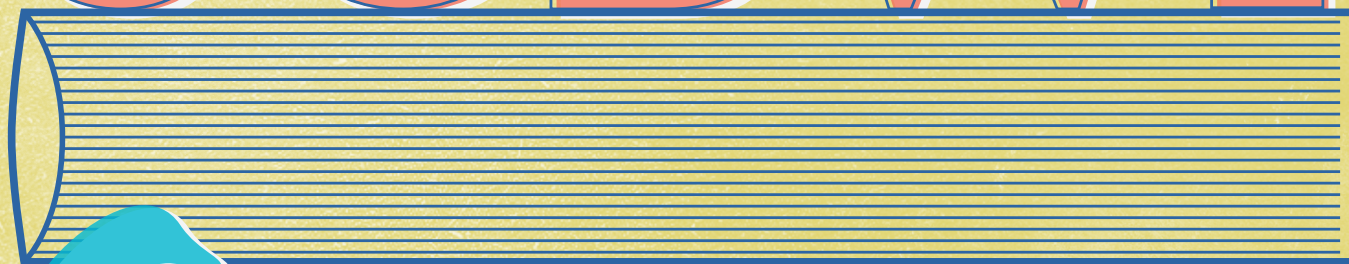


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SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS

OFFICIAL READING LIST — SUMMER 2016

MIDWEST

(Minnesota / Iowa / Nebraska / Wisconsin / Illinois / Michigan / Indiana / Ohio)

GRADES K-2

Ah-Choo!

by Lana Wayne Koehler and Gloria G. Adams, illustrated by Ken Min

Picture Book

Description: When hunting for his new best friend, a boy goes through an alphabetical menagerie of animals. But each creature just makes his sister go *AH-CHOO!*

Author's Residence (Koehler): Ohio

Publisher: Sterling Children's

Alexander and the Stallion

by Elizabeth Westra, illustrated by Kenneth Robert Ampel

Picture Book

Description: Alexander the Great, at age twelve, tamed a stallion considered untamable. When he realized why the horse balked and was able to master him, Alexander rode Bucephalus into battles.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Richard C. Owens Publishing

Andrew McGroundhog and His Shady Shadow

by Peter J. Welling

Picture Book

Description: The tale of the groundhog began in Scotland where this tale takes place. It explains the reason that groundhogs today are afraid of their shadows.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Anne Frank and the Remembering Tree

by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, illustrated by Erika Steiskal

Picture Book

Description: The story of the chestnut tree that Anne could see from the attic window of the Secret Annex. When the tree dies, saplings are planted around the world.

Author's Residence: Indianapolis, Indiana

Publisher: Skinner House Books

Ava the Monster Slayer

by Lisa Maggiore, illustrated by Ross Felten

Picture Book

Description: Ava is "cute" and wears "adorable glasses" but she's really a fierce monster slayer. When her beloved Piggy is left in the basement, it's Ava to the rescue!

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Bear and Squirrel are Friends . . . Yes, Really!

by Deb Pilutti

Picture Book

Description: Yes, bears sometimes eat squirrels. But can they still be friends? Find out if this unlikely friendship survives in this funny picture book. Great for read-alouds!

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Paula Wiseman Books

Belle's Wild Ride: The Artful Adventure of a Butterfly and a Cabbie

by Mary Lee Corlett, illustrated by Sophie Cayless

Picture Book

Description: A feisty butterfly from a National Gallery of Art painting embarks on a fast-paced adventure looking for her grandma at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Illustrator's Residence: Brecksville, Ohio

Publisher: D Giles Limited

Ben and Zip: Two Short Friends

by Joanne Linden, illustrated by Tom Goldsmith

Picture Book

Description: Friendships, boardwalks, and summer at the beach! Ben and Zip will keep readers guessing until the very end. A lively dog adventure with a twist.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Flashlight Press

Best Friends Pretend

by Linda Leopold Strauss, illustrated by Lynn Munsinger

Board Book

Description: Two little girls pretend to be astronauts, explorers, superheroes, etc. What can **you** be with your best friend at your side?

Author's Residence: Wyoming, Ohio

Publisher: Cartwheel Books

The Best Part of a Sauna

by Sheryl Peterson, illustrated by Kelly Dupre

Picture Book

Description: Is building a fire the best part? Or is it splashing water on the sauna rocks? Grandparents and a playful grandchild enjoy lake time together.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Raven Productions

Big Tractor

by Nathan Clement

Picture Book

Description: Follow a tractor through the seasons as it performs all of its important chores. Graphic illustrations with cinematic perspectives will mesmerize kids who love huge machinery.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

A Bird About to Sing

by Laura Nyman Montenegro

Picture Book

Description: For Natalie, writing a poem is easy. But reading it OUT LOUD is not! How will she muster her courage to share her verse with an audience?

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Boom Boom

by Sarvinder Naberhaus, illustrated by Margaret Chodos-Irvine

Picture Book

Description: A thunderstorm's *Boom Boom* instigates a riot of onomatopoeia knit into narrative. *Hear, hear!* to this diverse and playful romp of seasons.

Author's Residence: Iowa

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Boundary Waters ABC

by Wes Erwin, illustrated by Kathie Kemp

Picture Book

Description: Captivating stories, beautiful illustrations and fun activities are featured in this fun and educational ABC book about the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota. Author's

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Adventure Publications

Chicken Lily

by Lori Mortensen, illustrated by Nina Victor Crittenden

Picture Book

Description: Chicken Lily is afraid to try new things. Will she find the courage to read her poem at the Grand Slam Poetry Jam?

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

Choose Your Days

by Paula Wallace

Picture Book

Description: Old Bear gives Corky keys to her days. "Choose your days," he whispers. "Make them sunny or grey." Will little Corky live her life fully?

Author's Residence: Omaha, Nebraska

Publisher: Cinco Puntos Press

Cock-a-Doodle Oops!

by Lori Degman, illustrated by Deborah Zemke

Picture Book

Description: When Rooster leaves for a week's vacation, the other animals try to wake Farmer McPeeper. The hilarious twist ending will have readers crowing with laughter.

Author's Residence: Vernon Hills, Illinois

Publisher: Creston Books

A Cool Summer Tail

by Carrie A. Pearson, illustrated by Christina Wald

Picture Book

Description: Explains animal adaptations to heat using rhythm, rhyme and humor. Creative Minds backmatter extends learning through further clarification and related games.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Sylvan Dell Publishing

The Day David Wasn't There

by Linda Rae Apolzon

Early Reader

Description: One day David wakes up to find himself invisible. How will he get through the day?

