

2009 Catalogue of Members' Work



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Children's Writers & Illustrators
of British Columbia

What is CWILL BC?

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CWILL BC stands for *Children's Writers and Illustrators of BC*. CWILL is the nonprofit group that makes it possible to:

- find BC authors and illustrators,
- view the most up-to-date list of their works,
- “shop” for an author/illustrator presenter for your school, library or conference,
- learn fun facts about BC authors and illustrators from the CWILL BC blog,
- keep up to date about events where BC authors and illustrators appear.

In addition, CWILL BC hosts or participates in numerous annual events including:

Word on the Street in September (Vancouver Public Library downtown)

Fall Book Harvest in October (at a regional library), in which dozens of CWILL BC members man activity tables and pitch their newest books to several hundred parents, children and teacher-librarians.

Hycroft Event in November (Hycroft Manor in Vancouver, co-sponsored by the Vancouver Children's Literature Roundtable). Every year, more than 100 teacher-librarians attend to hear short presentations by CWILL BC members who have a new book out.

This catalogue represents recent work by CWILL BC members. You'll find it useful as a tool for ordering books for your school or public library, and to provide insight into the rich variety of material available from BC writers and illustrators.

This elegant event includes coffee, tea and snacks, great networking opportunities and a bookseller selling participants' books.

Panel on Children's Book Writing and Illustrating in February (Vancouver Public Library downtown), in which a panel of CWILL BC members gives short presentations and answers questions from individuals aspiring to be children's writers or illustrators. It's FREE!

Spring Book Hatching in May (at a regional library). The spring version of our Fall Book Harvest (see above).

Book Harvest & Hatching events outside the Vancouver Lower Mainland: stay tuned!

What we do

CWILL BC is a lively group of published writers and illustrators for children. With close to 150 members across British Columbia, we exchange information about creating literary works for young people, support one another and help promote our books. Our volunteer, cooperative organization also communicates with other arts groups, schools and libraries in BC and Canada.

Author and illustrator visits promote reading, books and art!

Where to find an author or illustrator

CWILL BC is an organization of professional children's writers and illustrators located in British Columbia. You can find us and our speakers' list at www.cwill.bc.ca. You can narrow down the choices to fit your specific needs by using our search page on the website.

Q: What will a visit cost?

A: Authors and illustrators set their own presentation fees, so be sure to clarify costs with the presenter you're hosting ahead of time. Typically, it's \$250 to \$300 for a one-hour presentation (plus travel fees). Fees vary per author/illustrator.

Q: Why \$250 to \$300?

A: Time spent presenting is time spent not meeting book deadlines. Authors and illustrators are celebrities, and are typically less expensive than other school entertainers. Most importantly, we promote what's at the core of education—a love of books.

Things to consider before the visit:

- Age or grade level of the audience
- Audience size
- Appropriate venue (class/gym/etc.)
- Equipment required (VCR/DVD, projector, etc.)
- What is expected in terms of number of presentations and length?
- Accurate directions for getting to the school
- Contact names in case something comes up last-minute

On the day of the visit:

- Have someone available to greet the author/illustrator and show him/her where to set up, the location of staff washrooms, etc.
- Have drinking water available during the presentation.
- Remain on-hand to supervise your students during the presentation.
- Have copies of the presenter's books in the library on display, ready to be borrowed after the visit. You may be able to arrange to have books sold at the school either through the author or a local bookstore.
- Don't forget to have the school camera on hand for photos of the event.
- Invite parents, school board trustees, or other officials.

Download a presentation brochure from our website, www.cwill.bc.ca

Available funding for author and illustrator school visits:

Artists in Education (AIE) Component 1 for classroom visits

Did you know that your district already receives government funding for author and illustrator classroom workshops and presentations? All grants are available through ArtStarts.

A district can apply for a CWILL BC author or illustrator to give an hour-long workshop or presentation in the school classroom and be eligible for funding to cover up to 60% of the CWILL BC member's fee!

Your district superintendent decides how big your grant is and how to administer it. As a teacher, all you need to do is send a request for Artstarts funding along with the CWILL BC member's *curriculum vitae* to your district contact.

You can find more information here:

www.artstarts.ca/funding/aie.htm

You can find your district contact's name here:

www.artstarts.ca/resources/guide.html

AIE Component 2 for long-term residency

There's no need to go through your district; there are grants available to teachers!

As a teacher, you can apply for a CWILL BC author or illustrator to come into your school for a long-term residency (a week or more). That residency could be three hours a day, from Monday to Friday, for one or more specific classes of students. The funding your school would then be eligible for would be 60% of the CWILL BC member's fee.

To apply, fill out the application here:

www.artstarts.ca/funding/aie2.htm and submit it to ArtStarts (see link for specific instructions). Along with the application, you must include the CWILL BC member's *curriculum vitae*.

Middle Grade Fiction

Author: Caroline Adderson

I, Bruno

Orca Book Publishers, 2007
ISBN: 9781551435015
Reading Level: K–Grade 2



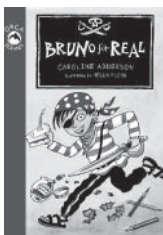
I, Bruno is a collection of six stories about the irrepressible Bruno, a seven-year-old, highly imaginative yet utterly real boy. Bruno will not eat anything green. He keeps his neighbourhood safe

from water-spouting dragons. One day he simply decides to become the Queen. Another, he changes his name to Ed—it's easier to write! He's an entrepreneur who sells chats to firemen. He can also speak several dialects of Car.

Author: Caroline Adderson

Bruno For Real

Orca Book Publishers, 2009
ISBN: 9781554690237
Reading Level: K–Grade 2



Bruno for Real is the second collection of stories about the irrepressible, seven-year-old Bruno, a boy who never lacks for imagination but who is at the same time completely real. Bruno manages to

vanquish his night time hiccups, but not before waking everyone in the house. He aspires to be as bad as possible without getting in too much trouble. After he passes to level three in swimming, he promotes himself to level five in life. He trades his mother for a hat. School?

Who needs it when you've completely mastered being a boy? For Bruno, every day is his birthday. If he could only remember how old he is: seven and 33 days or seven and 34!

Author: Caroline Adderson

Very Serious Children

Scholastic Canada, 2007
ISBN: 9780439937511
Reading Level: Ages 7–10



Nicky H.H. (Ha Ha) Grant and his little brother Saggy (Split-A-Gut) are the sons of clowns in a rinky-dinky traveling circus called Mr. Fudge's Fantastic Flyers that tours the Prairie provinces every summer.

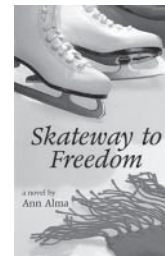
But they long for nothing more than to live in a house instead of a trailer, to eat vegetables instead of “fun” food, and to go to school like normal kids. When the Fantastic Flyers hook up with a family of acrobats from the Shanghai Circus, the son, discontented Gim Lee, convinces Nicky and Saggy that the three of them should do what they've always wanted to do: run away from the circus.

Author: Ann Alma

Skateway to Freedom

Dundurn, 1993, 2008
ISBN: 9781550027198
Reading Level: Ages 8–12

Eleven-year-old Josie and her parents flee from communist East Germany, leaving behind everything that was important to them, especially Josie's grandmother and her skates. After a harrowing journey they arrive in Canada as refugees. Josie starts



school. She experiences a language she can't speak and customs that are unfamiliar. Eventually she adapts, especially when she returns to skating. The Berlin Wall crumbles, so Josie's grandmother may join them in Canada.

Author: Ann Alma

Summer of Changes

Sono Nis Press, 2001
ISBN: 1550391208
Reading Level: Ages 8–12



Anneke is tired of looking after her mother, who has schizophrenia. She takes her dog, Shira, and goes off to live in a cave in the mountains. After a harrowing encounter with a cougar and a thunderstorm she

decides to return to the foster home she has been at before. Her foster parents support her while Anneke's mother disappears. Mother eventually returns to live in a nearby group home.

Other titles by Ann Alma: *Summer of Adventures; Under Emily's Sky; Something to Tell*

Author: Karen Autio

Second Watch

Sono Nis Press, 2005
ISBN: 1550391518
Reading Level: Ages 10 and older

Eleven-year-old Saara longs to visit Finland to meet family she's never seen. Set in the Finnish immigrant community of early Port

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Arthur, Ontario, *Second Watch* draws readers into Saara's world of home, school and friends, and travels with her on the fateful last voyage of the Empress of Ireland in 1914. *Second Watch*

vividly recreates one of Canada's worst maritime disasters, an historical basis for this compelling tale of hardship and hope, faith and family.

