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Welcome to **SCBWI's Recommended Reading List**, a premiere list comprised of books that were **written and/or illustrated by our members** during **2019**.

The List is organized into these **categories**: Board Books, Picture Books, Early Readers, Chapter Books, Middle Grade Books, Young Adult Books, and Anthologies.

Within those categories, you can use the following keywords to search out books by **Genre** and/or **Theme & Subject**. To search, simply enter the keyword from the list below into the search field in your PDF reader.

Action/Adventure	Contemporary Fantasy	Graphic Novel	Math	Respect
Activity	Contemporary Fiction	Grief	Memoir	Responsibility
African American History	Coping with Death	Habitat	Mental Illness	Romance
African American Interest	Creative Nonfiction	Hindu Interest	Mexican American Interest	Science
Afro-Latino Interest	Crime	History	Mexican Interest	Science Fiction
Alphabet	Cultural Diversity	Historical Fantasy	Middle Grade	Science Fiction Verse
Animals	Current Events	Historical Fiction	Middle Grade Poetry	Self-Esteem
Art	Dance	Historical Nonfiction	Muslim American Interest	Self-Help
Asian & Asian American Interest	Dealing with Illness	Holidays & Celebrations	Muslim Interest	Shapes
Babies	Differently Abled	Home	Multiethnic Interest	Short Story
Back to School	Disabilities	Horror	Mystery	Siblings
Bedtime Story	Discrimination	Humor	Mythology	Similarities & Differences
Bilingual Fiction	Dreams & Aspirations	Identity	Narrative Nonfiction	Social Issues
Biography	Dystopia	Imagination	Native American Interest	Special Needs
Biracial Families	Education	Immigration	Nature	Speculative Adventure
Breaking Gender Barriers	Educational Fiction	Informational Fiction	Neighborhood	Sports
Chapter Book	Entertainment	Intergenerational Relationships	New Siblings	STEAM
Chinese Interest	Environment	Internet Navigation	Nonfiction	STEM
Chinese American Interest	Fairy Tale	Japanese Interest	Novel-in-Verse	Superheroes
Christian Interest	Family	Japanese American Interest	Overcoming Obstacles	Supernatural
Civil Rights	Fantasy	Jewish Holidays	Paranormal	Technology
Civics	Fiction	Jewish Interest	Paranormal Romance	Theater
Colors	Fiction-in-Verse	Kindness & Compassion	Performing Arts	Thriller
Coming of Age	Forgiveness	LGBTQ	Perseverance	Transportation
Common Childhood Experiences	Fractured Fairy Tales	Latino Interest	Physical Activity	Western
Community	Free Verse	Learning Challenges	Picture Book	War
Compare & Contrast	Friendship	Literacy	Poetry	Women's Rights
Competition	Girl Power	Magical Realism	Realistic Fiction	Writing
Concept Book	Government	Making Friends	Religion	
	Grandparents		Religious Fiction	

BOARD BOOKS

All Buckled Up

by Andrea Zimmerman, illustrated by Andrea Zimmerman and David Clemesha

Book Description: Whether you ride in a stroller, a bulldozer, a garbage truck, or a race car, everybody buckles up for adventures!

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: May 14, 2019

Author's Website: www.andreaanddavid.com

Genre: Informational Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Concept Book, Transportation

All Colors

by Amalia Hoffman

Book Description: See how much fun colors can be when added one by one to form a little boy who discovers that friendship comes in all colors.

Author's Residence: Larchmont, New York

Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

Publication Date: September 28, 2019

Author's Website: www.amaliahoffman.com

Genre: Concept Book

Themes & Subjects: Art, Colors, Cultural Diversity, Imagination

All Kids Are Good Kids

by Judy Carey Nevin, illustrated by Susie Hammer

Book Description: A poetic look at how all kids are good kids, whether shy, adventurous, short, freckled, mad, or full of belly laughs.

Author's Residence: Pickerington, Ohio

Publisher: Little Simon / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.Judycareynevin.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Identity, Making Friends, Similarities & Differences

(Animals of Israel series) A Hoopoe Says, "Oop!"

by Jamie Kiffel-Alchek, illustrated by Ivana Kuman

Book Description: This rhyming story introduces Israel's native animals in their natural habitats, the ways they move and the sounds they make.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Kar-Ben / Lerner Publishing

Publication Date: March, 2019

Author's Website: www.jamiekiffelalchek.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Cultural Diversity, Jewish Interest, Multiethnic Interest, Nature

Animals on the Go

by Ruth A. Musgrave

Book Description: Meet creatures that creep, crawl, hop, slither, soar, and more. Discover how fluffy and scaly creatures, both big and small, move from place to place.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

Publication Date: May 2019

Author's Website: www.ruthamusgrave.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Habitat, Nature, STEM

Astro Pea

by Amalia Hoffman

Book Description: Blast off with Pete the Pea aboard his carrot spaceship and find out what he discovers outside of the pea pod on his cosmic adventure.

Author's Residence: Larchmont, New York

Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

Publication Date: March 28, 2019

Author's Website: www.amaliahoffman.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Habitat, Humor, Imagination, Making Friends, Nature

Australian Baby Animals

by Frané Lessac

Book Description: A classic showcase of Australian baby animals and their families for very young children.

Author's Residence: Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia

Publisher: Walker Books

Publication Date: December 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.franelessac.com

Genre: Creative Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Babies, Habitat, Nature, STEM

Baby Loves the Five Sense: Hearing!

by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Irene Chan

Book Description: Accurate enough for experts yet simple enough for baby, this clever board book explores the science of sound and how our sense of sound works.

Author's Residence: Deerfield, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing

Publication Date: September 24, 2019

Author's Website: www.RuthSpiro.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Babies, Differently Abled, Science

Baby Loves the Five Senses: Sight!

by Ruth Spiro, illustrated by Irene Chan

Book Description: Accurate enough for experts yet simple

enough for baby, this clever board book explores the science of optics and how our sense of sight works.

Author's Residence: Deerfield, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing

Publication Date: September 24, 2019

Author's Website: www.RuthSpiro.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Babies, Differently Abled, Science

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: Oak Park, Illinois

Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books

Publication Date: June 4, 2019

Author's Website: www.jacobgrantbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Friendship, Making Friends, Respect, Similarities & Differences

Bedtime

by Ruth A. Musgrave

Book Description: From orangutans napping in treetop nests to lions cuddling for a snooze, find out how other creatures get ready for bed.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

Publication Date: February 2019

Author's Website: www.ruthamusgrave.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Bedtime, Environment, Nature, STEM

Easter is Coming!

by Tama Fortner, illustrated by Wazza Pink

Book Description: Mommy and her little ones are settling in for story time, and this time it's the biblical story of Easter that she's telling.

Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee

Publisher: B&H Kids

Publication Date: February 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.TamaFortner.com

Genre: Religion

Themes & Subjects: Christian Interest, Holidays & Celebrations, Religion

Go to Sheep

by Jennifer Sattler, illustrated by Benson Shum

Book Description: There are many ways to go to "sheep" with this delightful bedtime board book that's perfect for reading aloud.

Illustrator's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Little Simon / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: January 22, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.bensonshum.com

Genre: Bedtime Story

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Babies, Bedtime Story, Family, Friendship

The Goodnight Train Rolls On!

by June Sobel, illustrated by Laura Huliska-Beith

Book Description: Climb aboard for a sleepy, sheep-filled bedtime ride to Dreamland!

Author's Residence: Westlake Village, California

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: September 3, 2019

Author's Website: www.junesobel.com

Genre: Bedtime Story

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Babies, Bedtime, Poetry, Transportation

Grandma's Christmas Wish

by Helen Foster James, illustrated by Petra Brown

Book Description: There is nothing like a grandmother's love. This sweet story celebrates the special bond between grandma and grandchild at Christmas time.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: September 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.HelenFosterJames.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Grandparents, Holidays & Celebrations, Intergenerational Relationships

Hide 'n' Sheep

by Jennifer Sattler, illustrated by Benson Shum

Book Description: Join the fun as the sheep tries to convince us that he's all the other animals on the farm—from pigs to chicks!

Illustrator's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Little Simon / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: July 30, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.bensonshum.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Activity, Animals, Babies, Friendship, Humor

If You're Scary and You Know It

by Carole Gerber, illustrated by Noël Ill

Book Description: This adorable adaptation of "If You're Happy and You Know It" features, in verse, a multicultural group of trick-or-treaters pretending their Halloween characters are real.

Author's Residence: Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Publisher: Familius

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.carolegerber.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Family, Holidays & Celebrations, Humor, Neighborhood

Listen: Israel's All Around

by Jamie Kiffel-Alchek, illustrated by Steve Mack

Book Description: This immersive, sound-based rhyming story takes readers on a tour of famous Israeli sites in a unique sensory way: by mimicking the noises heard there.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Kar-Ben / Lerner Publishing

Publication Date: March, 2019

Author's Website: www.jamiekiffelalchek.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Jewish Interest, Multiethnic Interest

Merbaby's Lullabye

by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Elizabeth Dulemba

Book Description: Board book starring a delightful merbaby whose mermaid mother finally gets him to sleep. Told in rhyme.

Author's Residence: Hatfield, Massachusetts

Publisher: Little Simon / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: June 25, 2019

Author's Website: www.janeyolen.com

Genre: Verse

Themes & Subjects: Babies, Bedtime, Family

Mindful Tots: Loving Kindness

by Whitney Stewart, illustrated by Rocio Alejandro

Book Description: This companion to *Mindful Tots: Tummy Ride*, introduces infants to a mindfulness practice designed to manage early emotions and nurture compassion.

Author's Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana

Publisher: Barefoot Books

Publication Date: May 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.whitneystewart.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Activity, Common Childhood Experiences, Family, Making Friends

Mindful Tots: Tummy Ride

by Whitney Stewart, illustrated by Rocio Alejandro

Book Description: Outlines a simple breathing exercise designed to help toddlers manage first emotions and establish self-soothing skills.

Author's Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana

Publisher: Barefoot Books

Publication Date: May 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.whitneystewart.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Activity, Bedtime Story, Family

My Hair Is Beautiful

by Shauntay Grant

Book Description: A celebration of natural hair, from afros to cornrows and everything in between. A joyful baby board book with a powerful message of self-love.

Author's Residence: Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Publisher: Nimbus Publishing

Publication Date: October 31, 2019

Author's Website: www.shauntaygrant.com

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: African American Interest, Babies, Identity, Poetry

Nugget & Fang Race Around the Reef

by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Michael Slack

Book Description: Counting and subtraction alongside hands-on elements immerse readers in this fun-filled underwater world featuring best pals Nugget and Fang.

Author's Residence: Edmond, Oklahoma

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.tammisauer.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Concept Book, Friendship, Humor, Math

The Obamas: A Lift-the-Flap Book

by Violet Lemay

Book Description: A cool lift-the-flap book filled with peace, hope, love, and dreams of a green, healthy, equal world.

Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: DuoPress

Publication Date: October 11, 2019

Author's Website: www.violetemay.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Civil Rights, Concept Book, Environment, History, Kindness & Compassion

Santa's Christmas Train

by Helen Foster James, illustrated by Bill Bolton

Book Description: All aboard! Santa's Christmas train is coming to town. Young travelers embark on a festive train ride to Santa's village.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: WorthyKids / Hachette Book Group

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.HelenFosterJames.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Holidays & Celebrations

Sleeping Snoozy Comfy Coozy

by Judy Young, illustrated by Michael Glenn Monroe

Book Description: Rhythmic poems and delightful illustrations tell young readers where animals make their beds before they are gently guided back to their own cozy bed.

Author's Residence: Preston, Idaho

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: April 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.JudyYoungPoetry.com

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Bedtime, Habitat, Nature, Poetry

Space

by Ruth A. Musgrave

Book Description: With stunning photos of the Earth and other planets, this beautiful book introduces the youngest explorers to the wonders of the space.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books

Publication Date: May 2019

Author's Website: www.ruthamusgrave.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Nonfiction, Science, STEM

Upsy-Daisy, Baby! How Families Around the World Carry Their Little Ones

by Susan Hughes, illustrated by Ashley Barron

Book Description: Around the world, little ones are carried in many different ways: in slings, on shoulders, in backpacks,

on hips, in baskets, and in loving arms.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Owl Kids Books

Publication Date: September 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.susanhughes.ca

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Babies, Common Childhood Experiences, Cultural Diversity, Family, Grandparents

The View at the Zoo

by Kathleen Long Bostrom, illustrated by Guy Francis

Book Description: A day at the zoo reveals some surprises.

Who are the watchers, and who are the ones being observed?

Author's Residence: Carlsbad, California

Publisher: Worthy Kids / Hachette Book Group

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.kathleenlongbostrom.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Family, Humor, Poetry

What Is America?

by Michelle Medlock Adams, illustrated by Amy Wummer

Book Description: *What Is America?* introduces young readers to the beliefs and ideals that make America unique with heartfelt and humorous rhyming verse.

Author's Residence: Bedford, Indiana

Publisher: WorthyKids / Hachette Book Group

Publication Date: April 23, 2019

Author's Website: www.michellemedlockadams.com

Genre: Holidays & Celebrations

Themes & Subjects: Christian Interest, Education, History, Holidays & Celebrations

PICTURE BOOKS

1, 2, 3, Jump!

by Lisl H. Detlefsen, illustrated by Madeline Valentine
Book Description: First swimming lessons can be exciting and terrifying, but this joyful and imaginative guide shows young readers how to conquer the pool.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan

Publication Date: May 14, 2019

Author's Website: www.lislhbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Humor, Imagination, Physical Activity

16 Words: William Carlos Williams and "The Red Wheelbarrow"

by Lisa Rogers, illustrated by Chuck Groenink

Book Description: the creation of Williams's famous sixteen-word poem and the doctor-poet's friendship with the wheelbarrow's owner, an African American vegetable vendor.

Author's Residence: Wellesley, Massachusetts

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: September 24, 2019

Author's Website: www.lisarogerswrites.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: African American Interest, Biography, Friendship, Imagination, Poetry

Abra, Cadabra, & Bob

by Christyne Morrell, illustrated by Jay Guida

Book Description: When a magician changes Bob the bunny's name and puts him onstage, chaos ensues. In this humorous story about identity, Bob struggles to be...Bob.

Author's Residence: Decatur, Georgia

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: March 12, 2019

Author's Website: www.christynewrites.wordpress.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Bedtime, Friendship, Humor, Identity

Aliana Reaches for the Moon

by Laura Roettiger, illustrated by Ariel Boroff

Book Description: Creative and curious, Aliana experiments with light and reflection to create a birthday surprise for her little brother on the night of the full moon.

Author's Residence: Nederland, Colorado

Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

Publication Date: February 19, 2019

Author's Website: www.lauraroettigerbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Kindness & Compassion, Mexican Interest, Siblings, STEAM

Alis the Aviator: An ABC Aviation Adventure

by Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail, illustrated by Kalpna Patel

Book Description: Indigenous pilot Dr. Alis Kennedy will take you on an aviation tour from the Avro Arrow to the Zeppelin and everything in between.

Author's Residence: Missouri City, Texas

Publisher: Tundra Books / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: July 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.daniellemc.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Girl Power, History, Native American Interest

Alpaca Pati's Fancy Fleece

by Tracey Kyle, illustrated by Yoss Sánchez

Book Description: Alpaca Pati has the most beautiful fleece on the mountain, but she is devastated to learn it will be shorn off in the spring.

Author's Residence: Woodbridge, Virginia

Publisher: Running Press Inc.

Publication Date: September 2019

Author's Website: www.traceykyle.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Habitat, Kindness & Compassion, Overcoming Obstacles

Amazing, Misunderstood Bats

by Marta Magellan, photographed by Merlin Tuttle

Book Description: Bats are associated with vampires and Halloween, but the real horror story would be if bats disappeared. These important animals are necessary to ecosystems.

Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

Publication Date: May 2019

Author's Website: www.martamagellan.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Habitat, Nonfiction, STEM

And the Bullfrogs Sing

by David L. Harrison, illustrated by Kate Cosgrove

Book Description: "It is spring. Time to find a mate. A male bullfrog sings loud and deep. *Rumm rumm rumm.*" And so a life cycle begins.

Author's Residence: Springfield, Missouri

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: May 21, 2019

Author's Website: www.davidlharrison.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Nature, Science

And the Trees Began to Move

by Lisa Gammon Olson, illustrated by Lauren Rutledge

Book Description: The Spirit of the Pond wants to preserve his beauty by denying the ancient Tree Spirits his life-giving water in a time of drought.

Author's Residence: Coon Valley, Wisconsin

Publisher: Eifrig Publishing

Publication Date: April 21, 2019

Author's Website: www.lisagammonolson.com

Genre: Folk Tale

Themes & Subjects: Contemporary Fiction, Imagination, Kindness, Nature, Respect

Antonino's Impossible Dream

by Tim McGlen, illustrated by Sophia Touliatou

Book Description: Young artist Antonino dreams of painting a masterpiece, an impossible dream he calls *Friend*. When he gets stuck, inspiration comes from an unexpected place.

Author's Residence: Palm Bay, Florida

Publisher: Beaming Books

Publication Date: April 30, 2019

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Art, Friendship, Making Friends, Overcoming Obstacles, Special Needs

Arithmechicks Add Up: A Math Story

by Ann Marie Stephens, illustrated by Jia Liu

Book Description: Ten exuberant chicks demonstrate math concepts and make friends with a helpful mouse. A glossary defines the arithmetic strategies the chicks use throughout the story.

Author's Residence: Fairfax, Virginia

Publisher: Boyds Mills & Kane

Publication Date: August 13, 2019

Genre: Educational Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Back to School, Friendship, Math, STEM

Ava the Monster Slayer: Cousin Power

by Lisa Maggiore, illustrated by Ross Felten

Book Description: When Ava and her cousin Sophia go to camp, their beloved stuffed animals get lost in the woods. So they devise a plan to find them.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Skypony Press

Publication Date: September 17, 2019

Author's Website: www.lisamaggiore.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Family, Friendship, Girl Power, Overcoming Obstacles

Away with Words: The Daring Story of Isabella Bird

by Lori Mortensen, illustrated by Kristen Caldwell

Book Description: Join the Victorian traveler Isabella Bird, the first female member of the Royal Geographical Society who wrote ten books about her travels and explorations.

Author's Residence: Shingle Springs, California

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.lorimortensen.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Breaking Gender Barriers, Dreams & Aspirations, Perseverance, Women's Rights

Babymoon

by Hayley Barrett, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

Book Description: In a perfect gift for new and expectant parents (and siblings), a gentle story pays tribute to the wonder and emotion of a family's first quiet days with a newborn.

Illustrator's Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: April 2, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.juanamartinezneal.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Babies, Biracial Families, Family, Home, New Siblings

Badger's Perfect Garden

by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated Ramona Kaulitzki

Book Description: Perfectionist Badger plants seeds for his garden, but a storm washes them away. Badger learns even if things don't turn out as you expect, wonders still happen.

Author's Residence: Alva, Florida

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: March 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.marshadiarnold.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Dreams & Aspirations, Friendship, Nature

Bat vs. Poss

by Alexa Moses, illustrated by Anil Tortop

Book Description: Meek the possum and her sisters are happy in their paperbark tree—until Squabbles the bat moves in. A story about sharing and making friends.

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Illustrator's Residence: Ipswich, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: Lothian Children's Books

Publication Date: January 29, 2019

Author's Website: www.alexamoses.com

Illustrator's Website: www.aniltortop.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Community, Cultural Diversity, Friendship, Sharing

Bear Needs Help

by Sarah S. Brannen

Book Description: Bear's shoe is untied, and he needs some help! The other animals all run away as he approaches them for assistance. What to do?

Author's Residence: Eastern Massachusetts

Publisher: Philomel / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: January 22, 2019

Author's Website: www.sarahbrannen.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Common Childhood Experiences, Humor, Kindness & Compassion, Perseverance

Bear Out There

by Jacob Grant

Book Description: Bear prefers to stay in his house, but when Spider's kite flies away, he must venture into the messy forest to help his friend.

Author's Residence: Oak Park, Illinois

Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books

Publication Date: June 4, 2019

Author's Website: www.jacobgrantbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Friendship, Nature, Perseverance, Similarities & Differences

Bea's Bees

by Katherine Pryor, illustrated by Ellie Peterson

Book Description: Beatrix discovers a wild bumblebee nest and is drawn to their busy world. When her bees mysteriously disappear, Bea makes a plan to save them.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Schiffer Publishing

Publication Date: March 28, 2019

Author's Website: www.KatherinePryor.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Environment, Girl Power, Nature, Realistic Fiction, STEM

The Best Four Questions

by Rachelle Burk, illustrated by Melanie Florian

Book Description: Marcy asks "Four Questions" at Passover—only hers don't come from the Haggadah. Her family answers her wild questions before moving onto the traditional ones.

Author's Residence: East Brunswick, New Jersey

Publisher: Kar-Ben / Lerner Publishing

Publication Date: February 2019

Author's Website: www.Rachelleburk.com

Genre: Religious Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Holidays & Celebrations, Humor, Jewish Interest

Betty Builds It

by Julie Hampton

Book Description: Betty is a robot girl who can build just about anything! She won't give up until she builds the ultimate friend!

Author's Residence: Encinitas, California

Publication Date: September 10, 2019

Publisher: West Margin Press

Author's Website: www.juliehampton.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Girl Power, Making Friends, Siblings, STEM

Beverlee Beaz the Brown Burmese

by Regan W.H. Macaulay, illustrated by Alex Zgud

Book Description: Follow Beverlee the Burmese cat on an adventure fueled by the power of her wildly creative imagination as she turns the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Mirror World Publishing

Publication Date: April 17, 2019

Author's Website: www.reganwhmacaulay.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Bedtime, Imagination

Beyoncé: Shine Your Light

by Sarah Warren, illustrated by Geneva Bowers

Book Description: This captivating biography celebrates Beyoncé's rise. Her story inspires readers to dream big, ask for help, work hard, shine bright, and share the spotlight!

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: June 4, 2019

Author's Website: www.sarahwbooks.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: African American History, African American Interest, Biography, Girl Power, Entertainment

Be Yourself, Baba

by Hitomi Otani

Book Description: Spelling confuses him. Math puzzles him. Baba struggles. Then, something special happens to make Baba realize that he too has unique lovable qualities.

Author's Residence: Gifu, Japan

Publisher: Scholastic Asia

Publication Date: August 2019

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Common Childhood Experiences, Disabilities, Friendship, Kindness & Compassion

The Bible Explorer's Guide People and Places: 1,000 Amazing Facts and Photos

by Kathleen Long Bostrom

Book Description: Filled with facts, photos, history of the Bible and biblical times.

Author's Residence: Carlsbad, California

Publisher: Zonderkidz

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.kathleenlongbostrom.com

Themes & Subjects: Christian Interest, History, Religion

Big and Little: A Story of Opposites

by Cheryl Pilgrim

Book Description: Big and Little navigate their world in opposite ways, but the adventures they have together are the same amount of fun!

Author's Residence: The Woodlands, Texas

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: April 23, 2019

Author's Website: www.cherylpilgrim.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Animals, Compare & Contrast, Concept Book, Similarities & Differences

Bikes for Sale

by Carter Higgins, illustrated by Zachariah Ohora

Book Description: Maurice rides his bike to his shop every day. Lotta rides her bike to collect sticks every day. But what happens when a branch and a lemon peel get in the way?

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Publication Date: April 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.carterhiggins.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Making Friends, Perseverance, Transportation

Billie Jean! How Tennis Star Billie Jean King Changed Women's Sports

by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley

Book Description: When tennis player Billie Jean King competed in the most famous tennis match in history, she showed the world that men and women are equal.

Illustrator's Residence: Kansas City, Missouri

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: August 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.ebaddeley.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Breaking Gender Barriers, Competition, Sports, Women's Rights

Born to Draw Comics: The Story of Charles Schulz and the Creation of Peanuts

by Ginger Wadsworth, illustrated by Craig Orback

Book Description: A mixed-panel format picture book biography of Charles "Sparky" Schulz, creator of the beloved comic strip Peanuts.

Illustrator's Residence: Everett, Washington

Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books / Henry Holt / Macmillan

Publication Date: September 17, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.craigorback.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Art, Biography, Coming of Age, Dreams & Aspirations, Imagination

Born to Fly

by Beverley McWilliams, illustrated by Timothy Ide

Book Description: The inspiring true story of a farm boy from rural South Australia who followed his dreams and became one of Australia's most significant pioneer aviators.

Author's Residence: Adelaide, South Australia

Publisher: MidnightSun Publishing

Publication Date: August 2019

Author's Website: www.beverleymcwilliams.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Dreams & Aspirations, Nonfiction, Perseverance, STEM

The Box Cars

by Robert Vescio, illustrated by Cara King

Book Description: Liam and Kai race around in their box cars. One day they notice a little girl watching them, but there's only room for two.

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Publisher: Exisle Publishing

Publication Date: February 2019

Author's Website: www.robertvescio.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Friendship, Imagination, Kindness & Compassion, Physical Activity

A Boy Like You

by Frank Murphy, illustrated by Kayla Harren

Book Description: In an age when boys are expected to fit into a particular mold, this book celebrates all the wonderful ways to be a boy.

Illustrator's Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: July 14, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.kaylaharren.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Dreams & Aspirations, Identity, Kindness & Compassion

The Boy Who Grew a Forest: The True Story of Jadav Payeng

by Sophia Gholz, illustrated by Kayla Harren

Book Description: Distressed by the destruction of his Indian island, Jadav Payeng began planting. This inspiring story reminds us of the difference a single person can make.

Author's Residence: Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Illustrator's Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: March 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.sophiagholtz.com

Illustrator's Website: www.kaylaharren.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Asian & Asian American Interest, Biography, Environment, Nature, Perseverance

The Brave Cyclist: The True Story of a Holocaust Hero

by Amalia Hoffman, illustrated by Chiara Fedele

Book Description: Gino Bartali rose to become one of cycling's greatest stars. During the Holocaust he smuggled false identification cards hidden in his bike for Italian Jews.

Author's Residence: Larchmont, New York

Publisher: Capstone Publishing

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.amaliahoffman.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Civil Rights, Cultural Diversity, Discrimination, Jewish Interest

The Brown Rose

by Katy Chow, illustrated by Jeanne Conway

Book Description: During Shukrann's first school day the other children make fun of her skin color, but Shukrann's teacher cleverly teaches acceptance of all colors of skin.

Illustrator's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: MacLaran-Cochrane Publishing

Publication Date: December 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.jeanniespaintings.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Back to School, Cultural Diversity, Friendship, Muslim Interest, Muslim American Interest

Bug

by Robin Koontz, illustrated by Amy Proud

Book Description: When a bug-crazy girl needs to ace a big math test, she finds a clever way to solve her problems, 100%.

Author's Residence: Noti, Oregon
Publisher: Sterling Publishing
Publication Date: April 2, 2019
Author's Website: www.robinkoontz.blog
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Girl Power, Humor, Learning Challenges, Math

Butterflies in Room 6: See How They Grow

by Caroline Arnold

Book Description: This photo essay follows a classroom of kindergartners as they raise butterflies, observing each life stage before they release them in the school garden.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing

Publication Date: March 12, 2019

Author's Website: www.carolinearnold.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Education, Environment, Nature, Science

Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner

by Janice N. Harrington, illustrated by Theodore Taylor III

Book Description: A picture book biography about the pioneering African American entomologist Charles H. Turner, for grades K-5.