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Caramel Tree

Dino-Swimming

by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Barry Gott

Picture Book

Description: The Land Sharks take on the Algae Eaters in a dino-swimming showdown!

The newest in the popular Dino-Sports series is sure to make a splash.

Author's Residence: Addison, Michigan

Publisher: Carolrhoda Books

Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers

by Sarah Warren, illustrated by Robert Casilla

Nonfiction Picture Book

Description: The story of Dolores Huerta's extraordinary battle that she waged to ensure fair and safe work places for migrant workers.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Two Lions

Ella and Penguin Stick Together

by Megan Maynor, illustrated by Rosalinde Bonnet

Picture Book

Description: Ella and Penguin want to see their new glow-in-the-dark stickers glow, but they don't want to go into the dark. It's so—*dark!*

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: HarperCollins

Farmers' Market Day

by Shanda Trent, illustrated by Jane Dippold

Picture Book

Description: Follow a curious little girl as she searches for the perfect treat. Broccoli? Honey straw? Kitten?! *Farmers' Market Day* is a feast for the senses!

Illustrator's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Tiger Tales Books

Flip, Float, Fly!: Seeds on the Move

by JoAnn Early Macken, illustrated by Pam Paparone

Nonfiction Picture Book

Description: Seeds use ingenious methods to travel to new places. They spin like green helicopters, soar through the sky, and bob along on ocean waves.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Holiday House

Grandma Is a Slowpoke

by Janet Halfmann, illustrated by Michele Coxon

Picture Book

Description: A little girl is happy to go on a walk with Grandma, but Grandma is such a slowpoke! She stops to point out or listen to the different creatures they meet.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Star Bright Books

Grandpa and Me on Tu B'Shevat

by Marji E. Gold-Vukson, illustrated by Leslie Evans

Picture Book

Description: This warm, rhyming tale about the tradition of planting during the Jewish New Year for Trees blossoms into a celebration of nature and family.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Grinelda the Mad Hatter

by Mary Jo Reinhart, illustrated by Paula Nathan

Picture Book

Description: A modern-day Cinderella story about being true to yourself and not being afraid to stand out in a crowd.

Author's Residence: Lincolnshire, Illinois

Publisher: Gumboot Books

Hanni and Beth: Safe & Sound

by Beth Finke, illustrated by Anthony Alex LeTourneau

Picture Book

Description: Beth, who is blind, travels safely around the city with the help of Hanni, a specially-trained Golden/Labrador Retriever.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Blue Marlin Publications

How Martha Saved Her Parents from Green Beans

by David LaRochelle, illustrated by Mark Fearing

Picture Book

Description: When a gang of mean green beans kidnaps her parents, Martha can think of only one way to rescue them . . . and it's not very tasty!

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

I Had a Favorite Dress

by Boni Ashburn, illustrated by Julia Denos

Picture Book

Description: A stylish story about favorite things, creativity, growing up, and letting go.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Harry N. Abrams

I Haiku You

by Betsy Snyder

Poetry / Picture Book

Description: Who do you haiku? Cheery expressions of love and friendship take flight in this haiku collection for both the young and the young at heart.

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Jenny and Her Dog Both Fight Cancer: A Tale of Chemotherapy and Caring

by Jewel Kats, illustrated by Claudia Marie Lenart

Picture Book

Description: Jenny, a young girl undergoing treatment for cancer, discovers that her best dog-friend, Dolly, also has cancer. The two support each other.

Illustrator's Residence: Wauconda, Illinois

Publisher: Loving Healing Press

The King Cake Baby

by Keila V. Dawson, illustrated by Vernon Smith

Picture Book

Description: The little plastic baby traditionally hidden inside a Mardi Gras King Cake is the runaway in this New Orleans adaptation of "The Gingerbread Man."

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Pelican Publishing

Kisses From Heaven

by Nancy Rogers Schacht

Picture Book

Description: A must-have heart-warming children's devotional for families with small children. Filled with precious rhymes, whimsical illustrations, and Bible verses.

Author's Residence: Rochelle, Illinois

Publisher: Guardian Angel Publishing

The Ladybug Race

by Amy Nielander

Picture Book Description: Contrary to popular belief, there is more than one way to win a race. One tiny ash gray ladybug believes winning means showing compassion toward others. A wordless picture book.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: PomegranateKids

Little Bird's Bad Word

by Jacob Grant

Picture Book

Description: Little Bird learned a new word! He loves it so much he has to share it with everyone. Unfortunately, this isn't a very nice word.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

Madeleine's Light: A Story of Camille Claudel

by Natalie Ziarnik, illustrated by Robert Dunn

Picture Book

Description: In nineteenth century France, the sculptor Camille Claudel and a young girl, Madeleine, become friends and learn about art and life from each other.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Boyds Mills Press

Mama Built a Little Nest

by Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Steve Jenkins

Picture Book

Description: A delightful exploration of the incredible variety of nests birds build for their babies. An ALSC Notable Book for Children.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Michelle Wie

by Mary Dunn

Nonfiction Picture Book

Description: A biography of a young golfer who began learning the sport at age four. Through hard work, she became a standout superstar.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Capstone Press

Monster Baby

by Lee Carr

Picture Book

Description: Jake wants to play with Mom but first his baby sister has to nap. When she doesn't sleep she turns into an adorable, fun-loving monster!

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Red Fox/Random House UK

Mr. Koob Loves to Read

by Marina Anisimova

Early Reader

Description: Does Mr. Koob read too much? Find out in this funny story!

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Reading Reading Books

Mr. McGinty's Monarchs

by Linda Vander Heyden, illustrated by Eileen Ryan Ewen

Picture Book

Description: Mr. McGinty and his dog, Sophie, are on a mission to save the monarch caterpillars. How? With help from the local schoolchildren, of course!

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Mr. Worry: A Story about OCD

By Holly L. Niner, illustrated by Greg Swearingen

Picture Book

Description: Kevin can't sleep until he checks under his bed for a light he knows isn't there. Kevin wants to stop, but the worry thoughts keep coming.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

My Grandfather's Coat

by Jim Aylesworth, illustrated by Barbara McClintock

Picture Book

Description: A retelling of the much-loved Yiddish folksong about a coat that is "worn and torn" and recycled over the course of four generations.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Scholastic Press

No Pirates Allowed! Said Library Lou

by Rhonda Gowler Greene, illustrated by Brian Ajhar

Picture Book

Description: Crusty Pirate Pete storms into Seabreezy Library ready to dig up treasure. But witty Library Lou helps him discover the *true* treasure—reading and books!

