

Best New Children's Books of 2020



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Picture Books

Ashman, Linda *WAYS TO WELCOME*

Illus. by Joey Chou unpub. Farrar Straus Giroux (Macmillan) 2020 \$18.99 ISBN 978-

Barnes, Derrick *I AM EVERY GOOD THING*

Illus. by Gordon C. James unpub. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$17.99
ISBN 978-0-525-51877-8

Bell, Cece *YOU LOVES EWE!*

Unpub. Clarion Books (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) 2019 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-328-52611-3

Button, Lana *WHAT IF BUNNY'S NOT A BULLY?*

Illus. by Christine Battuz unpub. Kids Can Press 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-5253-0055-4

Byers, Grace *I BELIEVE I CAN*

Illus. by Keturah A. Bobo unpub. Balzer + Bray (HarperCollins) 2020 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-06-266713-7

Carle, Eric *YOU ARE READY!: The World is Waiting*

Unpub. HarperCollins 2020 \$9.99 ISBN 978-0-06-295352-0

Charles, Tami *ALL BECAUSE YOU MATTER*

Illus. by Byran Collier unpub. Orchard Books (Scholastic Inc.) 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-338-57485-2

Child, Brenda J. *BOWWOW POWWOW*

Illus. by Jonathan Thunder unpub. Minnesota Historical Society Press 2018 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-68134-077-7

Cooper, Elisha **RIVER**

Unp. Orchard Books (Scholastic Inc.) 2019 \$18.99 ISBN 978-1-338-31226-3

Cornwall, Gaia **JABARI TRIES**

Unp. Candlewick Press 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-0716-3

Dean, Kimberly & James **PETE THE CAT'S GROOVY GUIDE TO KINDNESS**

Unp. HarperCollins 2020 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-06-297402-0

Dodd, Emma **WHAT MATTERS MOST**

Unp. Templar Books (Candlewick Press) 2020 \$14.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-1017-0

Drago, Flavia Z. **GUSTAVO, THE SHY GHOST**

Unp. Candlewick Press 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-1114-6

Elya, Susan Middleton **THREE BILLY GOATS BUENOS**

Illsu. By Miguel Ordóñez unp. G.P. Putnam's Sons (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-399-54739-3

Flett, Julie **BIRDSONG**

Unp. Greystone Kids Can Press 2019 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-77164-473-0

Garbutt, Loretta **A STOPWATCH FROM GRAMPA**

Illus. by Carmen Mok unp. Kids Can Press 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-15253-0144-5

Grabill, Rebecca **A YEAR WITH MAMA EARTH**

Illus. by Rebecca Green unp. Eerdman's Books 2019 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-8028-5505-3

Henkes, Kevin **SUMMER SONG**

Illus. by Laura Dronzek unp. Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins) 2020 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-06-286613-4

Justus, Rob **KID COACH**

Unp. Page Street Kids 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-62414-886-6

Kendi, Ibram X. **ANTIRACIST BABY**

Illus. by Ashley Lukashevsky unip. KokiLa (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$8.99 ISBN 978-0-593-11050-8

Lee, Sherry J. Lee **GOING UP!**

Illus. by Charlene Chua unip. Kids Can Press 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-5253-0113-1

Lindstrom, Carole **WE ARE WATER PROTECTORS**

Illus. by Michaela Goade unip. Roaring Brook Press 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-250-20355-7

Mann, Jennifer K. **THE CAMPING TRIP**

Unip. Candlewick Press 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-0736-1

Medina, Meg **EVELYN DEL REY IS MOVING AWAY**

Illus. by Sonia Sánchez unip. Candlewick Press 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-0704-0

Miniver, William **DRIFTWOOD DAYS**

Illus. by Charles Vess unip. Eerdmans Books 2019 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-8028-5370-7

Oswald, Pete **HIKE**

Unip. Candlewick Press 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-0157-4

Pinkney, Jerry **THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Unip. Little Brown 2020 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-316-44031-8

Robinson, Christian **YOU MATTER**

Unip. Atheneum (Simon & Schuster) 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-5344-2169-1

