and confronts a monster that’s been after her family for generations.
Author: Celebration, Florida
Publisher: Balzer + Bray
Publication Date: May 1, 2018
Author’s Website: 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: Charlotte, North Carolina
Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books
Publication Date: February 6, 2018
Author’s Website: 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: Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Publisher: Entangled Teen
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

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

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
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

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

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

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

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
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

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

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

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
RESOURCES

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

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 eezeeyer 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

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

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

The Bunny Poets
by Barbara Toboni, 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

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

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

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

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

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
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

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

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

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

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

GRADERS 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

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

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

GRADERS 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/boyfriend.
Author's Residence: Evergreen, Colorado
Publisher: Creston Books
Publication Date: April 3, 2018
Author's Website: 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
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

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
### 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: [vanessaroeder.com](http://vanessaroeder.com)

### GRADES 1-2

**EARLY READER**

**Alexander Hamilton: American Hero**  
by Barbara Lowell, illustrated by George Eromos  
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: [jcobooks.com](http://jcobooks.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: Piñata Books  
Publication Date: October 15, 2018  
Author’s Website: [carolynflores.com](http://carolynflores.com)

**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: [hannahharrison.com](http://hannahharrison.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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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 50th 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
Paper Engineer’s Website: 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

**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!
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Author’s Residence: Houston, Texas
Publisher: Pelican Publishing
Publication Date: January 29, 2018
Author’s Website: 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: samantharmclark.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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


**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

**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

**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
**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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 beetroot. Includes topics of teamwork, growing plants, and POO!  
Author’s Residence: Whitstable, Kent
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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.
Publisher: Cornell Lab Publishing Group
Publication Date: August 4, 2018
Author’s Website: 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.
Publisher: Hubble & Hattie
Publication Date: September 2018
Author’s Website: 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 . . .
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Publication Date: May 9, 2018
Author’s Website: 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.
Publisher: POW!
Publication Date: March 6, 2018
Author’s Website: moohara.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.
Publisher: Spork
Publication Date: August 2018
Author’s Website: 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.
Publisher: Hubble & Hattie
Publication Date: September 2018

Grades 3-5

A Pattern of Secrets
by Lindsay Littleson
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.
Publisher: Cranachan Books
Publication Date: April 16, 2018
Author’s Website: 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.
Publisher: Chicken House
Publication Date: April 5, 2018
Author’s Website: 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. Mwhaa haa haa haa!
Publisher: Feiwel and Friends
Publication Date: March 2018
Author’s Website: moohara.co.uk

Grades 6-8

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?
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Publication Date: July 5, 2018
Author’s Website: tamsincooke.co.uk

Contemporary Fiction

Ella on the Outside
by Cath Howe, illustrated by Nic Theobold
Book Description: Ella, the new girl in school, struggles to find the right friends whilst hiding a shameful family secret.
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Publication Date: July 5, 2018
Author’s Website: cathjoneswriter.wordpress.com
Publisher: Nosy Crow
Publication Date: May 3, 2018
Author’s Website: 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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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: ljmacwhirter.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

**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.
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

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
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(Washington / Oregon / Alaska / Idaho / Montana / North Dakota / South Dakota)

PRE-K-K

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

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

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

Catalina and the King’s Wall
by Patty Costello, illustrated by Diana Cojocaru
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

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
Author’s Website: drawdrawdraw.com

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

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

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

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

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 & aaronbagley.com
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**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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
**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

**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

**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

**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

**Spartacus Ryan Zander and the Secrets of the Incredib**  
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

**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: HeidilandKatiwrite.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

**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

**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

**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

**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, Washington
Publisher: Under the Stars, National Geographic
Publication Date: September 4, 2018
Author's Website: truditrueit.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

**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

**Ultimate Predatorpedia: The Most Complete Predator Reference Ever**
by Christina Wilsson
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

**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

**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

**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

**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
Publication Date: September 12, 2018
Author's Website: 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

**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
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

*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

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

*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

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

*Love and Lechery at Albert Academy*
by Dolores Maggiore
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

GRADES 9-12

*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

*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

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

MAGICAL REALISM

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Publication Date: June 1, 2018

Author’s Website: maggiorequeeries.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

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

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

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