

# Best New Children's Books of 2017



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### Picture Books

Andros, Camille *CHARLOTTE THE SCIENTIST IS SQUISHED*

Illus. by Brianne Farley unp. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-544-78583-0

Barnett, Mac *TRIANGLE*

Illus. by Jon Klassen unp. Candlewick Press 2017 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-9603-0

Barton, Chris *MIGHTY TRUCK: Muddymania!*

Illus. by Troy Cummings unp. HarperCollins 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-234479-3

Bentley, Tadgh *SAMSON: The Piranha Who Went to Dinner*

Unp. Balzer + Bray (HarperCollins) 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-233537-1

Brosgol, Vera *LEAVE ME ALONE!*

Unp. Roaring Brook Press 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-626724419 (pub 9/13/16)

Burach, Ross *I AM NOT A CHAIR!*

Unp. HarperCollins 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-236016-8

Brill, Calista *TUGBOAT BILL AND THE RIVER RESCUE*

Illus. by Tad Carpenter unp. HarperCollins 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-236618-4

Cornwall, Gaia *JABARI JUMPS*

Unp. Candlewick Press 2017 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-7838-8

Dahl, Michael ***GOOD MORNING, SUPERMAN***  
Illus. by Omar Lozano unp. Capstone & DC Comics 2017 \$15.95 ISBN 978-1-62370-850-4

Dahl, Michael ***BE A STAR, WONDER WOMAN***  
Illus. by Omar Lozano unp. Capstone & DC Comics 2017 \$15.95 ISBN 978-1-62370-875-7

Daywalt, Drew ***THE LEGEND OF ROCK PAPER SCISSORS***  
Illus. by Adam Rex unp. Balzer + Bray 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-978-0-06-243889-8

Dewdney, Anna ***LITTLE EXCAVATOR***  
Unp. Viking 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-10199920-2

DiPucchio, Kelly ***ANTOINETTE***  
Illus. by Christian Robinson unp. Atheneum (Simon & Schuster) 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-5783-5

Hall, Michael ***LITTLE i***  
Unp. Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins) 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-238300-6

Henkes, Kevin ***EGG***  
Unp. Greenwillow Bks (HarperCollins) 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-240872-3

Isadora, Rachel ***I JUST WANT TO SAY GOOD NIGHT***  
Unp. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin Random House) 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-399-17384-4

Kang, Anna ***I AM (NOT) SCARED***  
Illus. by Christopher Weyant unp. Two Lions (Amazon Pub.) \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-503937451

L'Arronge, Lilli ***ME TALL, YOU SMALL***  
Unp. Owlkids Books 2017 \$16.95 ISBN 978-177147-194-7

Lazar, Tara ***7 ATE 9: The Untold Story***  
Illus. by Ross MacDonald unp. Disney-Hyperion 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-4847-1779-0

McCutcheon, John ***FLOWERS FOR SARAJEVO***  
Illus. by Kristy Caldwell unp. Peachtree Publishers 2017 \$19.95 ISBN 978-1-56145-943-8

- McMullen, Kate ***I'M SMART!***  
Illus. by Jim McMullen unpub. Balzer + Bray (HarperCollins) 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-244923-8
- Meade, Rita ***EDWARD GETS MESSY***  
Illus. by Olga Stern unpub. Simon & Schuster 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-3777-6
- Messner, Kate ***OVER AND UNDER THE POND***  
Illus. by Christopher Silas Neal unpub. Chronicle Books 2017 \$26.99 ISBN 978-1-4521-4542-6
- Naberhaus, Sarvinder ***BLUE SKY WHITE STARS***  
Illus. by Kadir Nelson unpub. Dial Books (Penguin Random House) 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-3700-6
- Pinkney, Jerry ***THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF***  
Unpub. Little, Brown 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-316-34157-8
- Reynolds, Aaron ***CREEPY PAIR OF UNDERWEAR***  
Illus. by Peter Brown unpub. Simon & Schuster 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-4424-0298-0
- Reynolds, Peter H. ***HAPPY DREAMER***  
Unpub. Orchard Books (Scholastic) 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-545-86501-2
- Richmond, Lori ***PAX AND BLUE***  
Unpub. Simon & Schuster 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-5132-1
- Silvestro, Annie ***BUNNY'S BOOK CLUB***  
Illus. by Tatjana Mai-Wyss Doubleday (Random House) 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-553-53758-1
- Smith, Lane ***A PERFECT DAY***  
Unpub. Roaring Brook Press 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-626725362
- Spires, Ashley ***THE THING LOU COULDN'T DO***  
Unpub. Kids Can Press 2017 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-77138-727-9
- Tullet, Hervé ***SAY ZOOP!***  
Unpub. Chronicle Books 2017 \$15.99 ISBN 978-1-4521-6473-1