Author: Karen Autio

Saara's Passage

Sono Nis Press, 2008

ISBN: 1550391682; 9781550391688

Reading Level: Ages 10 and older



After surviving the Empress of Ireland shipwreck, twelve-year-old Saara is trying hard to forget her horrifying experience. She roller skates with her best friend, enjoys her new

baby cousin, and can't wait to star in the school play! But as the First World War looms, tuberculosis strikes Saara's family. In this sequel to *Second Watch*, Saara's story is Canada's story, as both take up the responsibilities handed to them by circumstance and history.

Author: Gail Banning

Out on a Limb

Key Porter Books, 2008

ISBN: 9781554700127

Reading Level: Grade 4 and older



A great treehouse makes a better home than a smelly basement suite - that's what Rosie decides when a will bequeaths her family a treehouse on the estate of a mysterious great-aunt. Rosie loves

treehouse life, but won't the snobs at her new school think it's weird? After lying to her classmates and new best friend, Rosie discovers the costs of a secret life. Listed for CLA's Book of the Year for Children Award.

Author: Norma Charles (with James Heneghan)
Bank Job

Orca Book Publishers, 2009

ISBN: 9781551438559

Reading Level: Grades 6–12



Thirteen-year-old Nell and her friends are robbing banks to raise money for their foster home. Inspired by real events.

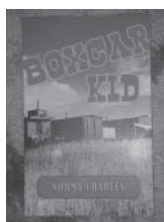
Author: Norma Charles

Boxcar Kid

Dundurn, 2007

ISBN: 9781550027556

Reading Level: Grades 5–8



In 1909, Luc Godin and his family arrive on the west coast from Quebec by train to work in a sawmill, only to find their house isn't ready, so they end up living in a boxcar set

on a side track with three other families. Luc falls madly in love with bicycles which his teamster father calls new-fangled contraptions. An accident with a bicycle ends up having profound consequences for Luc and his family.

Author: Becky Citra

Jeremy and the Golden Fleece

Orca Book Publishers, 2007

ISBN: 9781551436579

Reading Level: Ages 7–9



In Book Three in The Enchanted Theater Series, Jeremy and the talking cat Aristotle travel back in time to Ancient Greece.

As captain of the Argo, Jeremy outwits the fierce Harpies and sails the ship through the Clashing Rocks. He survives a ride on a fire breathing bull, escapes from an evil king and captures the golden fleece. When Jeremy solves a riddle he is one step closer to saving the Enchanted Theater.

Author: Becky Citra

Jeremy and the Fantastic Flying Machine

Orca Book Publishers, 2008

ISBN: 9781551439501

Reading Level: Ages 7–9



In Book Four in the Enchanted Theater series, Jeremy and the talking cat Aristotle travel back in time to the island of Crete. They battle the minotaur in the depths of the maze. They meet the crazy inventor Daedalus and help build a fantastic flying machine. After escaping from the high tower, Jeremy saves the inventor's son and solves the riddle which saves the Enchanted Theater.

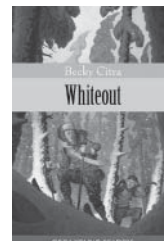
Author: Becky Citra

Whiteout

Orca Book Publishers, 2009

ISBN: 9781554690831

Reading Level: Ages 8–11



Robin is excited to learn that her cousin April will live on the ranch with Robin and her family while April's mother is recovering from a devastating car accident. But April has changed

and Robin must deal with April's growing anger and resentment at being forced to leave her injured mother and her life in the city. Then Robin's little sister Molly disappears during a blizzard and Robin and April's friendship faces the ultimate test.

Other titles by Becky Citra: *School Campout; Ellie's New Home; Runaway; Strawberry Moon; Dog Days; Jeremy and the Enchanted Theater; Jeremy in the Underworld; Never To Be Told*

Author: PJ Sarah Collins

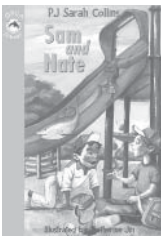
Sam and Nate

Orca Book Publishers, 2005

ISBN: 1551433346

Reading Level: Grades 2–3

Sam and Nate is the humorous story of two young boys and their friendship



as it grows through a year of change. With letters, notebook scraps, notebook scraps, and several miscommunications along the way, the boys learn more about themselves, working with others,

and helping the new teacher. The book contains six stories, each packed with non-fiction facts complementing the Grade 2/3 Science, Language Arts, and Personal Planning curriculum.

(A Teacher's Guide is available through Orca Book Publishers).

Author: Rachelle Delaney

The Ship of Lost Souls

HarperCollins Canada, 2009

ISBN: 9781554681150

Reading Level: Ages 8–12



Legend has it the Ship of Lost Souls is manned by ghosts that swarm the ships of pirates and King's Men, leaving them penniless. In fact, it's a ship of pirate children, captained by a 12-year-old

girl determined to make life difficult for those who invade the tropics in search of spices and jewels. The debut novel from Rachelle Delaney, *The Ship of Lost Souls* turns pirate clichés upside down in a fresh and funny adventure.

Author: Linda DeMeulmeester

The Secret of Grim Hill

Lobster Press, 2008

ISBN 13: 9781897073537

Reading Level: Middle school



When Cat hears the posh private school Grimoire is offering a full scholarship to the winners of a soccer match she jumps at the chance! Finally it seems things will be going Cat's way. Except that her

little sister, Sookie, and her bookworm neighbor, Jasper, keep telling her there's something just not right about the old school on the hill.

Author: Linda DeMeulmeester

Grim Hill: The Secret Deepens

Lobster Press, 2008

ISBN 13: 9781897073977

Reading Level: Middle school



The big drama in Cat's life isn't a battle against diabolical fairies, but a battle of the sexes on the soccer field. Meanwhile, Cat's little sister, Sookie has only been interested in one thing: magic. Will

Cat be able to set things straight when the aspiring conjurer takes things too far?

Other titles by Linda DeMeulmeester:

Grim Hill: The Forgotten Secret

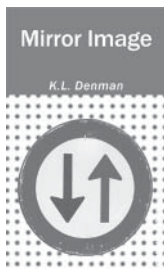
Author: K. L. Denman

Mirror Image

Orca Book Publishers, 2007

ISBN: 9781551436654 (Pbk)

Reading Level: Middle school



Sable wears black and feels that doom is near. Lacey wears pink and seeks beauty everywhere. When partnered for an art project, the girls must get to know one another well enough to choose a suitable poem for each

other. Soon, all of Sable's images begin to change, including the one she holds of herself.

"...a sophisticated insightful novel that appeals to youthful idealism. a character-driven gem. Highly Recommended." –Ruth Latta, *CM Magazine*

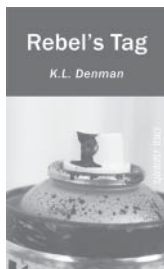
Author: K. L. Denman

Rebel's Tag

Orca Book Publishers, 2008

ISBN: 9781551437408 (Pbk)

Reading Level: Middle school



After a ten year absence, Sam's grandfather wants to make amends and sends letters that lead Sam on a scavenger hunt. Sam isn't ready to forgive and turns to his favorite stress release:

leaving his tag on roof tops. *Rebel's Tag* is a wonderful novel that will draw reluctant readers in and hold them captive until the bittersweet end. Highly Recommended. *CM Magazine*. Chocolate Lily Award nominee, 2009

Other titles by K. L. Denman: *Battle of the Bands (la Guerra de las Bandas); The Shade; Spiral; Perfect Revenge; Me, Myself and Ike.*

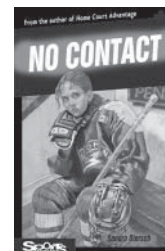
Author: Sandra Diersch

No Contact

James Lorimer and Co. Ltd, 2008

ISBN: 1552770249

Reading Level: Ages 8–13



Debbie's not sure about her new family, but she is sure about one thing: she loves to play hockey. If only Debbie's adoptive mother could be more like Debbie's hockey coach. Coach Steph knows

hockey backwards and forwards but Debbie's mother just doesn't have a clue. Will Debbie and her mother learn to play on the same team?

Other titles by Sandra Diersch: *False Start; Ceiling Stars; Play On; Home Court Advantage; Offside!; Alecia's Challenge; Great Lengths*

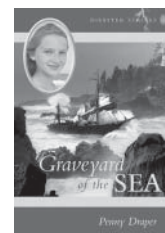
Author: Penny Draper

Graveyard of the Sea

Coteau Books, 2008

ISBN: 9781550503975

Reading Level: Grades 3–7



Nell lives in a lighthouse on Canada's spectacular west coast. When the government runs a telegraph line to the lighthouse, Nell teaches herself Morse Code. It becomes her job to send

an SOS whenever a ship is in trouble. But one night, during a terrifying storm, Nell is left alone in the lighthouse as a ship crashes into the deadly rocks. And the telegraph is dead. Can she save the men of the *Coloma*?

