

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

UK / IRELAND

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 beet-root. Includes topics of teamwork, growing plants, and POO!

Author's Residence: Whitstable, Kent

Publisher: Maverick
Publication Date: September 2018
Author's Website: cathjoneswriter.wordpress.com

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.

Illustrator's Residence: Edinburgh, Scotland
Publisher: Cornell Lab Publishing Group
Publication Date: August 4, 2018
Illustrator'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.

Illustrator's Residence: United Kingdom
Publisher: Hubble & Hattie
Publication Date: September 2018
Illustrator'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 . . .

Author's Residence: Liverpool, Merseyside
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.

Illustrator's Residence: British Isles, United Kingdom
Publisher: POW!
Publication Date: March 6, 2018
Illustrator's Website: meganwalkerillustration.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.

Illustrator's Residence: Kent, England
Publisher: Spork
Publication Date: August 2018
Illustrator'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.

Author's Residence: Southwold, Suffolk

Publisher: Hubble & Hattie
Publication Date: September 2018

GRADES 3-5

HISTORICAL FICTION

A Pattern of Secrets

by Lindsay Littleton

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.

Author's Residence: Glasgow, Scotland
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.

Author's Residence: Farnham, Surrey
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. Mwaaa haa haa haa!

Author's Residence: London, England
Publisher: Feiwei and Friends
Publication Date: March 2018
Author's Website: moohara.co.uk

GRADES 6-8

ADVENTURE

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?

Author's Residence: Somerset, United Kingdom
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 Theobald

Book Description: Ella, the new girl in school, struggles to find the right friends whilst hiding a shameful family secret.

Author's Residence: London, England

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

GRADES 9-12

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: lmacwhirter.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.

Author's Residence: Norwich, Norfolk
Publisher: Twenty-first Century Books
Publication Date: January 2018
Author's Website: coralcelestefrazer.com

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