

Best New Children's Books of 2016



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Picture Books

Alexie, Sherman *THUNDER BOY JR.*

Illus. by Yuyi Morales unpub. Little, Brown & Co. 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-316-01372-7

Austrian, J. J. *WORM LOVES WORM*

Illus. by Mike Curato unpub. Balzer + Bray 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-238633-5

Barton, Chris *MIGHTY TRUCK*

Illus. by Troy Cummings unpub. HarperCollins 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-234478-6

Borando, Silvia *NOW YOU SEE ME, NOW YOU DON'T*

Unpub. Candlewick Press 2016 \$14.00 ISBN 978-0-7636-8782-3

Charara, Hayan *THE THREE LUCYS*

Illus. by Sara Kahn unpub. Lee & Low 2016 \$18.95 ISBN 978-1-60060-998-5

Dolan, Elys *THE MYSTERY OF THE HAUNTED FARM*

Unpub. Nosy Crow (Candlewick Press) 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-8658-1

Hall, Michael *FRANKENCRAYON*

Unpub. Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins) 2016 \$ 17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-225211-1

Hall, Michael *WONDERFALL*

Unpub. Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins) 2016 \$ 17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-238298-6

Harper, Charise Mericle ***A BIG SURPRISE FOR LITTLE CARD***

Illus. by Anna Raff unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-7485-4

Henkes, Kevin ***WHEN SPRING COMES***

Illus. by Laura Dronzek unp. Greenwillow Bks (HarperCollins) 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-233139-7

Jackson, Richard ***IN PLAIN SIGHT***

Illus. by Jerry Pinkney unp. Roaring Brook Press 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-62672-255-2

Jarvis ***ALAN'S BIG, SCARY TEETH***

unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-8120-3

Jenkins, Emily ***TIGER AND BADGER***

Illus. by Marie-Louise Gay unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6604-0

John, Jory ***QUIT CALLING ME A MONSTER!***

Illus. By Bob Shea unp. Random House 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-385-38990-7

Klassen, Jon ***WE FOUND A HAT***

Unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-5600-3

Kleber, Dori ***MORE-IGAMI***

Illus. by G. Brain Wilson unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6819-8

Kooser, Ted ***THE BELL IN THE BRIDGE***

Illus. by Barry Root unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6481-7

Kuipers, Alice ***VIOLET AND VICTOR WRITE THE MOST FABULOUS FAIRY TALE***

Illus. by Bethanie Deeney Murguia unp. Little Brown 2016 \$17.00 ISBN 978-0-316-21202-1

Lies, Brian ***GATOR DAD***

Unp. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-544-53433-9

Light, Steve ***SWAP***

Unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-7990-3

London, Jonathan ***OTTERS LOVE TO PLAY***

Illus. by Meilo So 31p. Candlewick Press 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6913-3

McClintock, Barbara ***EMMA AND JULIA LOVE BALLET***

Unp. Scholastic Press 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-439-89401-2

Moore, Suzi ***WHOOPS!***

Illus. by Russell Ayto unp. Templar Books (Candlewick Press) \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-8180-7

Murphy, Mary ***GOOD NIGHT LIKE THIS***

Unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-7970-5

Park, Linda Sue ***YAKS YAK: Animal Word Pairs***

Illus. by Jennifer Black Reinhardt unp. Clarion Books 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-544-39101-7

Perkins, Lynne Rae ***FRANK AND LUCKY GET SCHOOLED***

Unp. Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins) 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-237345-8

Rex, Adam ***SCHOOL'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL***

Illus. by Christian Robinson unp. Roaring Brook Press 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-59643-964-1

Reynolds, Peter H. ***PLAYING FROM THE HEART***

Unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$15.00 ISBN 978-0-7636-7892-0

Robbins, Dean ***TWO FRIENDS: Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass***

Illus. by Sean Qualls & Selina Alko unp. Scholastic 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-545-39996-8

Rockwell, Anne ***LET'S GO TO THE HARDWARE STORE***

Illus. by Melissa Iwai unp. Henry Holt & Co. 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-8050-8738-3

Velasquez, Eric ***LOOKING FOR BONGO***

Unp. Holiday House 2016 \$16.95 ISBN 978-0-8234-3565-4

Wells, Rosemary ***TEN KISSES FOR SOPHIE***

unp. Viking (Penguin Random House) 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-670-01665-5

Beginning Readers

Bechtold, Lisa ***BUSTER THE VERY SHY DOG IN THE GREAT BONE GAME***
30p. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2003, 2016 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-544-66847-8

Bell, Cece ***RABBIT & ROBOT AND RIBBIT***
42p. Candlewick Press 2016 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-7935-4