Middle Grade Fiction

Author: Penny Draper

Peril at Pier Nine

Coteau Books, 2007

ISBN: 9781550503760

Reading Level: Grades 3–7



Two young teens, Jack Gordon and Henry Addison, meet when the Great Lakes cruise ship, the Noronic, docks at Ward's Island, part of the "Toronto Islands," in Lake Ontario in the summer of 1949, just before the ship catches fire—with Henry on board.

Finalist: Silver Birch Young Readers' Choice Award

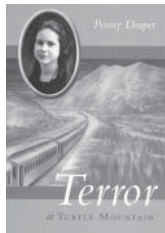
Author: Penny Draper

Terror at Turtle Mountain

Coteau Books, 2006

ISBN: 9781550503432

Reading Level: Grades 3–7



It's 4 am in the coal-mining town of Frank. Nathalie lies awake listening for the train that will bring her cousin Helena to visit. Moments later, disaster strikes, bringing terror

beyond anything Nathalie ever imagined. As she struggles to save friends and neighbours on the night of Canada's Frank Slide disaster, one question is on Nattie's mind. Will anyone save the train?

Finalist: Geoffrey Bilson Award, Silver Birch Young Readers' Choice Award, Diamond Willow Award

Author and Illustrator: Lee Edward Födi

Kendra Kandlestar and the Box of Whispers

Brown Books Publishing Group, 2005

ISBN: 9781933285108 (Hbk);

ISBN: 9781933285115 (Pbk)

Reading Level: Grades 2–6

For over a thousand years, the Box of Whispers has guarded the most precious treasure in the Land of Een. But when the box is suddenly stolen, young Kendra Kandlestar finds herself on a dangerous



quest where doors speak in riddles, plants cast spells, and strange creatures lurk in every shadow. And yet the most dangerous foe Kendra encounters just might be something as simple as a secret—especially the one she herself is hiding.

Author and Illustrator:

Lee Edward Födi

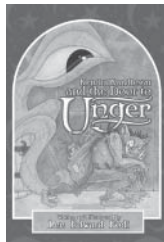
Kendra Kandlestar and the Door to Unger

Brown Books Publishing Group, 2007

ISBN: 9781933285832 (Hbk);

9781933285825 (Pbk)

Reading Level: Grades 2–6



Everyone knows that monsters are forbidden by magic to enter the land of Een. That's why young Kendra is so surprised when a mysterious Unger arrives in the middle of the night to tell her to seek the Door to Unger—and her long-lost family. Soon Kendra herself will face being lost, not only in a deadly maze of monsters, but deep within a personal struggle to trust her own beliefs about family and friendship.

Author: Lee Edward Födi

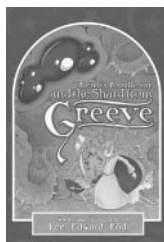
Kendra Kandlestar and the Shard from Greeve

Brown Books Publishing Group, 2009

ISBN: 9781934812372 (Hbk);

9781934812389 (Pbk)

Reading Level: Grades 2–6



When twelve-year-old Kendra Kandlestar is granted a wand by the ancient tree of Een, she aspires to become a great sorceress. But as Kendra struggles to unlock the secret of Een magic, an unlikely talisman falls into her hands—the Shard from Greeve. Now, as Kendra sets forth to face the battles in the infamous Rumble Pit, she not only has to master

the power of the shard, but her own grumbling darkness.

Other titles by Lee Edward Födi:

Corranda's Crown

Author: Nan Gregory

I'll Sing You One-O

Clarion Books. New York, 2006

ISBN: 9780618607082

Reading Level: Grade 6–7



Twelve-year-old Gemma is in a pickle. She's been adopted by relatives she didn't know she had and the foster family she has loved all her life is breaking up. Gemma needs to fix things

fast—and she needs an angel to help her do it. Her increasingly desperate efforts to earn one—by turn heartbreaking and hilarious—lead her to a confrontation with her mysterious past and offer hope for understanding with her new family.

Other titles by Nan Gregory: *How Smudge Came; Wild Girl and Gran; Amber Waiting; Pink*

Author: James Heneghan (with Norma Charles)

Bank Job

Orca Book Publishers, 2009

ISBN: 9781551438559

Reading Level: Grades 6–12



Thirteen-year-old Nell and her friends are robbing banks to raise money for their foster home. Inspired by real events.

Author: James Heneghan

Payback

Groundwood Books, 2007

ISBN 13: 9780888997012 (Hbk);

ISBN 13: 9780888997043 (Pbk)

Reading Level: Grades 5–12

Charley Callaghan feels guilty for standing by while Benny is bullied. After the situation turns tragic, Charley must face some difficult questions about his failure



to act. His search for atonement leads to an unusual friendship, and an unexpected opportunity to pay back.

Author: James Heneghan
Safe House

Orca Book Publishers, 2006
ISBN 13: 97815511436401
Reading Level: Grades 9–12



Liam is orphaned and alone and on the run from a vicious killer.
Other titles by James Heneghan: *The Grave; Wish Me Luck; Waiting for Sarah* (with Bruce McBay); *Hit Squad; Torn Away; Flood*

Author: Vi Hughes
Illustrator: Christina Leist
The Graveyard Hounds

Tradewind Books, 2008
ISBN: 9781896580272
Reading Level: Grades 2–4



It's October. Storms rage, fires break out, and a mysterious visitor appears. When the dogs in town lose their barks, Mike and Annie set out to solve the mystery. They follow the clues and uncover scary

secrets from the past. Can Mike and Annie stop the deadly curse of The Graveyard Hounds?

Other titles by Christina Leist: *Isabella-Princess of the Pens; The Trouble With Geese; 911 Quack; Wild Eagles Need a Beak; A Pod for a Baby Orca*

Author: Chris Humphreys
The Fetch

Knopf, 2007
ISBN: 9780553494754
Reading Level: Grades 6–10

15-year-old Sky discovers his dead grandfather's runestones—and using this



ancient Norse magic sends him back into an ancestor's bloody past, and a terrifying present of possession, walking headless corpses and murder. "Humphreys commands a fantastically dark tone. The Fetch combines a runic puzzle with horror, fantasy, betrayal and gripping historical fiction." (*Horn Book Magazine*).

Author: Chris Humphreys
Vendetta

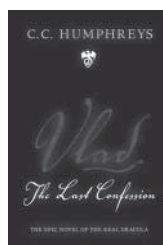
Knopf, 2008
ISBN: 9780375844249
Reading Level: Grades 6–10



Determined to free his cousin after their grandfather's terrible betrayal, Sky journeys to Corsica to discover other secrets, in different blood. There he encounters the Mazzeri—the Dream Hunters. He travels back in time to live the life of a troubled ancestor, Tza: shepherdess, Mazzeri, Murderer. But an ancient vendetta is awakened and the price of knowledge must again be paid in blood.

Author: C. C. Humphreys
Vlad—The Last Confession

McArthur and Company, 2008
ISBN: 9781552787311
Reading Level: Grades 10–12



"Trust nothing that you've heard". Dracula: a name of horror, depravity and the darkest sensuality. Yet the real Prince Dracula was just as alluring, just as terrifying. Set in 15th Century Romania and Turkey, the novel tells of the man who was both tyrant and lawgiver, crusader and slaughterer, torturer and hero, lover and murderer. A Gothic tale for older teens, the 'true' history of Dracula will shock, thrill and terrify.

Other titles by C. C. Humphreys: *Possession (Parts One and Three of The*

Runestone Saga); The Jack Absolute trilogy; The French Executioner series

Author: Glen Huser
Skinnybones and the Wrinkle Queen

Groundwood, 2006
ISBN: 9780888997333
Reading Level: Grades 6–9



What happens when two tough chicks—a ninety-year-old former schoolteacher and a teenaged foster-home reject—take the road trip of a lifetime? Will the brandy-swigging Miss Barclay and aspiring model Tamara fulfill their different dreams? Or will they throttle each other first? Winner of a 2007 Governor General's Silver Medal.

Author: Glen Huser
Touch of the Clown

Groundwood, 1999
ISBN: 0888993579
Reading Level: Grades 5–8



When a clown actor moves into their inner city neighbourhood, thirteen-year-old Barbara Kobleimer wonders if the dismal circumstances of her life are about to change. A narrative that celebrates the power of the individual human spirit and the ability of a caring adult to touch the lives of others. A Mr. Christie Silver Medal winner.

Author: Glen Huser
Stitches

Groundwood, 2003
ISBN: 0888995784
Reading Level: Grades 6–9



Growing up in a small Alberta town, Travis, who loves nothing more than making puppets and putting on puppet shows, has always been the target of schoolyard bullies. The world seems a

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better place, though, when he joins forces with another misfit, Chantelle, a girl with physical handicaps. That is, until the night of the Grade nine grad... Winner of a 2003 Governor General's Award.

