

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

SOUTHWEST

(Nevada / Arizona / Utah / Colorado / Wyoming / New Mexico)

PRE-K-K

BOARD BOOK

In the Rain

by Elizabeth Spurr, illustrated by Manelle Oliphant

Book Description: A girl enjoys adventures in the rain with her mom and pet dog.

Illustrator's Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Publication Date: March 1, 2018

Illustrator's Website: manelleoliphant.com

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

Publisher: Beach Lane Books
Publication Date: August 14, 2018
Author's Website: diannewrites.com

RESOURCE

Fun Baby Learning Games

by Sally Goldberg, Ph.D.

Book Description: A birth-to-three age and stage developmental handbook with activities to help parents maximize their time during these formative years.

Author's Residence: Fountain Hills, Arizona
Publisher: Gryphon House
Publication Date: June 2018
Author's Website: earlychildhoodnews.net

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 eezeeey 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 Tboni, illustrated by Sandy Ferguson Fuller

Book Description: Two bunny friends explore the sights, sounds, scents, and scenery on a picnic and create a poem together. Full color.

Illustrator's Residence: Vail, Colorado
Publisher: MacLaren-Cochrne Publishing
Publication Date: April 2018
Illustrator's Website: alparts.com

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

GRADES 6-8

HISTORICAL FICTION

Phoebe's Heron

by **Winnie Anderson**

Book Description: Introduces readers to the beginnings of the Audubon Society in the state of Colorado. Inspired by Sarah Orne Jewette's classic short story, "A White Heron."

Author's Residence: Evergreen, Colorado

Publisher: Crispin Books

Publication Date: February 2018

Author's Website: winnieandersonbooks.com

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

GRADES 9-12

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

All Out of Pretty

by **Ingrid Palmer**

Book Description: When her Gram dies, sixteen-year-old honors student Andrea is whisked away to live with her estranged, drug-addicted mother and her mother's controlling dealer/boy-friend.

Author's Residence: Evergreen, Colorado

Publisher: Creston Books

Publication Date: April 3, 2018

Author's Website: ingridpalmer.com

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