

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

## CANADA

### PRE-K-K

#### BOARD BOOK

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

by Hilary Leung

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

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: May 29, 2018

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

#### PICTURE BOOK

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

by Jessica Scott Kerrin, illustrated by Qin Leng

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

Author's Residence: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Publication Date: March 2018

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

by Betty Quan, illustrated by Carmen Mok

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

Illustrator's Residence: St. Catharines, Ontario

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

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

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

by Regan WH Macaulay, illustrated by Wei Lu

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

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Mirror World Publishing

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

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

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

by Kari-Lynn Winters, illustrated by Christina Leist

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

Author's Residence: St. Catharines, Ontario

Publisher: Tradewind Books

Publication Date: June 2018

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

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

by Jami Gigot

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

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia

Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

Publication Date: March 2018

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

### GRADES 1-2

#### BIOGRAPHY

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

by Nadia L. Hohn, illustrated by Gustavo Mazali

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

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: December 31, 2018

#### PICTURE BOOK

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

by Margriet Ruurs, illustrated by Claudia Davila

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

Author's Residence: Salt Spring Island, British Columbia

Publisher: Orca Books

Publication Date: September 2018

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

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

by Deborah Kerbel, illustrated by Suzanne Del Rizzo

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

Illustrator's Residence: Oakville, Ontario

Publisher: Pajama Press

Publication Date: June 8, 2018

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

## POETRY

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

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

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

Illustrator's Residence: Napanee, Ontario

Publisher: Fitzhenry and Whiteside

Publication Date: June 2018

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

## GRADES 3-5

### ADVENTURE

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

by Norma Charles

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

Problem is, the developer is Jeanie's uncle.

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia

Publisher: Ronsdale Press

Publication Date: September 30, 2018

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

### CONTEMPORARY FICTION

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

by Shari Green

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

Author's Residence: Campbell River, British Columbia

Publisher: Pajama Press

Publication Date: September 14, 2018

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

#### ***Offbeat***

by Megan Clendenan

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

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia

Publisher: Orca Books

Publication Date: August 28, 2018

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

### HUMOR

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

by Kevin Sylvester, illustrated by Britt Wilson

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

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: October 1, 2018

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

## NONFICTION

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

by Rob Laidlaw

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

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Pajama Press

Publication Date: January 2018

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

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

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

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

Author's Residence: Spruce Grove, Alberta

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: March 13, 2018

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

### PICTURE BOOK

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

by Nancy Vo

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

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Publication Date: May 2018

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

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

by Susan Hughes, illustrated by Carey Sookocheff

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

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: OwlKids Books

Publication Date: March 2018

### REALISTIC FICTION

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

by Wendy McLeod MacKnight

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

Author's Residence: New Brunswick

Publisher: Greenwillow Books

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

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

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

by Terry Lynn Johnson

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

Author's Residence: Ontario

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

## GRADES 6-8

### MIDDLE GRADE FICTION

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

by Alison Hughes

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

Author's Residence: Edmonton, Alberta

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Publication Date: May 2018

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

### NONFICTION

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

by Sue Irwin

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

Author's Residence: Grimsby, Ontario

Publisher: Lorimer Children & Teens

Publication Date: August 2018

## GRADES 9-12

### CONTEMPORARY FICTION

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

by Brooke Carter

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

Author's Residence: Maple Ridge, British Columbia

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Publication Date: January 1, 2018

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

### SHORT STORY COLLECTION

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

by Lori Weber

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

Author's Residence: Montreal, Quebec

Publisher: Cormorant Books

Publication Date: September 15, 2018

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

### SPORTS FICTION

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

by Joyce Grant

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

together better than they do on the baseball diamond!

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario

Publisher: Lorimer Children & Teens

Publication Date: April 2018

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