Williamson, Sarah **WHERE ARE YOU?**

Unp. Alfred A. Knopf 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-5247-0063-8

## **Beginning Readers**

Dean, James **PETE THE CAT AND THE LOST TOOTH**

32p. HarperCollins 2017 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-06-267519-4

Gutman, Dan **MY WEIRD SCHOOL: Class Pet Mess!**

Illus. by Jim Paillot 32p. HarperCollins 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-236747-1; \$3.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-236746-4

Gutman, Dan **MY WEIRD SCHOOL GOES TO THE MUSEUM**

Illus. by Jim Paillot 32p. HarperCollins 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-236744-0; \$13.53 (PLB) ISBN 978-0606392754; \$3.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-236742-6

Haas, Jessie **BRAMBLE AND MAGGIE, SNOW DAY** (Bramble & Maggie #4)

52p. Candlewick Press 2016 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-7364-2

Hale, Bruce **CLARK THE SHARK AND THE BIG BOOK REPORT**

Illus. by Guy Francis 32p. HarperCollins 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-227913-2; \$3.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-227912-5

Harper, Charise Mericle **THE GOOD FOR NOTHING BUTTON**

53p. Disney Book Group 2017 \$9.99 ISBN 978-1-48472646-4

O'Connor, Jane **JOJO AND DADDY BAKE A CAKE**

Illus. by Robin Preiss Glasser 32p. HarperCollins 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-237802-6; \$3.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-237801-9

Virján, Emma J. **WHAT THIS STORY NEEDS IS A VROOM AND A ZOOM**

Unp. HarperCollins 2017 \$9.99 ISBN 978-0-06-241530-1

## **Early Chapter Books**

Angleberger, Tom **THE GOAT WHO CHEWED TOO MUCH**

Illus. by Cece Bell 101p. Amulet Books (ABRAMS) 2017 \$14.95 ISBN 978-1-4197-0956-2

Blabey, Aaron ***THE BAD GUYS***

158p. Scholastic Press 2016 \$16.00 (PLB) ISBN 978-0606400398; \$5.99 (pbk) 978-0-545-91240-2

Blabey, Aaron ***THE BAD GUYS IN MISSION UNPLUCKABLE***

139p. Scholastic Press 2017 \$5.99 (pbk) 978-0-545-91241-9

Birney, Betty G. ***HUMPHREY'S TREASURE HUNT***

Illus. by Priscilla Burris 82p. G. P. Putnam's Sons 2017 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-399-17231-1

Funke, Cornelia ***LILLY AND FIN: A Mermaid's Tale***

83p. Random House 2017 \$9.99 ISBN 978-1-5247-0101-7; \$12.99 (PLB) ISBN 978-1-5247-0102-4

Harrison, Paula ***THE STORM DRAGON***

Illus. by Sophy Williams 119p. Aladdin (Simon & Schuster) 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-7608-9; \$5.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-4814-7607-2

Harrison, Paula ***THE SKY UNICORN***

Illus. by Sophy Williams 107p. Aladdin (Simon & Schuster) 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-7611-9; \$5.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-4814-7610-2