Keller, Laurie & Mo Willems ***WE ARE GROWING!***
53p. Hyperion 2016 \$9.99 ISBN 978-148472635-8

Virján, Emma J. ***WHAT THIS STORY NEEDS IS A HUSH AND A SHUSH***
Unp. HarperCollins 2016 \$9.99 ISBN 978-0-06-241528-8

Virján, Emma J. ***WHAT THIS STORY NEEDS IS A MUNCH AND A CRUNCH***
Unp. HarperCollins 2016 \$9.99 ISBN 978-0-06-241529-5

Willems, Mo ***I REALLY LIKE SLOP!***
64p. Disney-Hyperion Books 2015 \$9.99 ISBN 978-1-4847-2262-6

Early Chapter Books

Angleberger, Tom ***INSPECTOR FLYTRAP***
Illus. by Cece Bell 99p. Amulet Books (ABRAMS) 2016 \$14.95 ISBN 978-1-4197-0948-7

Angleberger, Tom ***THE PRESIDENT'S MANE IS MISSING***
Illus. by Cece Bell 99p. Amulet Books (ABRAMS) 2016 \$14.95 ISBN 978-1-4197-0955-5

DiCamillo, Kate ***WHERE ARE YOU GOING, BABY LINCOLN?***
Illus. by Chris Van Dusen 96p. Candlewick Press 2016 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-7311-6

Hopper, Ada ***MARCH OF THE MINI BEASTS***
Illus. by Sam Ricks 125p. Little Simon (Simon & Schuster) 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-5729-3;
\$5.99 (pbk) 978-1-4814-5728-6

Spires, Ashley ***FLUFFY STRIKES BACK***
72p. Kids Can Press 2016 \$15.95 ISBN 978-1-77138-127-7

Urban, Linda ***WEEKENDS WITH MAX AND HIS DAD***
Illus. by Katie Kath 150p. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-544-59817-1

Willems, Mo ***THE STORY OF DIVA AND FLEA***
Illus. by Tony DiTerlizzi 67p. Disney-Hyperion 2015 \$14.99 ISBN 978-1-4847-2284-8

Nonfiction Picture Books

Barton, Chris ***WHOOSH!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions***
Illus. by Don Tate unp. Charlesbridge \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-58089-297-1

Beck, W. H. ***GLOW: Animals with Their Own Nightlights***
Unp. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-544-41666-6

Gray, Karlin ***NADIA: The Girl Who Couldn't Sit Still***
Illus. by Christine Davenier unp. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-544-31960-8

Harris, Robie H. ***WHO WE ARE!: All About Being the Same and Being Different***
Illus. by Nadine Bernard Westcott unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6903-4

Jenkins, Martin ***FABULOUS FROGS***
Illus. by Tim Hopgood unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-8100-5

Miller, Pat ***THE HOLE STORY OF THE DOUGHNUT***
Illus. by Vincent X. Kirsch unp. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-544-31961-5

VanDerwater, Amy Ludwig ***EVERY DAY BIRDS***
Illus. by Dylan Metrano unp. Scholastic 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-545-69980-8

Fiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)

Allen, Crystal ***SPIRIT WEEK SHOWDOWN***
227p. Balzer + Bray (HarperCollins) 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-234233-1

Angleberger, Tom ***ROCKET AND GROOT STRANDED ON PLANET STRIP MALL!***
220p. Marvel Press (Disney Book Group) 2016 \$13.99 ISBN 978-1-4847-1452-2

Baptiste, Tracey ***THE JUMBIES***

229p. Algonquin Books for Young Readers 2015 \$15.96 ISBN 978-1-61620-414-3

Bauer, Joan ***SOAR***

296p. Viking (Penguin Random House) \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-451-47034-8

Clary, Julian ***THE BOLDS***

Illus. by David Roberts 265p. Carolrhoda 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-5124-0440-1

Cole, Henry ***BRAMBLEHEART***

256p. HarperCollins 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-224546-5

Greenwald, Tommy ***PETE MILANO'S GUIDE TO BEING A MOVIE STAR***

Illus. by Rebecca Roher 249p. Roaring Brook Press 2016 \$13.99 ISBN 978-1-62672-167-8

Griffin, Adele ***OONA FINDS AN EGG***

Illus. by Mike Wu 135p. Scholastic Press 2016 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-545-73279-6

Gutman, Dan ***THE LINCOLN PROJECT***

224p. HarperCollins 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-237441-7

Haddix, Margaret Peterson ***UNDER THEIR SKIN***

311p. Simon & Shuster 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-1758-7

Jennings, Garth ***THE DEADLY 7***

340p. Farrar Straus Giroux 2016 \$13.99 ISBN 978-1-250-05275-9

Leonard, M. G. ***BEETLE BOY***

270p. Chicken House (Scholastic) 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-85346-0