Author's Residence: Champaign, Illinois

Publisher: Boyds Mills & Kane

Publication Date: November 2019

Author's Website: www.janiceharrington.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Curiosity, Determination, Overcoming Obstacles

Camilla, Cartographer

by Julie Dillemoth, illustrated by Laura Wood

Book Description: When a huge snowstorm blankets Camilla's forest, she grabs her compass and sets out to explore, forge her own paths, and make her own maps.

Author's Residence: Santa Barbara, California

Publisher: Magination Press

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.juliedillemoth.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action/Adventure, Animals, Dreams & Aspirations, Girl Power, Imagination

Carl and The Meaning of Life

by Deborah Freedman

Book Description: Carl is an earthworm searching for his purpose in life, until he learns that even the smallest among us can make a big difference.

Author's Residence: Hamden, Connecticut

Publisher: Viking BFYR / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: April 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.deborahfreedman.net

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Habitat, Nature, Science

To Catch an Elephant

by Vanessa Westgate

Book Description: The tale of a boy and his quest for a pet elephant.

Author's Residence: Pacific Palisades, California

Publisher: Clavis Books

Publication Date: June 25, 2019

Website: www.vanessawestgate.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Family, Home, Nature

The Cat Who Lived With Anne Frank

by David Lee Miller & Steven J. Rubin, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley

Book Description: From the cat who lived with Anne Frank in the Amsterdam annex, this book paints a picture of a girl who believed in people's goodness.

Illustrator's Residence: Kansas City, Missouri

Publisher: Philomel / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: February 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.ebaddeley.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, History, Jewish Interest, Kindness & Compassion, War

Cavekid Birthday

by Cathy Breisacher, illustrated by Roland Garrigue

Book Description: Gift giving gets tricky, especially when cavekids share the same birthday. But when it's time to exchange presents, these cavekids are in for one mammoth surprise.

Author's Residence: Pennsylvania

Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing

Publication Date: May 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.cathybreisacher.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Competition, Friendship, Humor, Perseverance, Sports

Chicken Break: A Counting Book

by Cate Berry, illustrated by Charlotte Adler

Book Description: An *Ocean's 11*-style barnyard breakout counting book, told in rhyme. These plucky chickens count up to ten and back again, going wild in the middle!

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends / Macmillan

Publication Date: October 29, 2019

Author's Website: www.cateberry.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Humor, Math, STEM

Chip and Curly: The Great Potato Race

by Cathy Breisacher, illustrated by Joshua Heinsz

Book Description: Chip dreams of winning the Annual Sack Race, but fears his dream will be mashed when Curly shows up with a spring in his step.

Author's Residence: Pennsylvania

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: May 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.cathybreisacher.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Competition, Friendship, Humor, Perseverance, Sports

The Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood

by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, illustrated by Ellen Beier

Book Description: At Christmas, generosity and unexpected joy remind Virginia of the importance of community in this story from the author's childhood.

Illustrator's Residence: Corvallis, Oregon

Publisher: South Dakota Historical Society Press

Publication Date: July 1, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.ellenbeier.com

Genre: Memoir

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Family, Holidays & Celebrations, Native American Interest

Clackety Track: Poems About Trains

by Skila Brown, illustrated by Jamey Christoph

Book Description: Trains of all shapes and sizes are coming down the track—bullet train, sleeper train, underground train, zoo train, and more. All aboard!

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: March 12, 2019

Author's Website: www.skilabrown.com

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: Poetry, Transportation

The Cold Little Voice

by Alison Hughes, illustrated by Jan Dolby

Book Description: When that cold little voice inside us starts sneering, sometimes all it takes is some self-acceptance and love to become our own best friend.

Author's Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Publisher: Clockwise Press

Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.alisonhughesbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Identity, Kindness & Compassion, Overcoming Obstacles

Colouroos

by Anna McGregor

Book Description: When three differently-coloured mobs of kangaroos come together, they discover that they have more in common than they expect. A vibrant celebration of diversity.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Hachette Book Group

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.annamcgregor.com.au

Genre: Concept Book

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Colors, Cultural Diversity, Kindness & Compassion

This Cowgirl ain't Kiddin' About the Potty

by Sarah Glenn Fortson, illustrated by Russ Cox

Book Description: In her ten-gallon hat and two-quart diaper, Cowgirl A.K. ain't kiddin' about being too busy for the

potty . . . until she meets the most famous cowgirl of all.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Peter Pauper Press

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.sarahglennfortson.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Girl Power, Overcoming Obstacles, Western

Crane and Crane

by Linda Joy Singleton, illustrated by Richard Smythe

Book Description: A bird crane and a construction crane are both building homes for new families—will they finish before the babies are born?

Author's Residence: Burson, California

Publisher: Amicus Publishing

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.LindaJoySingleton.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Habitat, Nature, Similarities & Differences

The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons

by Natascha Biebow, illustrated by Steven Salerno

Book Description: Edwin Binney's love of color and knack for listening and making what people needed led to an innovative and enduring invention in 1903: Crayola crayons.

Author's Residence: London, England, United Kingdom

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.nataschabiebow.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Nature, Perseverance, STEAM

Croc & Turtle: Bestest Friends Ever

by Mike Wohnoutka

Book Description: Although other animals are better at lifting, jumping, and running, Croc and Turtle discover something they are best at. Introducing an utterly charming new duo.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books

Publication Date: February 2019

Author's Website: www.mikewohnoutka.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Competition, Friendship, Humor

Croc & Turtle: Snow Fun!

by Mike Wohnoutka

Book Description: What happens when friends have different ideas of fun? In this humorous and heartwarming adventure, Croc and Turtle navigate the ups and downs of friendship.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books

Publication Date: October 2019

Author's Website: www.mikewohnoutka.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Compare & Contrast, Friendship, Humor

Crow Spirit

by Debra Bartsch, illustrated by Gael Abary

Book Description: It's Cecily Jane's first day walking home from school. But when she meets Mr. Crow, heartfelt discoveries are made about family, loss, spirit, healing, and connections.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Illustrator's Residence: Kailua, Hawaii

Publisher: Spork / Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.debbartschillustration.com

Illustrator's Website: www.gaelabary.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Family, Grandparents, Grief, Nature

Crunchy, Not Sweet

by Amy Ward

Book Description: Little Tree Dude is on a taste-testing trek through the rainforest. He's trying new foods, but nothing satisfies—until he discovers the perfect frog treat.

Author's Residence: Metamora, Illinois

Publisher: KWIL Publishing

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.AmyWardCreates.Art

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Concept Book, Nature, Perseverance, STEM

Daddy, Can You See the Moon?

by Gayle C. Krause, illustrated by Carlos de la Garza

Book Description: The special moments a boy and his deployed dad share by looking at the moon.

Author's Residence: Matamoras, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Spork / Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: April 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.gayleckrause.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Disabilities, Family, Overcoming Obstacles

A Day So Gray

by Marie Lamba, illustrated by Alea Marley

Book Description: Once you notice them, colors and reasons for gratitude are everywhere! Warm friendship and a fresh way of seeing transform winter from bleak to beautiful.

Author's Residence: Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Clarion Books / Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: October 29, 2019

Author's Website: www.marielamba.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Colors, Common Childhood Experiences, Environment, Friendship, Nature

The Day We Built the Bridge

by Samantha Tidy, illustrated by Fiona Burrows

Book Description: The building of the Sydney Harbour Bridge was a moment in history which connected us, our

daring dreams, and, later, defined a country.

Author's Residence: Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia

Publisher: MidnightSun Publishing

Publication Date: February 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.samanthatidy.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Dreams & Aspirations, Perseverance, War

Dear Ballerina

by Monica Wellington

Book Description: A dream comes true for a girl who loves tutus, pointe shoes, and dancing on tiptoe!

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.monicawellington.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Dance, Performing Arts, Perseverance

Don't Let the Beasties Escape This Book!

by Julie Berry, illustrated by April Lee

Book Description: When young Godfrey stumbles upon the unfinished *Book of Beasts*, its spectacular pictures make him daydream away his day, forgetting his chores.

Author's Residence: Temple City, California

Publisher: Getty Publications

Publication Date: September 10, 2019

Author's Website: www.julieberrybooks.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Imagination, Responsibility

Dream Flights on Arctic Nights

by Brooke Hartman, illustrated by Evon Zerbetz

Book Description: Follow a child's dreamy flight through the Arctic and discover the animals that live there, from the wolves prowling in the snow to walrus and sea lions on glaciers.

Author's Residence: Chugiak, Alaska

Publication Date: February 26, 2019

Publisher: Graphic Arts Books

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Bedtime, Habitat, Nature, Poetry

Duckworth, the Difficult Child

by Michael Sussman, illustrated by Júlia Sardà

Book Description: Duckworth's parents think he is a difficult child, so when a snake slides right up and *swallows him whole*, his parents don't believe him!

Author's Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts

Publisher: Atheneum BFYR / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: June 18, 2019

Author's Website: www.michaelsussmanbooks.com

Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Imagination, Overcoming Obstacles

Dust Bunny Wants a Friend

by Amy Hevron

Book Description: Follow an adorable little dust bunny on a quest to make a friend in this sweet and simple wordless picture book.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: January 22, 2019

Author's Website: www.amyhevron.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Friendship, Making Friends

Ernestine's Milky Way

by Kerry Madden-Lunsford, illustrated by Emily Sutton

Book Description: An empowering picture book set in the 1940s about a determined five-year-old girl who embarks on a journey to deliver milk to her neighbors in the holler.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade / Random House

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.kerrymadden.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action/Adventure, Overcoming Obstacles, Responsibility

Esther's Gragger: A Toyshop Tale of Purim

by Martha Seif Simpson, illustrated by Durga Yael Bernhard

Book Description: Like her namesake, Queen Esther, a young girl displays courage and wit when a bully tries to steal her gragger.

Author's Residence: Hamden, Connecticut

Publisher: Wisdom Tales Press

Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.Martha-Seif-Simpson.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Community, Girl Power, Holidays & Celebrations, Jewish Interest, Religion

Evelyn the Adventurous Entomologist: The True Story of a World-Traveling Bug Hunter

by Christine Evans, illustrated by Yasmin Imamura

Book Description: Trailblazing entomologist Evelyn Cheesman embarks on eight solo expeditions, discovers insect species, and tangles with sticky spider webs in this biography of a hidden woman.

Author's Residence: Saratoga, California

Publisher: The Innovation Press

Publication Date: September 24, 2019

Author's Website: www.christinenancyevans.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Girl Power, Nature, STEM

The Favorite Book

by Bethanie Deeney Murguia

Book Description: Playful and thought provoking, this cheerful rhyming story encourages young readers to reflect on how they make decisions and pick their own favorites.

Author's Residence: Sausalito, California

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.aquapup.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Concept Book, Friendship, Respect

Finding Treasure: A Collection of Collections

by Michelle Schaub, illustrated by Carmen Saldaña

Book Description: A child searches for the perfect collection to bring in for a class assignment, seeking inspiration from family and friends. Told through poems.

Author's Residence: Downers Grove, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: September 17, 2019

Author's Website: www.michelleschaub.com

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Family, School

The First Men Who Went to the Moon

by Rhonda Gowler Greene, illustrated by Scott Brundage

Book Description: Apollo 11's historic journey to the Moon is told using majestic verse, informational text, and gorgeous watercolor illustrations.

Author's Residence: Orchard Lake, Michigan

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: March 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.rhondagowlergreene.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: History, STEAM, STEM

A First Time for Everything

by Tiffany Hall, illustrated by Anil Tortop

Book Description: A hilarious and relatable story that captures all the messy, glorious chaos of a baby's first year, from two of Australia's best-loved TV and radio personalities.

Illustrator's Residence: Ipswich, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: Albert Street Books / Allen & Unwin

Publication Date: September 1, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.aniltortop.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Babies, Common Childhood Experiences, Education, Family, Humor

Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color to Communicate

by Sara Levine, illustrated by Masha D'yans

Book Description: Plants use color to attract specific pollinators. A cantankerous cactus narrator explains science info that may be new to kids—and adults!

Author's Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts

Publisher: Millbrook Press / Lerner Publishing

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.saralevinebooks.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Nature, Science, STEM

Follow Me Down to Nicodemus Town

by A. LaFaye, illustrated by Nicole Tadgell

Book Description: Escaping sharecropping, Dede and her family became homesteaders in the real-life African

American Exoduster community in Nicodemus, Kansas.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co

Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.alafaye.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: African American Interest, Kindness & Compassion, Native American Interest, Perseverance

The Forest in the Trees

by Connie McLennan

Book Description: Cumulative verse and reader-friendly scientific information introduce the coast redwood canopy habitat, filled with plants and animals living high in the world's tallest trees.

Author's Residence: Rocklin, California

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

Publication Date: September 10, 2019

Author's Website: www.ConnieMcLennan.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Habitat, Nature, STEM

Four Otters Toboggan: An Animal Counting Book

by Vivian Kirkfield, illustrated by Mirka Hokannen

Book Description: In this lyrical counting book illustrated in modern woodcuts, ten endangered animals visit a river where the character of water changes like a child's mood.

Author's Residence: Amherst, New Hampshire

Publisher: Pomegranate Communications

Publication Date: April 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.viviankirkfield.com

Genre: Informational Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Habitat, Nature, STEM

A Friend for Henry

by Jenn Bailey, illustrated by Mika Song

Book Description: With insight and warmth, this heartfelt story from the perspective of a child on the autism spectrum celebrates the everyday magic of finding a first friend.

Author's Residence: Leawood, Kansas

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Publication Date: February 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.JennBailey.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Kindness & Compassion, Making Friends, Overcoming Obstacles, Special Needs

From A to Z with Energy!

by Connie Bergstein Dow, illustrated by Gareth Llewellyn

Book Description: A lively alphabet book that encourages movement, play, and learning. Includes a section for adults about using movement / dance to teach early literacy skills.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Free Spirit Publishing

Publication Date: April 9, 2019

Author's Website: www.movingislearning.com

Genre: Concept Book

Themes & Subjects: Activity, Alphabet, Dance, Education, Imagination

Fry Bread

by Kevin Maillard Noble, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

Book Description: Told in lively and powerful verse, an evocative depiction of a modern Native American family, vibrantly illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal (Caldecott Honor).

Illustrator's Residence: Scottsdale, Arizona

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan

Publication Date: October 22, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.juanamartinezneal.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Biracial Families, Family, History, Home, Native American Interest

Gargantua (Jr!): Defender of Earth

by Kevin Sylvester

Book Description: Mom protects Earth from space robots and asteroids. Gargantua (Jr!) wants to help, but Mom says "You're too little." So Junior sets out to prove she's wrong.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Groundwood Books

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.kevinsylvesterbooks.com

Genre: Science Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Family, Identity, LGBTQ, Responsibility

Ghost Cat

by Kevan Atteberry

Book Description: A boy is sure he has a ghost in his house. He thinks it is a cat. He knows because he used to have one.

Author's Residence: Bellevue, Washington

Publisher: Neal Porter Books / Holiday House

Publication Date: June 11, 2019

Author's Website: www.kevanatteberry.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Grief, Home, Kindness & Compassion, Overcoming Obstacles

The Gifts of the Animals

by Carole Gerber, illustrated by Yumi Shimokawara

Book Description: This beautiful story, based on an old English carol, tells in verse how stable animals brought their humble gifts to prepare the manger for Jesus.

Author's Residence: Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Publisher: Familius

Publication Date: September 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.carolegerber.com

Genre: Religious Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Holidays & Celebrations

A Girl Called Genghis Khan

by Michelle Lord, illustrated by Shehzil Malik

Book Description: Maria Toorpakai Wazir braved threats from the Taliban to play the sport she loved. Maria practiced

squash in her bedroom every day for three years!

Author's Residence: New Braunfels, Texas

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: July 23, 2019

Author's Website: www.michellelordbooks.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Girl Power, Perseverance, Sports, Women's Rights

A Girl Named October

by Zakieh A. Mohammed, illustrated by Andrea Tripke

Book Description: The title character, October, is ever-present as the narrator navigates a life without realizing how even the smallest interactions impact a large and imposing world.

Illustrator's Residence: Melbourne, Florida

Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

Publication Date: April 2, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.andreatripke.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Compare & Contrast, Dreams & Aspirations, Imagination, Siblings

Gittel's Journey: An Ellis Island Story

by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Amy June Bates

Book Description: In 1911, nine-year-old Gittel must immigrate to America by herself. How can she cross an ocean and start a new life all on her own?

Author's Residence: Holyoke, Massachusetts

Publisher: Abrams BFYR

Publication Date: February 2019

Author's Website: www.lesleakids.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Home, Immigration, Jewish Interest, Kindness & Compassion

Glimmer, Sing of Sun!

by Raven Howell, illustrated by Carina Povarchik

Book Description: Seasonal poems, dominated by summer themes, paint pictures of exploring nature and enjoying kid-friendly activities in this picture book.

Author's Residence: Cold Spring, New York

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: June 11, 2019

Author's Website: www.ravenhowell.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Concept Book, Nature, Poetry

Gloria Takes a Stand

by Jessica M Rinker, illustrated by Daria Peoples-Riley

Book Description: A picture book biography about the life and work of feminist icon Gloria Steinem.

Author's Residence: Frenchtown, New Jersey

Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.jessicarinker.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Girl Power, History, Perseverance, Women's Rights

God's Words to Dream On: Bedtime Bible Stories and Prayers

by Diane Stortz, illustrated by Diane Le Feyer

Book Description: 52 Bible stories create an overview of the Bible with a focus on God's love, care, protection, and power.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Tommy Nelson

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.Diane.Stortz.com

Genre: Religion

Themes & Subjects: Bedtime, Christian Interest, Religion

Goodbye, School

by Tonya Lippert, illustrated by Tracy Bishop

Book Description: Franny loves her school. She's played, read, studied, and even napped there. Franny has lots of good memories there. But today it's time to leave.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Magination Press

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.tonyalippert.blog

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Friendship

Grace's Mystery Seed

by Juliet M. Sampson, illustrated by Karen Erasmus

Book Description: Grace and her neighbor plant a seed. They wait for ages. Then a little shoot starts to grow and the mystery seed is revealed.

Author's Residence: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Publisher: Ford Street Publishing

Publication Date: March 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.julietmsampson.com.au

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Community, Environment, Friendship, Nature

The Great Indoors

by Julie Falatko, illustrated by Ruth Chan

Book Description: When a human family goes on their annual camping trip, all the animals from the woods move into their house.

Author's Residence: South Portland, Maine

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Publication Date: December 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.juliefalatko.com

Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Chinese American Interest, Habitat

Guitar Genius: How Les Paul Engineered the Solid Body Electric Guitar and Rocked the World

by Kim Tomsic, illustrated by Brett Helquist

Book Description: The true perseverance story of Hall of Fame icon Les Paul and the struggles he faced to create many inventions that transformed the music industry.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Publication Date: April 9, 2019
Author's Website: www.KimTomsic.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Music, Perseverance, STEM, Technology

Gulp, Gobble

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Kathryn Durst

Book Description: A beginning reader in rhyme about how animals eat.
Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York
Publisher: Simon Spotlight / Simon & Schuster
Publication Date: September 24, 2019
Author's Website: www.marilynsinger.net
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Animals, Nature, Poetry

Handimals: Animals in Art and Nature

by Silvia Lopez, illustrated by Guido Daniele

Book Description: Hands modeled and painted into animals are paired with insightful facts and photos of the corresponding animals to raise wildlife awareness and appreciation.
Author's Residence: Miami, Florida
Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books / Macmillan
Publication Date: April 30, 2019
Author's Website: www.silvialopezbooks.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Animals, Art, Environment

Happy Right Now

by Julie Berry, illustrated by Holly Hatam

Book Description: It's okay to be happy, sad, and everything in between. This helpful book is on understanding your emotions and choosing happiness when you can.
Author's Residence: Temple City, California
Publisher: Sounds True
Publication Date: October 29, 2019
Author's Website: www.julieberrybooks.com
Genre: Realistic Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Family, Humor

Hats Off to Mr. Pockles!

by Sally Lloyd-Jones, illustrated by David Litchfield

Book Description: An utterly hilarious, oh-so-silly tale about Mr. Pockles, an odd little dog with a big hat collection—and an even bigger heart.
Author's Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Schwartz & Wade / Penguin Random House
Publication Date: January 29, 2019
Author's Website: www.sallylloyd-jones.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Animals, Friendship, Humor, Kindness & Compassion, Making Friends

Hector: A Boy, a Protest, and the Photograph that Change Apartheid

by Adrienne Wright

Book Description: The shooting of a black boy during a 1976 protest in South Africa captured in a photograph becomes

an iconic symbol in the anti-apartheid struggle
Author's Residence: Gulph Mills, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Page Street Kids
Publication Date: June 4, 2019
Author's Website: www.adriennewright.com
Genre: Biography
Themes & Subjects: Civil Rights, Discrimination, History

Hedy Lamarr's Double Life

by Laurie Wallmark, illustrated by Katy Wu
Book Description: The picture book biography, *Hedy Lamarr's Double Life*, tells the story of the actress's hidden life—movie star by day, inventor by night.
Author's Residence: Ringoes, New Jersey
Publisher: Sterling Children's Books
Publication Date: May 5, 2019
Author's Website: www.lauriewallmark.com
Genre: Biography
Themes & Subjects: Girl Power, STEAM, STEM

Home in the Woods

by Eliza Wheeler

Book Description: Six-year-old Marvel and her homeless family find a tar-paper shack in the woods, and over the course of a year, turn it into a home.
Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books / Penguin Random House
Publication Date: October 2019
Author's Website: www.wheelerstudio.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Family, Grief, Home, Nature, Perseverance

Honeysmoke

by Monique Fields, illustrated by Yesenia Moises

Book Description: A young biracial girl looks around her world for her color. She finally chooses her own and creates a new word for herself: honeysmoke.
Author's Residence: Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Publisher: Imprint / Macmillan
Publication Date: January 8, 2019
Author's Website: www.moniquefields.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Biracial Families, Cultural Diversity, Identity, Similarities & Differences

Ho'onani: Hula Warrior

by Heather Gale, illustrated by Mika Song

Book Description: A picture book based on a true story of a young girl in Hawai'i who finds her place leading the boys-only hula troupe at school.
Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Tundra Books
Publication Date: October 1, 2019
Author's Website: www.heathergale.net
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Breaking Gender Barriers, Cultural Diversity, Dance, Girl Power, Dreams & Aspirations

How Do You Feel?

by Lizzy Rockwell

Book Description: Spare text combined with expressive portraits and detailed narrative scenes set at the park. Readers are prompted to decode the illustrations, building self-awareness and empathy.

Author's Residence: Bridgeport, Connecticut

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: September 24, 2019

Author's Website: www.lizzyrockwell.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Forgiveness, Grief, Kindness & Compassion, Making Friends

How I Learned to Fall Out of Trees

by Vincent X. Kirsch

Book Description: Before Adelia moves away, she teaches her best friend Roger how to climb a tree, learning how to hold on and let go.

Author's Residence: Beverly Hills, California

Publisher: Abrams BYFR

Publication Date: April 23, 2019

Author's Website: www.vincentxkirsch.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Grief, Overcoming Obstacles, Physical Activities

How to Care for Your T-Rex

by Ken Baker, illustrated by Dave Coverly

Book Description: The dino-lover's humorous guide to the do's and don'ts of caring for a pet T-Rex.

Author's Residence: Orem, Utah

Publisher: Henry Holt BFYR / Macmillan

Publication Date: April 30, 2019

Author's Website: www.kenbakerbooks.com

Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Bedtime, Education, Humor, Science

How to Code a Rollercoaster

by Josh Funk, illustrated by Sara Palacios

Book Description: Pearl and her trusty robot, Pascal, master the use of coding concepts: variables, sequences, loops, and more, while having a blast at the amusement park.

Author's Residence: Boston, Massachusetts

Publisher: Viking BFYR / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: September 24 2019

Author's Website: www.joshfunkbooks.com

Genre: Informational Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Breaking Gender Barriers, Girl Power, Science, STEM, Technology

Hum and Swish

by Matt Myers

Book Description: Jamie wants to make her beach creation in peace, but people keep asking her questions.

Author's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina

Publisher: Neal Porter Books / Holiday House

Publication Date: June 11, 2019

Author's Website: www.myerspains.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Art, Common Childhood Experiences, Friendship, Perseverance

I Campaigned for Ice Cream

by Suzanne Jacobs Lipshaw, illustrated by Wendy Leach

Book Description: Nine-year-old Joshua Lipshaw petitions his local government to change an outdated law that prevents ice cream trucks from driving through his town.

Publisher: Warren Publishing

Publication Date: April 24, 2019

Author's Website: www.suzannejacobslipshaw.com

Genre: Narrative Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Civics, Community, Dreams & Aspirations, Perseverance

If You Had Your Birthday Party on the Moon

by Joyce Lapin, illustrated by Simona Ceccarelli

Book Description: What would it be like to have your birthday party on the Moon? Blast off for an extraterrestrial celebration and find out!

Author's Residence: Simsbury, Connecticut

Publisher: Sterling Publishing

Publication Date: April 23, 2019

Author's Website: www.JoyceLapin.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Holidays & Celebrations, Science, STEM

I'm Happy-Sad Today

by Lory Britain, PhD, illustrated by Matthew Rivera

Book Description: With delightful illustrations and gentle messaging, this book helps children make sense of their "mixed-together" feelings. An adult section presents further ideas to support children.

Author's Residence: Eugene, Oregon

Publisher: Free Spirit Publishing

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.lorybritain.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Education, Kindness & Compassion, Overcoming Obstacles

I'm the Big One Now!

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Jana Christy

Book Description: Poems about growing up for 5-7 year olds.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Wordsong / Boyds Mills & Kane

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.marilynsinger.net

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Common Childhood Experiences

I'm Trying to Love Math

by Bethany Barton

Book Description: Children's Choice Award winner Bethany Barton applies her signature humor to the scariest subject of all: MATH!