Kelly, Jacqueline ***SKUNKED!***

Illus. by Jennifer L. Meyer 106p. Henry Holt & Co. 2016 \$15.99 ISBN 978-1-62779-868-6

Kelly, Jacqueline ***COUNTING SHEEP*** (Calpurnia Tate Girl Vet series, Bk 2)

Illus. by Jennifer L. Meyer 104p. Henry Holt & Co. 2017 \$15.99 ISBN 978-1-62779-870-9

LaReau, Kara ***THE INFAMOUS RATSOS ARE NOT AFRAID***

Illus. by Matt Myers 86p. Candlewick Press 2017 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-7637-7

Nilsson, Ulf ***A CASE IN ANY CASE***

Illus. by Gitte Spee 105p. Gecko Press 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-77657-108-6

Vande Velde, Vivian ***SQUIRREL IN THE HOUSE***

Illus. by Steve Björkman 72p. Holiday House 2016 \$15.95 ISBN 978-0-8234-3633-0; \$6.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-8234-3877-8

Zemke, Deborah ***THE CURSE OF EINSTEIN'S PENCIL***

138p. Dial Books (Penguin Random House) 2017 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-8037-4155-3; \$7.99 (pbk)  
ISBN 978-0147513137

## **Nonfiction Picture Books**

Alexander, Kwame ***ANIMAL ARK: Celebrating our Wild World in Poetry and Pictures***

Photos by Joel Sartore unpub. National Geographic 2017 \$15.99 ISBN 978-1-4263-2768-1

Asim, Jabari ***PREACHING TO THE CHICKENS: The Story of Young John Lewis***

Illus. by E. B. Lewis unpub. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin Random House) 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-399-16856-7

Becker, Helaine ***LINES, BARS AND CIRCLES: How William Playfair Invented Graphs***

Illus. by Marie-Éve Tremblay unpub. Kids Can Press 2017 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-77138-570-1

Christelow, Eileen ***ROBINS! HOW THEY GROW UP***

48p. Clarion Books (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-544-44289-4

Kaner, Etta ***ANIMALS DO, TOO!: How They Behave Just Like You***

Illus. by Marilyn Faucher unpub. Kids Can Press 2017 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-77138-569-5

Tekavec, Heather ***DIFFERENT? SAME!***

Illus. by Pippa Curnick unpub. Kids Can Press 2017 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-77138-565-7

## **Fiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)**

Allen, Crystal ***THE WALL OF FAME GAME***

261p. Balzer + Bray (HarperCollins) 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-234236-2

Angleberger, Tom ***ROCKET AND GROOT: Keep On Truckin'***

267p. Marvel Press (Disney Book Group) 2017 \$13.99 ISBN 978-1-4847-8141-8

Arnold, Elana K. ***A BOY CALLED BAT***

Illus. by Charles Santoso 192p. Walden Pond Press 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-244582-7

Avi ***THE PLAYER KING***

195p. Atheneum Books (Simon & Schuster) 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-3768-4

Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss ***THE UNBREAKABLE CODE***

343p. Henry Holt (Macmillan Pub. Group) 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-62779-116-8

Eliopoulos, Chris ***COSMIC COMMANDOS***

185p. Dial (Penguin Random House) 2017 \$13.99 ISBN 978-1-101-99448-1

English, Karen ***TROUBLE NEXT DOOR***

Illus. by Laura Freeman 139p. Clarion Books 2016 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-544-28306-0

Freeman, Martha ***EFFIE STARR ZOOK HAS ONE MORE QUESTION***

213p. Simon & Schuster 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-7264-7

Garlick, Nick ***STORM HORSE***

242p. Chicken House (Scholastic) 2017 \$16.99 ISBN

Gutman, Dan ***THE TITANIC MISSION***

218p. HarperCollins 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-223635-7