Other titles by Glen Huser: *Jeremy's Christmas Wish*; *Grace Lake*

Author: Melanie Jackson

Queen of Disguises

Orca Book Publishers, 2009

ISBN: 1554690374

Reading Level: Grades 4–7



Preparing to audition for an Olympics-themed commercial, Dinah Galloway visits a fitness retreat on Salt Spring Island to improve her physical fitness and diet. Our redheaded singing sleuth may be losing

calories – but she's gained an escaped-convict stalker. Dinah knows she must outwit this vengeful villain; what she doesn't expect is to learn a gold-medal-worthy life lesson, that it truly isn't about winning so much as how honourably you play the game.

Author: Melanie Jackson

Shadows on the Train

Orca Book Publishers, 2007

ISBN: 1554690374

Reading Level: Grades 4–7



Hailed by *Kliatt* as a mix of Hitchcock, Christie and Gardner, this Silver Birch- and Chocolate Lily-nominated adventure finds Dinah and her buddies aboard a Toronto-bound train to appear on a TV variety

show. Someone on the train is after a mysterious treasure left to Dinah by her late dad. What is the treasure? The secret dwells somewhere in her dad's murky past, with other strange clues linked to British history.

Other titles by Melanie Jackson: *The Spy in the Alley*; *The Man in the Moonstone*; *The Mask on the Cruise Ship*; *Summer of*

the Spotted Owl; *The Big Dip*; "Napoleon Is Winking," in *World of Stories*

Author: Heather Kellerhals-Stewart

Extreme Edge

James Lorimer, 2007

ISBN: 9781550289664

Reading Level: Ages 12 and older



Jay is determined to climb the famous rock face, the Wall –without any rope or partner. This has never been done before. Can he accomplish his dream without risking serious injury or even death? His family and friends have

been kept in the dark. How will this affect his girlfriend and especially his best friend Brad, who is struggling to keep up in the world of extreme sports.

Author: Heather Kellerhals-Stewart

The Whale's Way

Phoenix Books at Writers' Union of Canada, 2008

ISBN: 9780969079644

Reading Level: Ages 8–12



Raza, a young whale, has been wounded by a rifle shot and separated from his pod near Robson Bight on Vancouver Island. He teams up with a grey goose who has escaped the butcher's block. How do these unlikely pals

connect with a brother and his autistic sister who live on an isolated island? This is a story about how trust and love can break all barriers.

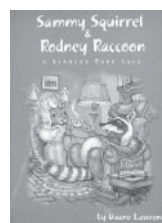
Other titles by Heather Kellerhals-Stewart: *Skookum Sal*; *Birling Gal*; *Brave Highland Heart*.

Author: Duane Lawrence
Sammy Squirrel & Rodney Raccoon—a Stanley Park Tale

Granville Island Publishing, 2007

ISBN: 9781894693544

Reading Level: Ages 7–12



Sammy Squirrel and Rodney Raccoon decide to explore the world beyond their home of Stanley Park. Swept out to sea in a little boat, they accidentally end up in Japan. Their courage and

ingenuity tested at every turn, they meet exciting new friends like Salty Seagull, Winifred Whale and a shy deer called Shika, who takes them to her home park in Japan where they help resolve a crisis they never expected to encounter.

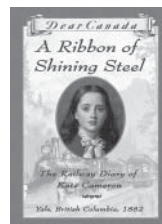
Author: Julie Lawson

A Ribbon of Shining Steel: The Railway Diary of Kate Cameron, Yale, BC, 1882

Scholastic Canada, 2002

ISBN: 0439988489

Reading Level: Grades 4–7



Life in the bustling town of Yale is brought to life by outspoken Kate Cameron, an aspiring journalist who records not only the "trials and tribulations" of life at home and at school,

but the progress of the railway under construction and the difficulties faced by its workers—particularly the Chinese labourers. Kate is outraged on learning of the unfair treatment of the Chinese, and risks losing a friend because of her attitude.

Author: Julie Lawson

No Safe Harbour: The Halifax Explosion Diary of Charlotte Blackburn, Halifax, 1917

Scholastic Canada, 2006

ISBN: 0439969301

Reading Level: Grades 4–7



No Safe Harbour is a gripping account of the explosion that devastated Halifax during the Great War. In a promise to her brother, a soldier fighting in France, Charlotte records the daily routine

of “life on the home front”—until the morning of December 6, 1917. She describes in heartrending detail the aftermath of the explosion, her search for her twin brother, and their struggle to restore a sense of hope in the face of overwhelming loss.

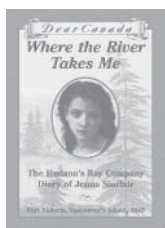
Author: Julie Lawson

Where the River Takes Me: The Hudson's Bay Company Diary of Jenna Sinclair, Fort Victoria, 1850

Scholastic Canada, 2008

ISBN: 13 9780439956208

Reading Level: Grades 4–7



The book opens in Fort Edmonton in 1849 as Jenna Sinclair prepares to embark on an adventurous journey—following a fur traders' brigade route across the Rocky Mountains and, eventually

to Vancouver Island. Arriving at the HBC trading post Fort Victoria, she becomes a boarder at Staines School, where her rebellious nature results in some unexpected—and potentially dangerous—discoveries. Meticulously researched, *River* brings to life a vivid period of BC and Canadian history.

Other titles by Julie Lawson: *White Jade Tiger; Destination Gold!; Goldstone; Turns on a Dime; The Ghost of Avalanche Mountain; Across the James Bay Bridge; Disaster at the Bridge; Building Bridges; The Summer of Gold; Cougar Cove; The Klondike Cat; The Pirates of Captain McKee; The Dragon's Pearl; Kate's Castle; Emma and the Silk Train; Bear on the Train*

Illustrator: Christina Leist

Author: Vi Hughes

The Graveyard Hounds

Tradewind Books, 2008

ISBN: 9781896580272

Reading Level: Grades 2–5

It's October. Storms rage, fires break out, and a mysterious visitor appears. When the dogs in town lose their barks, Mike and Annie set out to solve the mystery. They follow the clues and uncover scary secrets from the past. Can Mike and Annie stop



the deadly curse of The Graveyard Hounds?

Other titles illustrated by Christina Leist: *Baaaaa Animals; Jack the Bear*

Author: Ainslie Manson

Leaving The Log House

Orca Book Publishers, 2003

ISBN: 1551432587

Reading Level: Grades 3–7



Far from home Teresa spends her days at the hospital, preparing to walk on her first prosthetic leg. Her brother, Tom, stays with her at first, then leaves to work on a nearby farm. Teresa is bereft when he

doesn't call or answer her letters. When she finally reaches out to him, she ends up pushing him farther away. In the end, Teresa makes a brave journey to face her brother and reconnect.

Other titles by Ainslie Manson: *House Calls; Ballerinas Don't Wear Glasses; Baboo, Just Like New; A Dog Came; Too; Simon Fraser; Mr. McUmphie of Caulfeild Cove*

Author: Gina McMurchy-Barber

Reading The Bones

Dundurn, 2008

ISBN: 9781550027327

Reading Level: Grades 4–7



Due to circumstances beyond her control, twelve-year-old Peggy Henderson has to live with her aunt and uncle in Crescent Beach, BC. Peggy is unhappy with the arrangement until the day she and her uncle accidentally uncover the remains of a 3,000 year old Coast Salish man in the backyard. With the help of an elderly archaeologist Peggy comes to know the ancient storyteller in a way few others can—by reading the bones.

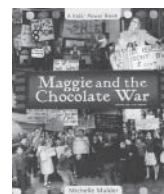
Author: Michelle Mulder

Maggie And The Chocolate War

Second Story Press, 2007

ISBN: 9781897187272

Reading Level: Grades 3–5



Maggie has been saving delivery-job money to buy a birthday chocolate bar for her best friend, Jo. It's 1947. Food prices are rising, but when the price of chocolate skyrockets,

Maggie and her friends band together in protest. What can a bunch of kids do? More than you think!

Inspired by real events, *Maggie and the Chocolate War* features photographs and newspaper clippings from a historical moment that united children from BC. to Nova Scotia.

Author: Michelle Mulder

Yeny And The Children For Peace

Second Story Press, 2008

ISBN: 9781897187456

Reading Level: Grades 3–5



Yeny's family escaped violence in their Colombian village to live in the city. Now Yeny and friends are determined to promote peace.

Before long, their peace movement attracts young people across the country. Can a group of kids make a difference in one of the world's most violent countries?

Yeny and the Children for Peace is inspired by real events. The Colombian Children's Peace Movement has been nominated for every Nobel Peace Prize since 1996.