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Og's Ark

by Allison and Wayne Marks, illustrated by Martina Peluso

Picture Book

Description: Noah enlists Og the Giant's help gathering animals for the ark. Og is rewarded with an iron bed that allows him to finally sleep.

Authors' Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

The Olive Tree

by Elsa Marston, illustrated by Claire Ewart

Picture Book

Description: Following civil war, two neighboring children quarrel over an olive tree growing between their village homes, until a destructive storm offers a surprising solution.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Wisdom Tales Press

Once Upon an Elephant

by Linda Stanek, illustrated by Shennen Bersani

Nonfiction Picture Book

Description: Elephants keep the savanna in balance, providing water, planting seeds, maintaining grasslands—even helping to contain wildfires. Unfortunately, they could become "once upon a time."

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Arbordale Publishing

One Day I Went Rambling

by Kelly Bennett, illustrated by Terri Murphy

Picture Book

Description: Meet Zane, an imaginative and inventive scavenger boy. His friends don't understand his weird ways, but eventually curiosity overcomes doubt and together they build something fantastic!

Illustrator's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Bright Sky Press

Open This Little Book

by Jesse Klausmeier, illustrated by Suzy Lee

Picture Book

Description: Open this book and find another book . . . and another . . . and another! "This charming format creates a thoughtful package of interwoven beginnings and connected endings."—*School Library Journal*, starred review.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Chronicle Books

PB&J Hooray!

by Janet Nolan, illustrated by Julia Patton

Picture Book

Description: From peanut, grape, and wheat seeds to sandwich, *PB & J Hooray!* is all about how peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are made.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Penelope Perfect

by Shannon Anderson, illustrated by Katie Kath

Picture Book

Description: Penelope has a penchant for perfection, until a top-sy-turvy day helps her learn to let go of *perfect* and just be herself.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Free Spirit Publishing

Penguin Cha-Cha

by Kristi Valiant

Picture Book

Description: Follow a determined girl named Julia as she tries to join in the fun of a mischievous group of dancing penguins.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Pirate's Lullaby: Mutiny at Bedtime

by Marcie Wessels, illustrated by Tim Bowers

Picture Book

Description: Yo, ho, ho! It's bedtime. But this little swashbuckler will do anything to avoid going to sleep.

Illustrator's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Doubleday Books for Young Readers

The Quickest Kid in Clarksville

by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Frank Morrison

Picture Book

Description: A timeless story of dreams, determination, and the power of friendship—inspired by Olympic gold medal sprinter Wilma Rudolph.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Chronicle Books

Rabbi Benjamin's Buttons

by Alice B. McGinty, illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt

Picture Book

Description: "A happy congregation is the sunshine of my heart!"

Rabbi Benjamin eats their delicious meals, but his vest stretches tighter with each holiday. Until . . . *pop!*

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Raindrops Roll

by April Pulley Sayre

Nonfiction Picture Book

Description: An award-winning photo-illustrated exploration of rain, raindrops, and the water cycle from the creator of *Rah, Rah, Radishes!* and *The Slowest Book Ever*.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Beach Lane Books

Rhoda's Rock Hunt

by Molly Beth Griffin, illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell

Picture Book

Description: Hike alongside Rhoda as she collects rock after rock, from forest and river and lake, on a north woods adventure. Can she carry them all?

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Minnesota Historical Society Press

A Rock Can Be . . .

by Laura Purdie Salas, illustrated by Violeta Dabija

Picture Book

Description: A rock can be a stepping stone or a dinosaur bone. A rock can spark a fire or glow in the dark. Discover our world of rocks!

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Millbrook Press

Sadie's Seed Adventures: Learning About Seeds

by Tina Dybvik, illustrated by Adam Record

Fantasy Adventure/Science

Description: Sadie and Gardener Marv set out to clear weeds from a garden and go on a magic journey to learn how seeds disperse.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Picture Window

Salad Pie

by Wendy BooydeGraaff, illustrated by Bryan Langdo

Picture book

Description: When Maggie arrived at the park, it was empty and it was quiet. Perfect for making Salad Pie. Then Herbert arrived.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Ripple Grove Press

The Seagoing Cowboy

by Peggy Reiff Miller, illustrated by Claire Ewart

Picture Book

Description: A young man finds more than the adventure he seeks delivering livestock on a cattle boat to Poland after World War II.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Brethren Press

Sheep Go to Sleep

by Nancy Shaw, illustrated by Margot Apple

Picture Book

Description: Five sheep can't settle down. A trusty collie helps them fall asleep, then sleeps from exhaustion.

Author's residence: Michigan

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Shmulik Paints the Town

by Lisa Rose, illustrated by Catalina Echeverri

Picture Book

Description: Shmulik, the town artist, is chosen to create a mural for Israeli Independence Day. But what should he paint? Then he gets help from an unlikely source—his dog!

Author's Residence: Detroit, Michigan

Publisher: Kar-Ben Publishing

Show Me Dinosaurs!

by Janet Riehecky

Nonfiction

Description: From plant-munching beasts to meat-eating hunters—more than one hundred facts and definitions about how dinosaurs lived and died on ancient Earth.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Capstone Press

Show Me Happy

by Kathryn Madeline Allen, photographs by Eric Futran

Picture Book

Description: A delightful read-aloud "showing" simple concepts children learn as they begin to socialize. Colorful photos illustrate real kids doing important activities like helping and sharing.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Slickety Quick: Poems About Sharks

by Skila Brown, illustrated by Bob Kolar

Poetry / Picture Book

Description: Fourteen shark species—from the utterly terrifying to the surprisingly docile—glide through the pages of this vibrantly illustrated, poetic picture book.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Candlewick Press

The Song of Delphine

by Kenneth Kraegel

Picture Book

Description: Delphine is a poor servant girl whose beautiful lonely songs end up helping her to make surprising new friends.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Sonia Sotomayor

by Barbara Kramer

Early Reader

Description: Readers will learn about Sonia Sotomayor's rise to become the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice, and the trials she faced along the way.

Author's Residence: Iowa

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

Stories from Bug Garden

by Lisa Moser, illustrated by Gwen Millward

Picture Book

Description: Come peek between the blades of grass and read short, humorous stories about all of the bugs who call the garden home.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Stowaway! (Puppy Pirates, Book 1)

by Erin Soderberg

Early Chapter Book Series

Description: The Puppy Pirates chapter book series is perfect for kids who love animals and adventure. Join a swashbuckling crew of pups as they sail the seven seas.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers

Sweet Dreams, Wild Animals!: A Story of Sleep

by Eileen R. Meyer, illustrated by Laurie Caple

Nonfiction Picture Book

Description: "A cozy combination of restful rhymes, natural history notes and close-up pictures of snoozing creatures . . ."—*Kirkus Reviews*, 2015.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Mountain Press

Sweet Music in Harlem

by Debbie A. Taylor, illustrated by Frank Morrison

Picture Book

Description: C. J. races through Harlem to find Uncle Click's signature hat when a photographer from *Highnote* magazine comes to photograph Uncle Click, a popular jazz musician.