Hale, Nathan ***ONE TRICK PONY***

127p. Amulet Books 2017 \$14.95 ISBN 978-1-4197-2128-1

Johnson, Terry Lynn ***SLED DOG SCHOOL***

193p. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-544-87331-5

Johnson, Terry Lynn ***SURVIVORS DIARIES: Overboard!***

Illus. by Jovan Ukropina 95p. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2017 \$9.99 ISBN 978-0-544-97010-6

McGhee, Holly M. ***MATYLDA, BRIGHT AND TENDER***

210p. Candlewick Press 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-8951-3

Pilkey, Dav ***DOGMAN***

220p. Graphix (Scholastic) 2016 \$9.99 ISBN 978-0-545-58160-8

Pilkey, Dav ***DOGMAN UNLEASHED***  
210p. Graphix (Scholastic) 2017 \$9.99 ISBN 978-0-545-93520-3

Renner, Benjamin ***THE BIG BAD FOX***  
187p. First Second 2017 \$15.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-62672-331-3

Sharp, N. L. ***KEEPING CAPTAIN***  
123p. Prairieland Press 2016 \$9.95 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-9759829-8-3

Snyder, Laurel ***ORPHAN ISLAND***  
269p. Walden Press (HarperCollins) 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-244341-0

Torres, Jennifer ***STEF SOTO, TACO QUEEN***  
166p. Little, Brown & Co. 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-316-30686-7

Watson, Tom ***STICK CAT: Cats in the City***  
219p. HarperCollins 2017 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-06-241102-0

Winick, Judd ***THE GREAT BIG BOOM*** (HiLo series, Bk 3)  
195p. Random House 2017 \$13.99 ISBN 978-0-385-38620-3

## **Nonfiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)**

Alexander, Kwame, Chris Colderley and Marjory Wentworth ***OUT OF WONDER: Poems Celebrating Poets*** Illus. by Ekua Holmes 47p. Candlewick Press 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-8094-7

Bildner, Phil ***MARTINA & CHRISSIE: The Greatest Rivalry in the History of Sports***  
Illus. by Brett Helquist unp. Candlewick Press 2017 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-7308-6

Brown, Martin ***LESSER SPOTTED ANIMALS: The Coolest Creatures You've Never Heard Of***  
53p. Scholastic 2017 \$18.99 ISBN 978-1-338-08934-9

Eszterhas, Suzi ***MOTO AND ME: My Year as a Wildcat's Foster Mom***  
40p. Owlkids Books 2017 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-77147-242-5



Markle, Sandra ***THE SEARCH FOR OLINGUITO: Discovering a New Species***  
40p. Millbrook Press 2017 \$30.65 (PLB) ISBN 978-1-5124-1015-0

McCormick, Patricia ***SERGEANT RECKLESS: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero*** Illus. by Iacopo Bruno unsp. Balzer + Bray (HarperCollins) 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-229259-9

Paquette, Ammi-Joan & Laurie Ann Thompson ***TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE***  
176p. Walden Pond Press (HarperCollins) 2017 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-241879-1

Thornhill, Jan ***THE TRAGIC TALE OF THE GREAT AUK***  
44p. Groundwood Books 2016 \$18.95 ISBN 978-1-554988655

## **New Titles in Popular Series**

### Early Chapter Books

Cronin, Doreen ***DARK SHADOWS: Yes, Another Misadventure*** (The Chicken Squad, Bk 4)  
Illus. by Stephen Gilpin 115p. Simon & Schuster 2017 \$12.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-5049-2

DiCamillo, Kate ***EUGENIA LINCOLN AND THE UNEXPECTED PACKAGE***  
Illus. by Chris Van Dusen 96p. Candlewick Press 2017 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-7881-4

### Fiction for Grades 2 – 5 or so:

Vernon, Ursula ***GIANT TROUBLE*** (Hamster Princess, Bk 4)  
213p. Dial Books (Penguin) 2017 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-399-18652-3



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