Other titles by Michelle Mulder:

Theodore Too and the Mystery Guest; Theodore Too and the Shipwreck School; Theodore Too and the Too-Long Nap

Middle Grade Fiction

Author: Rachel Dunstan Muller

The Solstice Cup

Orca Book Publishers, 2009

ISBN: 9781551436159

Reading Level: Ages 9–12



Something sinister happened to Mackenzie's twin sister Breanne the last time the two girls were in Ireland. Now they're back and the winter solstice is approaching. Breanne scoffs at their elderly

relatives' tales of fair folk and banshees and the thin barrier between two worlds, but Mackenzie remembers what happened to Breanne five years before—at the summer solstice. Mackenzie is convinced the Otherworld is real, but is it a place of enchantment or enslavement?

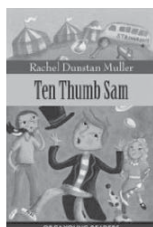
Author: Rachel Dunstan Muller

Ten Thumb Sam

Orca Book Publishers, 2007

ISBN: 9781551436999

Reading Level: Ages 8–10



Sam Stringbini is the youngest brother in a family of circus performers. He should be living every kid's dream, but Sam is tired of high wires, trapezes and magic acts. He's tired of standing on the sidelines,

tired of living at the back of a bus and tired of driving to a new town every week. But most of all, Sam is tired of being the one Stringbini without any talent.

Author: Rachel Dunstan Muller

When The Curtain Rises

Orca Book Publishers, 2007

ISBN: 9781551436159

Reading Level: Ages 9–12



Chloe has reservations about spending the summer with her elderly great-aunts, but she is curious about the tiny key that came with her aunts' invitation. She's also

anxious to put the memory of a disastrous piano recital behind her. Convinced that

the key was sent as a challenge to solve a family mystery, Chloe begins searching her aunts' Victorian mansion for clues. What she finds will force Chloe to confront her deepest fears and ambitions.

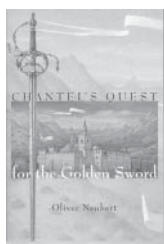
Author: Oliver Neubert

Chantel's Quest for the Golden Sword (Book 1 of 4 of the Chantel's Quest series)

Simply Read Books, 2008

ISBN: 9781894965811

Reading Level: Grades 3–6



A mysterious, vengeful spirit threatens the Four Lands. Twelve-year-old Chantel embarks on a quest to recover a magic sword to stop the spirit. Will she find the sword?

Or will the spirit's brutal

warlord, the Snow Walker, find it first? Journey with Chantel, a warrior mouse, a winged one, and a fox bat as they track up icy mountains, plunge through lakes of clouds, and discover hidden cities on this action-packed adventure.

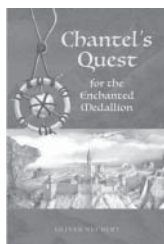
Author: Oliver Neubert

Chantel's Quest for the Enchanted Medallion (Book 2 of 4 of the Chantel's Quest series)

Simply Read Books, 2009

ISBN: 9781897476154

Reading Level: Grades 3–6



Chantel is on her way to find the second relic, the Enchanted Medallion, that is required to stop the mysterious, vengeful spirit that is threatening the Four Lands. Together with her warrior mouse

and fox bat, twelve-year-old Chantel has to venture into the desert to find her Soul Mate and to meet the legendary Wise One of the South, who holds the key to locate the hidden relic. But before Chantel and her loyal friends can meet her, the warlord of the desert and his deadly, merciless Sand Diver army will try to stop her.

The second book of the Chantel's Quest series continues in a fast pace and Chantel will make new friendships,

discover new places, and encounter even more dangerous enemies.

Author: William New

The Year I Was Grounded

Tradewind Books, 2008

ISBN: 9781896580357

Reading Level: Grades 5–7



When Geordie doesn't tell the truth one day, he's grounded—for Two Whole Weeks—and he starts writing his feelings and observations in journal entries and poems. Over a

year, he continues writing, about his family, activities, school—and about ecological challenges in the world. His story is punctuated with a series of verbal/visual puzzles for him to solve (and readers along with him). Answers are available online. So is a Study Guide for teachers.

Other titles by William New: *Vanilla Gorilla; Llamas in the Laundry; Dream Helmet*

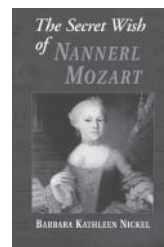
Author: Barbara Nickel

The Secret Wish of Nannerl Mozart

Sumach Press, 1996

ISBN: 0929005899

Reading Level: Grades 4–7

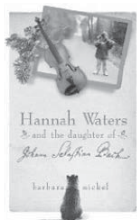


Nannerl Mozart's twelfth birthday wish is to become a famous composer. She's already considered a brilliant musician, touring Europe with her little brother Wolfgang and performing

for royalty in the great courts. But Papa doesn't take her seriously as a musician, and Wolfi always manages to steal everybody's attention. The eighteenth century world of a talented twelve-year-old girl and her famous sibling is brought to life in this blend of fact and fiction.

Author: Barbara Nickel
Hannah Waters and the Daughter of Johann Sebastian Bach

Penguin Canada, 2006
 ISBN 10: 0143050796; ISBN 13: 9780143050797
 Reading Level: Grades 4–7



Catharina Bach sings only for her mother; she is too frightened of her famous father to even speak, let alone sing. Three centuries later, in modern-day Saskatchewan, Hannah Waters struggles to play Bach's *Concerto for Two Violins*, one she was supposed to have played with her mother. In this deeply moving novel, Hannah and Catharina will help each other discover the music within and the courage to express it.

Other titles by Barbara Nickel: *From the Top of a Grain Elevator*

Author: Susin Nielsen
Word Nerd

Tundra, 2009
 ISBN: 9780887768750
 Reading Level: Grades 5–8



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Self described “friendless nerd” Ambrose and his older ex-con neighbor Cosmo, strike up an unlikely friendship—over Scrabble.

Other titles by Susin Nielsen: *The Magic Beads; Mormor Moves In; Hank and Fergus*

Author: Jacqueline Pearce
Discovering Emily

Orca Book Publishers, 2006
 ISBN: 1551434733
 Reading Level: Ages 8–12



Unlike his perfect sister, Conner hates piano lessons and gets bad Grades at math. He's good at BMX bike tricks and loves animals, but his family doesn't seem to notice. When the opportunity arises to help out the local animal shelter by

fostering a rat, Conner volunteers. But his parents have a no-pets rule, and his mom hates rats, so Conner must keep Oscar, the rat, a secret.

Other titles by Jacqueline Pearce: *The Reunion, Discovering Emily; Emily's Dream; Dog House Blues; Weeds and other Stories; Manga Touch*

Author: Lois Peterson
Meeting Miss 405

Orca Book Publishers, 2008
 ISBN: 9781554690152
 Reading Level: Ages 6–10



Life is hard enough for Tansy with her depressed mom away indefinitely and her dad making a mess of things at home. Then Dad sends her down the hall to wrinkly old babysitter, Miss Stella, who has a unique perspective on life, to say the least. But with the help of her best friend Parveen, Tansy gradually learns to manage all the changes in her life and make unexpected new friends in the process.

Other titles by Lois Peterson: *101—and More—Writing Exercises to Get You Started & Keep You Going*

Author: Audrey Pfitzenmaier
Cheating Fate

Thistledown, 2008
 ISBN: 9781897235416
 Reading Level: Grade 7



Cheating Fate is the charged story of four teens who have grown up together in a small town in the BC interior and survive a serious snowmobile accident. They discover they share remarkable and frightening memories of their near-death experience. All fear that their fates are sealed and that they will die at some unknown time—together. Though they plan to cheat destiny they soon discover that there are no human powers to alter fate.

Author: Ellen Schwartz
Stealing Home

Tundra Books, 2006
 ISBN: 0887767656
 Reading Level: Grades 4–7



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Set against the great Jackie Robinson's bid to break the sports colour barrier in Brooklyn, New York, in 1947, *Stealing Home* tells the story of recently orphaned Joey Sexton. Shunned by his black peers for being too “light” and by whites for being too “dark,” the nine-year-old struggles to find acceptance with his new-found Jewish family, especially his unbending grandfather—the one person whose affection he wants most.

Author: Ellen Schwartz
Yossi's Goal

Orca Book Publishers, 2006
 ISBN 10: 155143492X; ISBN 13: 9781551434926
 Reading Level: Grades 3–5



A sequel to *Jesse's Star*, *Yossi's Goal* continues the story of plucky Yossi Mendelsohn. After his family flees Russia, Yossi works hard to help his family find a better life in Montreal. He sells newspapers, carries

bundles from the garment factory where his father works and, when he has a bit of free time, watches the French boys play le hockey. Yossi longs to play—but will he ever have enough money to buy skates?