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California
Publisher: Viking BFYR / Penguin Random House
Publication Date: July 2, 2019
Author's Website: www.bethanybarton.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Humor, Math, STEAM, STEM

In My Heart

by Nandana Dev Sen, illustrated by Ruchi Mhasane
Book Description: Written for all children, *In My Heart* travels on a child's journey of joyful discovery and the magical ways in which different kinds of families are born.
Author's Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Puffin Books India / Penguin Random House
Author's Website: www.nandanadevsen.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Asian & Asian American Interest, Common Childhood Experiences, Family, Identity

In the Shadow of an Elephant

by Georgie Donaghey, illustrated by Sandra Severgnini
Book Description: explores the bond between an orphaned elephant and an African boy. Addressing poaching, friendship, loss, trust, and life coming full circle.
Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Little Pink Dog Books
Publication Date: April 2019
Author's Website: www.georgiedonaghey.com.au
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Coping with Death, Family, Friendship, Making Friends

The Invisible Leash

by Patrice Karst, illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff
Book Description: A tender story about permanent loss that also celebrates the joy that animals give us in this life and beyond.
Author's Residence: Ventura, California
Publisher: Hachette Book Group / Little, Brown BFYR
Publication Date: December 3, 2019
Author's Website: www.PatriceKarst.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Coping with Death, Family, Grief

The Invisible String Workbook

by Patrice Karst, illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff
Book Description: The perfect companion workbook with more than fifty creative art therapy and writing activities that build healthy relationships and help heal the wounds of trauma.
Author's Residence: Ventura, California
Publisher: Hachette Book Group / Little, Brown BFYR
Publication Date: December 3, 2019
Author's Website: www.PatriceKarst.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Art, Family, Identity, Imagination, Writing

It's a Field Trip, Busy Bus!

by Jody Jensen Shaffer, illustrated by Claire Messer
Book Description: Busy Bus takes a field trip—and becomes

a little jealous of a shiny red fire truck—in a warm-hearted sequel to *It's Your First Day of School, Busy Bus!*

Author's Residence: Liberty, Missouri
Publisher: Beach Lane Books / Simon & Schuster
Publication Date: September 3, 2019
Author's Website: www.jodyjensenshaffer.com
Genre: Picture Book
Themes & Subjects: Back to School, Competition, Identity, Kindness & Compassion, Similarities & Differences

It's Good to Have a Grandpa

by Maryann Macdonald, illustrated by Priscilla Burris
Book Description: Grandpas with the time and enthusiasm to do all the things kids like to do are shown having fun with their grandchildren in diverse multicultural modes.
Author's Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co.
Publication Date: August 2019
Author's Website: www.maryannmacdonald.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: African American Interest, Asian & Asian American Interest, Common Childhood Experiences, Grandparents, Latino Interest

It's Not Hansel and Gretel

by Josh Funk, illustrated by Edwardian Taylor
Book Description: With laugh-out-loud dialogue and bold, playful art, this Hansel and Gretel retelling will have kids *and adults* giggling right up to the delicious ending!
Author's Residence: Boston, Massachusetts
Publisher: Two Lions / Amazon Publishing
Publication Date: March 1, 2019
Author's Website: www.joshfunkbooks.com
Genre: Fractured Fairy Tales
Themes & Subjects: Breaking Gender Barriers, Fairy Tale, Fantasy, Fractured Fairy Tales, Humor

I Will Be Fierce!

by Bea Birdsong, illustrated by Nidhi Chanani
Book Description: A young girl takes on the world like a brave explorer heading off on an epic fairytale quest.
Author's Residence: Greensboro, North Carolina
Publisher: Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan
Publication Date: April 23, 2019
Author's Website: www.beabirdsong.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Cultural Diversity, Girl Power, Kindness & Compassion, Perseverance

Jerome the Stone

by Dorothy Shaw
Book Description: Jerome wants to fly. No matter how he tries, he can't get off the ground. Then what happens takes him right out of this world!
Author's Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Publisher: Doodle and Peck Publishing
Publication Date: September 2019
Author's Website: www.dorothyshaw.com
Genre: Magical Realism

Themes & Subjects: Bedtime Story, Dreams & Aspirations, Imagination

Just Like Beverly

by Vicki Conrad, illustrated by David Hohn

Book Description: A picture book biography of the beloved Beverly Cleary. Follow her journey from struggling reader to children’s librarian to best-selling author.

Author’s Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Little Bigfoot / Sasquatch Books

Publication Date: August 13, 2019

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Perseverance, Writing

Just Read

by Lori Degman, illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov

Book Description: This exuberant, rhyming picture book celebrates reading in its many forms. It follows a diverse group of children who love to read anytime and anywhere.

Author’s Residence: Vernon Hills, Illinois

Publisher: Sterling Children’s Books

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author’s Website: www.Loridegman.com

Genre: Fiction-in-Verse

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Differently Abled, Education, Imagination

Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks Planet

by Curtis Manley, illustrated by Jessica Lanan

Book Description: Are there other habitable planets? Do they have beings like us? A young girl explores these questions in this book about the search for exoplanets.

Author’s Residence: Bellevue, Washington

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan

Publication Date: January 29, 2019

Author’s Website: www.curtismanley.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Nature, Science, STEM, Technology

Karl’s New Beak

by Lela Nargi, illustrated by Harriet Popham

Book Description: Karl is an Abyssinian ground hornbill whose lower bill broke off, making eating difficult. Can an old bird skeleton and a 3-D printer give Karl a new beak?

Author’s Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Capstone Press

Publication Date: March 2019

Author’s Website: www.lelanargi.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Nonfiction, Science, STEM

King of the Tightrope: When The Great Blondin Ruled Niagara

by Donna Janell Bowman, illustrated by Adam Gustavson

Book Description: For the Great Blondin to survive a tightrope feat across the Niagara River in 1859, he would need an engineering process, imagination, and determination. *Magnifique!*

Author’s Residence: Round Rock, Texas

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author’s Website: www.donnajanellebowman.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Dreams & Aspirations, STEAM

Kisses in Your Heart

by Sonia Bestulic, illustrated by Nancy Bevington

Book Description: A tender bedtime blessing carries Mum’s heartfelt love. Her kisses rest in the heart—always there to heal hurts, overcome fears, and unlock inner courage.

Author’s Residence: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Publisher: Big Sky Publishing

Publication Date: June 2019

Author’s Website: www.soniabestulic.com.au

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Bedtime Story, Common Childhood Experiences, Family, Home, Poetry

Kite for Moon

by Jane Yolen & Heidi E. Y. Stemple, illustrated by Matt Phelan

Book Description: Boy, kite, moon, astronaut

Author’s Residence: Hatfield, Massachusetts

Publisher: Zonderkidz / HarperCollins

Publication Date: April 2019

Author’s Website: www.janeyolen.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Dreams & Aspirations, Education, Family

Koala is Not a Bear

by Kristin L. Gray, illustrated by Rachel McAlister

Book Description: Where does Koala belong? Find out in this sweet story of friendship and family—with fun facts about marsupials thrown in.

Author’s Residence: Fayetteville, Arizona

Publisher: Sterling Publishing

Publication Date: May 7, 2019

Author’s Website: KristinLGray.com

Genre: Informational Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Compare & Contrast, Friendship, Humor, Identity

Kol Hakavod! (Way to Go!)

by Jamie Kiffel-Alchek, illustrated by Sarah-Jayne Mercer

Book Description: This rhyming book gives examples of what the congratulatory Hebrew phrase “kol hakavod!” means. Its illustrations show that even the smallest good deeds have an impact.

Author’s Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Lerner Publishing / Kar-Ben

Publication Date: August, 2019

Author’s Website: www.jamiekiffelalchek.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Friendship, Jewish Interest

The Land Belongs to Me

by Alys Jackson, illustrated by Shane McGrath

Book Description: An inspirational tale about the importance of sharing, solving conflict, and caring for our natural world.**Author's Residence:** Adelaide, South Australia, Australia**Publisher:** Big Sky Publishing**Publication Date:** August 26, 2019**Author's Website:** www.alysjackson.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Environment, Nature, Overcoming Obstacles, Respect***Leaping Lola***

by Tracey Hawkins, illustrated by Anil Tortop

Book Description: Lola—a brown Jersey cow—loves to dance. She practices for the Black and White Ball. Can she disguise herself and have a spin on the dance floor?**Illustrator's Residence:** Ipswich, Queensland, Australia**Publisher:** New Frontier Publishing**Publication Date:** May 1, 2019**Illustrator's Website:** www.aniltortop.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Animals, Dance, Friendship, Identity, Similarities & Differences***Let's Have A Dog Party!***

by Mikela Prevost

Book Description: Kate decides to throw a party for her dog, Frank! All of her friends are coming, but someone wishes they hadn't been invited—Frank.**Author's Residence:** Glendale, Arizona**Publisher:** Viking BFYR / Penguin Random House**Publication Date:** March 19, 2019**Author's Website:** www.mikelaprevost.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Forgiveness, Friendship, Humor, Similarities & Differences***Like a Girl***

by Lori Degman, illustrated by Mara Penny

Book Description: This introduction to "Girl Power" profiles twenty-four women who made a difference. With its simple yet powerful text, this book will inspire young women everywhere.**Author's Residence:** Vernon Hills, Illinois**Publisher:** Sterling Children's Books**Publication Date:** August 13, 2019**Author's Website:** www.Loridegman.com**Genre:** Nonfiction**Themes & Subjects:** Biography, Breaking Gender Barriers, Cultural Diversity, Girl Power, Picture Book***Little Boy, Little Boy***

by Elizabeth Armstrong, illustrated by Jeanne Conway

Book Description: A mother remembers her son's life with all the good times and the escapades he had growing up.**Illustrator's Residence:** St. Louis, Missouri**Publisher:** Elk Lake Publishers**Publication Date:** April 2019**Illustrator's Website:** www.jeanniespaintings.com**Genre:** Biography**Themes & Subjects:** Christian Interest, Coping with Death, Family, Grief***A Little Chicken***

by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Dan Taylor

Book Description: Dot proves that sometimes a big hero is just a little chicken.**Author's Residence:** Edmond, Oklahoma**Publisher:** Sterling Publishing Company**Publication Date:** March 12, 2019**Author's Website:** www.tammisauer.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Animals, Humor, New Siblings, Overcoming Obstacles***Little Juniper Makes it Big***

by Aidan Cassie

Book Description: Juniper, a tiny yet industrious raccoon, is tired of being small. She joyously discovers size is all about perspective after meeting a new, smaller friend.**Author's Residence:** Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, Canada**Publisher:** Farrar, Straus & Giroux BFYR / Macmillan**Publication Date:** July 23, 2019**Author's Website:** www.aidancassie.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Animals, Common Childhood Experiences, Making Friends, Overcoming Obstacles***Little Libraries, Big Heroes***

by Miranda Paul, illustrated by John Parra

Book Description: Follows literacy superhero Todd Bol, founder of the Little Free Library movement, along with many volunteers whose passion shares millions of books in communities worldwide.**Illustrator's Residence:** Queens, New York**Publisher:** Clarion Books / Houghton Mifflin Harcourt**Publication Date:** September 3, 2019**Illustrator's Website:** www.johnparraart.com**Genre:** Biography**Themes & Subjects:** Art, Community, Imagination, Neighborhood***Long Ago, on a Silent Night***

by Julie Berry, illustrated by Annie Won

Book Description: A mother celebrates the miracle and blessing of her newborn child as many celebrate another miracle: a baby born long ago, on a silent night.**Author's Residence:** Temple City, California**Publisher:** Orchard Books / Scholastic**Publication Date:** September 3, 2019**Author's Website:** www.julieberrybooks.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Babies, Family, Holidays & Celebrations***Look! I Wrote a Book! (And You Can Too!)***

by Sally Lloyd-Jones, illustrated by Neal Layton

Book Description: From a New York Times best-selling author and an award-winning illustrator comes a hilarious step-by-step guide to writing a book, told by a child "author."

Author's Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Schwartz & Wade
Publication Date: July 23, 2019
Author's Website: www.sallylloyd-jones.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Education, HumorWriting

Look Up With Me: Neil deGrasse Tyson: A Life Among the Stars

by Jennifer Berne, illustrated by Lorraine Nam
Book Description: The story of Neil deGrasse Tyson, his life, the universe he loves, and some amazing mind-blowing astrophysics!
Author's Residence: Angram, New York
Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books / HarperCollins
Publication Date: February 5, 2019
Author's Website: www.jenniferberne.com
Genre: Narrative Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: African American Interest, Biography, Science, STEM

Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuko Ando

by Andrea Wang, illustrated by Kana Urbanowicz
Book Description: Inspiration struck when Momofuko Ando spotted the long lines for ramen following WWII. *Magic Ramen* tells the true story behind the creation of instant ramen.
Author's Residence: Centennial, Colorado
Publisher: little bee books
Publication Date: March 5, 2019
Author's Website: www.andreaywang.com
Genre: Biography
Themes & Subjects: Asian & Asian American Interest, Dreams & Aspirations, Japanese Interest, Perseverance

Mama's Work Shoes

by Caron Levis, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley Newton
Book Description: When Mama's new shoes click-clack her back to work—Perry tries to hide them! Step by loving step, Mama helps Perry realize that she always click-clacks home.
Author's Residence: New York, New York
Publisher: Abrams BFYR
Publication Date: September 3, 2019
Author's Website: www.caronlevis.com
Genre: Realistic Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Back to School, Common Childhood Experiences, Family, Grandparents, Overcoming Obstacles

Martin and Anne: the Kindred Spirits of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Anne Frank

by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by Yevgenia Nayberg
Book Description: Anne Frank and Martin Luther King Jr. were born the same year a world apart. Both answered prejudice with love, and have parallel journeys to find hope in darkness.
Author's Residence: Plano, Texas
Publisher: Creston Books / Lerner Publishing Group
Publication Date: March 5, 2019
Author's Website: www.nancychurnin.com
Genre: Biography
Themes & Subjects: African American History, Biography,

Civil Rights, Discrimination, Dreams & Aspirations

Marty's Mission: An Apollo 11 Story

by Judy Young, illustrated by David Miles
Book Description: During Apollo 11's return to Earth, something goes wrong and the only way to safely bring the astronauts back is dependent on ten-year-old Marty.
Author's Residence: Preston, Idaho
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press
Publication Date: April 15, 2019
Author's Website: www.JudyYoungPoetry.com
Genre: Historical Fiction
Themes & Subjects: History, Responsibility, Science

Milton & Odie and the Bigger-Than-Bigmouth Bass

by Mary Ann Fraser
Book Description: A friendship story about two otters who meet by chance while ice fishing and the power of positive thinking to yield BIG results.
Author's Residence: Star, Idaho
Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing
Publication Date: October 1, 2019
Author's Website: www.maryannfraser.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Making Friends, Overcoming Obstacles, Perseverance, Similarities & Differences

Mine. Yours.

by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Qin Ling
Book Description: Little Panda searches for community but encounters self-centered animals. This story about sharing, friendship, and belonging reveals the most important word of all in the end—*ours*.
Author's Residence: Alva, Florida
Publisher: Kids Can Press
Publication Date: April 2, 2019
Author's Website: www.marshadiarnold.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Animals, Community, Kindness & Compassion, Nature

Mitzvah Pizza

by Sarah Lynn Scheerger, illustrated by Deborah Melmon
Book Description: Inspired by a real-life "pay it forward" pizza shop, Missy and her Dad discover a special way to do a Mitzvah.
Author's Residence: Ventura County, California
Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing
Publication Date: May 1, 2019
Author's Website: www.sarahlynnbooks.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Community, Friendship, Jewish Interest, Kindness & Compassion

Moo, Moo, Chew, Chew: Sounds from the Farm

by Jennifer Shand, illustrated by Barbara Vagnozzi
Book Description: Can you guess what is making that sound? With onomatopoeia, alliteration, and a little rhyme,

learn the different sounds from the farm!

Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: Flowerpot Press

Publication Date: November 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.jennifershand.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Education, Entertainment, Nature

The Most Terrible of All

Author: Muon Thi Van, illustrated by Matt Myers

Book Description: A little monster discovers that true terribleness can come in a very tiny package in this bold, funny exploration of sibling rivalry.

Illustrator's Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina

Publisher: Margaret K. McElderry Books / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: April 23, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.myerspains.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Making Friends, New Siblings, Siblings

Mother Teresa: The Little Pencil in God's Hand

by Patricia Ann Saunders

Book Description: Agnes dreams of becoming a writer, but she also wants to help the needy. She doesn't think she can do both, but learns miracles happen.

Author's Residence: Garland, Texas

Publisher: Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: May 2019

Author's Website: www.patriciasaunders.com

Genre: Historical Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Christian Interest, Education, History

My Heart

by Corinna Luyken

Book Description: From the author-illustrator of *The Book of Mistakes* comes a gorgeous picture book about caring for your own heart and living with kindness and empathy.

Author's Residence: Olympia, Washington

Publisher: Dial BFYR / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.corinnaluyken.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Art, Forgiveness, Kindness & Compassion, Poetry

My Puppy Patch

by Theo Heras, illustrated by Alice Carter

Book Description: It's a big day for Patch the puppy as her girl decides to take her for her first walk outside of the yard.

Illustrator's Residence: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Pajama Press

Publication Date: June 13, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.alicecarter.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Education, Nature, Responsibility

My Real Friend

by David Hunt, illustrated by Lucia Masciullo

Book Description: Rupert isn't real, but he has a real friend, William. They have amazing adventures together until William no longer wants an imaginary friend.

Illustrator's Residence: Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: ABC Books

Publication Date: April 15, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.LuciaMasciullo.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Identity, Imagination

My Shape is Sam

by Amanda Jackson, illustrated by Lydia Nichols

Book Description: Sam is a square who longs for softer corners, rounder edges, and the ability to roll like a circle.

Illustrator's Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Page Street Kids

Publication Date: September 17, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.lydianichols.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Identity, Perseverance, Self-Esteem, Shapes, Similarities & Differences

My Singing Nana

by Pat Mora, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez

Book Description: "Always amigos!" *My Singing Nana* is a compassionate tribute to families dealing with Alzheimer's disease, celebrating family, heritage, and happy memories.

Illustrator's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Magination Press

Publication Date: October 15, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.alyssabermudezart.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Dealing with Illness, Family, Grandparents, Latino Interest

My Whirling, Twirling Motor

by Merriam Sarcia Saunders, illustrated by Tammie Lyon

Book Description: Charlie's motor gets him in trouble all day. At bedtime, is Mom angry? Or does she have a surprise that makes them both feel better?

Author's Residence: Greenbrae, California

Publisher: Magination Press

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.merriamsaunders.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Bedtime Story, Disabilities, Learning Challenge, Overcoming Obstacles, Special Needs

Nelly Takes New York: A Little Girl's Adventures in the Big Apple

by Allison Pataki and Marya Myers, illustrated by Kristi Valiant

Book Description: The Big Apple may be hiding in the place you least expect it in this spunky introduction to the best parts of New York.

Illustrator's Residence: Evansville, Indiana

Publisher: Simon & Schuster BFYR

Publication Date: May 14, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.kristivaliant.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Community, Cultural Diversity, Neighborhood

Never Trumpet with a Crumpet

by Amy Gibson, illustrated by Jenn Harney

Book Description: In this hilarious, tongue-in-cheek picture book about manners, zoo animals attempt to follow proper etiquette when they are accidentally invited to tea with The Queen.

Author's Residence: Los Gatos, California

Publisher: Boyds Mills & Kane

Publication Date: May 14, 2019

Author's Website: www.amygibson.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Humor

The New Bird In Town

by Jamie L. B. Deenihan, illustrated by Carrie Hartman

Book Description: When Owl moves to a new neighborhood, he invites the other animals to a party, but they misinterpret his intentions. They learn that everyone deserves a chance to be known.

Author's Residence: Woodbury, Minnesota

Publisher: Avenue A Books

Publication Date: June 2019

Author's Website: www.carriehartman.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Community, Concept Book, Friendship, Making Friends Neighborhood

Night Train: A Journey from Dusk to Dawn

by Annie Cronin Romano, illustrated by Ileana Soon

Book Description: *Night Train* takes readers along on a steam engine's overnight journey from city to small town. Varied landscapes show the passage of time.

Author's Residence: Hopedale, Massachusetts

Publisher: Page Street Kids

Publication Date: April 16, 2019

Author's Website: www.anniecroninromano.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Bedtime Story, Poetry, Transportation

Noah Noasaurus

by Elaine Kiely Kearns, illustrated by Colin Jack

Book Description: Noah is in a grumpy mood and wants to be alone, but when his friends follow him around he cannot help but have fun.

Author's Residence: Patterson, New York

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co.

Publication Date: April 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.elainekielykearns.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Family, Friendship, Humor, Making Friends

No Hugs!

by Deirdre A. Prischmann, illustrated by Sarah Jennings

Book Description: Alice loves giving hugs and doesn't understand why her friend Zara does not want one—until the tables are turned, giving her a new perspective.

Author's Residence: Moorhead, Minnesota

Publisher: Amicus Ink

Publication Date: August 6, 2019

Author's Website: www.deirdreprischmann.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Friendship, Overcoming Obstacles, Respect

Nothing

by Natalee Creech, illustrated by Joseph Cowman

Book Description: *Nothing* joyfully explores whether anything can separate us from God's love. Whimsical rhyme, imaginative illustrations, and a repeating chorus make for a great read aloud.

Author's Residence: Pohang, South Korea

Publisher: Hachette Book Group / Worthy Kids

Publication Date: April 23, 2019

Author's Website: www.nataleecreech.com

Genre: Religious Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Christian Interest, Forgiveness, Imagination, Poetry, Religion

Un nuevo hogar / A New Home

by Tania de Regil

Book Description: In a cleverly combined voice, a boy and girl convey fears about moving from New York City to Mexico City and vice versa. English and Spanish versions.

Author's Residence: Mexico City, Mexico

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: April 9, 2019

Author's Website: www.taniaderegil.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Home, Immigration, Mexican Interest, Similarities & Differences

Nugget & Fang Go to School

by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Michael Slack

Book Description: Fang gets invited to attend Mini Minnows Elementary. He thinks it's a great idea! Then his first day arrives...and suddenly, he's not so sure.

Author's Residence: Edmond, Oklahoma

Publisher: Clarion Books

Publication Date: June 25, 2019

Author's Website: www.tammisauer.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Back to School, Friendship, Humor

Nutcracker Night

by Mireille Messier, illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard

Book Description: *Voof!* go the velvet curtains. The *Nutcracker* ballet comes to life in this onomatopoeic representation of a little girl's first experience at the ballet.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Pajama Press

Publication Date: November 2019

Author's Website: www.mireille.ca

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Dance, Holidays & Celebrations, Performing Arts, STEAM

Octopus Stew

by Eric Velasquez

Book Description: What do you do when an octopus captures Grandma? Put on your superhero cape and rescue her! Two stories in one from award-winning Afro-Latino artist Eric Velasquez.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: September 17, 2019

Author's Website: www.ericvelasquez.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Afro-Latino Interest, Family, Grandparents, Humor

Ollie and Augustus

by Gabriel Evans

Book Description: A funny, heartwarming story about little Ollie's determination to make sure his great big dog, Augustus, is okay when he's at school.

Author's Residence: Perth, Western Australia, Australia

Publisher: Walker Books Australia

Publication Date: September 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.gabrielevansart.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Back to School, Friendship, Humor, Identity

Ollie on Stage

by Keith Brockett, illustrated by Ashley King

Book Description: Ollie the ogre longs to compete in the local talent show. But what're his talents? He embarks on a frenzied, hilarious quest to discover them.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: March 15, 2019

Genre: Fiction-in-Verse

Themes & Subjects: Competition, Dreams & Aspirations, Overcoming Obstacles, Performing Arts, Perseverance

Once Upon a Goat

by Dan Richards, illustrated by Eric Barclay

Book Description: A twisted fairy tale about a king and queen who wish for a child of their own...and end up with a baby goat.

Author's Residence: Bothell, Washington

Publisher: Alfred A Knopf BFYR

Publication Date: August 27, 2019

Author's Residence: www.danrichardsbooks.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Fairy Tales, Family, Fractured Fairy Tale

One Tree

by Christopher Cheng, illustrated by Bruce Whatley

Book Description: A touching and uplifting story about love, change, and the importance of the natural environment in all our lives.

Author's Residence: Sydney, NSW, Australia

Publisher: Penguin BFYR

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.chrischeng.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Chinese Interest, Community, Environment, Family, Home

Otters, Snails and Tadpole Tails

by Eric Ode, illustrated by Ruth Harper

Book Description: A beautiful homage to all things wetland. From raccoons to muskrats, frogs to heron, it's a celebration of biodiversity, art, poetry, and healthy ecosystems.

Author's Residence: Bonney Lake, Washington

Illustrator's Residence: Glenwood, Iowa

Publisher: Kane Miller Books

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.ericode.com

Illustrator's Website: www.rutheharper.com

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Habitat, Nature, Science

Out of this World: The Surreal Art of Leonora Carrington

by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Amanda Hall

Book Description: A gorgeous illustrated biography of the early surrealist artist Leonora Carrington, who celebrated women, folklore, and mythology in her paintings.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Balzer + Bray / HarperCollins

Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.michellemarkel.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Art, Biography, Dreams & Aspirations, Imagination, Women's Rights

Parrots, Pugs, and Pixie Dust: A Book About Fashion Designer Judith Leiber

by Deborah Blumenthal, illustrated by Masha D'yans

Book Description: This picture book about iconic handbag designer Judith Leiber will embolden young readers to use their imaginations and inspire the world with their own creativity!

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: September 17, 2019

Author's Website: www.deborahblumenthal.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Art, Imagination

Peanut Butter & Santa Claus

by Joe McGee, illustrated by Charles Santoso

Book Description: When Santa is stuck in the North Pole, it's up to Reginald, Abigail, and Zarfion the alien to race to the rescue and save Christmas!

Author's Residence: Frenchtown, New Jersey
Publisher: Abrams BFYR
Publication Date: October 15, 2019
Author's Website: www.joemcgeeauthor.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Holidays & Celebrations, Humor, Overcoming Obstacles

Penguin Sets Sail

by Jessica Linn Evans

Book Description: Penguin doesn't care about fish; he wants to be a sea captain. A wordless picture book about friendship, chasing dreams, and the value of home.

Author's Residence: Moscow, Idaho

Publisher: Cannonball Books / Canon Press

Publication Date: November 2019

Author's Website: www.jessicalinnevans.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Animals, Dreams & Aspirations, Family, Making Friends

Penny and Penelope

by Dan Richards, illustrated by Claire Almon

Book Description: Two girls on a playdate learn there's more to each other than meets the eye with a little help from their dolls.

Author's Residence: Bothell, Washington

Publisher: Imprint / Macmillan

Publication Date: August 6, 2019

Author's Residence: www.danrichardsbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Common Childhood Experiences, Girl Power, Making Friends, Similarities & Differences

Pepe and the Parade: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage

by Tracey Kyle, illustrated by Mirelle Ortega

Book Description: Pepe learns about his Mexican-American heritage at the annual Hispanic Heritage Parade.

Author's Residence: Woodbridge, Virginia

Publisher: little bee books

Publication Date: August 27, 2019

Author's Website: www.traceykyle.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Family, Identity, Mexican-American Interest

Picturing God

by Ruth Goring

Book Description: With poetic language and gorgeous handcrafted collages, *Picturing God* explores metaphors for God: light, living water, father, mother, clothing, rock, wind, comforter, door, and more.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Beaming Books / Augsburg Fortress

Publication Date: September 24, 2019

Author's Website: www.ruthgoringbooks.com

Genre: Religion

Themes & Subjects: Art, Christian Interest, Free Verse, Imagination, Poetry

The Piñata that the Farm Maiden Hung

by Samantha R. Vamos, illustrated by Sebastía Serra

Book Description: *The Piñata that the Farm Maiden Hung*—bilingual companion to *The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred*—features new characters and a surprise piñata.

Author's Residence: San Carlos, California

Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing

Publication Date: January 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.samanthavamos.com

Genre: Bilingual Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Folk Tale, Holidays & Celebrations, Latino Interest

Pippa

by Dimity Powell, illustrated by Andrew Plant

Book Description: Pippa is a plucky little pigeon determined not to remain grounded by her over-protective parents. Ignoring their warnings, she takes a leap into the unknown... alone.

Author's Residence: Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: Ford Street Publishing

Publication Date: July 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.dimitypowell.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Animals, Family, Nature, Perseverance

Pippa's Night Parade

by Lisa Robinson, illustrated by Lucy Fleming

Book Description: Using her wits, imagination, and design skills, Pippa finds a way to defeat the monsters that steal out of her storybooks.