Sobel, June **TOW TRUCK JOE**

Illus. by Patrick Corrigan unip. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2019 \$ 17.99 ISBN 978-0-358-05312-5

Stark, Hannah **TRUCKER AND TRAIN**

Illus. by Bob Kolar unip. Clarion Books (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) 2019 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-544-80181-3; \$8.99 (Board Book) ISBN 978-0-358-36136-7

Sterling, Holly **KARATE KIDS**

Unip. Candlewick Press 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-1457-4

Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah ***YOUR NAME IS A SONG***

Illus. by Luisa Uribe unp. The Innovation Press 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-943147724

Wiesner, David ***ROBOBABY***

Unp. Clarion Books (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-544-98731-9

Woo, Alan ***DAVID JUMPS IN***

Illus. by Katty Maurey unp. Kids Can Press 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-77138-845-0

Beginning Readers

Bell, Cece ***EGG OR EYEBALL?***

69p. Candlewick Press 2020 \$12.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-0439-1

Berenstain, Mike ***THE BERENSTAIN BEARS' BIG TRACK MEET***

32p. HarperCollins 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-265472-4; \$4.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-265471-7

Dean, James ***PETE THE CAT'S FAMILY ROAD TRIP***

32p. HarperCollins 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-286839-8

Dean, James ***PETE THE KITTY GOES TO THE DOCTOR***

32p. HarperCollins 2019 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-286833-6; \$4.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-286832-9

Derling, Kimberly & Shelli R. Johannes ***CECE LOVES SCIENCE: Push and Pull***

Ills. By Vasti Harrison 40p. Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins) 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-294609-6

Driscoll, Laura ***I WANT TO BE A PILOT***

Illus. by Catalina Echeverri 32p. HarperCollins 2019 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-243250-6; \$4.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-243249-0

Hale, Bruce (Syd Hoff's) ***DANNY AND THE DINOSAUR RIDE A BIKE***

Illus. by Charles Grosvenor 32p. HarperCollins \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-285761-3; \$4.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-241055-9

Henkes, Kevin ***PENNY AND HER SLED***

56p. Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins) 2019 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-06-293453-6

Holm, Jennifer L. ***THE EVIL PRINCESS VS. THE BRAVE KNIGHT TAKE TURNS***
Illus. by Matthew Holm 32p. Random House (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$4.99 ISBN 978-1-5247-7137-9

Howe, James ***HOUNDSLEY AND CATINA AT THE LIBRARY***
Illus. by Marie-Louise Gay 42p. Candlewick Press 2020 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-9662-7

Milgrim, David ***COME IN, ZIP!***
Unp. Simon Spotlight (Simon & Schuster) 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-5344-6564-0; \$4.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-5344-6563-3

Ransom, Candice ***BEACH DAY!***
Illus. by Erika Meza 32p. Random House (Penguin Random House) \$4.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-5247-2043-8

Nonfiction Picture Books

Anderson, Beth ***LIZZIE DEMANDS A SEAT!: Elizabeth Jennings Fights for Streetcar Rights***
Illus. by Earl B. Lewis unp. Calkins Creek (Boyd's Mills & Kane) 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-62979-939-1

Barretta, Gene ***THE SECRET GARDEN OF GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER***
Illus. by Frank Morrison unp. Katherine Tegen Books (HarperCollins) 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-243015-1

Grodzicki, Jenna ***I SEE SEA FOOD: Sea Creatures that Look Like Food***
32p. Millbrook Press (Lerner) \$27.99 (PLB) ISBN 978-1-5415-5463-4

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth ***THE VILLAGE SMITHY***
Illus. by G. Brian Karas unp. Candlewick Press 1840, 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-0443-8

Meltzer, Brad ***I AM ANNE FRANK***
Illus. by Christopher Eliopoulos unp. Dial (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-525-55594-0

Early Chapter Books

Akulukjuk, Roselynn & Danny Christopher *PUTUGUQ AND KUBLU AND THE QALUPALIK*
Illus. by Astrid Arijanto 39p. Inhabit Media 2018 \$6.95 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-77227-228-4

Barnaby, Hannah *MONSTER AND BOY*
Illus. by Anoosha Syed 132p. Henry Holt & Co. 2020 \$13.99 ISBN 978-1-250-21783-7