Author's Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

The Swimming Lesson (Cork and Fuzz)

by Dori Chaconas, illustrated by Lisa McCue

Early Reader Series

Description: Cork (a short muskrat) is babysitting a porcupine. Cork needs Fuzz's (a tall porcupine) help, but Fuzz is too busy. But then the porcupine goes missing!

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Penguin Young Readers

Teeny Tiny Toady

by Jill Esbaum, illustrated by Keika Yamaguchi

Picture Book

Description: When Teeny's mama and all seven of her big, strong brothers become trapped in a bucket, Teeny must find a way to rescue them all.

Author's Residence: Iowa

Publisher: Sterling Children's

Three Scoops and a Fig

by Sara Laux Akin, illustrated by Susan Kathleen Hartung

Picture Book

Description: When Sofia is told she is too little to help in the busy kitchen of her family's Italian restaurant, she creates her own special recipe.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Peachtree Publishers

Time for Cranberries

by Lisl H. Detlefsen, illustrated by Jed Henry

Picture Book

Description: From the cranberry bog to the Thanksgiving table, join Sam and his family as they harvest a classic American fruit.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

Timmy Triangle in Square Park

by Ruth Wacker

Early Reader

Description: Square Park is for squares only. What will happen when Timmy Triangle makes a plan to play there?

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Reading Reading Books

The Twelve Days of Christmas in Illinois

by Gina Bellisario, illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler

Picture Book

Description: From giant statues along Route 66 to the mighty Mississippi River, Mia sees everything Illinois has to offer when she visits her cousin for Christmas.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Sterling Children's

Two is Enough

by Janna Matthies, illustrated by Tuesday Mourning

Picture Book

Description: A 2016 Bank Street Book, this story celebrates two-person families—every day, in any season, and for always, two is perfect for lots of love!

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Running Press Kids

What Kinds of Seeds Are These?

by Heidi Bee Roemer

Picture Book

Description: Spirited text enumerates in riddle-form the many ways different seeds travel. Fun seed-related activities are included. A perfect companion to Roemer's *Who's Nest is This?*

Author's Residence: Orland Park, Illinois

Publisher: NorthWord Press

Where Do Mountains Come from, Momma?

by Catherine Weyerhaeuser Morley

Nonfiction Picture Book

Description: A look at geology with easy-to-understand terms and engaging, colorful illustrations. Readers will be introduced to earth science in a fun and charming way.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Mountain Press

Whose Hands Are These?

by Miranda Paul, illustrated by Luciana Navarro Powell

Picture Book

Description: The community helpers in this book do all sorts of helpful work. Can you guess their jobs based on the actions of their busy hands?

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Millbrook Press

Whose Story Is This, Anyway?

by Mike Flaherty, illustrated by Oriol Vidal

Picture Book

Description: A kid tries to get his story told despite interrupting pirates, dinosaurs, and aliens. Can they all get on the same page?

Author's Residence: New Albany, Ohio

Publisher: Sterling Children's

Woolbur

by Leslie Helakoski, illustrated by Lee Harper

Picture Book

Description: A young sheep bleats to his own beat.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: HarperCollins

Worm Loves Worm

by J.J. Austrian, illustrated by Mike Curato

Picture Book

Description: Their friends want to know: Who will wear the dress? Who will wear the tux? The answer is: It doesn't matter. Because Worm loves Worm.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Balzer & Bray

GRADES 3-5***Alexandre Dumas's The Three Musketeers (A Can You Survive? Book)***

adapted by Debrah J. Peters

Adventure

Description: A sword. A secret. A sworn enemy. Step into this adventure and choose your path. But choose wisely, or else . . .

Author's Residence: Rogers, Minnesota

Publisher: Lake 7 Creative

The American Revolution: Experience the Battle for Independence

by Judy Dodge Cummings, illustrated by Tom Casteel

Nonfiction

Description: Engaging text, hands-on activities, and links to primary sources show readers how rebel soldiers fought in horrific conditions for the sake of freedom.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Nomad Press

Beyond Lucky

by Sarah Aronson

Realistic Fiction

Description: This middle-grade story combines soccer action with strong themes of heroism, friendship, forgiveness and trust.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Bird

by Crystal Chan

Realistic Fiction

Description: When a boy moves into Jewel's town with the same name as Jewel's dead brother, secrets start to come out in her family.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

The Book of Dares for Lost Friends

by Jane Kelley

Realistic Fiction

Description: After Lanora tries to reinvent herself, Val must save her friend with the help of a feral cat, a mysterious book, and a precocious boy.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends

Can an Old Dog Learn New Tricks?: And Other Questions About Animals

by Buffy Silverman

Nonfiction

Description: Bats are blind. The early bird catches the worm. You may have heard common sayings or beliefs about animals. Find out which ones are true!

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group

Canned and Crushed

by Bibi Belford

Realistic Fiction

Description: Holy guacamole! You've got to meet soccer star Sandro and see the trouble he causes while trying to raise money for his sister's heart surgery.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

City Birds

by Dean Norman

Humorous Fiction

Description: Stars and Stripes were peregrine falcons born on the Terminal Tower in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Based on a true story.

Author's Residence: Cleveland, Ohio

Publisher: Star Bright Books

Cody and the Mysteries of the Universe

by Tricia Springstubb, illustrated by Eliza Wheeler

Realistic Fiction Series

Description: Irrepressible Cody ponders friendship, patience, the baton of love and other mysteries in this sweet, funny story set in a lively and diverse neighborhood.

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Cold War on Maplewood Street

by Gayle Rosengren

Historical Fiction

Description: Joanna's courage is tested when she and the rest of

the world are caught up in the terrifying week of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Copper Magic

by **Julia Mary Gibson**

Historical Fiction

Description: A girl who has nothing finds something that she hopes will change everything.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Starscape

Dorothea's Eyes

by **Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Gérard DuBois**

Nonfiction Picture Book

Description: After polio left her with a limp, Dorothea Lange wanted to disappear. Instead, she became a photographer and focused her lens on the unseen victims of the Great Depression.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Calkins Creek

Dragon Girl: The Secret Valley

by **Jeff Weigel**

Fantasy Graphic Novel

Description: When a girl stumbles upon a cave full of dragon eggs, she soon discovers a mysterious valley filled with dragons—and adventure, action, suspense and humor!