Author's Residence: Newton, Massachusetts

Publisher: Two Lions / Amazon Publishing

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.author-lisa-robinson.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Bedtime Story, Common Childhood Experiences, Girl Power

Pippa's Passover Plate

by Vivian Kirkfield, illustrated by Jill Weber

Book Description: Pippa the mouse is busy preparing for Passover. But her special Seder plate is missing! Pippa finds both her missing Seder plate and new friends.

Illustrator's Residence: Mount Vernon, New Hampshire

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: February 5, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.frajilfarms.com

Genre: Jewish Holidays

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Community, Jewish Interest, Making Friends, Overcoming Obstacles

Pirates Don't Go to Kindergarten

by Lisa Robinson, illustrated by Eda Kaban

Book Description: Pirate Emma stirs up a mutiny against kindergarten. Batten down the hatches, mateys, because the first day of school is going to be stormy!

Author's Residence: Newton, Massachusetts

Publisher: Two Lions / Amazon Publishing

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.author-lisa-robinson.com
Genre: Contemporary Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Back to School, Common Childhood Experiences, Education, Girl Power

Playdate

by Maryann Macdonald, illustrated by Rahele Jomepour Bell

Book Description: A multicultural playdate unfolds in simple rhyming text for read-aloud (or early readers), accompanied by lively illustrations.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co.

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.mayannmacdonald.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: African American Interest, Asian / Asian American Interest, Common Childhood Experiences, Latino Interest, Making Friends

Poetree

by Shauna LaVoy Reynolds, illustrated by Shahrazad Maydani

Book Description: Sylvia ties a poem to a birch and is delighted when the tree writes back. A story of friendship, nature, and the power of poetry.

Author's Residence: Nolensville, Tennessee

Publisher: Dial BFYR / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: March 19, 2019

Author's Website: www.shaunalavoyreynolds.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Kindness & Compassion, Nature, Poetry, Writing

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: Scotts Valley, California

Publisher: MacLaren-Cochrane Publishing

Publication Date: February 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.lindacovella.com

Genre: Historical Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, History, Latino Interest, Mexican American Interest

Predator and Prey: A Conversation in Verse

by Susannah Buhrman-Deever, illustrated by Bert Kitchen

Book Description: Predator and prey face off in a battle of poems as they lie, spy, and even tell the truth to win. With nonfiction notes.

Author's Residence: Rochester, New York

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: April 9, 2019

Author's Website: www.buhrmandeever.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Nature, Poetry, STEAM

Queen of Physics: How Wu Chien Shiung Helped Unlock the Secrets of the Atom

by Teresa Robeson, illustrated by Rebecca Huang

Book Description: Born in 1920, Wu Chien Shiung fought racism and sexism to become a respected and prominent Chinese-American physicist.

Author's Residence: Bloomington, Indiana

Publisher: Sterling Publishing

Publication Date: September 17, 2019

Author's Website: www.teresarobeson.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Chinese American Interest, Girl Power, Science, STEM

A Race Around the World: The True Story of Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland

by Caroline Starr Rose, illustrated by Alexandra Bye

Book Description: Seventy-five days. Two very different women. One incredible race.

Author's Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co.

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.carolinestarrrose.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Biography, Historical, Women's Rights

Rainbow: A First Book of Pride

by Michael Genhart, illustrated by Anne Passchier

Book Description: Let's celebrate Pride with a look at the meaning behind each colorful stripe in this sweet ode to rainbow families everywhere.

Author's Residence: San Francisco, California

Publisher: Magination Press

Publication Date: May 2019

Author's Website: www.michaelgenhart.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Colors, Family, LGBTQ, Picture Book, Respect

The Ranger

by Nancy Vo

Book Description: Navigating an indifferent and dangerous wilderness, a ranger and a fox form a special and unexpected friendship.

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Groundwood Books / House of Anasi Press

Publication Date: August 2019

Author's Website: www.nancyvo.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Western

The Real Farmer in the Dell

by Sandra Sutter, illustrated by Chantelle Thorne and Burgen Thorne

Book Description: You thought you knew the real story, but one little mouse spills the beans and will leave you questioning what else might not be true.

Author's Residence: Georgetown, Kentucky

Publisher: Spork / Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: March 19, 2019

Author's Website: www.sdsutter.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Breaking Gender Barriers, Girl Power, Humor, Western

Remarkably YOU

by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Patrice Barton

Book Description: Heartfelt and timeless, *Remarkably You* is an inspirational manifesto about all things—big or small, loud or quiet—that make us who we are.

Author's Residence: Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Illustrator's Residence: Cedar Park, Texas

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: February 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.patzietlowmiller.com

Illustrator's Website: www.patricebarton.com

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Dreams & Aspirations, Identity, Perseverance, Poetry

Roar, Roar, Growl, Growl: Sounds from the Jungle

by Jennifer Shand, illustrated by Barbara Vagnozzi

Book Description: Can you guess what is making that sound? With onomatopoeia, alliteration, and a little rhyme, learn the different sounds from the jungle!

Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: Flowerpot Press

Publication Date: November 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.jennifershand.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Education, Entertainment, Nature

Rosh Hashana / Yom Kippur Guess Who?

by Ariella Stern, illustrated by Patti Argoff

Book Description: *Rosh Hashana / Yom Kippur Guess Who?* is an interactive book of holiday riddles to challenge children ages 3-6. Lift the flaps to find the answers!

Illustrator's Residence: Ashford, Connecticut

Publisher: Hachai Publishing

Publication Date: July 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.pattiargoff.com

Genre: Jewish Interest

Themes & Subjects: Family, Holidays & Celebrations, Religion

Rosie the Dragon and Charlie Make Waves

by Lauren H. Kerstein, illustrated by Nate Wragg

Book Description: It's summertime, and you're invited for a rollicking day at the pool with Charlie and his pet dragon (and best friend!), Rosie.

Author's Residence: Englewood, Colorado

Publisher: Two Lions / Amazon Publishing

Publication Date: June 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.LaurenKerstein.net

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Humor, Making Friends, Overcoming Obstacles, Responsibility, Sports

Ruby's Christmas Gifts

by Nancy Oswald, illustrated by Nathaniel Jensen

Book Description: On Christmas Eve, eleven-year-old Ruby and her donkey, Maude, search for Maude's lost foal. Their surprise-filled journey reveals the joy of giving and receiving.

Author's Residence: Cotopaxi, Colorado

Publisher: Filter Press

Publication Date: September, 2019

Author's Website: www.NancyOswald.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Family, Holidays & Celebrations, Kindness & Compassion, Perseverance

Santa and the Goodnight Train

by June Sobel, illustrated by Laura Huliska-Beith

Book Description: All aboard for the North Pole! The Goodnight Train follows Santa's sleigh on a magical ride through a winter wonderland on Christmas Eve.

Author's Residence: Westlake Village, California

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: September 10, 2019

Author's Website: www.junesobel.com

Genre: Holidays & Celebrations

Themes & Subjects: Bedtime, Community, Holidays & Celebrations, Transportation

Santa and the Sugar Glider

by Alexa Moses, illustrated by Anil Tortop

Book Description: A sugar glider wants to become Santa's helper in this sweet Christmas story about kindness, following your dreams, and the magic of Christmas.

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Illustrator's Residence: Ipswich, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: Lothian Children's Books

Publication Date: October 29, 2019

Author's Website: www.alexamoses.com

Illustrator's Website: www.aniltortop.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Holidays & Celebrations, Competition, Dreams & Aspirations, Kindness & Compassion, Self-Esteem

Sea Bear: A Journey for Survival

by Lindsay Moore

Book Description: *Sea Bear* is a celebration of Arctic life through the eyes of a polar bear as she hunts, swims, and survives in a changing ecosystem.

Author's Residence: Bowling Green, Ohio

Publisher: Greenwillow Books / HarperCollins

Publication Date: January 22, 2019

Author's Website: www.lindsaykmoore.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Perseverance, Science, STEM

Sea Glass Summer

by Michelle Houts, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline

Book Description: They say each piece of sea glass has a story all its own. Imagine the tales the sea might tell.

Author's Residence: Celina, Ohio

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: May 14, 2019

Author's Website: www.michellehouts.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Environment, Grandparents, Imagination, Nature

Seashells: More Than a Home

by Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Sarah S. Brannen

Book Description: Seashells can pry like a crowbar, glide like a butterfly, and much, much more. Discover the surprising ways seashells provide more than shelter.

Author's Residence: Acton, Massachusetts

Illustrator's Residence: Eastern Massachusetts

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: April 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.melissa-stewart.com

Illustrator's Website: www.sarahbrannen.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Nature, Science, STEM

Selfie the Elfie

by Savage Steve Holland, illustrated by Andrea Tripke

Book Description: When Sophie starts taking selfies with her camera phone, everyone in Santa's workshop easily gets distracted . . . until Santa's Big Night Delivery Suit goes missing!

Illustrator's Residence: Melbourne, Florida

Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.andreatripke.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Contemporary Fiction, Holidays & Celebrations, Humor

Serena: The Littlest Sister

by Karlin Gray, illustrated by Monica Ahanonu

Book Description: Witness the rise of Serena Williams—strong woman, tennis superstar, and the littlest of five sisters.

Author's Residence: Westport, Connecticut

Publisher: Page Street Kids

Publication Date: May 21, 2019

Author's Website: www.karlingray.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: African American Interest, Biography, Girl Power, Nonfiction, Sports

Sergeant Billy: The True Story of the Goat Who Went to War

by Mireille Messier, illustrated by Kass Reich

Book Description: The true story of Sergeant Billy, a goat who served with the Fifth Battalion during WWI and came back home a decorated war hero.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Tundra Books

Publication Date: September 2019

Author's Website: www.mireille.ca

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Biography, History, Nonfiction, War

Shubh Diwali!

by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Charlene Chua

Book Description: A sweet introduction to the Hindu festival of Diwali.

Author's Residence: London, England, United Kingdom

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co.

Publication Date: September 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.chitrasoundar.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Asian American Interest, Cultural Diversity, Family, Hindu Interest, Holidays & Celebrations

The Silence Sleeps In

by Alison Hughes, illustrated by Ninon Pelletier

Book Description: In a noisy, chaotic world, it's good to remember that you can call the Silence any time you need it.

Author's Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Publication Date: May 2019

Author's Website: www.alisonhughesbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Imagination, Kindness & Compassion, Overcoming Obstacles

Silent Swoop: An Owl, an Egg, and a Warm Shirt Pocket

by Michelle Houts, illustrated by Deb Hoeffner

Book Description: *Silent Swoop* is the unlikely, true story of a Great Horned Owl and his rescuer.

Author's Residence: Celina, Ohio

Publisher: Dawn Publishing

Publication Date: September 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.michellehouts.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Environment, Habitat, Nature, STEM

Small World

by Ishta Mercurio, illustrated by Jen Corace

Book Description: This geometric meditation on wonder follows Nanda as she grows and her world grows with her, from her mother's arms all the way to space.

Author's Residence: Brampton, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Abrams BFYR

Publication Date: July 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.ishtamercurio.com

Genre: Concept Book

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Dreams & Aspirations, Girl Power, Shapes, STEM

Smile: How Young Charlie Chaplin Taught the World to Laugh (and Cry)

by Gary Golio, illustrated by Ed Young

Book Description: The origins of the internationally beloved Tramp character in Charlie Chaplin's London boyhood—how happy and sad went hand-in-hand.

Author's Residence: Briarcliff Manor, New York

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: March 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.garygolio.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Dreams & Aspirations, Humor, Overcoming Obstacles, Performing Arts, STEAM

So Big!

by Mike Wohnoutka

Book Description: When bear feels overwhelmed on his first day of school, he meets a new friend. Together they attempt to brave the first day.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Publication Date: July 2019

Author's Website: www.mikewohnoutka.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Back to School, Kindness & Compassion, Making Friends, Perseverance

Soccerverse: Poems About Soccer

by Elizabeth Steinglass, illustrated by Edson Ikê

Book Description: twenty-two imaginative poems that capture all aspects of the world's most popular sport using thirteen different forms, which are described in an endnote.

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: WordSong / Boyds Mills & Kane

Publication Date: June 4, 2019

Author's Website: www.ElizabethSteinglass.com

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Forgiveness, Humor, Poetry, Sports

A Song for Gwendolyn Brooks

by Alice Faye Duncan, illustrated by Xia Gordon

Book Description: Here is the life and times of Pulitzer Prize Poet Gwendolyn Brooks told in a series of nine poems.

Author's Residence: Memphis, Tennessee

Publisher: Sterling Press

Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.alicefayeduncan.com

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: African American Interest, Biography

So You Want a Puppy?

by Raven Howell, illustrated by Ann Pilicer

Book Description: This picture book celebrates a child's love of pets as he learns what it means to have a puppy in the household through daily adventures.

Author's Residence: Cold Spring, New York

Publisher: Handersen Publishing

Publication Date: November 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.ravenhowell.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Concept Book, Poetry, Responsibility

Sparky & Spike: Charles Schulz and the Wildest, Smartest Dog Ever

by Barbara Lowell, illustrated by Dan Andreasen

Book Description: The true story of young Charles Schulz, the creator of Peanuts, and his dog, Spike, the inspiration for Snoopy. A Junior Library Guild Selection.

Author's Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Publisher: Cameron Kids / Cameron + Company

Publication Date: April 23, 2019

Author's Website: www.barbaralowell.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Dreams & Aspirations, Family

Story Time Stars: Favourite Characters from Australian Children's Picture Books

by Stephanie Owen Reeder

Book Description: A celebration of some of the best picture books and illustrated storybooks produced in Australia over the last 100 years.

Author's Residence: Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia

Publisher: National Library of Australia Publishing

Publication Date: September 2019

Author's Website: www.stephanieowenreeder.com

Genre: History

Themes & Subjects: Art

Stubby the Fearless Squid

by Barbara Davis-Pyles, illustrated by Carolyn Conahan

Book Description: Stubby's a scaredy squid who bravely requests a pen pal. He gets a frightening friend, and now his notes are full of fibs. Uh oh.

Author's Residence: Everson, Washington

Publisher: Little Bigfoot / Sasquatch Books

Publication Date: May 7, 2019

Author's Website: www.barbaradavispyles.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Humor, Imagination, Making friends, Overcoming Obstacles

Sunny's Tow Truck Saves the Day

by Anne Marie Pace, illustrated by Christopher Lee

Book Description: When a family car gets a flat on the way to a picnic, time is ticking! Where is Sunny and her trusty tow truck?

Author's Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Publisher: Abrams Appleseed / Abrams BFYR

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.annemariepace.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Biracial Families, Breaking Gender Barriers, Overcoming Obstacles, Perseverance, Transportation

The Superlative A. Lincoln: Poems About Our 16th President

by Eileen R. Meyer, illustrated by Dave Szalay

Book Description: *The Superlative A. Lincoln* celebrates the numerous (and surprising) ways in which our sixteenth president excelled. Nineteen poems in this 48-page collection share fascinating stories about Lincoln's life.

Author's Residence: Hinsdale, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing

Publication Date: November 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.EileenMeyerBooks.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, History, Poetry

Superlative Birds

by Leslie Bulion, illustrated by Robert Meganck

Book Description: Meet avian world record-holders, including the tiniest, loudest, and *smelliest* in this exuberant collection of science poems. Glossary, poetry notes, and further explorations in back matter.**Author's Residence:** Durham, Connecticut**Publisher:** Peachtree Publishers**Publication Date:** March 1, 2019**Author's Website:** www.LeslieBulion.com**Genre:** Poetry**Themes & Subjects:** Environment, Humor, STEAM***Sweet Dreams, Sarah: From Slavery to Inventor***

by Vivian Kirkfield, illustrated by Chris Ewald

Book Description: Former slave Sarah Goode builds an innovative cabinet bed and becomes one of the first African American women to secure a US patent.**Author's Residence:** Amherst, New Hampshire**Publisher:** Creston Books**Publication Date:** April 1, 2019**Author's Website:** www.viviankirkfield.com**Genre:** Nonfiction**Themes & Subjects:** African American History, Girl Power, Overcoming Obstacles, STEM***Take Your Pet to School Day***

by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman

Book Description: Chaos reigns at Maple View Elementary when kids bring their pets to school. And there's a mystery: who invited them in the first place?**Author's Residence:** Chapel Hill, North Carolina**Illustrator's Residence:** Seattle, Washington**Publisher:** Random House Children's Books / Penguin Random House**Publication Date:** July 2, 2019**Author's Website:** www.lindaashman.com**Illustrator's Website:** www.suzannekaufman.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Animals, Back to School, Humor***Taking a Walk: Fall in the Country***

by Sue Tarsky, illustrated by Claire Lordon

Book Description: Join the fun of finding and counting animals, flowers, insects, and more on a lively walk through the country during the fall.**Illustrator's Residence:** Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**Publisher:** Albert Whitman & Co.**Publication Date:** September 1, 2019**Illustrator's Website:** www.clairelordon.com**Genre:** Nature**Themes & Subjects:** Concept Book, Nature, Seasons***Taking a Walk: Spring in the Woods***

by Sue Tarsky, illustrated by Claire Lordon

Book Description: Join the fun of finding and counting animals, flowers, insects, and more on a lively walk through the woods during the springtime.**Illustrator's Residence:** Vancouver, British Columbia,

Canada

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co.**Publication Date:** May 1, 2019**Author's Website:** www.clairelordon.com**Genre:** Nature**Themes & Subjects:** Concept Book, Nature, Seasons***Taking a Walk: Summer at the Seashore***

by Sue Tarsky, illustrated by Claire Lordon

Book Description: Join the fun of finding and counting seashells, animals, beach towels, and more on a lively walk at the seashore during the summertime.**Illustrator's Residence:** Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**Publisher:** Albert Whitman & Co.**Publication Date:** May 1, 2019**Illustrator's Website:** www.clairelordon.com**Genre:** Nature**Themes & Subjects:** Counting, Nature, Seasons***Taking a Walk: Winter in the City***

by Sue Tarsky, illustrated by Claire Lordon

Book Description: Join the fun of finding and counting animals, cars, people, and more on a lively walk in the city during the wintertime.**Illustrator's Residence:** Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**Publisher:** Albert Whitman and Co.**Publication Date:** September 1, 2019**Illustrator's Website:** www.clairelordon.com**Genre:** Nature**Themes & Subjects:** Counting, Nature, Seasons***T-Bone the Drone***

by Shanda McCloskey

Book Description: A new tech toy brings epic trials and triumphs in this playtime adventure for fans of *The Most Magnificent Thing* and *Iggy Peck, Architect*.**Author's Residence:** Ball Ground, Georgia**Publisher:** Little, Brown BFYR / Hachette Book Group**Publication Date:** September 10, 2019**Author's Website:** www.shandamc.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Friendship, Multiethnic Interest, Neighborhood, Overcoming Obstacles, STEM***Terrible Times Tables***

by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Merrilee Liddiard

Book Description: A modern multiplication primer, in verse, that tackles the terrors of a typical school year.**Author's Residence:** Los Angeles, California**Publisher:** Cameron Kids**Publication Date:** August 2019**Author's Website:** www.michellemarkel.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Back to School, Concept Book, Humor, Poetry, STEM

There Was an Old Gator Who Swallowed a Moth

by B.J. Lee, illustrated by David Opie

Book Description: A greedy gator swallows a bellyfull of animals...and readers get the belly laughs in this charming adaptation of the classic tale.

Author's Residence: Pinellas Park, California

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Publication Date: January 28, 2019

Author's Website: www.childrensauthorbjlee.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Habitat, Humor, Nature

Think Smart, Be Fearless: A Biography of Bill Gates

by Sharon Mentyka, illustrated by Vivien Mildenberger

Book Description: Travel along with young Bill Gates, technology visionary and philanthropist, on his life's journey full of curiosity, discovery, hard work, and especially, fearlessness.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Little Bigfoot / Sasquatch Books

Publication Date: October 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.sharonmentyka.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Responsibility, STEM, Technology

This is a Sea Cow

by Cassandra Federman

Book Description: Sea Cow—or manatee, as she prefers—is upset with how she is portrayed in a child's school report. She must set the record straight.

Author's Residence: Sherman Oaks, California

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Publication Date: September 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.cassandrafederman.com

Genre: Informational Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Education, Humor, Science, Similarities & Differences

This isn't My Bed!

by Mike McNair, illustrated by Jeanne Conway

Book Description: Three-year-old Emma and her Poppa play a game at bedtime: he places her in all sorts of silly places before bed.

Illustrator's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: 4RV Publishing

Publication Date: May 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.jeanniespaintings.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Bedtime Story, Humor

A Tiny Brown Monkey on the Big Blue Earth

by Tory Christie, illustrated by Luciano Navarro Powell

Book Description: From a tiny monkey in the jungle, this unique geography perspective shows ever-widening views from mountain to village, city, country, continent, ocean, and planet.

Author's Residence: Fargo, North Dakota

Publisher: Amicus Publishing

Publication Date: August 6, 2019

Author's Website: www.torychristie.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Environment, Habitat, Nature, Neighborhood, Transportation

Titan and the Wild Boars: The True Cave Rescue of the Thai Soccer Team

by Susan Hood and Pathana Sornhiran, illustrated by Dow Phumiruk

Book Description: This is the true and inspiring rescue story of the Thai soccer team and their coach trapped in the flooded cave in northern Thailand.

Illustrator's Residence: Lone Tree, Colorado

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: May 7, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.artbydow.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Asian & Asian American Interest

Todos Iguales / All Equal: Un corrido de / A Ballad of Lemon Grove

by Christy Hale

Book Description: This empowering bilingual book explores the 1931 Lemon Grove Incident, the first successful school desegregation case in United States history.

Author's Residence: Palo Alto, California

Publisher: Children's Book Press / Lee & Low Books

Publication Date: August 13, 2019

Author's Website: www.christyhale.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Civil Rights, Community, Immigration, Mexican American Interest, Poetry

Tow Truck Joe

by June Sobel, illustrated by Patrick Corrigan

Book Description: Joe the Tow and his pup, Patch, are on the go always ready to fix a car or truck in need.

Author's Residence: Westlake Village, California

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: September 3, 2019

Author's Website: www.junesobel.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Community, Friendship, Transportation

Treasure

by Mireille Messier, illustrated by Irene Luxbacher

Book Description: "Is this a treasure?" A story told entirely in dialogue about the small and the large treasures that nature holds.

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Orca Book Publisher

Publication Date: September 2019

Author's Website: www.mireille.ca

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Environment, Nature, Siblings, STEAM

Trees

by Verlie Hutchens, illustrated by Jing Jing Tsong

Book Description: Poems about trees.

Author's Residence: Langley, Washington

Publisher: Beach Lane Books / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: March 5, 2019
Author's Website: www.jingjingtsong.com
Genre: Poetry
Themes & Subjects: Compare & Contrast, Environment, Nature

Trouble in the Surf

by Stephanie Owen Reeder, illustrated by Briony Stewart

Book Description: The true story of how, as a boy, Australian aviator Charles Kingsford Smith survived getting caught in the rip at Bondi Beach.
Author's Residence: Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia
Publisher: National Library of Australia Publishing
Publication Date: October 2019
Author's Website: www.stephanieowenreeder.com
Genre: History
Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Biography, Dreams & Aspirations, Friendship

Trucker and Train

by Hannah Stark, illustrated by Bob Kolar

Book Description: Trucker rules the road with his size, strength, and mighty horn. Until he meets Train and learns to use his strengths for good and kindness.
Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York
Publisher: Clarion Books / Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Publication Date: August 6, 2019
Author's Website: www.hannahcarinastark.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Competition, Kindness & Compassion, Similarities & Differences, Transportation

Two Brothers, Four Hands: The Artists Alberto and Diego Giacometti

by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan, illustrated by Hadley Hooper

Book Description: The story of the iconic sculptor Alberto Giacometti and his devoted brother, Diego, follows their childhood in a Swiss village to their creative lives in Paris.
Author's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri
Publisher: Neal Porter Books / Holiday House
Publication Date: Spring 2019
Authors' Website: www.jangreenbergsandrajordan.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Art, Biography, Dreams & Aspirations, Family

Two Pirates + One Robot

by Henry Herz, illustrated by Shiho Pate

Book Description: Two pirates + one robot = tons of adventure. Robot Lagan might disagree with the math, but it absolutely adds up for young readers.
Author's Residence: San Diego, California
Publisher: Kane Miller Books
Publication Date: October 2019
Author's Website: www.henryherz.com
Genre: Science Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Friendship, Math, STEM

Under the Milky Way

by Frané Lessac

Book Description: Campers share fireside stories, bull-riders hold on tight, and sled dogs race through falling snow—all under the Milky Way.
Author's Residence: Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia
Publisher: Candlewick Press
Publication Date: December 1, 2019
Author's Website: www.franelessac.com
Genre: Creative Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Bedtime Story, Cultural Diversity, Environment, Holidays & Celebrations, STEM

Under The Same Sky

by Robert Vescio, illustrated by Nicky Johnston

Book Description: Two children on opposite sides of the world crave friendship. Is it possible to be friends across the miles?
Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: New Frontier Publishing
Publication Date: September 2019
Author's Website: www.robertvescio.com
Genre: Contemporary Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Imagination, Kindness & Compassion, Overcoming Obstacles

The Voyage

by Robert Vescio, illustrated by Andrea Edmonds

Book Description: Displaced by war and conflict, a refugee family flees their war-torn country in search of a new life in a new land.
Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
Publisher: Exisle Publishing
Publication Date: October 2019
Author's Website: www.robertvescio.com
Genre: Contemporary Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Community, Cultural Diversity, Grief, War

Wait, Rest, Pause: Dormancy in Nature

by Marcie Flinchum Atkins

Book Description: Photos of animals accompany simple, engaging text to explain different kinds of dormancy in nature and which animals do what.
Author's Residence: Fairfax, Virginia
Publisher: Lerner Publishing / Millbrook Press
Publication Date: September 3, 2019
Author's Website: www.marcieatkins.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Animals, Nature, Poetry, Science

Weird Animals

by Mary Kay Carson

Book Description: Slime-oozing slugs, red-lipped fish, spine-covered bugs, and tubed-nosed bats. These animals are awesomely weird! Find out *why* they look so strange.
Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio
Publisher: Sterling Publishing
Publication Date: January 1, 2019
Author's Website: www.marykaycarson.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Habitat, Nature, Science, STEM

We Really Do Care

by Tania de Regil, illustrated by Tami Lewis Brown

Book Description: A little boy has a ball. It's his and he's not sharing. But when he realizes that the new little girl he meets is actually quite similar, he's happy to share.

Author's Residence: Mexico City, Mexico

Publisher: Philomel Books / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: September 3, 2019

Author's Website: www.taniaderegil.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Kindness & Compassion, Making Friends, Multiethnic Interest, Neighborhood

What Do You Celebrate? Holiday and Festivals Around the World

by Whitney Stewart, illustrated by Christiane Engel

Book Description: *What Do You Celebrate?* presents fourteen special occasions where people dance, dress up, eat yummy food, and enjoy other fun traditions.

Author's Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana

Publisher: Sterling Publishing

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.whitneystewart.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Activity, Cultural Diversity, Family, Holidays & Celebrations, Multiethnic Interest

What to do with a String

by Jane Yolen, illustrated by C.F. Payne

Book Description: Companion to *What to do with a Box*, this rhymed picture book shows all the things that can be done with a string.