DiCamillo, Kate *STELLA ENDICOTT AND THE ANYTHING-IS-POSSIBLE POEM*
Illus. by Chris Van Dusen 90p. Candlewick Press 2020 \$14.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-0180-2

LaReau, Kara *THE INFAMOUS RATSOS CAMP OUT*
Illus. by Matt Myers 74p. Candlewick Press 2020 \$14.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-0006-5

MacLachlan, Patricia *WONDROUS REX*
88p. Katherine Tegen Books (HarperCollins) 2020 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-06-294098-8

McDonald, Megan *PRANK YOU VERY MUCH*
Illus. by Erwin Madrid 60p. Candlewick Press 2020 \$12.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-0007-2; \$4.99 (pbk)
ISBN 978-1-5362-0008-9

Schmidt, Gary D. & Elizabeth Stickney *A LONG ROAD ON A SHORT DAY*
Illus. by Eugene Yelchin 59p. Clarion Books (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-544-88836-4

Watson, Tom *THE CANDY CAPER*
Illus. by Marta Kissi 85p. HarperChapters (HarperCollins) 2020 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-06-295341-4;
\$5.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-295340-7

Watson, Tom *BUSTED BY BREAKFAST*
Illus. by Marta Kissi 87p. HarperChapters (HarperCollins) 2020 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-06-295344-5;
\$5.99 ISBN 978-0-06-295343-8

Whamond, Dave *ALIEN NATE*
64p. Kids Can Press 2020 \$14.99 ISBN 978-1-5253-0209-1

Fiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)

Bard, Breena **TRESPASSERS**

251p. Graphix (Scholastic Press) 2020 \$24.99 ISBN 978-1338264234; \$14.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-338-26421-0

Brown, India Hill **THE FORGOTTEN GIRL**

241p. Scholastic Press 2019 \$1.99 ISBN 978-1-338-31724-4

Craft, Jerry **CLASS ACT**

249p. Quill Tree Books (HarperCollins) 2020 \$22.99 ISBN 978-0-06-288551-7; \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-288550-0

Grabenstein, J.J. & Chris **SHINE!**

207p. Random House (Penguin Random House) 2019 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-5247-1766-7

Hale, Shannon & Dean **DIANA: PRINCESS OF THE AMAZONS**

Illus. by Victoria Ying 134p. DC Comics 2020 \$9.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-401291112

Hitchcock, Shannon & N. H. Senzai **FLYING OVER WATER**

246p. Scholastic Press 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-338-61766-5

Johnson, Varian **TWINS**

Illus. by Shannon Wright 248p. Graphix (Scholastic) 2020 \$24.99 ISBN 978-1-338-23617-0; \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-338-23613-2

Kinney, Jeff **ROWLEY JEFFERSON'S AWESOME FRIENDLY ADVENTURE**

217p. Amulet Books (ABRAMS) 2020 \$14.99 ISBN 978-1-4197-4909-4

Klise, Kate **DON'T CHECK OUT THIS BOOK!**

Illus. by M. Sarah Klise 140p. Algonquin Young Readers (Workman Pub.) 2020 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-616209766

Knisley, Lucy **STEPPING STONES**

208p. RH Graphic (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$20.99 ISBN 978-0-593125243; \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-9848-9684-1

Kukkonen, Janne **LILY THE THIEF**

280p. First Second 2019 \$21.99 ISBN 978-1-250-19355-1; \$14.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-250-19697-2

Lê, Minh **GREEN LANTERN: LEGACY**

Illus. by Andy Tong 126p. DC Comics 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1779503671; \$9.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1401283551

Lupica, Mike **STRIKE ZONE**

249p. Philomel (Penguin Random House) 2019 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-525-51488-6

Lupica, Mike **THE TURNOVER**

243p. Simon & Schuster 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-5344-2158-5

Marks, Janae **FROM THE DESK OF ZOE WASHINGTON**

286p. Katherine Tegen Books (HarperCollins) 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-287585-3