Author's Residence: Belleville, Illinois

Publisher: Andrews McMeel

Enchanted Gardening

by **Lisa Amstutz**

Nonfiction Picture Book

Description: Readers of all ages will enjoy creating these charming gardens—includes various projects for miniature and fairy gardens, as well as other magically inspired gardens.

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Capstone

Gracefully Grayson

by **Ami Polonsky**

Realistic Fiction

Description: In this coming-of-age novel about a transgender sixth grader, controversy surrounds Grayson's decision to audition for the female lead in the school play.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

The Homemade Stuffing Caper (Charlie Collier, Snoop for Hire, Book 1)

by **John Madormo**

Mystery Series

Description: The adventures of a twelve-year-old private detective who sets up shop in his parents' garage and solves cases for fellow sixth graders.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Puffin

Into the Killing Seas

by **Michael P. Spradlin**

Historical Fiction Description: Stranded in the war torn Pacific, two young boys stow away aboard the *USS Indianapolis*. When the ship is sunk by Japanese torpedoes, the boys must find a way to survive.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Scholastic Press

The Inventor's Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford

by **Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt**

Picture Book

Description: The true story of how a young, struggling car inventor discovered the secret of the famous inventor Thomas Edison.

(NSTA 2016 Outstanding Science Trade Book)

Author Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Just Like Me

by **Nancy J. Cavanaugh**

Realistic Fiction

Description: A funny, uplifting summer camp story about unlikely friendships and finding your place in the world.

Author's Residence: Willowbrook, Illinois

Publisher: Jabberwocky

Kate Walden Directs: Night of the Zombie Chickens

by **Julie Mata**

Humorous Fiction

Description: Kate Walden is shooting a movie, but fights with friends and diva hens prove that real life has way more plot twists than her film.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion

Liberty Porter, First Daughter

by **Julia DeVillers, illustrated by Paige Pooler**

Realistic Fiction Series

Description: Liberty Porter's dad has been elected President of the United States. That means Liberty is now the First Daughter and moving into the White House!

Author's Residence: Columbus, Ohio

Publisher: Aladdin

Little Dog Lost

by **Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell**

Realistic Fiction

Description: A lost dog, a boy who *needs* a dog, and a lonely old man, all come together in this easy-to-read novel in verse.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Lizzie and the Lost Baby

by **Cheryl Blackford**

Historical Fiction

Description: When Lizzie discovers an abandoned baby, her dangerous friendship with a gypsy boy is tested. Will she have the courage to do the right thing?

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Malcolm at Midnight

by W.H. Beck, illustrated by Brian Lies

Adventure

Description: When Malcolm the rat is adopted as pet mouse in a fifth grade room, he meets the Midnight Academy, a secret society of classroom pets.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Military Life: Stories and Poems for Children

by Peggie Brott, Alison Buckholtz, Judy Hissong, Amy Houts, Jennifer Jessep, Charlene Kochensparger, Julie LaBelle, Christy Lyon, Karen Pavlicin-Fragrino, Donna Portelli, Cindy Shaw, Michelle Tonsmeire, illustrated by Quinette Cook

Picture Book

Description: From deployment to homecoming, this collection of original stories and poems touches on the joys and challenges military children experience.

Illustrator's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Elva Resa Publishing

Miss Colfax's Light

by Aimée Bissonette, illustrated by Eileen Ryan Ewen

Nonfiction Picture Book

Description: The story of Harriet Colfax, a Great Lakes lighthouse keeper from 1861-1904, who kept her light burning through war, storms, harsh winters, and changing times.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press

Missing Millie Benson: The Secret Case of the Nancy Drew Ghostwriter and Journalist

by Julie K. Rubini

Nonfiction

Description: Readers follow the clues to learn the mysteries behind Millie Benson, the original Nancy Drew ghostwriter!

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Ohio University Press

My Near-Death Adventures: (99% True!)

by Alison DeCamp

Humorous Fiction

Description: A "hilarious and heartbreaking" (A Fuse #8 Production, *SLJ*) story about a boy determined to find his long-lost father in a Michigan logging camp.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers

Northern Moraine and Lake Region

by Katie Mitschelen

Nonfiction Book

Description: Explore the fascinating history and unique geographic features of Indiana's most northern geographic region.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: State Standards Publishing

Odin's Promise

by Sandy Brehl

Historical Fiction

Description: Mari must grow up fast when Nazi soldiers occupy her Norwegian village in 1940. With Odin, her elkhound, Mari discovers

inner strength and courage.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Crickhollow Books

Operation Tree Roper: An Eye Above

by Robert A. Polk

Realistic Fiction

Description: One-eyed twelve-year-old Declan Parker confronts his disability while trying to save his injured father's tree care business (and his own hopes for cosmetic surgery).

Author's Residence: Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Publisher: Anaiah Press

Prairie Anna

by Peggy House

Historical Fiction

Description: Anna's life is decided for her. When hardship takes her from the familiar, Anna must decide what to do with one choice she is given.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Journey Forth

Reality Natalie

by Katie Sparks

Realistic Fiction

Description: When the most popular kid-hosted TV show, *Kidz Konnection*, holds guest host auditions, the show's biggest fan, eleven-year-old Natalie Greyson, decides to try out.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Firedrake Books

Red: The True Story of Red Riding Hood

by Liesl Shurtliff

Fantasy

Description: Red has always feared magic, but when Granny falls gravely ill, Red must go on a magical quest to save Granny's life.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Rescuing Ivy

by Karen Kulinski

Historical Fiction

Description: A sheltered girl finds strength to overcome outside obstacles and her inner fears to save the wrongly-accused circus elephant she loves from being killed.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: High Hill Press

The Robin Makes A Laughing Sound: A Birder's Journal

by Sallie Wolf, designed by Micah Bornstein

Picture Book

Description: Bird observations conveyed in poetry, sketches, lists, and journal entries in a journal/scrapbook format, are both an invitation and a peek into the creative process.

Author's Residence: Oak Park, Illinois

Publisher: Charlesbridge

Sara Jane is a Pain

by Rebecca Williams Spindler and Madelyn Spindler

Realistic Fiction

Description: Eleven-year-old Liz prefers farm animals over her

bratty big sister, Sara Jane. A humorous and heartwarming story of conflict between unpredictable siblings.