Author's Residence: Hatfield, Massachusetts

Publisher: Creative Editions

Publication Date: August 2019

Author's Website: www.janeyolen.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Entertainment, Family, Fantasy

When a Tree Grows

by Cathy Ballou Mealey, illustrated by Kasia Nowowiejsak

Book Description: A rollicking read aloud about a zany chain of events triggered by a broken tree, a cranky bear, a nut-loving Squirrel and his loyal friend Moose.

Author's Residence: Lynnfield, Massachusetts

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: April 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.cathyballoumealey.wordpress.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Friendship, Humor

When Day is Done

by Natalee Creech, illustrated by Robert Dunn

Book Description: With vivid imagery and gentle rhyming text, *When Day is Done* is a soothing read, perfect for

calming down after a busy day.

Author's Residence: Pohang, South Korea

Publisher: Beaming Books

Publication Date: February 12, 2019

Author's Website: www.nataleecreech.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Babies, Bedtime Story, Family, Poetry

When Sue Found Sue: Sue Hendrickson Discovers Her T. Rex

by Toni Buzzeo, illustrated by Diana Sudyka

Book Description: Sue Hendrickson's insatiable curiosity led to her biggest discovery: Sue the T. rex, the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever unearthed.

Author's Residence: Arlington, Massachusetts

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: May 14, 2019

Author's Website: www.tonibuzzeo.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Dreams & Aspirations, Science, STEM

When You Are Brave

by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler

Book Description: An inspiring picture book about having courage even in difficult times. Because some days, when everything around you seems scary, you have to be brave.

Author's Residence: Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Illustrator's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Hachette Book Group / Little, Brown BFYR

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.patzieflowmiller.com

Illustrator's Website: www.wheelerstudio.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Imagination, Immigration, Overcoming Obstacles, Perseverance

Where Does a Cowgirl Go Potty?

by Dawn Babb Prochovnic, illustrated by Jacob Souva

Book Description: Cowgirl races to find relief but keeps getting interrupted by the animals who use the spots she's chosen. Where in the West can she go?

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: West Margin Press

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.dawnprochovnic.com

Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Common Childhood Experiences, Habitat, Western

Where Does a Pirate Go Potty?

by Dawn Babb Prochovnic, illustrated by Jacob Souva

Book Description: Pirate races to find relief but keeps getting interrupted by the animals who use the spots he's chosen. Arrr!

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: West Margin Press

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.dawnprochovnic.com

Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Common Childhood Experiences, Habitat, Perseverance

Where is My Balloon?

by Ariel Bernstein, illustrated by Scott Magoon

Book Description: Monkey accidentally pops Owl's balloon, and hilariously tries to cover it up. It's hard to tell the truth sometimes!

Author's Residence: Livingston, New Jersey

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: January 22, 2019

Author's Website: www.arielbernsteinbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Common Childhood Experiences, Humor, Respect

Who Named Their Pony Macaroni?

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Ryan McAmis

Book Description: Poems about White House pets!

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Publication Date: October 2019

Author's Website: www.marilynsinger.net

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: Animals, History

Wild in the Streets: 20 Poems About City Animals

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Gordy Wright

Book Description: Poems about animals in urban areas around the world.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Words & Pictures / Quarto

Publication Date: September 17, 2019

Author's Website: www.marilynsinger.net

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Habitat, Nonfiction

William Wakes Up

by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Chuck Groenink

Book Description: In this follow-up to *William's Winter Nap*, William and his animal friends wake from their long slumber to welcome spring—and a special guest.

Author's Residence: Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Publication Date: February 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.lindaashman.com

Genre: Fiction-in-Verse

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Friendship, Nature

Window Of Hope

by Robert Vescio, illustrated by Demelsa Haughton

Book Description: Max lives in a world of silence. But with the help of a little bird, Max learns that she can bravely rebuild her world.

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Publisher: Little Pink Dog Books

Publication Date: July 2019

Author's Website: www.robertvescio.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Disabilities, Identity, Making Friends, Nature

Winter Cats

by Janet Lawler, illustrated by Ela Smietanka

Book Description: Curious indoor cat Willy ventures out and joins the outdoor cats' Winter Carnival. Amid all the seasonal fun, Willy's story encourages inclusiveness and tolerance.

Author's Residence: Farmington, Connecticut

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co.

Publication Date: September 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.janetlawler.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Community, Cultural Diversity, Making Friends, Similarities & Differences

Woolly Monkey Mysteries

by Sandra Markle

Book Description: Join scientists on their quest to solve the mysteries surrounding the lives of woolly monkeys before it's too late.

Author's Residence: Lakewood Ranch, Florida

Publisher: Millbrook / Lerner

Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.sandra-markle.blogspot.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Perseverance, STEM

Wordy Birdy Meets Mr. Cougarpants

by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Dave Mottram

Book Description: Wordy Birdy and her pals go on a camping trip, but find themselves in a pickle when Mr. Cougarpants shows up at their campsite.

Author's Residence: Edmond, Oklahoma

Publisher: Doubleday BFYR

Publication Date: February 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.tammisauer.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Animals, Friendship, Humor

Yao Bai and the Egg Pirates

by Tim J. Myers, illustrated by Bonnie Pang

Book Description: A high-seas adventure story celebrating the courage and history of Chinese immigrants in America through a fascinating yet little-known event during the California Gold Rush.

Author's Residence: Santa Clara, California

Publisher: West Margin Press

Publication Date: April 9, 2019

Author's Website: www.TimMyersStorySong.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Chinese American Interest, Cultural Diversity, Discrimination

A Year With Mama Earth

by Rebecca Grabill

Book Description: Experience a year of natural wonder with personified Mama Earth, who plays peek-a-boo with pumpkins and sighs out fall's first frost in one long breath.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Eerdmans BFYR

Publication Date: September 10, 2019

Author's Website: www.rebeccagrabil.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Family, Nature, Poetry, STEM

The Yellow Suitcase

by Meera Sriram, illustrated by Meera Sethi

Book Description: When Asha travels to India to mourn her grandmother's passing, her grief is compounded by the empty yellow suitcase usually reserved for gifts.

Author's Residence: Berkeley, California

Publisher: Penny Candy Books

Publication Date: March 12, 2019

Author's Website: www.meerasriram.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Coping with Death, Cultural Diversity, Grandparents, Intergenerational Relationships

You're Strong with Me

by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Poonam Mistry

Book Description: A bedtime picture book about growing up, set amongst a herd of giraffes.

Author's Residence: London, England, United Kingdom

Publisher: Lantana Publishing

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.chitrasoundar.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Bedtime Story, Family, Habitat, Nature

Zombies Don't Eat Veggies! (Los zombies no comen verduras!)

by Megan Lacera and Jorge Lacera, illustrated by Jorge Lacera

Book Description: Mo Romero is a zombie with a terrible secret . . . he loves vegetables! English and Spanish versions available.

Authors' Residence: Cypress, Texas

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Publication Date: April 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.studiolacera.com

Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Cultural Diversity, Family, Latino Interest, Similarities & Differences

EARLY READERS

Arnold and Louise: All the Fun Winter Things

by Erica S. Perl, illustrated by Chris Chatterton

Book Description: There's too much fun to be had in the snow to sleep through winter! At least that's what Louise thinks. But Arnold can't keep his eyes open!

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: October 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.ericaperl.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Imagination, Humor, Kindness & Compassion, Making Friends

Arnold and Louise: The Great Louweezie

by Erica S. Perl, illustrated by Chris Chatterton

Book Description: Arnold's best friend insists she is NOT Louise—she's the Great Louweezie, and she can predict the future! But soon the Great Louweezie tests Arnold's patience.

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: January 22, 2019

Author's Website: www.ericaperl.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Humor, Imagination, Kindness & Compassion, Making Friends

Arnold and Louise: Happy Fell

by Erica S. Perl, illustrated by Chris Chatterton

Book Description: Arnold wants to celebrate the start of autumn indoors. Louise does not. How can they celebrate the season Louise calls "Fell" if they're not celebrating together?

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: August 27, 2019

Author's Website: www.ericaperl.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Humor, Imagination, Kindness & Compassion, Making Friends

Arnold and Louise: Lost and Found

by Erica S. Perl, illustrated by Chris Chatterton

Book Description: When Louise borrows Arnold's treasure, he's sure it's gone forever—until Louise sends him on a treasure hunt of her own. Or is it a wild goose chase?

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: January 22, 2019

Author's Website: www.ericaperl.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Humor, Imagination, Kindness & Compassion, Making Friends

Beatrice More and the Perfect Party

by Alison Hughes, illustrated by Helen Flook

Book Description: Can hyper-organized perfectionist Beatrice throw a perfect party for her younger sister, or will she be foiled at every turn?

Author's Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Publication Date: May 2019

Author's Website: www.alisonhughesbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Chapter Book, Family, Holidays & Celebrations, Humor, Overcoming Obstacles

Carlos & Carmen: The Big Splash

by Kirsten McDonald, illustrated by Fatima Anaya

Book Description: When Carlos gets water in his eyes, Carmen figures out how to let everybody have a splashing good time at the pool.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: ABDO Publishing

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.kirstenmcdonald.wixsite.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Family, Kindness & Compassion, Latino Interest, Siblings

Carlos & Carmen: Campout

by Kirsten McDonald, illustrated by Fatima Anaya

Book Description: When their perfect campsite gets ruined, the twins and their uncle don't let it take any of the sparkle out of their campout.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: ABDO Publishing

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.kirstenmcdonald.wixsite.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Family, Latino Interest, Nature, Siblings

Carlos & Carmen: Fenced In

by Kirsten McDonald, illustrated by Fatima Anaya

Book Description: Carlos, Carmen, and Lola wait and wait to play together—until they devise a new way to get together.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: ABDO Publishing

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.kirstenmcdonald.wixsite.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Friendship, Home, Latino Interest, Siblings

California Wildfires

by Sue Gagliardi

Book Description: Explore the cause, impact, and aftermath of the wildfires that burned across California and learn how people prepare for and respond to hurricanes.

Author's Residence: Hatboro, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Focus Readers / North Star Editions

Publication Date: August 2019

Author's Website: www.suegagliardi.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Science

Carlos & Carmen: The Sweet Treasure

by Kirsten McDonald, illustrated by Fatima Anaya

Book Description: Carlos and Carmen plan a Father's Day treasure hunt for Papá, and then they help him find the sweet treasure.

Author's Residence: Asheville, North Carolina

Publisher: ABDO Publishing

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.kirstenmcdonald.wixsite.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Family, Home, Latino Interest, Siblings

Clark the Shark: Too Many Treats

by Bruce Hale, illustrated by Guy Francis

Book Description: Clark the Shark's mom is making brownies for school. But when Clark decides to taste just one, the impulsive shark just can't stop eating!

Author's Residence: Santa Barbara, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: February 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.brucehale.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Common Childhood Experiences, Entertainment, Humor

Digger and Daisy Go Camping

by Judy Young, illustrated by Dana Sullivan

Book Description: Digger and Daisy go camping in the woods. They have fun hiking, swimming, and building a campfire, but Digger is worried! Was that a bear?

Author's Residence: Preston, Idaho

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: May 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.JudyYoungPoetry.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Friendship, Humor, Nature, Siblings

Do Sharks Glow in the Dark? And Other Shark-tastic Questions

by Mary Kay Carson

Book Description: What's the biggest shark? Do they have bones? Do sharks eat people—and do people eat sharks? Answers questions about sharks that children just ask!

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Sterling Publishing

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.marykaycarson.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Habitat, Nature, Science, STEM

Do Tigers Stay Up Late? And Other Tiger-ific Questions

by Mary Kay Carson

Book Description: Does a tiger purr? Could it win a marathon? And would it make a good pet? Find out all about these magnificent creatures.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Sterling Publishing

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.marykaycarson.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Habitat, Nature, Science, STEM

East African Drought of 2011

by Sue Gagliardi

Book Description: Explore the cause, impact, and aftermath of the drought that spread throughout East Africa in 2011 and learn how people prepare for and respond to droughts.

Author's Residence: Hatboro, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Focus Readers / North Star Editions

Publication Date: August 2019

Author's Website: www.suegagliardi.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Science

Ella McKeen, Kickball Queen

by Beth Mills

Book Description: When first-grader Ella, the undisputed kickball queen at school, is bested by new student Riya Patel, she throws a tantrum with her entire class watching.

Author's Residence: Garland, Texas

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books / Lerner Publishing

Publication Date: September 3, 2019

Author's Website: www.beth-mills.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Competition, Girl Power, Humor, Sports

Frank and Bean

by Jamie Michalak, illustrated by Bob Kolar

Book Description: When the introspective Frank meets the gregarious Bean, can they find a way to make rockin' music together? A warm, funny story about friends and creativity.

Author's Residence: Barrington, Rhode Island

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.jamiemichalak.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Humor, Imagination, Making Friends, Writing

Get Outside in Spring

by Sue Gagliardi

Book Description: Explore a variety of activities that kids can do outside in spring; inspire kids to explore the great outdoors.**Author's Residence:** Hatboro, Pennsylvania**Publisher:** Focus Readers / North Star Editions**Publication Date:** January 2019**Author's Website:** www.suegagliardi.com**Genre:** Nonfiction**Themes & Subjects:** Activity, Nature, Physical Activity, Sports***Get Outside in Winter***

by Sue Gagliardi

Book Description: Explore a variety of activities that kids can do outside in winter; inspire kids to explore the great outdoors.**Author's Residence:** Hatboro, Pennsylvania**Publisher:** Focus Readers / North Star Editions**Publication Date:** January 2019**Author's Website:** www.suegagliardi.com**Genre:** Nonfiction**Themes & Subjects:** Activity, Nature, Physical Activity, Sports***Ghost of the Mill House***

by Margriet Ruurs, illustrated by Claudia Davila

Book Description: Josh and his friends spend the summer fixing up a historic mill house in Oregon. They star in a movie, meet a ghost, and save the day.**Author's Residence:** Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, Canada**Publisher:** Orca Book Publishers**Publication Date:** September 2019**Author's Website:** www.margietruurs.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Chapter Book, Friendship, Humor, Realistic Fiction***Hugh Armstrong Robinson: The Story of Flying Lucky 13***

by Billie Holladay Skelley, illustrated by Rachel Bowman

Book Description: Travel back in time with Hugh Armstrong Robinson to learn more about his first-flight feats and his contributions to aviation history.**Author's Residence:** Joplin, Missouri**Publisher:** Goldminds Publishing / Amphorae Publishing**Publication Date:** June 4, 2019**Author's Website:** www.bhskelley.com**Genre:** Nonfiction**Themes & Subjects:** Biography, Dreams & Aspirations, History, STEM, Transportation***Hungry Harry***

by Sandy McKay, illustrated by Patti Argoff

Book Description: A story written to teach "Balanced Literacy." It integrates 5 key components of reading into the story: phonic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency.**Illustrator's Residence:** Ashford, Connecticut**Publisher:** Wendy Pye Ltd.**Publication Date:** June 2019**Illustrator's Website:** www.pattiarhoff.com**Genre:** Literacy**Themes & Subjects:** Education***Hurricane Katrina***

by Sue Gagliardi

Book Description: Explore the cause, impact, and aftermath of the hurricane that hit the United States in 2005 and learn how people prepare for and respond to hurricanes.**Author's Residence:** Hatboro, Pennsylvania**Publisher:** Focus Readers / North Star Editions**Publication Date:** August 2019**Author's Website:** www.suegagliardi.com**Genre:** Nonfiction**Themes & Subjects:** Science***I Think I Can***

by Karen S. Robbins, illustrated by Rachael Brunson

Book Description: Designed to be read by two readers makes this a unique early reader. Book contains only kindergarten / first grade words. Short sentences with repetition. Easy!**Author's Residence:** Gig Harbor, Washington**Publisher:** Schiffer Publishing**Publication Date:** January 21, 2019**Author's Website:** www.KarenSRobbins.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Disabilities, Education, Learning Challenges, Special Needs***Louie Finds a Friend: A Louie the Duck Story***

by Vivian Zabel, illustrated by Jeanne Conway

Book Description: Can Louie the duck finally have a friend, one who doesn't think he's odd because he is different? Can being different be okay?**Illustrator's Residence:** St. Louis, Missouri**Publisher:** 4RV Publishing**Publication Date:** November 2019**Illustrator's Website:** www.jeanniespaintings.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Discrimination, Diversity, Friendship, Grief, Making Friends***Manju's Magic Words***

by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Veronica Montoya

Book Description: This magically humorous tale from storyteller Chitra Soundar is perfect for children who are learning to read by themselves.**Author's Residence:** London, England, United Kingdom**Publisher:** Bloomsbury Educational**Publication Date:** October 1, 2019**Author's Website:** www.chitrasoundar.com**Genre:** Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Asian & Asian American Interest, Cultural Diversity, Fantasy, Grandparents, Humor

Mother Teresa

by Barbara Kramer

Book Description: The story of how a girl who wanted to help others became a nun who devoted her life to helping the poor.

Author's Residence: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Publisher: National Geographic Partners, LLC

Publication Date: July 2019

Author's Website: www.barbarakramer.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Kindness & Compassion, Nonfiction

Movie Magic Madness (You Choose Stories: Wonder Woman)

by Michael Anthony Steele, illustrated by Omar Lozano

Book Description: *You Choose* the path as Wonder Woman battles the sorceress Circe through many movie genres.

Author's Residence: Kerens, Texas

Publisher: Stone Arch Books

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.MichaelAnthonySteele.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Mythology, Superheroes

Nature's Children: Orcas

by Dionna L. Mann

Book Description: Orcas are magnificent marine animals that live in family groups their entire lives. They are intelligent, collaborative hunters, earning them the name killer whales.

Author's Residence: Virginia

Publisher: Scholastic Press

Publication Date: February 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.dionnalmann.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Family, Nature

No Fish for Charles

by Tracy Detz, illustrated by Monika Suska

Book Description: Charles the croc loves chilling on rocks and fishing! But when he decides to skip school one day and cast his reel, his day becomes anything but chill!

Author's Residence: Wales, Michigan

Publisher: Warren Publishing, Inc.

Publication Date: April 16, 2019

Author's Website: www.tracydetz.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action/Adventure, Back to School, Education, Humor, Picture Book, School

School of Fish

by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Mike Mora

Book Description: It's silver fish's first day at school and he is very nervous.

Author's Residence: Hatfield, Massachusetts

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: June 2019

Author's Website: www.janeyolen.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Back to School, Competition, Education, Fantasy

School of Fish 2: Friendship on the High Seas

by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Mike Mora

Book Description: Silver fish makes more friends.

Author's Residence: Hatfield, Massachusetts

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: September 2019

Author's Website: www.janeyolen.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Back to School, Competition, Education, Fantasy

Squirrel in the Museum

by Vivian Vande Velde, illustrated by Steve Bjorkman

Book Description: Twitch has scientific questions he needs answered, so when the children go on a field trip to the museum, he stows away in a backpack.

Author's Residence: Rochester, New York

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.VivianVandeVelde.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Disabilities, Friendship, Humor, Science

Stop-and-Go Devotional: 52 Devotions for Busy Families

by Diane Stortz, illustrated by Hannah Marks

Book Description: Active Bible stories paired with discussion starters, prayers, and simple activities.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Tommy Nelson

Publication Date: February 2019

Author's Website: www.DianeStortz.com

Genre: Religion

Themes & Subjects: Christian Interest, Family, Multiethnic Interest, Religion

Storm Sentinel

by Tony LoPresti, illustrated by Jeanne Conway

Book Description: Fred is a tornado siren who watches over a young girl and her family during a tornado. Tornado study guide included.

Illustrator's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: 4RV Publishing

Publication Date: May 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.jeanniespaintings.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Nature, Realistic Fiction, Science

Tip and Tucker: Road Trip

by Sue Lowell Gallion and Ann Ingalls, illustrated by Andre Ceolin

Book Description: Tip and Tucker are hamster best friends. But they feel differently about a move from the pet store to Mr. Lopez's classroom.

Authors' Residences: Leawood, Kansas & Kansas City, Missouri

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: March 15, 2019

Authors' Websites: www.suegallion.com & www.anningallswrites.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Back to School, Education, Friendship, Overcoming Obstacles, Similarities & Differences

Truth or Lie: Dinosaurs!

by Erica S. Perl, illustrated by Michael Slack

Book Description: In a unique question-and-answer format, proficient readers are quizzed about their favorite prehistoric pals to see if they can separate facts from "lies."

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Random House Children's Books / Penguin
Random House

Publication Date: July 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.ericaperl.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Humor, Nature, Science, STEM

Truth or Lie: Presidents!

by Erica S. Perl, illustrated by Michael Slack

Book Description: In a unique question-and-answer format, proficient readers are quizzed about funny, interesting presidential trivia to see if they can separate facts from "lies."

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Random House Children's Books / Penguin
Random House

Publication Date: December 31, 2019

Author's Website: www.ericaperl.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Activity, Biography, History, Humor

Truth or Lie: Sharks!

by Erica S. Perl, illustrated by Michael Slack

Book Description: In a unique question-and-answer format, proficient readers are quizzed about their favorite ocean predators to see if they can separate facts from "lies."

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Random House Children's Books / Penguin
Random House

Publication Date: May 28, 2019

Author's Website: www.ericaperl.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Humor, Nature, Science, STEM

Wild, Wild Wind

by Jodi Heaton Hurst, illustrated by Jeanne Conway

Book Description: That wild prairie wind picks up Grandma, Grandpa, and their animals and blows them down the road, all while playing a prairie wind game.

Illustrator's Residence: St. Louis, Missouri

Publisher: 4RV Publishing

Publication Date: June 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.jeanniespaintings.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Fantasy, Grandparents, Nature

CHAPTER BOOKS

Alien Math, Book One: I was an Outer-Space Chicken

by David LaRochelle, illustrated by Mike Gorman

Book Description: When math-loving best friends Lexie and Lamar are abducted by an alien, they'll need all their logic skills in order to return safely home.

Author's Residence: White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Publisher: Sterling Publishing

Publication Date: July 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.davidlarochelle.com

Genre: Science Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Chapter Book, Math, Science Fiction, STEAM

(ASPCA Paw Pals series) *Chance's Choice*

by Brenda Scott Royce, illustrated by Colleen Madden

Book Description: An abandoned dog inspires Meg Harper and friends to form a club devoted to the special abilities of service animals.

Author's Residence: Glendora, California

Publisher: Studio Fun International

Publication Date: May 7, 2019

Author's Website: www.brendascottroyce.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Disabilities, Friendship, Special Needs

(ASPCA Paw Pals series) *One Wordy Bird*

by Brenda Scott Royce, illustrated by Colleen Madden

Book Description: The members of Project PAW (Pets At Work) help a local librarian find the perfect animal to be a reading companion for kids.

Author's Residence: Glendora, California

Publisher: Studio Fun International

Publication Date: May 7, 2019

Author's Website: www.brendascottroyce.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Friendship, Learning Challenges, Special Needs

Craftily Ever After #6: Breaking the Piggy Bank

by Martha Maker (Erica S. Perl), illustrated by Xindi Yan

Book Description: Bella, Emily, Maddie, and Sam decide to launch their very own start-up—a lemonade stand!—and learn about business savvy, community relations, and charitable giving.

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: January 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.ericaperl.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Art, Cultural Diversity, Friendship, Girl

Power, STEM, STEAM

Diary of an Ice Princess: Snow Place Like Home

by Christina Soontornvat, illustrated by Barbara Szepesi Szucs

Book Description: Princess Lina has a life any kid would envy, but she wants to go to a regular, non-magic school with her best friend Claudia.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: July 30, 2019

Author's Website: www.soontornvat.com

Genre: Contemporary Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Asian & Asian American Interest, Biracial Families, Cultural Diversity, Girl Power, STEM

A Dreidel in Time: A New Twist on an Old Tale

by Marcia Bernegar, illustrated by Beatriz Castro

Book Description: Devorah and Benjamin think Hanukkah means presents until Bubbe gives them an old dreidel. One spin sends them to fight Antiochus with...the Maccabees!

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing / Lerner Publishing Group

Publication Date: September 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.marciabernegar.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Historical Fiction, Jewish Interest, Science Fiction

Eco Rangers: Microbat Mayhem

by Candice Lemon-Scott, illustrated by Aska

Book Description: Eco Rangers Ebony and Jay rescue two abandoned baby microbats at the adventure park, but can they save the whole colony in time?

Author's Residence: Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: New Frontier Publishing

Publication Date: June 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.candicelemonscott.com.au

Genre: Mystery

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Animals, Environment, Mystery

Eco Rangers: Pelican in Peril

by Candice Lemon-Scott, illustrated by Aska

Book Description: When Ebony and Jay, the famous Eco Rangers, rescue a frightened pelican covered in fuel, they know something terrible has happened. So they start investigating.

Author's Residence: Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: New Frontier Publishing

Publication Date: April 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.candicelemonscott.com.au

Genre: Mystery

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Animals, Environment, Mystery

The Extraordinary Life of Mahatma Gandhi

by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Dàlia Adillon

Book Description: The illustrated biography of M.K. Gandhi

Author's Residence: London, England, United Kingdom

Publisher: Penguin Random House

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.chitrasoundar.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Asian Interest, Asian American Interest, Biography, Civil Rights, Cultural Diversity, Multiethnic Interest

The Fantastic Frame #5: Warning! Journey to Forever #5

by Lin Oliver

Book Description: From the bestselling coauthor of Hank Zipzer, fast-paced chapter book adventure meets art history in the final installment of this thrilling series! Set in Mexico, the adventure reaches its climax as Tiger and Luna enter a famous painting by Diego Rivera, only this time, they're not alone. The kids are accompanied by Viola, the owner of the fantastic frame and mother of the boy who went missing inside it over fifty years ago. As the trio traverses the world of *The Flower Vendor (Girl with Lilies)*, can they end Viola's search for her missing son once and for all?

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Penguin Workshop

Publication Date: November 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.linoliver.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action/adventure, Art, Friendship, Intergenerational Relationships, Overcoming Obstacles

Float, Flutter

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Kathryn Durst

Book Description: A beginning reader in rhyme about how animals move.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Simon Spotlight / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: January 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.marilynsinger.net

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Nature, Nonfiction, Poetry

Gettysburg

by Moira Rose Donohue

Book Description: The Battle of Gettysburg changed the course of the Civil War. This book explains the Battle as well as the landscape and origins of the Park.

Author's Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida

Publisher: Children's Press / Scholastic

Publication Date: February 2019

Author's Website: www.moirarosedonohue.net

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Civil Rights, History

Junior Monster Scouts Book 1: The Monster Squad

by Joe McGee, illustrated by Ethan Long

Book Description: Join Franky, Vampyra, and Wolfy (The Junior Monster Scouts) as they help those in need and save the village from Baron Von Grump's plans.

Author's Residence: Frenchtown, New Jersey

Publisher: Simon & Schuster / Aladdin

Publication Date: September 3, 2019

Author's Website: www.joemcgeeauthor.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Humor, Overcoming Obstacles, Responsibility

Junior Monster Scouts Book 2: Crash! Bang! Boo!

by Joe McGee, illustrated by Ethan Long

Book Description: When Igor Jr. pulls a lever he's not supposed to, he'll need the help of the Junior Monster Scouts to stop things from going from bad to worse.