Other titles by Ellen Schwartz: *Dusty; Starshine!; Starshine at Camp Crescent Moon; Starshine on TV; Mr. Belinskys's Bagels; Jesse's Star; Starshine and the Fanged Vampire Spider; I'm a Vegetarian; I Love Yoga; Abby's Birds*

Middle Grade Fiction

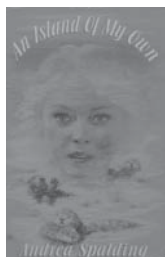
Author: Andrea Spalding

An Island of My Own

Dundurn Group, 2008

ISBN: 9781550026351

Reading Level: Grades 4–6



Fifteen-year-old Rowan, the daughter of foreign correspondents in Africa, finds herself beached for a summer with her cousins near Tofino, British Columbia. Desperate for a summer project, she camps on a neighbouring

island to monitor the progress of an endangered group of sea otters, further threatened by the development plans of a real estate agent trying to sell the property for tourism. CCBC Our Choice, short-listed for Silver Birch & Manitoba Young Readers' Choice

Author: Andrea Spalding

Behind the Sorcerer's Cloak

Orca Book Publishers, 2006

ISBN: 1551436272

Reading Level: Grades 4–6



In the fourth and final volume of the fantasy series *The Summer of Magic*, the Dark Being is poised to conquer Earth, and after that, the Universe. She takes one of the four Magic Children hostage. The others must

restore the balance between Light and Dark, but at what cost? CCBC Our Choice.

Other titles by Andrea Spalding: *The White Horse Talisman*; *Dance of the Stones*; *The Heart of the Hill*; *The Keeper and the Crows*

Author: Robin Stevenson

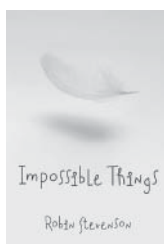
Impossible Things

Orca Book Publishers, 2008

ISBN: 9781551437361

Reading Level: Ages 9–13

Cassidy is not having a good year. Her father is away in the Middle East, her mother is too busy to listen to the details of her daughter's Grade seven life, her



brother is being bullied, and her best friend Chiaki has abandoned her to hang out with the meanest girls in school. Then Cassidy meets Victoria, and everything changes. Victoria appears

to be able to do the impossible—but is she telling the truth?

Other titles by Robin Stevenson: *Inferno*, *Out of Order*, *Big Guy*, *Dead in the Water*, *A Thousand Shades of Blue*

Author: Joan Betty Stuchner

Honey Cake

Tradewind Books, 2007

ISBN: 9781896580371

Reading Level: Grades 3–5



For David Nathan, and his friend Elsa Jensen, Copenhagen is the most beautiful city on earth. Even Nazi soldiers couldn't make it ugly. But life has

changed. Grown-ups are always worried, but won't talk. "The walls have ears," says David's father. Even David's sister has secrets. Eventually David and Elsa must also show the world the meaning of courage, loyalty and friendship—because in Denmark, everyone is family.

Other titles by Joan Betty Stuchner: *Josephine's Dream*; *Shira's Hanukkah Gift*; *Sadie the Ballerina*

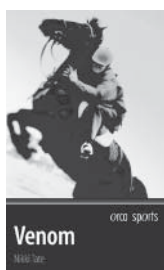
Author: Nikki Tate

Venom

Orca Book Publishers, 2009

ISBN: 9781554690718

Reading Level: Age 10 and older



16 year-old Spencer loves his job at the local racing stable, but when he becomes convinced that someone is drugging one of the horses, no one believes him. By refusing to turn a blind eye to a dangerous race-fixing scheme, Spencer risks losing those he cares most about, including Em, a horse trainer's niece.

Other titles by Nikki Tate: *Double Take*; *Karen Brain's Olympic Journey*; *Behind the Scenes: The Racehorse*; *Trouble on Tarragon Island*; *Jo's Journey*; *Grandparents' Day*; Seven books in the *StableMates* series; *Battle for Carnillo*; *No Cafes in Narnia*; *Tarragon Island*; *Jo's Triumph*; *Cave of Departure*

Author: Meg Tilly

Porcupine

Tundra, 2007

ISBN: 9780887768101

Reading Level: Grades 5–9



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When Jacqueline's father is killed in the war, her mother crumbles under sorrow and depression. Along with her younger sister and brother, she moves across the country to live on the Prairies with a great-grandmother they never knew existed. In the

process, she learns that families come in many different forms and that love, trust, and faith can build a home anywhere.

Other titles by Meg Tilly: *Singing Songs*; *Gemma*; *First Time*

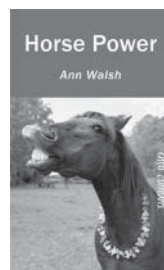
Author: Ann Walsh

Horse Power

Orca Book Publishers, 2006

ISBN: 978155438811

Reading Level: Grades 4–7



Callie and her eccentric family travel to a rural community whose school is being closed, camping on the school grounds to protest the closure. They are joined by local residents, Singing Grannies, weekend bikers and members of a First Nations Drumming circle. The police arrive and the situation becomes confrontational. In the midst of this chaos, Callie, who is afraid of horses, accepts a dare to ride her cousin's horse, Radish with unexpected results!

Other titles by Ann Walsh: *Flower Power*; *Dark Times* (editor); *By The Skin of His Teeth*; *Beginnings*, *Stories of Canada's Past* (editor); *The Doctor's Apprentice*;

Winds Through Time (editor); *Across the Stillness*; *The Ghost of Soda Creek*; *Moses, Me and Murder! (A Story of the Cariboo Gold Rush)*; *Your Time, My Time*

Author: Irene N. Watts

Illustrator: Kathryn E. Shoemaker
Good-Bye Marianne, The Graphic Novel

Tundra Books, 2008
 ISBN: 9780887768309
 Reading Level: Ages 8–11 and older



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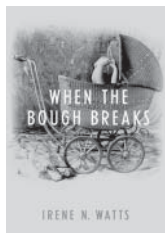
Berlin, Germany, November 1938, one week after the Night of the Broken Glass. Eleven year old Marianne Kohn is expelled from school, her father is on the run from the Nazis, Jews in Hitler's Germany, are in crisis. A thread of hope appears

in the form of rescue trains for children at risk—the Kindertransport. Based on author's original play and novel: *Good-Bye Marianne*

Other titles by this author: *Remember Me*; *Finding Sophie*; *Tapestry of Hope*

Author: Irene N. Watts
When the Bough Breaks

Tundra Books, 2007
 ISBN: 9780887768217
 Reading Level: Ages 9–14



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When her mother dies three days after Eddie is born, twelve year old Millie must take care of her father and young brothers. A strange woman appears in the small Ontario town, looking for work. She

takes an unusual interest in the baby who disappears one quiet afternoon. Millie and her brother Hamish set out to rescue the child and confront the kidnapper. Set during the Great Depression of the thirties.

Other titles by Irene N. Watts: *Flower*, the companion book to *When the Bough Breaks*. *The trilogy about the Kindertransport: Good-Bye Marianne, Remember me, Finding Sophie.*

Author: Janet M. Whyte
Charlie

Scholastic Canada Ltd., 2008
 ISBN: 978-0-7791-8373-9
 Reading Level: Grade 5



Before he was a star of the silver screen—and the highest-paid performer on Earth—Charlie Chaplin was homeless, surviving alone on the streets of Victorian London. With courage and faith, Charlie

rose above the impoverished childhood that inspired one of the world's most beloved characters: the kind-hearted, ever hopeful Little Tramp.

Other titles by Janet M. Whyte: *Mr. Bert's Story Time*; *Charlie on Tour*; *The Great Wave*; *Illustrious*.

Author: Janet M. Whyte
Charlie on Tour

Scholastic Canada Ltd., 2009
 ISBN: 9780779191802
 Reading Level: Grade 6



Charlie on Tour follows Syd and Charlie Chaplin from the Victorian slums of their childhood to the world of the Music Hall and American Vaudeville. But is there more to

life than alien beds and coffee shops, and late night wanderings in unfamiliar streets? All the brothers have is their faith in themselves—and each other—as they struggle to find their place in the world.

Other titles by Janet M. Whyte: *The Great Wave*; *Illustrious*

Author: Janet M. Whyte
Mr. Bert's Story Time

Scholastic Canada Ltd., 2007
 ISBN: 9780779165643
 Reading Level: Grade 2



Everyone loves Story Time with Mr. Bert and Frog. When Mr. Bert gets sick, Cleo, Jada, and Frog know just how to cheer him up.

Author: Eric Wilson
Red River Ransom

HarperCollins, 2007
 ISBN: 9780006395669
 Reading Level: Grades 4–8



From a movie shoot at his school to the booming surf of California, Tom Austen meets strange and sometimes dangerous Hollywood people. This is another Eric Wilson mystery with loads of

action and suspense.

Other titles by Eric Wilson: *Murder on The Canadian*; and twenty other mysteries for the same grade level.