Authors' Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: Little Creek Books

Sea of Echoes

by J. Mac Reed, illustrated by Ruthie Briggs-Greenberg

Picture Book

Description: Finn, a finback whale, meets other orphaned whale calves, makes friends, and learns that working together is best for everyone, in this ocean adventure.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Taylor Trade

Seeds, Bees, Butterflies, and More!: Poems for Two Voices

by Carole Gerber, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin

Poetry / Picture Book

Description: Funny, rhyming conversations among seeds, flowers, birds, and butterflies educate and amuse children about natural science. Selected as a "Notable Poetry Book." by the NCTE.

Author's residence: Powell, Ohio

Publisher: Henry Holt and Company

Seeds of Change

by Jen Cullerton Johnson, illustrated by Sonia Lynn Sadler

Nonfiction Picture Book

Description: The empowering story of Wangari Maathai, the first African woman, and environmentalist, to win a Nobel Peace Prize.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Lee & Low Books

Seeking Cassandra

by Lutricia Clifton

Adventure/Mystery

Description: Seeking the truth about her dad's involvement in the disappearance of prehistoric artifacts leads twelve-year-old Cassandra to discover truths about herself.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Holiday House

Serendipity and Me

by Judith L. Roth

Realistic Fiction

Description: Sara has less than a week to persuade her father that this kitten is exactly what their lonely, broken family of two needs to heal.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

The Sign of the Cat

by Lynne Jonell

Fantasy

Description: A boy who can speak Cat runs away to sea and unwittingly puts himself in the hands of the man who murdered his father.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers

The Sixty-Eight Rooms

By Marianne Malone

Adventure Series

Description: Follow the time traveling adventures of Ruthie and Jack, who magically enter the Thorne Miniature Rooms at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Yearling

Snoogers Rule, Mammoths Drool!: Introducing the Amazing Mucus Phlegmball

by Kerry Crowley

Fiction Series Book

Description: Mucus Phlegmball, a radioactive snot-blowing superhero, must save his town from mutant squirrels in this time-traveling hilarious adventure.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: MuseltUp Publishing

The Stepping Stones Journals

by Diana R. Jenkins

Realistic Fiction

Description: Four friends face life's challenges with faith and fun, sharing their struggles in their own words.

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Pauline Books and Media

Summer of Courage

by Karen Pavlicin

Realistic Fiction

Description: In a summer filled with family, friendship, and fishing, ten-year-old Andy discovers what happens when you mix rotten apples with a little bit of faith.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Alma Little

Summer of the Wolves

by Polly Carlson-Voiles

Realistic Fiction

Description: In northern the Minnesota wilderness, a transplanted orphan and an abandoned wolf pup, torn from refuge of family, help each other in their search for belonging.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Tango: The Tale of an Island Dog

by Eileen Beha

Adventure

Description: Lost at sea while sailing with his wealthy owners, a Yorkshire terrier washes up on a shore where he discovers that sometimes it takes getting lost to find what matters most.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children's Books

Thomas and the Dragon Queen

by Shutta Crum, illustrated by Lee Wildish

Fantasy

Description: A young knight named Thomas proves that despite his small size, he is up to the task of completing his quest and facing a dragon queen.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Yearling

Tornado!

by Judith and Dennis Fradin

Nonfiction

Description: Using spectacular photos, graphics, and first-person accounts, this book explores the science behind this powerful and disastrous force of nature.

Authors' Residence: Illinois

Publisher: National Geographic Kids

The Ugly One

by Leanne Statland Ellis

Historical Fiction

Description: Micay is bullied for the scar that runs like a river across her face in this novel set during the height of the Incan Empire.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Where the River Grins: The History of Evansville, Indiana

by Angie Karcher

Nonfiction

Description: This Bicentennial Edition celebrates the history of Evansville, Indiana. Written to third grade standards, it is used in classrooms to teach state-required local history.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: M.T. Publishing

While You Were Out

by Judith Irvin Kuns

Realistic Fiction

Description: A funny and moving story that offers hope and comfort to children who have lost loved ones. A Junior Library Guild Selection.

Author's Residence: Sandusky, Ohio

Publisher: Puffin

Zachary Zormer Shape Transformer

by Joanne Anderson Reisberg, illustrated by David Hohn

Picture Book

Description: Zachary can double a strip of paper without cutting it and change the perimeters of a sheet of paper and walk through it.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Charlesbridge

GRADES 6-8**Ashfall**

by Mike Mullin

Science Fiction

Description: Alex, a seemingly unremarkable teenager, must survive and find his family after the Yellowstone supervolcano erupts, plunging the world into a cataclysmic natural disaster.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Tanglewood Press

Assassin's Heart

by Sarah Ahiers

Fantasy

Description: With shades of *The Godfather* and *Romeo and Juliet*, this richly imagined debut fantasy is a story of love, lies, and the

ultimate vengeance.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: HarperTeen

Bayard Rustin: The Invisible Activist

by Jacqueline Houtman, Walter Naegle, and Michael G. Long

Nonfiction

Description: Biography of an important, but often overlooked, leader in the Civil Rights Movement. Bayard Rustin mentored Dr. King and organized the 1963 March on Washington.

Author's Residence (Houtman): Wisconsin

Publisher: QuakerPress

Code of Silence

by Tim Shoemaker

Adventure/Mystery

Description: Three friends witness a violent robbery and, fearing for their lives, make a pact to hide what they know. But silence isn't always golden . . . sometimes it's deadly.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Zonderkidz

The Colored Car

by Jean Alicia Elster

Historical Fiction

Description: During the summer of 1937, a twelve-year-old African American girl's worldview changes in unexpected ways after a train trip south to Clarksville, Tennessee.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Wayne State University Press

Double Exposure

by Bridget Birdsall

Realistic Fiction

Description: The story of a teen born with an intersex condition who transitions genders, overcomes bullying, and learns to stand in her own personal power.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

Eddie's War

by Carol Fisher Saller

Historical Fiction

Description: A farm boy's WWII coming-of-age. "An authentic window into the past"—*Horn Book* 2012; "a quick, excellent read"—*Kirkus* Best 2011; "outstanding merit"—*Bankstreet* Best 2012.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: namelos

Fairest of Them All

by Jan Blazanin

Realistic Fiction

Description: A fifteen-year-old beauty queen's modeling and acting dreams are dashed when alopecia causes her to lose her long blond hair.

Author's Residence: Iowa

Publisher: MTV Books

The Fairy Ring: Or Elsie and Frances Fool the World

by Mary Losure

Nonfiction

Description: True story of the two girls who took the world-famous Cottingley Fairy Photographs and accidentally fooled Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Fantastic Fugitives: Criminals, Cutthroats, and Rebels Who Changed History (While on the Run!)

by Brianna DuMont

Nonfiction

Description: Follow the law-breaking lives of twelve fugitives who annoyed everyone from popes to presidents. They founded countries, won wars, and ended empires—all while on the run!