Author's Residence: Frenchtown, New Jersey

Publisher: Simon & Schuster / Aladdin

Publication Date: September 3, 2019

Author's Website: www.joemcgeeauthor.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Humor, Identity, Responsibility

Loose Balloons

by Jill Morgan Clark, illustrated by Brandy Winston

Book Description: *Loose Balloons* is a humorous, imaginative children's book that contains engaging, funtastical poems that encourage children to read, laugh and learn about their environment and themselves.

Author's Residence: DeLand, Florida

Publisher: Taylor and Seale Publishing

Publication Date: September 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.jillswriterscafe.com

Genre: Poetry

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Coming of Age, Environment, Imagination, Humor

Mangoes, Mischief and Tales of Friendship

by Chitra Soundar, illustrated by Uma Krishnas Wamy

Book Description: Inspired by traditional Indian folk tales, these stories are sure to delight.

Author's Residence: London, England, United Kingdom

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Author's Website: www.chitrasoundar.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Asian Interest & Asian American Interest, Cultural Diversity, Folk Tale, Friendship, Multiethnic Interest

M is for Movement: AKA Humans Can't Eat Golf Balls

by Innosanto Nagara

Book Description: The story of a child born at the dawn of a social movement—a modern metaphor for navigating tumultuous times.

Author's Residence: Oakland, California

Publisher: Seven Stories Press
Publication Date: November 5, 2019
Author's Website: www.aisforactivist.com
Genre: Realistic Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Civil Rights, Cultural Diversity, Discrimination, Environment, Multiethnic Interest

The Narwhal Problem

by Debbie Dadey

Book Description: Kiki wants to meet a narwhal, and the code contest is her chance. Unfortunately, everyone else in her class is determined to win the chance too.

Author's Residence: Sevierville, Tennessee

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: June 18, 2019

Author's Website: www.debbiedadey.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Environment, Fantasy, Friendship, Girl Power, Making Friends

Nate the Great and the Wandering Word

by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat and Andrew Sharmat, illustrated by Jody Wheeler

Book Description: What does a strange, made-up word sound like? Nate the Great takes on the case, and soon he's braving pink papers and oinking, talking pets.

Illustrator's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Delacorte / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: March 13, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.WheelerIllustration.com

Genre: Mystery

Themes & Subjects: Action, Animals, Friendship, Humor

Noah Green: Junior Zookeeper and the Garage Sale Pet

by Carolyn Leiloglou, illustrated by Jay Guida

Book Description: Noah buys a pet at a garage sale. But when it won't stop growing or making mischief, her pet becomes a mystery and a dilemma.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: Spork / Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: March 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.carolynleiloglou.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Chapter Book, Family, Friendship, STEM

Our Principal Breaks a Spell!

by Stephanie Calmenson, illustrated by Aaron Blecha

Book Description: A hilarious take-off on "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" as brooms race through the school hallways and students, teachers, and principals magically fly through the air.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Simon & Schuster / Aladdin

Publication Date: May 14, 2019

Author's Website: www.stephaniecalmenson.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Fractured Fairy Tales, Humor

Our Principal's in His Underwear!

by Stephanie Calmenson, illustrated by Aaron Blecha

Book Description: A hilarious take-off on "The Emperor's New Clothes," in which PS 88's beloved principal is taken in by tricksters, but his students save the day.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Simon & Schuster / Aladdin

Publication Date: January 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.stephaniecalmenson.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Fractured Fairy Tales, Humor

Puppy Pals

by Susan Hughes, illustrated by Leanne Franson

Book Description: In each story, dog lovers Kat and Maya get to help out with the puppies at Aunt Jenn's dog-grooming salon. It's a dream come true!

Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Scholastic Canada

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.susanhughes.ca

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Dreams & Aspirations, Friendship, Neighborhood, Responsibility

The Secret of Shadow Lake

by Joe McGee, illustrated by Bea Tormo

Book Description: At Camp Moonlight, being different is not unusual . . . it's FUNusual. Norm and his new cryptocamper friends must uncover the secret of Shadow Lake.

Author's Residence: Frenchtown, New Jersey

Publisher: Andrews McMeel Universal

Publication Date: September 10, 2019

Author's Website: www.joemcgeeauthor.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Identity, Making Friends, Nature

Sing with Me, Lucy McGee

by Mary Amato, illustrated by Jessica Meserve

Book Description: Lucy is sure of a talent show hit with her new song. But how far will rival Scarlett go to steal the show?

Author's Residence: Hyattsville, Maryland

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: June 4, 2019

Author's Website: www.maryamato.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Competition, Friendship, Humor, Overcoming Obstacles, Performing Arts

The Story of Environmentalist Wangari Maathai

by Jen Cullerton Johnson, illustrated by Sonia Lynn Sadler

Book Description: Empowering chapter book about Wangari Maathai, the first African woman environmentalist to win a Nobel Peace Prize. Includes sidebars, timeline, glossary, and recommended reading.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Publication Date: September 30, 2019
Author's Website: www.jencullertonjohnson.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: African American Interest, Community, Education, Environment, Girl Power

Tom Swift Inventors' Academy: The Drone Pursuit

by Michael Anthony Steele (as Victor Appleton)

Book Description: Tom and his friends search for evidence that their custodian is one of the FBI's most-wanted hackers from the eighties.

Author's Residence: Kerens, Texas
Publisher: Aladdin / Simon & Schuster
Publication Date: July 2, 2019
Author's Website: www.MichaelAnthonySteele.com
Genre: Mystery
Themes & Subjects: Friendship

Tom Swift Inventors' Academy: Restricted Access

by Michael Anthony Steele (as Victor Appleton)

Book Description: During an overnight lock-in at Swift Enterprises, the facility suddenly goes into quarantine. It's up to Tom to find out who is behind the lockdown.

Author's Residence: Kerens, Texas
Publisher: Aladdin / Simon & Schuster
Publication Date: October 22, 2019
Author's Website: www.MichaelAnthonySteele.com
Genre: Mystery
Themes & Subjects: Friendship

Tom Swift Inventors' Academy: The Sonic Breach

by Michael Anthony Steele (as Victor Appleton)

Book Description: When someone takes over a favorite pop quiz app, the pressure from teachers won't stop until Tom and his friends track down who's behind it.

Author's Residence: Kerens, Texas
Publisher: Aladdin / Simon & Schuster
Publication Date: July 2, 2019
Author's Website: www.MichaelAnthonySteele.com
Genre: Mystery
Themes & Subjects: Friendship

Tree Frogs: Life in the Leaves

by Moira Rose Donohue

Book Description: Did you know that a group of tree frogs is called an army? This book provides young readers with fascinating information about these amazing creatures.

Author's Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida
Publisher: Children's Press / Scholastic
Publication Date: September 2019
Author's Website: www.moirarosedonohue.net
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Animals, Habitat, Science, STEM

Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Enter Stage Left

by Julie Falatko, illustrated by Colin Jack

Book Description: Sassy and Waldo are putting on a class play, but are alarmed when Stewart is a little too good at

playing the wicked witch.

Author's Residence: South Portland, Maine
Publisher: Scholastic
Publication Date: December 26, 2019
Author's Website: www.juliefalatko.com
Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Chapter Book, Friendship, Imagination

Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go on a Class Trip

by Julie Falatko, illustrated by Colin Jack

Book Description: The field trip to the city museum becomes a lot less boring when dogs Sassy and Waldo find the dinosaur bones.

Author's Residence: South Portland, Maine
Publisher: Scholastic
Publication Date: May 28, 2019
Author's Website: www.juliefalatko.com
Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Chapter Book, Friendship, Imagination

Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Start a Club by Accident

by Julie Falatko, illustrated by Colin Jack

Book Description: Sassy and Waldo accidentally start an after school club and have to work together to create a float for the Founder's Day Parade.

Author's Residence: South Portland, Maine
Publisher: Scholastic
Publication Date: January 29, 2019
Author's Website: www.juliefalatko.com
Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Chapter Book, Friendship, Imagination

The US Constitution: Why it Matters

by Moira Rose Donohue

Book Description: The Constitution is more than two hundred years old, but it is used every single day. This book explores how it was created

Author's Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida
Publisher: Children's Press / Scholastic
Publication Date: September 2019
Author's Website: www.moirarosedonohue.net
Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Community, History

Warren & Dragon: Scary Sleepover

by Ariel Bernstein, illustrated by Mike Malbrough

Book Description: Warren's excited for his first sleepover, but can he overcome his fear of wanting to go home if it gets too scary?

Author's Residence: Livingston, New Jersey
Publisher: Viking / Penguin Random House
Publication Date: June 25, 2019
Author's Website: www.arielbernsteinbooks.com
Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Friendship, Humor, Kindness & Compassion

Warren & Dragon: Volcano Deluxe

by Ariel Bernstein, illustrated by Mike Malbrough

Book Description: Will Warren and his pet Dragon only raise money for a toy, or realize that giving some to charity is the true reward?

Author's Residence: Livingston, New Jersey

Publisher: Viking BFYR / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: April 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.arielbernsteinbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Common Childhood Experiences, Humor, Kindness & Compassion, Siblings

What To Do When Fear Interferes: A Kid's Guide to Overcoming Phobias

by Claire A.B. Freeland, PhD and Jacqueline B. Toner, PhD; illustrated by Janet McDonnell

Book Description: This interactive self-help book guides children and their parents through overcoming phobias using techniques based on cognitive-behavioral principles, empowering kids to embrace life fully.

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Magination Press

Publication Date: August 2019

Authors' Websites: www.clairefreelandphd.com & www.jacquelinetoner.net

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Concept Book, Nonfiction, Overcoming Obstacles, Self-Help

Zapato Power #8: Freddie Ramos Adds It All Up

by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Miguel Benítez

Book Description: Freddie has super speed, super hearing, and super bounce! Can superpowers save a new girl who is being bullied and Freddie's failing math grade?

Author's Residence: Arlington, Virginia

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Co.

Publication Date: August 2019

Author's Website: www.jacquelinejules.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Latino Interest, Superheroes

MIDDLE GRADE BOOKS

The 12 Biggest Breakthroughs in Sports Technology

by Janet Slingerland

Book Description: Takes a look at twelve of the biggest breakthroughs in sports technology and how they've impacted the world of sports.

Author's Residence: Mount Laurel, New Jersey

Publisher: 12-Story Library

Publication Date: January 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.janetsbooks.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: History, Sports, STEM

The 12th Candle

by Kim Tomsic

Book Description: A family curse, an "innocent" prank, and a magic candle: A comedic be-careful-what-you-wish-for story.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books / HarperCollins

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.kimtomsic.com

Genre: Contemporary Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Humor, Kindness

12 Epic Animal Adventures

by Janet Slingerland

Book Description: Presents twelve of the most epic animal adventures around the globe, including goats that climb trees, penguins on parade, and more.

Author's Residence: Mount Laurel, New Jersey

Publisher: 12-Story Library

Publication Date: January 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.janetsbooks.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Nature, Nonfiction, STEM

12 Epic Races

by Janet Slingerland

Book Description: Readers discover twelve of the most epic races around the globe, including the Yukon River Quest, Dakar Rally, Marathon des Sables, and more.

Author's Residence: Mount Laurel, New Jersey

Publisher: 12-Story Library

Publication Date: January 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.janetsbooks.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Competition, Sports

12 Immigrants Who Made American Sports Great

by Janet Slingerland

Book Description: Introduces readers to inspiring immigrants whose sports contributions made our country great.

Author's Residence: Mount Laurel, New Jersey

Publisher: 12-Story Library

Publication Date: January 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.janetsbooks.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Immigration, History, Sports

Alien Superstar

by Lin Oliver and Henry Winkler

Book Description: Buddy the six-eyed alien finds himself cast in a popular TV show when he lands on Earth. But can he keep his identity secret while in the spotlight?

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: Amulet Books / Abrams BFYR

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.linoliver.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Entertainment, Humor, Performing Arts, Science Fiction

Another Dreadful Fairy Book

by Jon Etter, illustrated by Adam Horsepool

Book Description: Shade and her misfit fairy friends battle a censorious bugbear and search for ancient lost books. Book 2 of Those Dreadful Fairy Books.

Author's Residence: Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

Publisher: Amberjack Publishing

Publication Date: November 12, 2019

Author's Website: www.jonetter.com

Genre: Comedy / Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Humor, Fractured Fairy Tale Coming of Age

Bad Order

by B.B. Ullman

Book Description: When fatal interdimensional energy threatens humanity, Earth's only hope lies in the strength and kindness of four kids, three aliens, and two men in black.

Author's Residence: Duvall, Washington

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.barb.bentler.us

Genre: Science Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Family, Friendship, Kindness & Compassion

Biodiversity: Explore the Diversity of Life on Earth

by Laura Perdew, illustrated by Tom Casteel

Book Description: Learn about the amazing biodiversity on Earth, where it's found, the threats to it, and what we can do to protect it.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Nomad Press

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.lauraperdew.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Nature, Nonfiction, STEAM

Bone Hollow

by Kim Ventrella

Book Description: Death has stolen everything from Gabe, including his life. Now he's being asked to become the very creature he hates most.

Author's Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Publisher: Scholastic Press

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.kimventrella.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Fantasy, Friendship, Grief, Mystery

The Boney Hand

by Karen Kane, illustrated by Carlisle Robinson and Jose Sabatini

Book Description: Two curious kids hone their sleuthing skills and use American Sign Language to solve a mystery in the quaint and quirky village of Castle-on-the-Hudson.

Author's Residence: Washington, DC

Publisher: Disney Hyperion

Publication Date: June 4, 2019

Author's Website: www.karenkanebooks.com

Genre: Mystery

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Disabilities, Friendship, Similarities & Differences

A Box of Bones

by Marina Cohen, illustrated by Yana Bogatch

Book Description: When Kallie, a scientific-minded twelve-year-old, receives a mysterious puzzle box from a faceless man at a Festival of Fools, her well-ordered life begins to unravel.

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan

Publication Date: May 28, 2019

Author's Website: www.marinacohen.com

Genre: Mystery / Horror

Themes & Subjects: Family, Fantasy, Friendship, Imagination, Kindness & Compassion

The Bridge Home

by Padma Venkatraman

Book Description: Two sisters run to an Indian city to escape domestic abuse. They find friends, adopt a dog, and fight to hold onto their independence.

Author's Residence: Narragansett, Rhode Island

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: February, 2019

Author's Website: www.padmavenkatraman.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Diversity, Family, Friendship

Cats are a Liquid

by Rebecca Donnelly, illustrated by Misa Saburi

Book Description: Children attempt some solid research on the physical properties of cats.

Author's Residence: Potsdam, New York

Publisher: Henry Holt BFYR / Macmillan

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.rebeccadonnelywrites.com

Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Humor, STEM

Cat Science Unleashed: Fun Activities to do with Your Feline Friend

by Jodi Wheeler-Toppen, illustrated by Matthew Rakola

Book Description: Discover how your amazing feline thinks, moves, drinks, stays warm, gets clean, cools off, and more, with dozens of fun science-based experiments.

Author's Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Publication Date: August 27, 2019

Author's Website: www.OnceUponAScienceBook.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Activity, Nature, Science, STEM, STEAM

Catch Me When I Fall

by Bonnie Graves, illustrated by C.B. Royal

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Depression-era Emma lands job at traveling circus to search for the father she never knew.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Fitzroy Books

Publication Date: January 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.facebook.com/bonniegravesauthor

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes and Subjects: Coming of Age, Forgiveness, Girl Power, Overcoming Obstacles, Perseverance

Children of the First People: Fresh Voices of Alaska Native Kids

by Tricia Brown, photographs by Roy Corral

Book Description: Profile of eight- to twelve-year-olds—one from each of Alaska's ten ancient Native cultures—portray amazing lives in the Far North.

Author's Residence: Anchorage, Alaska

Publisher: Alaska Northwest Books / West Margin Press

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.triciabrownbooks.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Family, Native American Interest

The Clockwork Dragon

by James R. Hannibal

Book Description: Dragons and spies, Europe and China, history and fantasy merge as Jack and Gwen battle a mad alchemist to save Jack's father's mind.

Author's Residence: Houston, Texas
Publisher: Simon & Schuster BFYR
Publication Date: February 5, 2019
Author's Website: www.jamesrhannibal.com
Genre: Mystery
Themes & Subjects: Family, Fantasy, History, Similarities & Differences

Crazy Contraptions: Build Rube Goldberg Machines that Swoop, Spin, Stack, and Swivel

by Laura Perdeu, illustrated by Micah Rauch

Book Description: This is a hands-on book that introduces kids to the wacky machines designed by Rube Goldberg and how to build them.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Nomad Press

Publication Date: October 2019

Author's Website: www.lauraperdeu.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Activity, Science, STEM

Crushing the Red Flowers

by Jennifer Voigt Kaplan

Book Description: An award-winning historical novel set in 1938 Germany during Kristallnacht about two twelve-year-old boys: one German-Jewish and one Hitler's Jungvolk.

Author's Residence: Chatham, New Jersey

Publisher: Ig Publishing

Publication Date: November 19, 2019

Author's Website: www.JenniferVK.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Discrimination, Jewish Interest, War

The Cryptid Keeper

by Lija Fisher

Book Description: Clivo and the Myth Blasters are back on the trail of the immortal cryptid in this conclusion to a monstrously funny middle-grade duology.

Author's Residence: Boulder, Colorado

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux / Macmillan

Publication Date: August 20, 2019

Author's Website: www.LijaFisher.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Entertainment, Humor, Mystery

Dewey Fairchild, Sibling Problem Solver

by Lorri Horn, illustrated by Agnieszka Grochalska

Book Description: In this third book of the Dewey Fairchild series, young entrepreneur and problem-solver Dewey helps other kids face perhaps the toughest challenge yet: siblings.

Author's Residence: Culver City, California

Publisher: Amberjack Publishing

Publication Date: August 6, 2019

Author's Website: www.deweyfairchild.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Humor, Overcoming Obstacles, Siblings, Technology

The Diamond Mistake Mystery

by Sylvia McNicoll

Book Description: When a rare diamond disappears, Stephen Noble and Renée Kobai jump on the case, counting mistakes and finding clues while walking dogs Ping and Pong.

Author's Residence: Burlington, Ontario, Canada

Publisher: Dundurn Group

Publication Date: May 17, 2019

Author's Website: www.sylviamcnicoll.com

Genre: Mystery

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Friendship, Humor

The Disaster Days

by Rebecca Behrens

Book Description: *Hatchet* meets *The Babysitters Club* in this epic and thrilling survival story about a young babysitter suddenly stranded and in charge during an earthquake crisis.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Sourcebooks

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.rebeccabehrens.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Environment, Girl Power, Overcoming Obstacles, Perseverance

The Echo Park Castaways

by M.G. Hennessey

Book Description: Four foster children in Los Angeles embark on a quest to find one of their mothers, and end up creating their own found family along the way.

Author's Residence: Los Angeles, California

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: July 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.mghennessey.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, African American Interest, Latino Interest, Overcoming Obstacles, Social Issues

Element Girls: The Lost Goddess

by Giulietta M. Spudich

Book Description: "A great story that empowers girls and shows them their friendship and love for each other can overcome obstacles." –Lisa-Anne L. Tsuruda, *Iolani School*

Author's Residence: Cambridge, England, United Kingdom

Publisher: Handersen Publishing

Publication Date: May 28, 2019

Author's Website: www.goodreads.com/author/show/2930242.Giulietta_Maria_Spudich

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Fantasy, Friendship, Girl Power, Overcoming Obstacles

Embrace the Chicken

by Mahtab Narsimhan

Book Description: The dilemmas faced by teens as they transition from one culture to another, while simultaneously showing the strength of familial support and love.

Author's Residence: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
Publication Date: January 29, 2019
Author's Website: www.mahtabnarsimhan.com
Genre: Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Asian & Asian American Interest, Cultural Diversity, Family, Identity, Immigration

Escape Galapagos

by Ellen Prager, illustrated by Melissa Logies
Book Description: An exciting island adventure story filled with nature, science, humor, relatable characters, and the amazing animals of the Galapagos
Author's Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida
Publisher: Tumblehome Learning
Publication Date: October 1, 2019
Author's Website: www.earth2ocean.net
Genre: Action/Adventure
Themes & Subjects: Animals, Friendship, Humor, Nature, Overcoming Obstacles

Essie Rose's Revelation Summer

by Deanie Yasner
Book Description: In 1953, the lone Jewish girl in a small Mississippi town publicly challenges segregation while privately challenging the limits of her own personal courage.
Author's Residence: New Hope, Pennsylvania
Publisher: Golden Alley Press
Publication Date: August 25, 2019
Author's Website: www.deaniefyasner.com
Genre: Historical Fiction
Themes and Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Discrimination, Friendship, Jewish Interest, Overcoming Obstacles

Eye to Eye: Sports Journalist Christine Brennan

by Julie K. Rubini
Book Description: Christine Brennan, the USA Today sports columnist, author, and commentator, uses her voice to advocate for diversity and equality in the world of sports.
Author's Residence: Toledo, Ohio
Publisher: Ohio University Press
Publication Date: April 5, 2019
Author's Website: www.julierubini.com
Genre: Biography
Themes & Subjects: Breaking Gender Barriers, Girl Power, Sports, Women's Rights

Feeling Good About You

by Marie-Therese Miller, PhD
Book Description: Learn tips to embrace your talents, think positively, maintain a healthy body, improve schoolwork, and choose volunteer activities—all to improve your self-esteem.
Author's Residence: Salt Point, New York
Publisher: Rourke Educational Media
Publication Date: August 11, 2019
Author's Website: www.marie-theresemiller.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Community, Education, Kindness & Compassion, Perseverance, Responsibility

Fighting for the Forest: How FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps Helped Save America

by P. O'Connell Pearson
Book Description: The CCC showed the US government at its best as three million Depression-destitute young men saved themselves and the nation's land in history's biggest conservation project.
Author's Residence: Fairfax, Virginia
Publisher: Simon & Schuster BFYR
Publication Date: October 6, 2019
Author's Website: www.poconnellpearson.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Environment, Habitat, History, Nature, Overcoming Obstacles

Fighting to Survive Being Lost at Sea: Terrifying True Stories

by Elizabeth Raam
Book Description: What would you do if you were lost at sea? Find out what actual survivors did in these true tales of being lost at sea.
Author's Residence: Fargo, North Dakota
Publisher: Capstone Press
Publication Date: August 1, 2019
Author's Website: www.elizabethraambooks.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Nature

Fire and Forgiveness: A Nun's Truce with General Sherman

by Martha Dunsky, illustrated by Monica Wyrick
Book Description: Two bickering girls learn forgiveness and peacemaking when their convent school is destroyed in the Civil War burning of Columbia, SC. Based on true events.
Author's Residence: Clayton, Ohio
Publisher: The University of South Carolina Press
Publication Date: February 19, 2019
Author's Website: www.marthadunsy.com
Genre: Historical Fiction
Themes & Subjects: Forgiveness, Friendship, History, War

Follow Your Stuff

by Kevin Sylvester and Michael Hlinka illustrated by Kevin Sylvester
Book Description: A look at who makes the things we wear, use and buy. Along the way the book asks readers to make ethical decisions.
Author's Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Publisher: Annick Press
Publication Date: April 2019
Author's Website: www.kevinsylvesterbooks.com
Genre: Nonfiction
Themes & Subjects: History, Math, STEAM

The Free and the Brave

by Tovah S. Yavin, illustrated by Sarah Zee
Book Description: It's 1814 and the British are advancing on Baltimore, home of Jacob Franks and his family. They've already destroyed the nation's capital. Is Baltimore next?
Publisher: Menucha Publishing
Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.TovahSYavin.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Theme & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Jewish Interest, Middle Grade, War

The Friendship Lie

by Rebecca Donnelly

Book Description: Cora Davis's life is garbage, from her fight with her best friend to her parents' divorce. Can trash itself come to the rescue?

Author's Residence: Potsdam, New York

Publisher: Capstone Publishing

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.rebeccadonnelywrites.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Environment, Friendship, Siblings, STEAM

(Girls Survive Series) Ann Fights for Freedom: An Underground Railroad Survival Story

by Nikki Shannon Smith, illustrated by Alessia Trunfio

Book Description: When Ann learns the "master" is selling her and her brother to separate plantations, she convinces her family to run away on the Underground Railroad.

Author's Residence: Davis, California

Publisher: Stone Arch Books / Capstone Publishing

Publication Date: January 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.nikkishannonsmith.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, African American History, African American Interest, Girl Power

(Girls Survive Series) Charlotte Spies for Justice: A Civil War Survival Story

by Nikki Shannon Smith, illustrated by Alessia Trunfio

Book Description: When Charlotte learns she's surrounded by spies for the Union, she vows to join them, help the Union win the war, and end slavery.

Author's Residence: Davis, California

Publisher: Stone Arch Books / Capstone Books

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.nikkishannonsmith.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, African American History, African American Interest, Girl Power, Historical Fiction

(Girls Survive Series) Noelle at Sea: A Titanic Survival Story

by Nikki Shannon Smith, illustrated by Matt Forsyth

Book Description: When Noelle realizes the Titanic is sinking—and her friend Pauline is nowhere in sight—she breaks away from her family to make a rescue.

Author's Residence: Davis, California

Publisher: Stone Arch Books / Capstone Publishing

Publication Date: January 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.nikkishannonsmith.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, African American Interest, Biracial Families, Girl Power

Goodbye, Mr. Spalding

by Jennifer Robin Barr

Book Description: Discover the power of friendship set against the backdrop of baseball's golden era, the Great Depression, and the construction of the Spite Fence at Shibe Park.

Author's Residence: Wayne, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Boyds Mills & Kane

Publication Date: March 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.jenniferrobinbarr.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Family, History, Responsibility, Sports

A Good Kind of Trouble

by Lisa Moore Ramee

Book Description: Shayla wants to keep her best friendships intact and follow the rules. But after a powerful protest, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking.

Author's Residence: Fremont, California

Publisher: Balzer + Bray / HarperCollins

Publication Date: March 12, 2019

Author's Website: www.lisamooreramee.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: African American Interest, Coming of Age, Friendship, Overcoming Obstacles, Sports

The Green Children of Woolpit

by J. Anderson Coats

Book Description: An eerie, spine-tingling fantasy about a young girl who discovers two otherworldly children—and an ancient bargain that threatens to destroy them all.

Author's Residence: Everett, Washington

Publisher: Simon & Schuster / Atheneum BFYR

Publication Date: September 10, 2019

Author's Website: www.jandersoncoats.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Fairy Tale, Family, Fantasy, Friendship

The Griffins of Castle Cary

by Heather Shumaker

Book Description: Three siblings visit their aunt in England and uncover a ghost mystery. Humor, suspense, empathy, and a giant Newfoundland dog.

Author's Residence: Traverse City, Michigan

Publisher: Simon & Schuster BFYR

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.heathershumaker.com

Genre: Mystery / Adventure

Themes & Subjects: Kindness & Compassion, Magical Realism, Siblings

The Grimston Trilogy, Book 3: Final Storm

by Deborah Abela, illustrated by Sebastian Ciaffaglione

Book Description: After surviving three years in a flooded city, Isabella and her friends face a new world of robots, wild weather, and a mysterious evil mastermind.