Author: kc dyer
A Walk Through A Window

Doubleday, 2009
 ISBN: 0385666373
 Reading Level: Ages 9–12



This is the story of Darby, forced to spend the summer with grandparents she doesn't know in a place she feels she can never belong. When a boy down the street extends a hand, their walks through

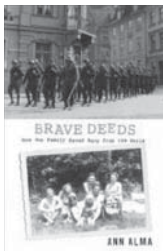
a stone window transport them to the very centre of the dramas of our past. Over the course of the long, strange summer, when tragedy threatens, the window offers Darby new insight into the people she has always taken for granted.

Other titles by kc dyer: *Seeds Of Time*; *Secret Of Light*; *Shades Of Red*

Non Fiction and Poetry

Author: Ann Alma
Brave Deeds—How One Family Saved Many From the Nazis

Orca Books, 2007
ISBN: 9780888997913
Reading Level: Ages 8 and up



A young Dutch family saves Jews, a Canadian Airman, hungry children and war resistance workers from the Nazis during the Dutch Hunger winter of 1944–45. They put their own lives in danger while Nazis

search twice. They brave cold, illness and hunger. In spite of hardship they celebrate the winter holidays, teach the children and play games. Music and dance keep everyone from despair until freedom comes.

Author: Vivien Bowers
Crazy About Canada!

Maple Tree Press, 2006
ISBN 13: 9781897066485
Reading Level: Grades 4–7



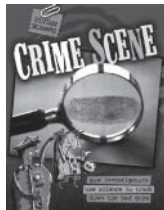
“We’re off on a quest—an exciting search for truth! We’re seeking answers to questions from kids across the country.” This book celebrates the whole notion of

being curious and asking questions. Two characters track down answers to questions posed by real Canadian kids. “Why are beavers’ teeth orange?” “Why is it so cold up North?” Packed with photos and illustrations. Science in Society

Children’s Book Award, Canadian Toy Council Recommended Book, Red Cedar nominee.

Author: Vivien Bowers
Crime Scene

Maple Tree Press, 1997, 2006 rev. ed.
ISBN 13: 9781897066560
Reading Level: Grades 4–7



This introduction to the world of forensic science is an updated version of Bowers’s award-winning *Crime Science: How investigators use science to track down the bad*

guys. Fascinating facts and case files, plus hands-on forensic activities for junior forensic investigators. DNA, ink analysis, cybercrime, “funny money,” new ID techniques, maggots, and more. Winner: Science in Society Children’s Book Award (Canadian Science Writers Association).

Author: Vivien Bowers
Wow Canada

Maple Tree Press, 1999, 2007 rec. ed
ISBN 10: 1897066953
Reading Level: Grades 3–6



Exploring this land from coast to coast to coast! An updated and revised version of this best-selling story of a family’s trip across Canada and north to the territories, told

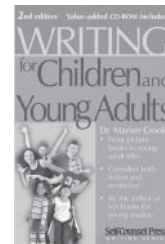
from the point of view of 12-year old Guy, with interruptions from his younger sister and unsolicited lectures from his parents. Souvenirs, postcards, sidebars, and

fabulous illustrations. Canadian content at its most cool! Multiple award-winner, including BC Book Prize, Red Cedar Award, Information Book Award.

Other titles by Vivien Bowers: *That’s Very Canadian!; Only in Canada!*

Author: Marion Crook
Writing for Children and Young Adults

Self-Counsel Press, 2008
ISBN: 978551808130
Reading Level: Young adult



To enable young readers to plunge into the world you create, you need a grounding in the fundamental elements of a children’s story and in the craft of writing.

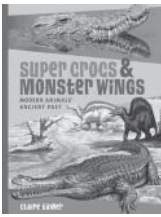
This way your story can inspire and educate your readers, and meet the needs of publishers. Loaded with illustrative examples, *Writing for Children and Young Adults* will show you how to translate your ideas into stories that will delight, intrigue and satisfy your readers.

Other titles by Marion Crook: *Out of the Darkness; The Face in the Mirror; Cutting it Close; Riding Scared*

Author: Claire Eamer
Super Crocs and Monster Wings: Modern Animals’ Ancient Past

Annick Press, 2008
ISBN: 9781554511303 (Hbk);
9781554511297 (Pbk)
Reading Level: Grades 4-6

About 99 percent of all the species that ever lived are already extinct. But

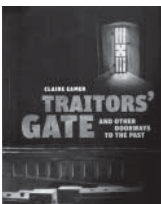


some animals didn't vanish altogether, and their distant relatives live among us today. Six modern animals are compared to their ancient ancestors: dragonfly,

armadillo, camel, beaver, crocodile, and sloth. Why did these fabulous creatures change? What did their worlds look like? How do scientists make the connection to each one's extraordinary past?

Author: Claire Eamer
Traitors' Gate and Other Doorways to the Past

Annick Press, 2008
ISBN: 9781554511457 (Hbk);
9781554511440 (Pbk)
Reading Level: Grades 5-8



Take a walk in time by passing through remarkable entrances of kings, saints and slaves. Many doors have an astonishingly rich history that goes back for

centuries. Traitor's Gate, the notorious entry into the Tower of London, has been a gateway into a fortress, a royal palace and even a prison. The glorious and sometimes blighted history of doorways colorfully unfolds in profiles that tell the story of each history-rich portal.

Author: Deborah Hodge
The Kids Book of Canadian Immigration

Kids Can Press, 2006
ISBN 13: 9781553374848;
ISBN 10: 15553374843
Reading Level: Ages 8-12



People from more than 200 cultures call Canada home—and each one has a fascinating story to tell. Many of their stories, past and present, and their amazing contributions to this country are told in

this book. Featuring accounts of ethnic groups, mini-profiles, maps, archival documents and first-person narratives, this richly illustrated book is a celebration of

multicultural Canada and a comprehensive look at the remarkable history of Canadian immigration.

Author: Deborah Hodge
Who Lives Here? Rain Forest Animals

Kids Can Press, 2008
ISBN: 9781554530410 (Hbk);
ISBN 9781554530427 (Pbk)
Reading Level: Ages 4-8



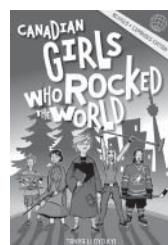
This book takes a playful, informative look at how animals' bodies are suited to life in the rain forest. Learn what rain forest animals eat; where they

sleep, how they stay safe and care for their young. Beautiful, realistic illustrations combined with clearly written facts provide fun and fascinating reading for young children everywhere. Other titles in the *Who Lives Here? Series* include: *Desert Animals*, *Polar Animals*, and *Wetland Animals*.

Other titles by Deborah Hodge: *The Kids Book of Canada's Railway*; *Kids Can Press Wildlife Series*; *Lily and the Mixed-up Letters*; *Emma's Story*

Author: Tanya Lloyd Kyi
Canadian Girls Who Rocked the World

Whitecap Books, 2009
ISBN: 155285986X
Reading Level: Grades 5-9



These Canadian athletes, entrepreneurs, artists, and scientists changed the world—while still in their teens! Readers will discover the heroics of secret agent Sarah Emma Edmonds, the determination of national hockey team captain Cassie Campbell, and the daring of environmental activist Elizabeth May.

Author: Tanya Lloyd Kyi
The Blue Jean Book

Annick Press, 2006
ISBN: 155037916X
Reading Level: Grades 6-12



Ever since Levi Strauss made the first blue jeans in California in the 1870s, everyone has wanted a pair. *The Blue Jean Book* chronicles how the world's love affair with denim began, and explores the social and environmental issues related to today's clothing industry.

Author: Tanya Lloyd Kyi
Burn: The Life Story of Fire

Annick Press, 2007
ISBN: 1554510813
Reading Level: Grades 6-12



Burning buildings and risky rescues often capture our attention, but how often do we consider fire's importance in our lives? Whether it's the rumble of a furnace in the morning or the backyard barbecue ritual, we use fire for

the same reasons as the earliest humans. In fact, fire is so important that it's incorporated into almost every moment of our days.

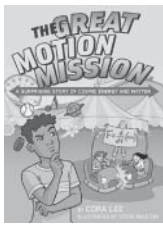
Other titles by Tanya Lloyd Kyi: *Canadian Boys Who Rocked the World*; *Fires! True Stories from the Edge*; *Rescues! True Stories from the Edge*; *Truth*; *My Time as Caz Hazard*; *Jared Lester: Fifth Grade Jester*

Author: Cora Lee
The Great Motion Mission: a Surprising Story of Cosmic Energy and Matter

Annick Press, 2009
Reading Level: Grades 4-7

Jeremy's on a mission: to stop the new physics research centre slated for construction on his beloved fairgrounds. If he doesn't, forget kids, coasters and corndogs. Instead, physicists will be

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spouting equations all summer long! Of course, for every push, there's a pull, and opposing Jeremy is a formidable force. Her name is Audrey. Quarks, qubits, and branes...she knows them inside out,

but chooses to use everyday arguments to prove that physics is fun.