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: Sky Pony Press

The Forbidden Orchid

by Sharon Biggs Waller

Historical Fiction

Description: The adventures of a British girl in China, hunting for the orchid that will save her family. Set in the Victorian era after the Opium Wars.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Viking Books for Young Readers

Hidden

by Helen Frost

Realistic Fiction

Description: Wren and Darra meet at age eight when Wren is accidentally kidnapped by Darra's father. Six years later, they meet again at a summer camp. Novel in verse.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Square Fish

The Horse Rescuers

by Patricia Gilkerson

Realistic Fiction

Description: Horse lovers Piper and Addie try to take care of the horses that they find in need of help, but things always get complicated.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Melange Books

I Am Drums

by Mike Grosso

Realistic Fiction

Description: A middle-grade debut about dreams, dilemmas, and drums that will resonate with readers trying to keep their ambitions alive during tough times.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Clarion Books

Is It Night or Day?

By Fern Schumer Chapman

Historical Fiction

Description: Inspired by the author's mother, one girl's journey from child refugee (from Nazi Germany) to American teenager, mirroring the struggle of every immigrant child.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Square Fish

The Jerrie Mock Story: The First Woman to Fly Solo Around the World

by Nancy Roe Pimm

Nonfiction

Description: Following a childhood dream, Jerrie Mock accomplished what her heroine Amelia Earhart failed to do—fly around the world.

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Ohio University Press

Jumped In

by Patrick Flores-Scott

Realistic Fiction

Description: The lives of a depressed slacker and a scary gang-banger are forever changed when they're paired up for the class poetry slam.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Square Fish

Lucas Mackenzie and the London Midnight Ghost Show

by Steve Bryant

Fantasy

Description: Lucas Mackenzie is a ghost and so are his friends. Join them for their final tour in this spooky tale of love, death, and magic.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Month9Books

Nobody's Goddess (The Never Veil, Book One)

by Amy McNulty

Fantasy

Description: In a village of masked men, Noll is in love with her best friend Jurij, but he is magically compelled to love her sister.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Month9Books

Not a Drop to Drink

by Mindy McGinnis

Science Fiction

Description: A post-apocalyptic survival tale set in a world with very little drinkable water. It is a Choose to Read Ohio Title and a nominee for the Buckeye Book Award.

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

Orbiting Jupiter

by Gary D. Schmidt

Contemporary Realism

Description: Twelve-year old Jack tells the story of his foster brother, Joseph: his handling of an abusive father, his detention in a juvenile home, and most of all, his growing willingness to reach toward others—especially his daughter, Jupiter.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Clarion Books

Original Fake

by Kirstin Cronn-Mills, illustrated by E. Eero Johnson

Realistic Fiction

Description: Street art meets sibling rivalry! Introvert Frankie Neu-

mann hates his extroverted sister, and when she screws up, Frankie gets back at her in wild ways.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers

Out of the Dragon's Mouth

by Joyce Burns Zeiss

Historical Fiction

Description: Fourteen year-old Mai flees Vietnam in the hold of a fishing trawler,

facing danger, deceit, and first love, hoping to resettle in America.

Author's Residence: Evanston, Illinois

Publisher: Flux

Pig Park

by Claudia Guadalupe Martinez

Realistic Fiction

Description: Masi Burciaga's neighborhood is more of a ghost town each day since the lard company moved away. She enlists into a scheme in hopes of saving it.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Cinco Puntos Press

Pretty Girl-13

by Liz Coley

Realistic Fiction

Description: Three years missing, Angie can't remember what happened, where she's been, why she survived, how she escaped.

There are secrets you can't even tell yourself.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books

Sarah Winnemucca: Scout, Activist, and Teacher

by Natalie M. Rosinsky

Nonfiction

Description: Award-winning biography of the Northern Paiute leader who scouted in wartime, spoke and wrote on behalf of her people, and established an unusual school.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Compass Point Books

The Silence of Murder

by Dandi Daley Mackall

Mystery/Crime

Description: Accused: Hope's eighteen-year-old brother, who hasn't spoken in ten years. Witness for the Defense: Hope. Winner of The Edgar Award for Best Mystery.

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers

Sticks & Stones (available July 19, 2016)

By Abby Cooper

Magical Realism

Description: "Elyse's struggles toward self-confidence will resonate with fans of R.J. Palacio's *Wonder* and all readers learning how to be comfortable in their own skins."—*Kirkus*, starred review.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

The Summer I Saved the World . . . in 65 Days

By Michele Weber Hurwitz

Realistic Fiction

Description: The summer after eighth grade, Nina does secret kindnesses in her neighborhood to see if doing good really does any good. Nothing goes as expected!

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Ember

Thin Space

by Jody Casella

Adventure/Mystery

Description: Ever since the car accident that killed his brother,

Marsh has been consumed with guilt and crippled by secrets. Until he finds a thin space . . .

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Simon Pulse

True Colors

by Krysten Lindsay Hager

Realistic Fiction

Description: Landry gets "unfriended" by her friends after a competition. She makes new friends, but is torn between being herself and conforming to the new group.

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Astraea Press

Turn Left at the Cow

by Lisa Bullard

Adventure/Mystery

Description: Trav searches to learn more about the father he never knew—a search that turns dangerous when he discovers his dad was a bank robber.

Author's Residence: Hennepin County, Minnesota

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers

Waiting to Forget

by Sheila Kelly Welch

Realistic Fiction

Description: T.J. waits in a hospital, wondering if his little sister will live, and struggling with the memories of their troubled past before they were adopted.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: nameless

Wilder's Ghost

by Diane Bradley

Adventure/Mystery

Description: In a journey of closure, four friends kayak the wilderness where Arla's parents once disappeared. Storm wrecked, they become perilously stranded on a haunted island.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: North Star Press of St. Cloud

GRADES 9-12

Angelhood

by A.J. Cattapan

Fantasy

Description: Seventeen-year-old Nanette expected a heavenly afterlife, but now she must play guardian angel to a girl who thinks life isn't worth living.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Vinspire Publishing

Arrows

by Melissa Gorzelanczyk

Fantasy

Description: A modern-day cupid story set in Wisconsin combining the fantastical elements of Greek mythology with the contemporary drama of MTV's *Teen Mom*.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Delacorte Books for Young Readers

Asher's Fault

by Elizabeth Wheeler

Realistic Fiction

Description: Asher attempts to make sense of his parents' divorce and the charismatic new kid by looking at the world through a camera lens. Then tragedy strikes . . . Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Bold Strokes Books

Blood Stitches

by Erin Fanning

Fantasy

Description: Gabby and her best friend Frank travel to the Mayan underworld to destroy a series of magical tapestries capable of causing an apocalyptic disaster.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Kensington Publishing

The Boy Next Door

by Katie Van Ark

Realistic Fiction

Description: Maddy and Gabe are friends, skating partners, and next-door neighbors. Maddy still wants more, but which hurts worse: falling on ice or falling in love?

