

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

CALIFORNIA / HAWAII

PRE-K-K

BOARD BOOK

Los Angeles Is . . .

by Elisa Parhad, illustrated by Alexander Vidal

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

Author's Residence: Pasadena, California

Publisher: Cameron + Company

Author's Website: elisaparhad.com

Can You Hear a Coo, Coo?

by Jamie Kiffel-Alcheh, illustrated by Marc Lumer

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

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

Author's Website: jamiestikiffelalcheh.com

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: joannewetzel.com

Monster and Mouse Go Camping

by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Jared Chapman

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

Author's Residence: Northern California

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: May 29, 2018

Author's Website: DeborahUnderwoodBooks.com

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 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 Yelchin

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

Author's Residence: Topanga, California

Publisher: Laura Godwin Books

Publication Date: April 2018

Author's Website: eugeneyelchinbooks.com

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.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Lee & Low

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

Author's Website: helenakrhee.com

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Car

by Kate Dopirak, illustrated by Mary Peterson

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

Illustrator's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: February 16, 2018

Illustrator's Website: marypeterson.com

What can You Do with a Toolbox?

by John Colaneri and Anthony Carrino, illustrated by Maple Lam

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

Illustrator's Residence: San Gabriel, California

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

Illustrator's Website: maplelam.com

GRADES 1-2

BIOGRAPHY

Ruth Asawa: A Sculpting Life

by Joan Schoettler, illustrated by Traci Van Wagner

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

Author's Residence: Fresno, California

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Publication Date: October 2018

CHAPTER BOOK

Ellie May on Presidents' Day

by Hillary Homzie, illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler

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

Author's Residence: Napa, California

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: December 18, 2018

Author's Website: hillaryhomzie.com

Here's Hank #11: Robot on the Loose

by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

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

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Penguin Workshop

Author's Website: linoliver.com

Project Droid #5: Give a Bot a Bone

by Amanda Burwasser and Nancy Krulik, illustrated by Mike Moran

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

Author's Residence: Forestville, California

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: March 6, 2018

EARLY READER

Buster the Very Shy Dog: More Adventures with Phoebe

by 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.

Author's Residence: Pasadena, California

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Green Light Readers

Publication Date: April 10, 2018

Author's Website: liszebechtold.com

NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

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

by Linda Covella, illustrated by Debbie Bolton

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

Author's Residence: Santa Cruz, California

Publisher: MacLaren-Cochrane Publishing

Publication Date: October 20, 2018

Author's Website: lindacovella.com

PICTURE BOOK

Alice's Magic Garden

by Henry Herz, illustrated by Natalie Hoopes

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

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Familius

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

Author's Website: henryherz.com

Bitter and Sweet

by Sandra V. Feder, illustrated by Kyrsten Brooker

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

Author's Residence: Burlingame, California

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Publication Date: October 1, 2018

Author's Website: sandravfeder.com

Bug Off

by Shawnie Clark, illustrated by Makarand Desai

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

Author's Residence: Manteca, California
Publisher: MacLaren-Cochrane Publishing
Publication Date: July 17, 2018
Author's Website: booksbyshawnie.webs.com

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

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Chronicle Books
Publication Date: April 10, 2018
Author's Website: designofthepicturebook.com

Hanukkah Hamster

by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Andre Ceoii

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

Author's Residence: Woodland Hills, California
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press
Publication Date: September 2018
Author's Website: michellemarkel.com

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

Publication Date: April 17, 2018
Author's Website: lorimortensen.com

Jack (Not Jackie!)

by Erica Silverman, illustrated by Holly Hatam

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

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: little bee books
Publication Date: October 9, 2018
Author's Website: ericasilverman.com

Love is Love

by Michael Genhart, PhD, illustrated by Ken Min

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

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California
Publisher: Little Pickle Press
Publication Date: May 2018
Author's Website: michaelgenhart.com

Marigold & Daisy

by Andrea Zuill

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

Author's Residence: California
Publisher: Sterling Children's Books
Publication Date: February 6, 2018
Author's Website: andreaazuill.org

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

Author's Website: jimaverbeck.com

Which Animal is Fastest?

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

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

Illustrator's Residence: Fountain Valley, California

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

Publication Date: September 10, 2018

Illustrator's Website: carolynle.com

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

POETRY

Fur, Feather, Fin—All of Us are Kin

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

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

Author's Residence: Alamo, California

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

Author's Website: dianelang.net

GRADES 3-5

CHAPTER BOOK

Maddy McGuire, CEO: Pet Camp

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

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

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Magic Wagon

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

Author's Website: emmabsmith.com

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

The House that Lou Built

by **Mae Respicio**

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

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Wendy Lamb Books

Publication Date: June 12, 2018

Author's Website: maerespicio.com

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

CONTEMPORARY REALISM

BAT and the Waiting Game

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

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

Author's Residence: Huntington Beach, California

Publisher: Walden Pond Press

Publication Date: March 2018

Author's Website: elanakarnold.com

FANTASY

Unwritten

by **Tara Gilboy**

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

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Jolly Fish

Publication Date: October 16, 2018

Author's Website: taragilboy.com

HUMOROUS FICTION

Buttheads from Outer Space

by **Jerry Mahoney**

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

Author's Residence: Burbank, California

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Publication Date: March 20, 2018

Author's Website: jerrymahoneybooks.com

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

MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

Annie B., Made for TV

by **Amy Dixon**

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

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

Author's Residence: Clovis, California

Publisher: Running Press Kids

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

Author's Website: amydixonbooks.com

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 Incurable Children of Ashton Place)

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

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

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Balzer+Bray

Publication Date: June 19, 2018

Author's Website: maryrosewood.com

NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

Stalebread Charlie and the Razy Dazy Spasm Band

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

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

Author's Residence: Carlsbad, California

Publisher: Clarion

Publication Date: July 8, 2018

Author's Website: MichaelMahin.com

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

GRADES 9-12

BIOGRAPHY

Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Feminist

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

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

Ozland

by Wendy Spinale

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

Author's Residence: Pleasanton, California

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: April 2018

Author's Website: wendyspinale.com

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