McManis, Charlene Willing & Traci Sorrell **INDIAN NO MORE**

177p. Tu Books (Lee & Low Books) 2019 \$18.95 ISBN 978-1-62014-839-6

Merritt, Kory **NO PLACE FOR MONSTERS**

379p. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2020 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-358-12853-3

Mian, Zanib **PLANET OMAR: ACCIDENTAL TROUBLE MAGNET**

Illus. by Nasaya Mafaridik 205p. G. P. Putnam's Sons (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$13.99 ISBN 978-0-593-10921-2

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Illus. by Nasaya Mafaridik 213p. G. P. Putnam's Sons (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$13.99 ISBN 978-0-593-10924-3

Patterson, James & Kwame Alexander **BECOMING MUHAMMAD ALI**

Illus. by Dawud Anyabwile 305p. Little Brown & Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-316-49816-6

Peirce, Lincoln **BATTLE OF THE BODKINS**

258p. Crown Books (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$13.99 ISBN 978-0-593-12590-8

Ryan, Pam Muñoz **MAÑANALAND**

247p. Scholastic Press 2020 \$18.99 ISBN 978-1-338-15786-4

Sachar, Louis ***WAYSIDE SCHOOL BENEATH THE CLOUD OF DOOM***
182p. HarperCollins 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-296538-7

Scrivan, Maria ***NAT ENOUGH***

240p. Graphix (Scholastic Press) 2020 \$24.99 ISBN 978-1-338053821-2; \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-338-53819-9

Scrivan, Maria ***FORGET ME NAT***

234p. Graphix (Scholastic Press) 2020 \$24.99 ISBN 978-1-338-53825-0; \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-338-53824-3

Stead, Rebecca ***THE LIST OF THINGS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE***

216p. Wendy Lamb Books (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-101-93809-6

Stone, Nic ***CLEAN GETAWAY***

224p. Crown Books for Young Readers 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-9848-9297-3

Watson, Renée ***WAYS TO MAKE SUNSHINE***

Illus. by Nina Mata 175p. Bloomsbury 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-5476-0056-4

Woodson, Jacqueline ***BEFORE THE EVER AFTER***

161p. Nancy Paulsen Books (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-399-54543-6

Nonfiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)

Brown, Martin ***EVEN MORE LESSER SPOTTED ANIMALS*** **both are SRP**

53p. David Fickling Books (Scholastic) 2019 \$18.99 ISBN 978-1-338-34961-0

Harrison, Vashti ***LITTLE LEGENDS: Exceptional Men in Black History***

87p. Little, Brown & Co. 2019 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-316-47514-3

Isabella, Jude ***BRINGING BACK THE WOLVES: How a Predator Restored an Ecosystem*** **SRP**

Illus. by Kim Smith 39p. Kids Can Press 2020 \$18.99 ISBN 978-1-77138-625-8

Jamieson, Victoria & Omar Mohamed ***WHEN STARS ARE SCATTERED***

258p. Dial (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$20.99 ISBN 978-0-525-55391-5; \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-525-55390-8

Jenkins, Steve & Robin Page **TINY MONSTERS**
Unp. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2020 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-358-30711-2

Rosen, Michael J. **A BEN OF ALL TRADES: The Most Inventive Boyhood of Benjamin Franklin**
Illus. by Matt Tavares unp. Candlewick Press 2020 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-0121-5

New Titles in Popular Series

Beginning Readers

Barnett, Mac **JACK AND SANTA**
Illus. by Greg Pizzoli unp. Viking (Penguin Random House) 2020 \$9.99 ISBN 978-0-593-11398-1

Early Chapter Books

Blabey, Aaron **THE BAD GUYS IN DAWN OF THE UNDERLORD** (The Bad Guys, Bk 11)
188p. Scholastic Press 2020 \$6.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-338-32948-3

Hale, Shannon & Dean **THE PRINCESS IN BLACK AND THE GIANT PROBLEM (#8)**
Illus. by LeUyen Pham 90p. Candlewick Press 2020 \$14.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-0222-9

Fiction for Grades 2 – 5 or so:

Holm, Jennifer L. **SUNNY ROLLS THE DICE**
Illus. by Matthew Holm 217p. Graphix (Scholastic) 2019 \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-338-23314-8

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(PLB) – public library binding edition



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