

SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS

OFFICIAL READING LIST — 2018

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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: kmapbooks.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: marcycampbell.com

Bark Park

by Trudy Krisher, illustrated by Brooke Boynton-Hughes

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

Author's Residence: Dayton, Ohio

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

Author's Website: trudykrisherauthor.com

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-manuever his wrestler relatives when they all come for a family reunion.

Author's Residence: Des Moines, Iowa

Publisher: Aladdin

Publication Date: June 12, 2018

Author's Website: cynchambersjohnson.com

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: March 20, 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 Bling 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 Nightmare visits Ellie and her friends at a Halloween sleepover, Ellie is stuck facing her worst fear—the dark.

Author's Residence: Park Ridge, Illinois

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

Publication Date: September 1, 2018

Author's Website: ginabellisario.com***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.

Author's Residence: Northbrook, Illinois

Publisher: Dawn Publications

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK***Aim for the Skies: Jerrie Mock and Joan Merriam Smith's Race to Complete Amelia Earhart's Quest***

by Aimée M. Bissonette, illustrated by Doris Ettlinger

Book Description: A recounting of the 1964 air race between Americans Geraldine Mock and Joan Merriam Smith, the first two women to fly around the world.

Author's Residence: Richfield, Minnesota

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: September 15, 2018

Author's Website: aimeebissonette.com***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

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: Handersen Publishing

Publication Date: September 15, 2018

Illustrator's Website: tevinhansen.com

GRADES 3-5

ADVENTURE

The Adventures of Bubba Jones: Time Traveling Through Acadia National Park

by **Jeff Alt**, illustrated by **Hannah Tuohy**

Book Description: Time-leaping kids learn fun facts about Maine's Acadia National Park and solve a mystery. This is book three of a national park series.

Author's Residence: Mason, Ohio

Publisher: Beaufort Books

Publication Date: June 4, 2018

Author's Website: bubbajones.com

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 *Unschooling*.

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

MAGICAL REALISM

Earwax and Cadillacs: The Final Adventure of Mucus Phlegmball

by Kerry Crowley

Book Description: Superhero Mucus Phlegmball battles his arch enemy, Turner, after accidentally giving him superpowers with a snooger to the head.

Author's Residence: Genesee, Wisconsin

Publisher: MustYoung Publishing

Publication Date: January 16, 2018

Author's Website: kerrycrowley.com

MIDDLE GRADE SUPER HERO

The Stupendous Adventures of Mighty Marty Hayes

by Lora L. Hyler

Book Description: A cast of multicultural superheroes work with CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing technology in their 7th grade advanced science classroom and share a love of spy gadgets.

Author's Residence: Glendale, Wisconsin

Publisher: HenschelHAUS Publishing, Inc.

Publication Date: March 6, 2018

Author's Website: lorahylerauthor.com

NONFICTION

Destination Space: The Space Shuttle Missions

by Patti Richards

Book Description: Explores scientists' thrilling quest to develop the space shuttle. Engaging text, vibrant photos, and infographics help readers learn about this important advancement in space exploration.

Author's Residence: Farmington Hills, Michigan

Publisher: Focus Readers

Publication Date: January 2018

Author's Website: pattigail1.com

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

NONFICTION IN VERSE

Struttin' with Some Barbecue: Lil Hardin Armstrong Becomes the First Lady of Jazz

by Patricia Hruby Powell, illustrated by Rachel Himes

Book Description: Lil Hardin and her husband, Louis Armstrong, were musical royalty—inventing a new kind of sound—making jazz in the early 20th century in Chicago.

Author's Residence: Champaign, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: December 11, 2018

Author's Website: talesforallages.com

NONFICTION PICTURE BOOK

Fairy Spell: How Two Girls Convinced the World that Fairies are Real

by Marc Tyler Nobleman, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler

Book Description: The true story of British cousins who fooled the world with a remarkable hoax—photographs of "real" fairies. Exquisitely illustrated, including the original photographs.

Illustrator's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Clarion Books

Publication Date: April 24, 2018

Illustrator's Website: wheelerstudio.com

Adventures to School: Real-Life Journeys of Students from Around the World

by Miranda Paul and Baptiste Paul, illustrated by Isabel Muñoz

Book Description: Read about children from thirteen countries around the world who have an extraordinary trek to school! Includes sidebars and back matter.

Author's Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: May 1, 2018

Author's Website: mirandapaul.com

PICTURE BOOK

Otis & Will Discover the Deep

by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Katherine Roy

Book Description: The suspenseful, little-known true story of two determined pioneers who made the first dive into the deep ocean.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: June 5, 2018

Author's Website: barbrosenstock.com

PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY

A Lady has the Floor: Belva Lockwood Speaks Out for Women's Rights

by Kate Hannigan, illustrated by Alison Jay

Book Description: Belva Lockwood fought for equality for women in the classroom, in the courtroom, and in politics. In her quest for fairness and parity, she ran for President of the US, becoming the first woman on the ballot.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Publication Date: January 30, 2018

Author's Website: KateHannigan.com

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

REALISTIC FICTION

Eliza Bing is (Not) a Star

by Carmella Van Vleet

Book Description: Eliza Bing, a sixth grader with ADHD, auditions for the school play to stay close to her new best friend, and drama ensues (pun intended.)

Author's Residence: Lewis Center, Ohio

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: September 25, 2018

Author's Website: CarmellaVanVleet.com

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

SIGN LANGUAGE

Hand Talk: Reni Goes to School

by Barbara Champion, illustrated by Christopher Tice

Book Description: Reni is apprehensive about going to school because of his difficulty communicating. But when he learns Sign Language, Reni discovers school can be fun.

Author's Residence: Chaska, Minnesota

Publisher: Royal Fireworks Press

Publication Date: 2018

Author's Website: learnhandtalk.com

GRADES 6-8

BIOGRAPHY

Dolores Huerta Stands Strong: The Woman Who Demanded Justice

by Marlene Targ Brill

Book Description: Huerta's early hard life led her to advocacy for farmworkers, immigrants, and women's rights, earning the nation's highest honors and rallying a nation with "Sí, se puede" ("Yes, we can").

Author's Residence: Wilmette, Illinois

Publisher: University of Ohio Press

Publication Date: July 2018

Author's Website: marlenetargbrill.com

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

NARRATIVE NONFICTION

Tomb Raiders: Real Tales of Grave Robberies

by Judy Dodge Cummings

Book Description: Armed with shovels and crowbars, thieves throughout history have unearthed graves out of greed, hunger, and curiosity. Learn the little-known stories of body snatchers and crooks from the crypt.

Author's Residence: Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Publisher: Nomad Press

Publication Date: February 2018

Author's Website: judydodgecumplings.com

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: September 4, 2018

The Tomb

by SA Bodeen

Book Description: Together, Kiva and Seth must search for the engine their spaceship needs. Danger, romance, and twists abound in this high-stakes science fiction adventure.

Author's Residence: Black River Falls, Wisconsin

Publisher: Feiwel and Friends

Publication Date: September 25, 2018

Author's Website: writersabodeen.com

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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: patrickflorescott.com

HISTORICAL FANTASY

The Kithseeker

by MK Wiseman

Book Description: Liara, an apprentice, and Nagarath, her bookish wizard, race to find a fabled magick mirror before it falls into the hands of a rival mage.

Author's Residence: Cedarburg, Wisconsin

Publisher: Xchylar Publishing

Publication Date: August 21, 2018

Author's Website: mkwisemanauthor.com

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

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