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Publisher: Penguin Random House Australia

Publication Date: August 2019

Author's Website: www.deborahabela.com

Genre: Action / Adventure

Themes & Subjects: Environment, Friendship, Mystery, Overcoming Obstacles, Perseverance

Hair! Animal Fur, Wool and More

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Julie Colombet

Book Description: A nonfiction picture book about animal fur and hair.

Author's Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Publisher: Millbrook Press / Lerner Publishing Group

Publication Date: January 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.marilynsinger.net

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Nature

Hazel's Theory of Evolution

by Lisa Jenn Bigelow

Book Description: Hazel dreads transferring to a new middle school, but greater fears arise at home when her mother announces her pregnancy following two devastating miscarriages.

Author's Residence: Skokie, Illinois

Publisher: HarperCollins / Harper

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.lisajennbigelow.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Friendship, Grief, LGBTQ, New Siblings

The Heart Changer

by Jarm Del Boccio

Book Description: Can an Israelite captive, wrenched from all she loves, serve the very man who destroyed her village?

Author's Residence: Park Ridge, Illinois

Publisher: Ambassador International

Publication Date: April 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.jarmdelboccio.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Christian Interest, Cultural Diversity, Forgiveness, Jewish Interest, Overcoming Obstacles

Her Own Two Feet: A Rwandan Girls' Brave Fight to Walk

by Meredith Davis and Rebeka Uwitonze

Book Description: The true story of Rebeka, who came to America at age nine for surgeries and then returned to Rwanda, walking on her own two feet.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: Scholastic / Focus

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.meredithldavis.com

Genre: Narrative Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Disabilities, Friendship, Overcoming, Obstacles, Perseverance

History's Forgotten War Stories

by Janet Slingerland

Book Description: Brings to light twelve forgotten war stories, such as the first submarine attack, the original code talkers, and the story of the limping lady.

Author's Residence: Mount Laurel, New Jersey

Publisher: 12-Story Library

Publication Date: January 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.janetsbooks.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: History, War

Houdini's Curse: The Phantom Files Book 2

by William B. Wolfe

Book Description: Reluctant medium Alex April and best friend Bones befriend the spirit of Harry Houdini, meet the mysterious Reaper666, and battle the demon keeping Houdini imprisoned.

Author's Residence: Louisville, Kentucky

Publisher: Dreaming Robot Press

Publication Date: October 2019

Author's Website: www.facebook.com/wolftales

Genre: Paranormal

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Biography, Girl Power, Humor, Supernatural

The House Without Walls

by Ching Yeung Russell, illustrated by Jia Sung

Book Description: A young girl and her brother brave pirates, greedy sailors, hunger, and months of refugee camps after escaping from Vietnam in the Boat People Exodus.

Author's Residence: Simpsonville, South Carolina

Publisher: Yellow Jacket / little bee books

Publication Date: June 2019

Author's Residence: www.chingyeungrussell.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Asian & Asian American Interest, Free Verse, Immigration, Overcoming Obstacles, Perseverance

The Ice Giant

by Giulietta M. Spudich

Book Description: "A whimsical adventure that promotes individuality and self-acceptance." -*Kirkus Reviews*. Thirteen-year-old Erika meets the Ice Giant in her journey. For kids 7-12.

Author's Residence: Cambridge, England, United Kingdom

Publisher: Handersen Publishing

Publication Date: February 9, 2019

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Fantasy, Friendship, Identity, Intergenerational Relationships

It Rained Warm Bread

by Gloria Moskowitz-Sweet and Hope Anita Smith, illustrated by Lea Lyon

Book Description: When Nazis invade Poland, Moishe's family is scattered across concentration camps. The day it rains warm bread, one kindness renews his hope, goodness still exists.

Illustrator's Residence: Richmond, California

Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books / Henry Holt BFYR

Publication Date: August 13, 2019

Illustrator's Residence: www.LeaLyon.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Discrimination, Jewish Interest, Novel-in-Verse, Perseverance, War

Jagger Jones and the Mummy's Ankh

by Malayna Evans, illustrated by Tatiana A. Makeeva

Book Description: Jagger Jones and his little sister, Aria, fall back in time to ancient Egypt where they learn saving a princess's afterlife is dangerous business.

Author's Residence: Oak Park, Illinois

Publisher: Month9Books / Georgia McBride Media Group

Publication Date: May 28, 2019

Author's Website: www.malaynaevans.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Biracial Families, Cultural Diversity, Education, Fantasy, History

Jane Austen for Kids: Her Life, Writings, and World

by Nancy I. Sanders

Book Description: Biography with 21 enriching activities about Jane Austen, one of the most influential and best-loved novelists in English literature.

Author's Residence: Norco, California

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Publication Date: February 2019

Author's Website: www.nancyisanders.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Activity, History, Nonfiction, Writing

The Joke Machine

by Theresa Julian, illustrated by Pat Lewis

Book Description: Learn how to punch up any sentence into something funnier by using contrast, comparison, surprise, exaggeration, etc. Create your own jokes and become instantly funny!

Author's Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida

Publisher: Odd Dot / Macmillan

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.theresajulian.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Activity, Compare & Contrast, Humor, Imagination, Writing

A Kind of Paradise

by Amy Rebecca Tan

Book Description: Thirteen-year-old Jamie Bunn must spend her summer volunteering at the public library after making a big mistake at her middle school.

Author's Residence: Haddonfield, New Jersey

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: April 30, 2019

Author's Website: www.amyrebeccatan.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Community, Forgiveness, Friendship, Responsibility

The League of Secret Heroes, Book 1: Cape

by Kate Hannigan

Book Description: Puzzle-solvers are pulled into a secret WWII organization to fight a henchman of Hitler when they discover they have superpowers just like their beloved comic

book heroes.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Simon & Schuster / Aladdin

Publication Date: August 6, 2019

Author's Website: www.KateHannigan.com

Genre: Historical Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Girl Power, Graphic Novel, Historical Fiction, Superheroes

Lexi Magill and the Teleportation Tournament

by Kim Long

Book Description: Lexi and her teammates teleport around the world to museums, castles, and labyrinths to solve STEAM-based puzzles and win Wisconsin's annual science tournament.

Author's Residence: Addison, Illinois

Publisher: Running Press Kids

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.kimlongauthor.com

Genre: Speculative Adventure

Themes & Subjects: Competition, Friendship, Overcoming Obstacles, STEM, Transportation

Little Apocalypse

by Katherine Sparrow

Book Description: Full of creepy-cool atmosphere and monstrous magic, this gripping middle grade debut will sink its claws into fans of supernatural adventures.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: HarperCollins

Publication Date: March 12, 2019

Author's Website: www.katherinesparrow.net

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Fantasy, Making Friends, Middle Grade, Paranormal, Supernatural

Little Monsters of the Ocean: Metamorphosis Under the Waves

by Heather L. Montgomery

Book Description: There's a larva that surfs on top of jellyfish? A roly-poly relative that slurps juice from fish's eyes? Who knew metamorphosis could be this much FUN!?!

Author's Residence: Ardmore, Alabama

Publisher: Millbrook Press / Lerner Publishing Group

Publication Date: January, 2019

Author's Website: www.HeatherLMontgomery.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Nature, Science, STEM

The Lost Stone of SkyCity

by H.M. Waugh, illustrated by Alison Mutton

Book Description: Sunaya's peaceful village life is turned upside down when a simple mountain mission turns into a death-defying quest for survival.

Author's Residence: Perth, Western Australia, Australia

Publisher: Fremantle Press

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.hmwaugh.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Environment, Forgiveness, Perseverance

Making Smart Money Choices

by Moira Rose Donohue

Book Description: This book explores financial decision-making processes: how to borrow money, how to distinguish between needs and wants, and how to avoid scams. Includes worksheets.

Author's Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida

Publisher: Essential Library / ABDO

Publication Date: August 2019

Author's Website: www.moirarosedonohue.net

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Math, Responsibility

Maybe a Mermaid

by Josephine Camerone

Book Description: A summer romp full of mystery, new friends, and maybe a mermaid!

Author's Residence: Brunswick, Maine

Publisher: Farrar, Straus & Giroux / Macmillan

Publication Date: March 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.josephinecameron.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Friendship, Making Friends, Mystery

The Memory Keeper

by Jennifer Camiccia

Book Description: A heartfelt middle grade debut about long-buried secrets, the power of memory, and the bond between a girl and her Gram.

Author's Residence: Kentfield, California

Publisher: Aladdin / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: October 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.jencamiccia.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Grandparents, Intergenerational Relationships, Overcoming Obstacles

Milton the Mighty

by Emma Read, illustrated by Alex G. Griffiths

Book Description: Tiny super-spider Milton, branded as deadly by social media, risks a squishing to save his species by starting a "web" campaign—with a house-human!

Author's Residence: Bath, England, United Kingdom

Publisher: Chicken House

Publication Date: June 6, 2019

Author's Website: www.emmareadauthor.com

Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Friendship, Nature, Overcoming Obstacles

The Missing Barbegazi

by H.S. Norup

Book Description: After her grandfather's death, Tessa sets out to find a fabled barbegazi from his stories. Uncovering the truth about these alpine elves carries great responsibilities.

Author's Residence: Seuzach, Switzerland

Publisher: Jolly Fish Press

Publication Date: November 12, 2019

Author's Website: www.hsnorup.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Coping with Death, Grandparents, Grief, Sports

The Missing Piece of Charlie O'Reilly

by Rebecca K.S. Ansari

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Charlie is searching for his younger brother, who went missing a year ago. The problem is that no one but Charlie remembers he ever existed.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Walden Pond Press / HarperCollins

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: RebeccaAnsari.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes and Subjects: Forgiveness, Friendship, Grief, Mystery, Siblings

Moon Babies

by Karen Jameson, illustrated by Amy Hevron

Book Description: Follow the moon babies on their busy day from waking up in their crescent cradles, to breakfast on the Milky Way, to bundling up for moonwalks, and more!

Author's Residence: Valencia, California

Illustrator's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: July 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.karenjameson.com

Illustrator's Website: www.amyhevron.com

Genre: Bedtime Story

Themes & Subjects: Babies, Fantasy, Grandparents, Science Fiction, Space

The Moon Within

by Aida Salazar, illustrated by Joe Cepeda

Book Description: A story about the beauty and power in menstruation, friendship, and culture and one eleven-year-old girl's journey to embrace it all.

Author's Residence: Oakland, California

Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books / Scholastic

Publication Date: February 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.AidaSalazar.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Biracial Families, Coming of Age, Kindness & Compassion, LGBTQ, Novel-in-Verse

Mostly the Honest Truth

by Jody J. Little

Book Description: Pop is Jane's family, her matching sock. When Pop enters rehab, Jane's taken to Three Boulders and discovers *matching* isn't all there is to family.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

Publication Date: March 12, 2019

Author's Website: www.www.jodyjlittle.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Dealing with Illness, Family, Forgiveness, Friendship, Overcoming Obstacles

The Most Marvelous International Spelling Bee

by Deborah Abela, illustrated by Aleksei Bitskoff

Book Description: After competing in the National Spelling Bee, India Wimple travels to London for the international competition, when a series of accidents threaten to ruin everything.

Author's Residence: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Publisher: Sourcebooks Kids

Publication Date: April 2019

Author's Website: www.deborahabela.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Friendship, Humor, Mystery, Overcoming Obstacles

Mrs. Smith's Spy School for Girls #3: Double Cross

by Beth McMullen

Book Description: Abby and friends return for their third adventure. Aspiring spies. Big trouble.

Author's Residence: Davis, California

Publisher: Aladdin / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: August 6, 2019

Author's Website: www.BethMcMullenBooks.com

Genre: Mystery, Action / Adventure

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Thriller

Nikki on the Line

by Barbara Carroll Roberts

Book Description: Indies Introduce, Indie Next pick. Nikki loves basketball, but can she succeed on a new team, especially with added school, best-friend, and family stress?

Author's Residence: Oakton, Virginia

Publisher: Little, Brown BFYR / Macmillan

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.BarbaraCarrollRoberts.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes and Subjects: Coming of Age, Family, Girl Power, Perseverance, Sports

Nikola Tesla for Kids: His Life, Ideas, and Inventions, with 21 Activities

by Amy M. O'Quinn

Book Description: Nikola Tesla was an electrical engineer, inventor, and visionary who created the AC electrical power supply system/induction motor. This is his fascinating life story.

Author's Residence: Fitzgerald, Georgia

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Publication Date: July 9, 2019

Author's Website: www.amyoquinn.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, History, Science, STEM, Technology

Not if I Can Help It

by Carolyn Mackler

Book Description: Fifth-grader Willa already struggles with sensory processing disorder; life gets even more complicated when she discovers that her dad and her friend's mom are in love.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: July 30, 2019

Author's Website: www.carolynmackler.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Differently Abled, Disabilities, Family, Friendship

Operation Frog Effect

by Sarah Scheerger, illustrated by Gina Perry

Book Description: If one small act can create a ripple across the universe . . . what happens when kids join together and act? Told in eight points of view.

Author's Residence: Camarillo, California

Publisher: Random House BFYR / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: February 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.sarahlynnbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Community, Cultural Diversity, Friendship, Graphic Novel, Kindness & Compassion

Order of the Majestic

by Matt Myklusch, illustrated by Owen Richardson

Book Description: When Joey Kopecky finds an old magic set, he makes a shocking discovery. Magic is real—but only if you believe.

Author's Residence: Westfield, New Jersey

Publisher: Aladdin / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: May 7, 2019

Author's Website: www.mattmyklusch.com

Genre: Fantasy / Adventure

Themes & Subjects: Believing in Yourself, Family, Magic, Science, Self-Esteem

The Other Half of Happy

by Rebecca Balcárcel

Book Description: Bicultural Quijana is bad at Spanish, embarrassed to be named after Don Quixote, and NOT going to Guatemala. But is she happy being half?

Author's Residence: Bedford, Texas

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Publication Date: August 20, 2019

Author's Website: www.rebeccabalcarcel.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Friendship, Identity, Latino Interest, Special Needs

Out of My Shell

by Jenny Goebel

Book Description: An inspiring and timely story of friendship, courage, and the magic that can happen when we stand up for what's right.

Author's Residence: Westminster, Colorado

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: June 25, 2019

Author's Website: www.jennygoebel.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Family, Girl Power, Overcoming Obstacles

Out of Place

by Jennifer Blecher, illustrated by Merilee Liddiard

Book Description: When twelve-year-old Cove becomes the target of a school-wide bullying campaign, she sets out to leave her home for New York City, where her best friend lives.

Author's Residence: Lexington, Massachusetts

Publisher: Greenwillow Books / HarperCollins

Publication Date: June 4, 2019

Author's Website: www.jenniferblecher.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Friendship, Girl Power, Kindness & Compassion

Pen & Quin: International Agents of Intrigue: The Mystery of the Painted Book

by KS Mitchell

Book Description: When twins Penelope and Quintus Grey Reyes are sent to Mexico to spend the summer with their grandparents, they're hired to locate a rare painted book.

Author's Residence: Lincoln, Arkansas

Publisher: Vinspire Publishing

Publication Date: April 30, 2019

Author's Website: www.ksmitchell.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Cultural Diversity, History, Mexican American Interest, Siblings

Pie in the Sky

by Remy Lai

Book Description: A twelve-year-old boy migrates to a new country where he can't speak the language. A prose / graphic novel hybrid.

Author's Residence: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Publisher: Henry Holt BFYR / Macmillan

Publication Date: May 14, 2019

Author's Website: www.remylai.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Asian & Asian American Interest, Graphic Novel, Grief, Humor, Immigration

Pink Hair and Other Terrible Ideas

by Andrea Pyros

Book Description: When twelve-year-old Josephine receives news that shakes her to her core, it makes her rethink everything about her life--and about what's truly important to her.

Author's Residence: Rhinebeck, New York

Publisher: Capstone Press

Publication Date: February 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.andreapyros.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Contemporary Fiction, Dealing with Illness, Siblings

Potkin and Stubbs

by Sophie Green, illustrated by Karl James Mountford

Book Description: An aspiring young reporter looking for a scoop uncovers more than she bargained for when she partners up with the ghost of a missing boy.

Author's Residence: Suffolk, England, United Kingdom

Publisher: Piccadilly Press / Bonnier Publishing

Publication Date: March 7, 2019

Author's Website: www.thelastgiant.com

Genre: Supernatural Crime

Themes & Subjects: Dreams & Aspirations, Friendship, Humour, Mystery, Perseverance

Potkin and Stubbs #2: The Haunting of Peligan City

by Sophie Green, illustrated by Karl James Mountford

Book Description: Lil Potkin and Nedly Stubbs are on the trail of a gang of dangerous spooks that are terrorising Peligan City.

Author's Residence: Suffolk, United Kingdom

Publisher: Piccadilly Press / Bonnier Publishing

Publication Date: September 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.thelastgiant.com

Genre: Supernatural, Crime

Themes & Subjects: Dreams & Aspirations, Friendship, Humor, Mystery, Perseverance

Prisoner 88

by Leah Pileggi, illustrated Daniel Miyares

Book Description: Inspired by a real ten-year-old boy in the Idaho Penitentiary in 1885, adventure, heartache, and friendship in the old west.

Author's Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Publication Date: June 4, 2019

Author's Website: www.leahpileggi.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Chinese American Interest, Western

Racing and Lure Coursing Dogs

By Marie-Therese Miller, PhD

Book Description: Canine racing and lure coursing are outdoor fun for dog athletes and their handlers. Learn everything about these sports and how to train dog participants.

Author's Residence: Salt Point, New York

Publisher: ABDO

Publication Date: January 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.marie-theresemiller.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Physical Activity, Responsibility, Sports

Red Dove, Listen to the Wind

by Sonia Antaki, illustrated by Andrew Bosley

Book Description: Thirteen-year-old Red Dove must leave her Lakota family to live in the white world or watch them starve. Can she find the power within herself to survive?

Author's Residence: Carmel, California

Publisher: One Elm Books / Red Chair Press / Lerner Publishing

Publication Date: October 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.soniaantaki.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Cultural Diversity, Kindness & Compassion, Magical Realism, Native American Interest

Rising Above Shepherdville

by Ann Schoenbohm

Book Description: In 1977, after her mother's suicide, Dulcie is sent to live with an aunt and confronts her grief with the help of new feathered friends.

Author's Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publisher: Beach Lane Books / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: July 16, 2019

Author's Website: www.annschoenbohm.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Grief, Forgiveness, Home, Overcoming Obstacles

Roger Mantis

by Tom Alan Brosz, illustrated by Daniela Frongia & Tom Alan Brosz

Book Description: Roger McGillicutty, eleven, wakes up one morning transformed into a five-foot praying mantis. Life, school, and the big game with Centerville just got very complicated!

Author's Residence: Mountain View, California

Publisher: Georgia McBride Media Group / Month9Books

Publication Date: April 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.Rogermantis.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Dreams & Aspirations, Friendship, Humor, Overcoming Obstacles, Sports

Roll With It

by Jamie Sumner

Book Description: *Roll With It follows twelve-year-old Ellie, who moves to a new town and dreams of being a chef not just "the kid with cerebral palsy."*

Author's Residence: Nashville, Tennessee

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.Jamie-Sumner.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Disability, Family, Friendship, Grandparents, Special Needs

The Root of Magic

by Kathleen Benner Duple, illustrated by Pascal Campion

Book Description: Twelve-year-old Willow must convince a town that has let magic dictate their fate, that they truly have a choice in the paths of their lives.

Author's Residence: Boxford, Massachusetts

Publisher: Delacorte BFYR

Publication Date: June 11, 2019

Author's Website: www.kathleenduble.com

Genre: Magical Realism

Themes & Subjects: Community, Dealing with Illness, Friendship, Siblings

Rotten! Vultures, Beetles, Slime and Nature's Other Decomposers

by Anita Sanchez, illustrated by Gilbert Ford

Book Description: A funny, fact-filled look at decomposition. Vultures, fungi, slugs, and more aid in this fascinating aspect of the life cycle that's right under our noses.

Author's Residence: Amsterdam, New York

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.anitasanchez.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Environment, Nature, Science, STEM

Sauerkraut

by Kelly Jones, illustrated by Paul Davey

Book Description: HD Schenk, a maker who wants to build his first computer, meets the ghost of his great-great-grandmother, who needs his help making sauerkraut.

Author's Residence: Shoreline, Washington

Publisher: Knopf BFYR / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: September 10, 2019

Author's Website: www.curiosityjones.net

Genre: Contemporary Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Biracial Families, Humor, Identity, Paranormal, STEM

Save the Crash-test Dummies

by Jennifer Swanson, illustrated by TeMika Grooms

Book Description: Filled with fun four-wheeled nuggets of history, this book gives readers a peek under the hood to see how the world's most important vehicle works.

Author's Residence: Jacksonville, Florida

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.JenniferSwansonBooks.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Engineering, History, STEM, STEAM

Scientists in National Parks: Dry Tortugas

by Ruth A. Musgrave

Book Description: From monitoring sea turtles to studying coral reefs, scientists in the Dry Tortugas National Park are making new discoveries and helping to protect its ecosystem.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Rourke Educational Media

Publication Date: March 2019

Author's Website: www.ruthamusgrave.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Habitat, Nature, STEM

Scientists in National Parks: Gates of the Arctic

by Ruth A. Musgrave

Book Description: With no roads, businesses, trails, or campgrounds, scientists must fly, hike, or raft to remote

locations to study the animals and ancient lands.

Author's Residence: Portland, Oregon

Publisher: Rourke Educational Media

Publication Date: February 2019

Author's Website: www.ruthamusgrave.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Environment, Habitat, Nature, STEM

The Sea Island's Secret

by Susan Diamond Riley

Book Description: Siblings Delta and Jax discover a human skeleton and a mysterious message in the salt marsh, sending them on a race for long-forgotten treasure.

Author's Residence: Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Publisher: Young Palmetto Books / The University of South Carolina Press

Publication Date: July 31, 2019

Author's Website: www.SusanDiamondRiley.com

Genre: Historical Mystery

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Grandparents, History, Mystery, Siblings

Secret Soldiers

by Keely Hutton

Book Description: To find his missing older brother, thirteen-year-old Thomas lies about his age to join a crew of soldiers known as "tunnelers" beneath No Man's Land.

Author's Residence: Fairport, New York

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux / Macmillan

Publication Date: June 11, 2019

Author's Website: www.keelyhutton.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Coming-of-Age, Family, Making Friends, War

Secrets of Topsea #2: The Extremely High Tide

by Kir Fox and M. Shelley Coats, illustrated by Rachel Sanson

Book Description: When Talise discovers a mysterious message in a bottle, she's convinced the message is meant for her. And it's telling her to build a boat.

Author's Residence: Dallas, Texas

Publisher: Disney Hyperion

Publication Date: January 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.michelleschusterman.com

Genre: Humor

Themes & Subjects: Community, Friendship, Identity, Learning Challenges, Similarities & Differences

Seventh Grade Sleuths: Ignacio in the Dark

by Dania Ramos

Book Description: Ig Soto and his fellow Seventh Grade Sleuths take on the Case of the Out of Control Telescope at the local environmental center.

Author's Residence: Bloomfield, New Jersey

Publisher: Northampton House Press

Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.DaniaRamos.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction / Mystery

Themes & Subjects: Disabilities, Family, Friendship, Latino Interest Science

Shake it Off

by Suzanne Nelson

Book Description: In this breezy tween romance, city girl Bria spends the summer on a farm, where she gets a crash course in milkshakes and crushes.

Author's Residence: Ridgefield, Connecticut

Publisher: Scholastic

Publication Date: July 30, 2019

Author's Website: www.suzannenelson.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Friendship, Humor, Making Friends, Romance

She Spoke: 14 Women Who Raised Their Voices and Changed the World

by Kathy MacMillan and Manuela Bernardi, illustrated by Kathryn Honesta

Book Description: A unique nonfiction picture book that allows readers to hear the words of inspiring women at the touch of a button.

Author's Residence: Baltimore, Maryland

Publisher: Familius Press

Publication Date: March 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.kathymacmillan.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Cultural Diversity, History, Women's Rights

Shortcuts

by Amy Bearce

Book Description: Eighth grade is tough, and psychic empath Parker works hard to keep everyone happy. But when psychic powers and secrets collide, no one is safe.

Author's Residence: San Antonio, Texas

Publisher: CBAY Books

Publication Date: April 9, 2019

Author's Website: www.amybearce.com

Genre: Science Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Girl Power, Humor, Superheroes, Supernatural

Silver Batal and the Water Dragon Races

by K.D. Halbrook

Book Description: A desert girl dreams of racing water dragons and gets her chance for adventure when she meets a dragon who can swim *and* fly.

Author's Residence: Seattle, Washington

Publisher: Henry Holt BFYR / Macmillan

Publication Date: June 4, 2019

Author's Website: www.kristinhalbrook.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Dreams & Aspirations, Girl Power, Identity, Multiethnic Interest

Sisters 5: M.Y.O.B.

by Christophe Cazenove, illustrated by William Maury translated by Nanette McGuinness

Book Description: It's big sister Wendy's high school

dance—but little sis Maureen wants to join the fun...and not just in the crazy relay race they're training for.

Translator's Residence: Berkeley, California

Publisher: Papercutz

Publication Date: December 10, 2019

Translator's Website: www.athenatranslations.nanette.biz

Genre: Fiction Graphic Novel

Themes & Subjects: Family, Friendship, Girl Power, Humor, Siblings

Skateboard Sibby

by Clare O'Connor

Book Description: Super skateboarder Sibby Henry is dealing with lots of life changes, and is without her precious skateboard. Confronted by a bully, she refuses to back down.

Author's Residence: Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Publisher: Second Story Press

Publication Date: March 18, 2019

Author's Website: www.clareoconnor.ca

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Breaking Gender Barriers, Friendship, LGBTQ, Perseverance

Smoky, the Dog that Saved My Life: The Bill Wynne Story

by Nancy Roe Pimm

Book Description: Learn about World War II through the life of a Yorkshire Terrier who became a war dog hero and the first therapy dog after being discovered in a foxhole.

Author's Residence: Plain City, Ohio

Publisher: Ohio University Press

Publication Date: February 2019

Author's Website: www.nancyroepimm.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Animals, History, War

Spies, Lies, and Disguise: The Daring Tricks and Deeds that Won WWII

by Jennifer Swanson, illustrated by Kevin O'Malley

Book Description: Restricted access is lifted for an up-close view of the top secret operations by daring individuals who fought the war under a cloak of secrecy.

Author's Residence: Jacksonville, Florida

Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books

Publication Date: November 26, 2019

Author's Website: www.JenniferSwansonBooks.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: History, STEM, STEAM, War

The Startup Squad

by Brian Weisfeld and Nicole C. Kear

Book Description: The Babysitters Club meets Lean In in a new middle grade series about friendship and entrepreneurship! Girls mean business!

Author's Residence: Los Altos, California

Publisher: Macmillan

Publication Date: May 7, 2019

Author's Website: www.thestartupsquad.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Breaking Gender Barriers, Competition, Cultural Diversity, Girl Power, Making Friends

STEAM Jobs in Cybersecurity

by Cynthia Argentine

Book Description: Computer hacks and stolen data make headline news. Who works to prevent these attacks? Cybersecurity professionals do. This book explores exciting careers in cybersecurity.