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Swoon Reads

City of Cannibals

by Ricki Thompson

Historical Fiction

Description: It's 1536, and sixteen-year-old Dell is running away to London where—her father has warned her—she'll be eaten alive.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Front Street

Embrace

by Cherie Colyer

Fantasy

Description: Anything can happen in a town where people possess magical powers. Madison will need to embrace these powers if she hopes to save her friends.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Omnific Publishing

Escape from the Past: The Duke's Wrath

by Annette Oppenlander

Adventure

Description: A nerdy gamer tries out an experimental computer game and time-travels to medieval Germany where he must survive a hornet's nest of feuding lords and find a way home.

Author's Residence: Indiana

Publisher: Lodestone Books

Future Perfect

by Jen Larsen

Realistic Fiction

Description: An absorbing look at the cultural obsession with women's weight and how much energy and effort it takes to live an authentic life on one's own terms.

Author's Residence: Madison, Wisconsin

Publisher: HarperTeen

Hello?

by Liza Wiemer

Realistic Fiction

Description: Linked and transformed by a call, *Hello?* weaves five teens' stories into a compelling narrative of friendship, family, loss, love, heartbreak, healing, serendipity, and hope.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Spencer Hill Contemporary

The Last Sister

by Courtney McKinney-Whitaker

Historical Fiction

Description: After a band of fellow settlers fakes a Cherokee raid to conceal their murder of her family, seventeen-year-old Catie Blair embarks on a quest to bring the killers to justice.

Author's Residence: Peoria, Illinois

Publisher: University of South Carolina Press

Learning to Swear in America

by Katie Kennedy

Realistic Fiction

Description: Seventeen-year-old physics genius Yuri is called in to help NASA stop an asteroid. He meets Dovie and learns to create a life worth saving.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children's Books

LGBTQ Families

by Eva Apelqvist

Nonfiction

Description: Discusses LGBTQ issues that today's modern diverse families face. It also considers the international scene and makes suggestions for how to be an activist or an ally.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Rowman and Littlefield

Living in Shadows

by Jessica Freeburg

Horror

Description: When evil spirits lurking in Vivian's new home realize

she can see them, Vivan must face her own inner demons—and it becomes a matter of life and death.

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Astraea Press

Lizard Radio

by Pat Schmatz

Fantasy

Description: Fifteen-year-old bender Kivali faces difficult questions as she navigates the gender-rigid gov-run CropCamp. She has to make choices—but what if she doesn't?

Author's Residence: Minnesota

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Love Disguised

by Lisa Klein

Historical Fiction

Description: The comic misadventures of young Will Shakespeare and his muse, Long Meg, a cross-dressing tavern maid, on the streets of London.

Author's Residence: Ohio

Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Children's Books

Mercy Lily

by Lisa Albert

Realistic Fiction

Description: Sixteen-year-old Lily's roles as a veterinary assistant and daughter blur when her terminally ill mother seeks a compassionate end to her suffering.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Flux

NOLA Gals

Barbara J. Rebbeck

Historical Fiction

Description: Grace and Essence are two teens tossed together in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. One rich, one poor, they survive together.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Neverland Publishing

On Edge

by Gin Price

Adventure/Mystery

Description: When a serial-killing graffiti artist starts painting your picture all over town . . . it puts a girl on edge.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: The Poisoned Pencil

One Smart Cookie

by Kym Brunner

Humorous Fiction

Description: Sophie's mystic-charming grandma makes a bargain with the spirit of love, but when two boys vie for Sophie, she must choose wisely before the family-owned bakery crumbles.

Author's Residence: Illinois

Publisher: Onmific Publishing

Paint Me A Monster

by Janie Baskin

Realistic Fiction

Description: Since before kindergarten, Rinnie has grown up in a family that frightens and disregards her. The pain takes its toll. Will Rinnie succumb or triumph?

Author's Residence: Northbrook, Illinois

Publisher: Enslow Publishers

Personal Effects

by E. M. Kokie

Realistic Fiction

Description: After his older brother dies in Iraq, Matt makes a discovery that rocks his beliefs about strength, bravery, and honor in this page-turning debut.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: Candlewick Press

Playlist for the Dead

by Michelle Falkoff

Realistic Fiction

Description: When Sam's best friend, Hayden, commits suicide, he leaves behind a playlist to help Sam figure out what happened.

Author's Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Publisher: HarperCollins

Royally Lost

by Angie Stanton

Realistic Fiction

Description: Dragged on a family trip to Europe, Becca wants nothing more than to go home. That is, until she unknowingly finds herself with a runaway prince.

Author's Residence: Wisconsin

Publisher: HarperTeen

Scrapbook of My Revolution

by Amy Lynn Spitzley

Science Fiction

Description: "Everybody's waiting to see what we become—even us." Gold-skinned Amber Alexander, a Malian who can read emotions, is just another teenager—or is she?

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Curiosity Quills Press

The Sleepwalkers

by J. Gabriel Gates

Horror

Description: Two teens take a road trip to rescue a friend from a mental hospital and discover a town full of people possessed by evil spirits.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Health Communications Inc.

Things I'll Never Say: Stories about Our Secret Selves edited by Ann Angel

Fiction Description: Everyone keeps secrets—from themselves, from their families, from their friends—and secrets have a habit of shaping the lives around them. A collection of short stories by some of today's most gifted YA authors.

Author's Residence (Angel): Wisconsin

Publisher: Candlewick Press

What She Left Behind

by Tracy Bilen

Realistic Fiction

Description: In this suspenseful thriller, Sara and her mother are going to secretly escape her abusive father—when her mother mysteriously disappears.

Author's Residence: Michigan

Publisher: Simon Pulse

When You Leave

by Monica Ropal

Mystery

Description: Skater girl, Cass, puts herself and friends at risk to find the truth when her secret boyfriend is killed.

Author's Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota

Publisher: Running Press

Women of the Frontier: 16 Tales of Trailblazing Homesteaders, Entrepreneurs, and Rabble-Rousers

by Brandon Marie Miller

Nonfiction

Description: Award-winner. Children's Book Council-National Council of the Social Studies Notable Book, YALSA Nonfiction Award

Nominee, Choose to Read Ohio Title.

Author's Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio

Publisher: Chicago Review Press