Lloyd, Natalie ***THE KEY TO EXTRAORDINARY***

227p. Scholastic Press 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-55274-5

Lorenzi, Natalie Dias ***A LONG PITCH HOME***

245p. Charlesbridge 2016 \$16.95 ISBN 978-1-58089-713-6

Nannestad, Katrina ***WHEN MISCHIEF CAME TO TOWN***
177p. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-544-53432-2

Reynolds, Jason ***AS BRAVE AS YOU***
410p. Atheneum (Simon & Schuster) 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-1590-3

Robinson, Sharon ***THE HERO TWO DOORS DOWN***
191p. Scholastic 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-545-80451-6

Schusterman, Michelle ***DEAD AIR***
240p. Grosset & Dunlap (Penguin Random House) 2015 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-448-47980-4

Shevah, Emma ***DARA PALMER'S MAJOR DRAMA***
277p. Sourcebooks 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-1-4926-3138-5

Shurtliff, Liesl ***RED: The True Story of Red Riding Hood***
239p. Alfred A. Knopf 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-385-75583-2; \$19.99 (PLB) ISBN 978-0-385-75584-9

Nonfiction for Grades 2-5 (or so)

Delacre, Lulu ***¡OLINGUITO, DE LA A A LA Z!: descubriendo el bosque nublado / OLINGUITO, FROM A TO Z!: Unveiling the Cloud Forest*** Unp. Lee & Low 2016 \$18.95 ISBN 978-0-89239-5

Hooks, Gwendolyn ***TINY STITCHES: The Life of Medical Pioneer Vivien Thomas***
Illus. by Colin Bootman unp. Lee & Low Books 2016 \$17.95 ISBN 978-1-62014-156-4

Philip, Aaron & Tonya Bolden ***THIS KID CAN FLY: It's About Ability (Not Disability)***
179p. Balzer + Bray (HarperCollins) 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-240354-4

Raczka, Bob ***WET CEMENT: A Mix of Concrete Poems***
43p. Roaring Brook Press 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-62672-236-1

Sweet, Melissa ***SOME WRITER!: The Story of E. B. White***
139p. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2016 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-544-31959-2

New Titles in Popular Series

Picture Books

Becker, Aaron **RETURN** (3rd and final in the *Journey* series)
Unp. Candlewick Press 2016 \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-7730-5

Dean, James & Kimberly **PETE THE CAT AND THE MISSING CUPCAKES**
Unp. HarperCollins 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-230434-6

O'Connor, Jane **FANCY NANCY SATURDAY NIGHT SLEEPOVER**
Illus. by Robin Preiss Glasser unp. HarperCollins 2016 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-06-226985-0

Early Chapter Books

Cronin, Doreen **INTO THE WILD: Yet Another Misadventure** (The Chicken Squad, Bk 3)
Illus. by Stephen Gilpin 95p. Simon & Schuster 2016 \$12.99 ISBN 978-1-4814-5046-1

Hale, Shannon & Dean **THE PRINCESS IN BLACK AND THE PERFECT PRINCESS PARTY** (Bk 2)
Illus. by LeUyen Pham 90p. Candlewick Press 2015 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6511-1

Hale, Shannon & Dean Hale **THE PRINCESS IN BLACK AND THE HUNGRY BUNNY HORDE** (Bk 3)
Illus. by LeUyen Pham 86p. Candlewick Press 2016 \$14.99 ISBN 978-0-7636-6513-5

Fiction for Grades 2 – 5 or so:

Erdrich, Louise **MAKOONS** (The Birchbark House series, Bk 5)
156p. HarperCollins 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-06-057793-3

Jinks, Catherine **THE LAST BOGLER** (Bk 3 and final in series)
Illus. by Sarah Watts 319p. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2016 \$16.99 ISBN 978-0-544-08696-8

Selfors, Suzanne **THE FAIRY SWARM** (The Imaginary Veterinary, Book 6 & final)
Illus. by Dan Santat 226p. Little, Brown & Co. 2015 \$17.00 ISBN 978-0-316-28693-0

Watson, Tom **STICK DOG TRIES TO TAKE THE DONUTS** (Book 5)
209p. HarperCollins 2016 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-06-234320-8

Watson, Tom *STICK DOG SLURPS SPAGHETTI* (Book 6)
238p. HarperCollins 2016 \$12.99 ISBN 978-0-06-234322-2

Nonfiction for Grades 2 – 5 or so:

Rooney, Anne *YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT GRAVITY!*
Illus. by Mark Bergin 36p. Scholastic 2016 \$29.00 ISBN 978-0-531-21487-9



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