Author's Residence: Zionsville, Indiana

Publisher: Rourke Educational Media

Publication Date: August 11, 2019

Author's Website: www.cynthiaargentine.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Internet Navigation, Science, STEM, Technology

Stella and the Time Bandits

by M. Shawn Petersen, illustrated by Robyn Waters

Book Description: In this battle between good and evil, Stella and friends must defend against dark armies or see the land, sea, and sky plunged into chaos.

Illustrator's Residence: Hillsboro, Oregon

Publisher: Beyond Words Publishing

Publication Date: May 7, 2019

Illustrator's Website: www.robynwaters.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Biracial Families, Breaking Gender Barriers, Girl Power, Overcoming Obstacles, Paranormal

Storm Blown

by Nick Courage

Book Description: A major hurricane is raging across the southern United States and two unsuspecting kids are about to have the adventure of a lifetime!

Author's Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Delacorte / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: July 16, 2019

Author's Website: www.nickcourage.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Environment, Nature, STEM, Thriller

The Story That Cannot Be Told

by J. Kasper Kramer

Book Description: Set during the final months of the Communist reign in Romania, this book masterfully weaves Romanian fable and family lore into a stunning debut.

Author's Residence: Chattanooga, Tennessee

Publisher: Atheneum / Simon & Schuster

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.jkasperkramer.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Fairy Tale, Folk Tale, History, War, Writing

Stu Truly First Kiss

by Dan Richards

Book Description: *Stu Truly First Kiss* picks up where *Stu Truly* left off and continues Stu's humorous romantic middle school adventures with his first crush, Becca.

Author's Residence: Bothell, Washington

Publisher: Yellow Jacket / little bee books

Publication Date: May 7, 2019

Author's Residence: www.danrichardsbooks.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Friendship, Humor, Realistic Fiction, Romance

Super Jake & The King of Chaos

by Naomi Milliner, illustrated by Erwin Madrid

Book Description: Eleven-year-old aspiring magician Ethan discovers that heroes come in all sizes, and real magic can be found in the most surprising of places—and people.

Author's Residence: Olney, Maryland

Publisher: Running Press Kids

Publication Date: May 7, 2019

Author's Website: www.naomimilliner.wordpress.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Jewish Interest, Kindness & Compassion, Siblings, Special Needs

Survivor Girl

by Erin Teagan

Book Description: In this funny, action-packed middle grade, Alison gets invited to be on her dad's reality show, *Survivor Guy*, and faces realities about her family.

Author's Residence: Purcellville, Virginia

Publisher: Clarion Books / Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: July 16, 2019

Author's Website: www.erinteagan.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Family, Girl Power, Overcoming Obstacles, STEM

Taking the Lead

by Karen Spafford-Fitz

Book Description: Sprinter Jonas Bosch can only return to the track team if he trains a vision- and mobility-impaired athlete—and learns some empathy in the process.

Author's Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Publisher: James Lorimer & Co.

Publication Date: August 2019

Author's Website: www.karenscafford-fitz.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Cultural Diversity, Differently Abled, Family, Physical Activity, Sports

A Tale Magnolious: The Adventures of an Orphan, Her Elephant, and Some Rather Unusual Seeds

by Suzanne Nelson, jacket and spot art by Emilia Dziubak

Book Description: This heartwarming novel tells of a remarkable bond between two outcasts, a girl and an elephant, and how they bring hope to a struggling town.

Author's Residence: Ridgefield, Connecticut

Publisher: Knopf BFYR / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: June 18, 2019

Author's Website: www.suzannenelson.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Animals, Friendship, Home, Magical Realism, Overcoming Obstacles

A Time Traveler's Theory of Relativity

by Nicole Valentine

Book Description: Physics-obsessed Finn has to believe in something more than logic to save his mom in this heartfelt family time-travel adventure.

Author's Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.nicolevalentinebooks.com

Genre: Science Fiction / Magical Realism

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Family, Grief, Science

The Tornado

by Jake Burt

Book Description: Bell Kirby must choose to stand up for the new girl at school or join the bully who has tormented him for years.

Author's Residence: Hamden, Connecticut

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends / Macmillan

Publication Date: October 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.jburtbooks.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Realistic Fiction, Responsibility, STEM

The Tornado Scientist: Seeing Inside Severe Weather

by Mary Kay Carson, illustrated by Tom Uhlman

Book Description: Robin Tanamachi has been captivated by tornadoes since childhood. She now chases down and studies how tornadoes form.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publication Date: March 19, 2019

Author's Website: www.marykaycarson.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Dreams & Aspirations, Girl Power, Japanese American Interest, Science, STEM

Torpedoed: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of "The Children's Ship"

by Deborah Heiligman, illustrated and photographed by Lawrence Lee

Book Description: On September 17, 1940, a German U-boat torpedoed a ship with 100 children on board. In tragedy, ordinary people became heroes. This is their story.

Author's Residence: New York, New York

Publisher: Godwin Books / Henry Holt / Macmillan

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.DeborahHeiligman.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, History, Nonfiction, Overcoming Obstacles, War

The True Story of Lyndie B. Hawkins

by Gail Shepherd

Book Description: A twelve-year-old history-loving girl goes in search of the truth about her family, her community, and her country.

Author's Residence: Lake Worth, Florida

Publisher: Kathy Dawson Books / Penguin Random House
Publication Date: March 2019
Author's Website: www.gailsshepherdauthor.com
Genre: Historical
Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Family, Grandparents, History, Mental Illness

Understanding Friendship

by Marie-Therese Miller, PhD

Book Description: Learn how to meet and keep close friends. Explore what makes a good friend, ways to solve friendship troubles, and how technology and friendship mesh.

Author's Residence: Salt Point, New York

Publisher: Rourke Educational Media

Publication Date: August 11, 2019

Author's Website: www.marie-theresemiller.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Community, Friendship, Kindness & Compassion, Making Friends, Respect

Video Game Coding

by Janet Slingerland

Book Description: Explains the process programmers use to create a video game, including key concepts such as game mechanics and user interfaces.

Author's Residence: Mount Laurel, New Jersey

Publisher: Focus Readers / North Star Editions

Publication Date: January 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.janetsbooks.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Nonfiction, STEM, Technology

La vuelta a México en cinco leyendas (con uno que otro fantasma)

by Judy Goldman, illustrated by Israel Barrón

Book Description: Marco and his adventuresome Aunt Nelly take a trip around Mexico tracing five legends—about pirates, ghosts, witches, and others—from the Colonial period.

Author's Residence: Mexico City, Mexico

Publisher: Ediciones Castillo

Publication Date: June 2019

Author's Website: www.judygoldman4kids.com

Genre: Folk Tales / Adventure

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Contemporary Fiction, Intergenerational Relationships, Latino Interest

When Plants Attack: Strange and Terrifying Plants

by Rebecca E. Hirsch

Book Description: Carnivorous plants that trap mammals. African trees that enlist biting ants as bodyguards. A shrub that sheds poisonous needles. Meet nature's strangest, most terrifying plants.

Author's Residence: State College, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Lerner Publishing / Millbrook Press

Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.rebeccahirsch.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Nature, Science, STEM

Who Is Oprah Winfrey?

by Barbara Kramer, illustrated by Dede Putra

Book Description: The story of how a young Southern girl, raised on a pig farm, became one of the most influential and inspiring people in the world.

Author's Residence: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Publisher: Penguin Workshop / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: January 2019

Author's Website: www.barbarakramer.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: African American Interest, Entertainment, Girl Power, Overcoming Obstacles

The Wicked Tree

by Kristin Thorsness

Book Description: Eleven-year-old Tav uncovers a family curse, ventures into a forbidden wood, and faces off against a tree that calls to him when he sleeps.

Author's Residence: Bellevue, Washington

Publisher: Month9Books / Georgia McBride Media Group

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.kristinthorsness.com

Genre: Horror

Themes & Subjects: Fantasy, Forgiveness, Friendship, Grief, Mystery

The Wolves of Slough Creek, Book 3: The Wild World of Buck Bray

by Judy Young

Book Description: When Buck goes to Yellowstone, he not only discovers someone is using drones to threaten wildlife, but also that wolves aren't the only predator around.

Author's Residence: Preston, Idaho

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Publication Date: March 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.JudyYoungPoetry.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Animals, Mystery, Nature

Zenobia July

by Lisa Bunker

Book Description: A trans girl with a troubled past gets a second chance in a new family and school, living in stealth and solving a cyber-mystery.

Author's Residence: Exeter, New Hampshire

Publisher: Viking BFYR / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: May 21, 2019

Author's Website: www.lisabunker.net

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Family, Friendship, Identity, LGBTQ

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

All is Fair

by Dee Garretson

Book Description: As WWI rages across Europe, a British girl and an American boy team up to carry out a dangerous mission into occupied territory.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Swoon Reads / Macmillan

Publication Date: January 22, 2019

Author Website: www.deegarretson.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Romance, War

Among the Fallen

by Virginia Frances Schwartz

Book Description: This "Dickensian #MeToo Movement" novel (Kirkus), features the rehabilitation of lost or "fallen" girls in the Victorian era. YA crossover.

Author's Residence: Flushing, New York

Publisher: Holiday House

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.virginiafranceschwartz.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Friendship, Women's Rights

Beautiful to Me

by E.L. Tenenbaum

Book Description: The young mermaid Ariel must convince Princess Sienna to return to the underwater kingdom. The moment she sets foot on land, however, everything changes. *A Little Mermaid* retelling.

Author's Residence: Irvine, California

Publisher: Fire & Ice / Melange

Publication Date: February 16, 2019

Author's Website: www.ELTenenbaum.com

Genre: Fairy Tale / Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Friendship, Romance

The Birds, the Bees, and You and Me

by Olivia Hinebaugh

Book Description: Never-been-kissed Lacey gives out safe-sex advice to her classmates once she sees how damaging abstinence-only education can be.

Author's Residence: Burke, Virginia

Publisher: Swoon Reads / Macmillan

Publication Date: January 22, 2019

Author's Website: www.oliviahinebaugh.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, LGBTQ, Performing Arts, Women's Rights

The Boyfriend Whisperer 2.0

by Linda Budzinski

Book Description: High school Cupid Alicea Springer's can't-fail matchmaking app pairs her up with the last boy in school she would ever want to date.

Author's Residence: Sterling, Virginia

Publisher: Swoon Romance

Publication Date: February 19, 2019

Author's Website: www.lindabudzinski.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Dance, Friendship, Humor, Romance

Cursed

by Karol Ruth Silverstein

Book Description: Newly diagnosed with a painful chronic illness, fourteen-year-old Ricky is super pissed. Cutting school is her coping mechanism . . . until her truancy is discovered.

Author's Residence: West Hollywood, California

Publisher: Charlesbridge Teen

Publication Date: June 25, 2019

Author's Residence: www.karolruthsilverstein.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction,

Themes & Subjects: Contemporary Fiction, Dealing with Illness, Forgiveness, Humor, Overcoming Obstacles

Dangerous Alliance

by Jennieke Cohen

Book Description: A nineteenth century Jane Austen fangirl uses Austen's novels to find a high society husband before her sister's villainous husband can steal their family estate.

Author's Residence: Granite Bay, California

Publisher: HarperCollins / HarperTeen

Publication Date: December 3, 2019

Author's Website: www.JenniekeCohen.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Overcoming Obstacles, Romance, Siblings, Women's Rights

Dragon's Truth

by Leanne M. Pankuch

Book Description: Rhyen embarks on a quest to save her sister but discovers a growing shadow within herself. Will she choose light? Or embrace the dragon's darkness?

Author's Residence: Staatsburg, New York

Publisher: Vinspire Publishing

Publication Date: March 30, 2019

Author's Residence: www.leannepankuch.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Coping with Death, Girl Power, Siblings

Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws that Affect Us Today (Second Edition)

by Cynthia Levinson and Sanford Levinson

Book Description: Political problems we face today trace directly back to decisions and compromises made by the Framers who wrote our Constitution in 1787.

Authors' Residence: Boston, Massachusetts

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.cynthialevinson.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Current Events, Government, History

Forest Talk

by Melissa Koch

Book Description: Have you gone forest bathing recently? Heard what trees are saying to each other? In *Forest Talk*, you'll learn how to listen when trees talk.

Author's Residence: Decorah, Iowa

Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

Publication Date: January 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.melissakoch.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Community, Environment, Nature, STEM

The Girl With Chameleon Eyes

by Laurel Houck, illustrated by Najla Qamber

Book Description: Summer, the ghostly girl with chameleon eyes, can't remember what has doomed her to roam the Earth. Will love be enough to save her?

Author's Residence: Oakmont, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Inkspell Publishing

Publication Date: March 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.laurelhouckpages.com

Genre: Paranormal Romance

Themes & Subjects: Contemporary Fiction, Historical Fiction, Paranormal, Romance

Gravemaids

by Kelly Coon

Book Description: The start of a fierce fantasy duology; three maidens chosen for their city-state's highest honor; one healer determined to save her sister from the grave.

Author's Residence: Lutz, Florida

Publisher: Delacorte Press / Penguin Random House

Publication Date: October 29, 2019

Author's Website: www.kellycoon.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Dreams & Aspirations, Friendship, Girl Power, Perseverance, Siblings

The Hidden Code

by P. J. Hoover

Book Description: Hannah Hawkins' parents disappeared while trying to find the mysterious Code of Enoch. Now Hannah will do anything to find them.

Author's Residence: Austin, Texas

Publisher: CBAY Books

Publication Date: September 10, 2019

Author's Website: www.pjhoover.com

Genre: Adventure

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Fantasy, Mystery, Romance

Una historia del más acá (A tale of the hereafter)

by Irma Calvo, illustrated by Tania Recio

Book Description: Infatuated with the wrong kind of boy, a teenage girl struggles at home and at school while her grandparents' spirits are determined to help her.

Author's Residence: Huixquilucan, State of Mexico

Publisher: Ediciones Internacionales Edebé

Publication Date: March 2019

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Family, Humor, Mexican Interest, Paranormal

Indigo Girl

by Suzanne Kamata

Book Description: Aiko Cassidy, a bicultural teen manga artist with cerebral palsy, spends the summer in post-disaster Japan getting to know her father and uncovering family secrets.

Author's Residence: Aisumi, Tokushima, Japan

Publisher: GemmaMedia

Publication Date: May 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.suzannekamata.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Asian & Asian American Interest, Biracial Families, Cultural Diversity, Disabilities, Japanese Interest

The Library of Lost Things

by Laura Taylor Namey

Book Description: Teen literary genius uses books to escape her mother's hoarding. Saving her home and securing her own happily ever after requires living her own story.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Inkyard Press / HarperCollins

Publication Date: October 8, 2019

Author's Website: www.laurataylornamey.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Friendship, Mental Illness, Romance

Lifestyles of Gods & Monsters

by Emily Roberson

Book Description: A retelling of the Minotaur myth with a reality TV setting, it's *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* meets *The Hunger Games* meets Greek mythology.

Author's Residence: Little Rock, Arkansas

Publisher: Macmillan / Farrar, Straus & Giroux BFYR

Publication Date: October 22, 2019

Author's Website: www.emilyrobersonbooks.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Entertainment, Mythology, Romance

Lioness: Mahlah's Journey

by Barbara M. Britton

Book Description: To keep her orphaned sisters together, Mahlah must seek what has never been granted to girls: an inheritance of God's Promised Land.**Author's Residence:** Brookfield, Wisconsin**Publisher:** Pelican Book Group / Harbourlight Books**Publication Date:** October 18, 2019**Author's Website:** www.barbarambritton.com**Genre:** Historical Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Breaking Gender Barriers, Christian Interest, Coming of Age, Family, Jewish Interest***Lovely War***

by Julie Berry

Book Description: Aphrodite tells the story of her work in the lives of four mortals as they navigate tragedy and love amidst the turmoil of WWI.**Author's Residence:** Temple City, California**Publisher:** Viking BFYR / Penguin Random House**Publication Date:** March 5, 2019**Author's Website:** www.julieberrybooks.com**Genre:** Historical Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Coming of Age, Mythology, Romance, War***Match Me if You Can***

by Tiana Smith

Book Description: When Mia's best friend won't match Mia with her "perfect" guy, she takes matters into her own hands.**Author's Residence:** Lehi, Utah**Publisher:** Feiwel & Friends / Macmillan**Publication Date:** January 8, 2019**Author's Website:** www.tianasmith.com**Genre:** Romance**Themes & Subjects:** Coming of Age, Contemporary Fiction, Friendship, Humor***Mindfulness and Meditation: Handling Life with a Calm and Focused Mind***

by Whitney Stewart

Book Description: Stewart helps readers get started with meditation, examine emotions, manage stress, check social media habits and wellness routines, and set intentions to increase happiness.**Author's Residence:** New Orleans, Louisiana**Publisher:** Twenty-First Century Books / Lerner Publishing**Publication Date:** August 6, 2019**Author's Website:** www.whitnystewart.com**Genre:** Nonfiction**Themes & Subjects:** Kindness & Compassion, Overcoming Obstacles, Respect, Responsibility***The Missing Season***

by Gillian French

Book Description: Whenever another kid vanishes in October, the Pender kids know what's behind it: a horrific monster out in the marshes they have named the Mumbler.**Author's Residence:** Hermon, Maine**Publisher:** HarperTeen / HarperCollins**Publication Date:** May 21, 2019**Author's Website:** www.gillianfrench.com**Genre:** Mystery**Themes & Subjects:** Friendship, Horror, Romance, Thriller***Neliem***

by Clare Di Liscia

Book Description: Oriana dreams of escaping her life of cruelty; she transforms herself from victim to warrior using a mysterious and powerful dagger.**Author's Residence:** South Pasadena, California**Publisher:** Georgia McBride Media Group / Month9books**Publication Date:** May 21, 2019**Author's Website:** www.clarediiscia.org**Genre:** Fantasy**Themes & Subjects:** Cultural Diversity, Girl Power, Kindness & Compassion, Romance***The Next to Last Mistake***

by Amalie Jahn

Book Description: Tess's father reenlists, moving her from their dairy farm to the city and from her comfort zone into a world she knows nothing about.**Author's Residence:** Charlotte, North Carolina**Publisher:** Light Messages**Publication Date:** March 19, 2019**Author's Website:** www.amaliejahn.com**Genre:** Contemporary Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Coming of Age, Cultural Diversity, Friendship, Girl Power, Romance***No More Excuses: Dismantling Rape Culture***

by Amber J. Keyser

Book Description: A deep-dive into rape culture and the #MeToo movement through the lens of intersectional feminism.**Author's Residence:** Bend, Oregon**Publisher:** Lerner Publishing / Twenty-First Century Books**Publication Date:** January 2019**Author's Website:** www.amberjkeyser.com**Genre:** Nonfiction**Themes & Subjects:** Discrimination, Girl Power, History, Women's Rights***No Place Like Here***

by Christina June

Book Description: In this modern twist on Hansel & Gretel, Ashlyn goes to work at a wilderness retreat center after her father goes to prison.**Author's Residence:** Fairfax County, Virginia**Publisher:** Blink / HarperCollins**Publication Date:** May 21, 2019**Author's Website:** www.christinajune.com**Genre:** Contemporary Fiction**Themes & Subjects:** Coming of Age, Dreams & Aspirations, Fairy Tale, Family, Mental Illness***The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs***

by Gail Jarrow

Book Description: The true story behind the 1906

beginning of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and how it has made food and drugs safer.

Author's Residence: Ithaca, New York

Publisher: Calkins Creek / Highlights

Publication Date: October 15, 2019

Author's Website: www.gailjarrow.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Nonfiction, Science, STEAM, STEM

Robert E. Lee: The Man, the Soldier, the Myth

by Brandon Marie Miller

Book Description: Delve into the controversial life of Robert E. Lee—and the myths about his beliefs that still shape our country today. Starred review, *Booklist*.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Boyds Mills & Kane

Publication Date: June 11, 2019

Author's Website: www.brandonmariemiller.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Biography, Family, History, War

Shadowscents

by P.M. Freestone

Book Description: *An Ember in the Ashes* meets *Indiana Jones* in an electrifying, steal-your-breath-away, supercharge-your-senses YA fantasy adventure.

Author's Residence: Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

Publisher: Scholastic, Inc.

Publication Date: November 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.pmfreestone.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Friendship, Mythology, Overcoming Obstacles

Treasure Hunt

by Nikki Shannon Smith

Book Description: When Jazmine and Jason's younger brother's bike is stolen, they compete on a treasure hunt reality show, hoping to win money to replace the bike.

Author's Residence: Davis, California

Publisher: Darby Creek / Lerner Publishing Group

Publication Date: January 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.nikkishannonsmith.com

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, African American Interest, Contemporary Fiction, Realistic Fiction, Siblings

Troublemaker for Justice: The Story of Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the March on Washington

by Jacqueline Houtman, Walter Naegle, and Michael G. Long

Book Description: This YA biography of Bayard Rustin—a gay African American Quaker—depicts his influential but largely unrecognized role in the Civil Rights movement.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: City Lights Publishers

Publication Date: August 13, 2019

Author's Website: www.jhoutman.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: African American History, Biography, Civil Rights, Discrimination, LGBTQ

Union Made: Labor Leader Samuel Gompers and His Fight for Workers' Rights

by Norman H. Finkelstein

Book Description: Samuel Gompers never planned on becoming a hero. But when he encountered injustice, he turned into one by founding the American Federation of Labor.

Author's Residence: Framingham, Massachusetts

Publisher: Boyds Mills & Kane

Publication Date: June 11, 2019

Author's Website: www.normfinkelstein.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: History, Jewish Interest, Nonfiction

Wasted Pretty

by Jamie Beth Cohen

Book Description: During junior year, star student and lacrosse player Alice grows four inches and sheds twenty pounds. Alice has mixed feelings about her surprising transformation.

Author's Residence: Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Black Rose Writing

Publication Date: April 18, 2019

Author's Website: www.JamieBethCohen.com

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Coming of Age, Family, Friendship, Girl Power, Identity

Watch Out

by Alison Hughes

Book Description: In this thriller for teen readers, fifteen-year-old Charlie investigates a series of break-ins in his neighborhood, getting more than he bargained for.

Author's Residence: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Publication Date: August 30, 2019

Author's Website: www.alisonhughesbooks.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Humor, Mystery, Siblings, Thriller

Welcome to Bombingham

by Rhonda Lynn Rucker

Book Description: In 1960s Birmingham, Alabama, Earl B. Peterson is bent on revenge after the Ku Klux Klan bombs his house, killing his mother.

Author's Residence: Maryville, Tennessee

Publisher: Pelican Publishing Company

Publication Date: September 2019

Author's Website: www.sparkyandronda.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: African American History, African American Interest, Civil Rights, Discrimination, Historical fiction

When the Stars Lead to You

by Ronni Davis

Book Description: Aspiring astrophysicist Devon is determined to enjoy senior year, until Ashton, who broke her heart a year ago, shows up the first day of school.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Little, Brown BFYR

Publication Date: November 12, 2019

Author's Website: www.ronnidavis.com

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Diversity, Dreams & Aspirations, Mental Illness, Realistic Fiction, STEM

Author's Residence: Sacramento, California

Publisher: Twenty-First Century Books / Lerner Publishing

Publication Date: January 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.conniegoldsmith.com

Genre: Nonfiction

Themes & Subjects: Dreams & Aspirations, Girl Power, War, Women's Rights

The Wild Lands

by Paul Greci

Book Description: *The Wild Lands* is the ultimate survival tale of humanity's fight against society's collapse as four teens cross an abandoned Alaska in search of safety.

Author's Residence: Fairbanks, Alaska

Publisher: Macmillan

Publication Date: January 29, 2019

Author's Website: www.paulgreci.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Coming of Age, Dystopia, Girl Power, Thriller

The Winter King

by Christine Cohen

Book Description: After a Nordic god curses her village with winter, Cora plots to steal the book that holds his secrets and save her family from starvation.

Author's Residence: Moscow, Idaho

Publisher: Canon Press

Publication Date: November 5, 2019

Author's Website: www.christinedcohen.com

Genre: Fantasy

Themes & Subjects: Mythology, Overcoming Obstacles, Religion, Romance

Women Heroes of the US Army: Remarkable Soldiers From the American Revolution to Today

by Ann McCallum Staats

Book Description: Though early laws prohibited female soldiers, many still found ways to serve. This book chronicles how women have strengthened the army throughout history to today.

Author's Residence: Kensington, Maryland

Publisher: Chicago Review Press

Publication Date: July 9, 2019

Author's Website: www.annmccallumbooks.com

Genre: Biography

Themes & Subjects: Girl Power, History, Nonfiction, Women's Rights

Women in the Military: From Drill Sergeants to Fighter Pilots

by Connie Goldsmith

Book Description: Women have overcome great obstacles to prove they can do any job in the military: private to general; mechanics to pilots; gunners to Rangers.

ANTHOLOGIES

I Am a Jigsaw: Puzzling Poems to Baffle Your Brain

contributions by B.J. Lee, edited by Roger Stevens, illustrated by Spike Gerrell

Book Description: From acrostics and riddles to kennings, this is a fun anthology of puzzling poems that also encourages children to write poetry themselves.

Author's Residence: Pinellas Park, California

Publisher: Bloomsbury Publishing

Publication Date: February 21, 2019

Author's Website: www.childrensauthorbjlee.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Humor, Imagination, Poetry

Moonstruck

contributions by B.J. Lee, edited by Roger Stevens, illustrated by Ed Boxallz

Book Description: An inspirational anthology that will spark children's imaginations and celebrate our solar system in the 50th anniversary year of the moon landing in July 1969.

Author's Residence: Pinellas Park, California

Publisher: Otter-Barry Books

Publication Date: June 1, 2019

Author's Website: www.childrensauthorbjlee.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: History, Holidays & Celebrations, Imagination, Poetry, STEM

Once Upon a Twisted Tale

by Gayle C. Krause, illustrated by Caroline O'Neal

Book Description: From a frog who thinks he's Sleeping Beauty to Cinderella's cool-rappin' fairy godmother, this book is a rollicking "fractured fairy tales" poetry collection.

Author's Residence: Matamoras, Pennsylvania

Publisher: Spork / Clear Fork Publishing

Publication Date: June 18, 2019

Author's Website: www.gayleckrause.com

Genre: Middle Grade Poetry

Themes & Subjects: Fantasy, Fractured Fairy Tale, Humor, Poetry

Spaced Out

contributions by B.J. Lee, edited by Brian Moses and James Carter

Book Description: Explore the galaxy with a constellation of poems about the sun, moon, stars, black holes, wormholes, asteroids, meteorites, and even weird alien life forms.

Author's Residence: Pinellas Park, California

Publisher: Bloomsbury Publishing

Publication Date: May 2, 2019

Author's Website: www.childrensauthorbjlee.com

Genre: Fiction

Themes & Subjects: History, Imagination, Poetry, Science, STEM

Young Explorer's Adventure Guide, Volume 6 edited by Corie Weaver and Sean Weaver; contributions by Elle Jauffret, Nancy Kress, et al.; illustrated by Camillio Z

Book Description: A collection of engaging stories with strong girl leadership. STEM topics are fully integrated in thought-provoking stories featuring diverse and relatable characters.

Author's Residence: San Diego, California

Publisher: Dreaming Robot Press

Publication Date: December 2019

Website: www.ellejauffret.com

Genre: Middle Grade Science Fiction

Themes & Subjects: Action / Adventure, Cultural Diversity, Girl Power, Short Stories, STEM