Author: Cora Lee and Gillian O'Reilly

The Great Number Rumble: a Story of Math in Surprising Places

Annick Press, 2007

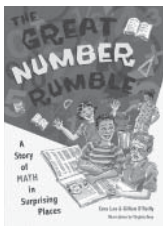
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Grades: 4-7



When math gets banned at school, chaos rules as kids toss their textbooks. But count on Sam to be the odd one out. He bets he'll change their minds 180° within 24 hours.

After all, biking's just geometry in motion. Combinations and permutations? Just ice cream options. Life without mathematics isn't half as fun. Can Sam win this bet? Theoretically, the probability's 0.5 or 50-50. In reality? Odds look good: school minus math only equals trouble.

Author: Ainslie Manson

Alexander Mackenzie From Canada by Land

Groundwood, Anansi Books, 2003

ISBN: 0888994834

Reading Level: Grades 4-7



Alexander Mackenzie was the first European to cross North America by land. The journey, which took place in 1793, demanded courage and determination and could never have been achieved without the help

of the First Nations people. Mackenzie's successful crossing opened up a store of

new opportunities for Europeans, but it led to a dramatic invasion of the lives of the Native peoples.

Author: Adrienne Mason

Owls

Kids Can Press, 2004

ISBN: 1553376234

Reading Level: K-Grade 4



How owls hunt is just one of fourteen topics in this clearly written look at owls. You'll find out where owls live, what they eat, how young owls learn and much more. Easy-to-read

text and accurate, detailed illustrations meet the research needs of young children and satisfy their curiosity about these mysterious birds.

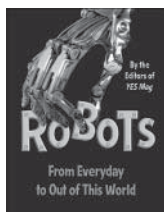
Author: Adrienne Mason

Robots: From Everyday to Out of This World

Kids Can Press, 2008

ISBN: 97815554532032

Reading Level: Grades 3-7



In *Robots*, you'll meet mechanical marvels that are defusing bombs, assembling cars, exploring Mars, roaming the oceans, assisting surgeons and guarding homes and

businesses. Robots takes you back in time to the earliest robots, many of which were toys. Then it zooms in on robots today and catches them at work and play. And it peers into the future, where humanlike androids may one day learn new tasks.

Author: Adrienne Mason

Move It!: Motion, Forces and You

Kids Can Press, 2005

ISBN: 1553377583

Reading Level: K-Grade 2



Move It! takes the physics of why and how things move and transforms it into an enjoyable and easy-to-understand first science book. *Move It!* is loaded with surprising

facts and hands-on activities designed to hold young readers' interest. This energetically illustrated book taps into children's fascination with the everyday world. *Move It!* is part of a four-book Primary Physical Science series. **Other titles by Adrienne Mason:** *Skunks; Lost and Found (a Lu and Clancy reader); Oceans; Bats; Otters; Build It: Structures, Systems and You Living Things; Change It!: Solids, Liquids, Gases and You; Secret Spies; The Drop of Doom; Touch it!: Materials Matter and You;* and more

Author: Barbara Nickel

From the Top of a Grain Elevator

Dundurn Group, 1999

Poetry collection

ISBN: 0888783973

Reading Level: Grades 4-7



Award-winning poet Barbara Nickel returns to her prairie roots to celebrate the sights and sounds of home: a chorus of ornerly bullfrogs in the slough, a secret fort beneath the caragana, the

bustle of the fair, a toqueless trek to the local rink, a brilliant quilt of northern lights, and the fast-disappearing grain elevator. Black and white etchings perfectly complement Nickel's verse. Teacher's guide for poetry unit also available. **Other titles by Barbara Nickel:** *The Secret Wish of Nannerl Mozart; Hannah Waters and the Daughter of Johann Sebastian Bach*

Author: Lois J. Peterson

101-and More-Writing Exercises to Get You Stared & Keep You Going

Reading Level: Grades 5-12

Metta Publications, 2006

ISBN: 0978088409

Used by individual writers, teachers and



writing groups, this useful book offers ideas and motivation for putting words on the page and improving craft. Includes articles, writing and marketing tips, and lists of resources. **Other titles by**

Lois J. Peterson: *Meeting Miss 405.*

Author & Illustrator: Scot Ritchie
Follow That Map! A First Book of Mapping Skills

Kids Can Press, 2009
 ISBN: 9781554532742
 Reading Level: Young adult



A book of simple maps for kids to get the concept of what a map is and how they are useful to us.

Other titles by Scot Ritchie: *Up Up and Away; CrazyMazey Houses; Everything Kids 'Dragons'*

Author: Tiffany Stone
Floyd the Flamingo and His Flock of Friends

Tradewind Books, 2004
 Humorous verse
 ISBN-10: 1896580580 ISBN-13: 9781896580586
 Reading Level: Kindergarten–grade 3



Sneezing birds, complaining flamingos, warrior Vikings and radioactive cats! All these entertaining characters and a host of child friendly themes are found in the pages of *Floyd the*

Flamingo and His Flock of Friends, a lively, appealing book of poetry that should find its way onto the bookshelf of every family. Catchy rhymes and clever word-play make this an engaging, amusing read under a quilt, in the bath or under a tree.

Author: Tiffany Stone
Baaaad Animals

Tradewind Books, 2006
 Humorous verse
 ISBN-10: 189658036X ISBN-13: 978-1896580364
 Reading Level: Kindergarten–grade 5



Sheep that steal. A lynx lion. Slugs with deep, dark secrets. This second book of humorous verse for children from Tiffany Stone is full of animals being BAAAAD. Stone's

mischievous poems paired with Christina Leist's cheeky ink illustrations guarantee readers are in for a very GOOD time indeed!

Author: Joan Betty Stuchner
Josephine's Dream

Silverleaf Press, 2008
 ISBN: 9781934393048
 Reading Level: Grades 1–3



A slightly fictionalized version of the life of the late great Josephine Baker. She sang, danced, made crazy funny faces, was a war hero, a Civil Rights activist and she adopted 12 children who were every colour people can be.

Other titles by Joan Betty Stuchner: *Shira's Hanukkah Gift; Sadie the Ballerina; Honey Cake*

Author: Diane Swanson
Animal Aha! Thrilling Discoveries in Wildlife Science

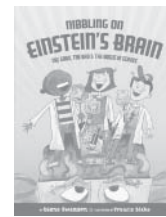
Annick Press, 2009
 ISBN: 9781554511651 (Hbk); 978155451164-8 (Pbk)
 Reading Level: Grades 2–4



From cockroaches to gorillas, *Animal Aha!* highlights six magnificent moments when patient and persistent scientists made an astonishing discovery. Take Alex, a chatterbox parrot who learned not just to mimic speech, but to communicate by speaking English. Or visit a California lab where scientists concluded that after a python eats, its heart becomes 40 percent larger than normal.

Author: Diane Swanson
Nibbling on Einstein's Brain: The Good, the Bad, and the Bogus in Science (Revised Edition)

Annick Press, 2009
 ISBN: 9781554511877 (Hbk); 9781554511860 (Pbk)
 Reading Level: Ages 3 and older



Bite into *Nibbling on Einstein's Brain* and learn some winning strategies for sorting the good science from the misleading. Through playful scenarios and real-world examples, each chapter encourages critical thinking. You'll find tips for spotting bad science, ideas for identifying reports that misrepresent facts, and ways to keep your own brain from muddling the science news you receive.

Author: Diane Swanson
You Are Weird: Your Body's Peculiar Parts and Funny Functions

Kids Can Press, 2009
 ISBN: 9781554532827 (Hbk); 9781554532834 (Pbk)
 Reading Level: Grades 3–6



We all have body parts that do amazing things, such as the incredible, shed-able skin cells we lose each day. Other of our body parts don't make a lot of sense nowadays,

such as arm and leg muscles that our ancestors might have used to swing through trees. We also have mystery parts, like sinuses. The scientific jury is still out on exactly what use they are. *You Are Weird* takes a look at many of our body's peculiar parts and funny functions.

Other titles by Diane Swanson: *Bugs Up Close; Canada's Bugs; Cheetah Cubs and Beetle Grubs; Welcome to the World of Spirit Bears; Welcome to the World of Wolverines;* and many more

Author: Kathleen Cook Waldron
Forestry A-Z

Orca Books, 2008
 ISBN: 9781551435046
 Reading Level: Ages 7–adult



Have you ever wondered where the wood products and paper you use every day come from? Or what can make a green forest turn red? What is timber cruising? How is plywood made? Or how has forestry

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changed in the last century? These questions and dozens more are answered in *Forestry A-Z*, an informative and fascinating look at modern forestry. Other titles by Kathleen Cook Waldron: *Round-up at the Palace*; *Five Stars for Emily*; *A Wilderness Passover*

Author: Valerie Wyatt ***How To Build Your Own Country***

Kids Can Press, 2009
ISBN: 9781554533107
Reading Level: Grades 4–6



How would you go about setting up a country if you had to start from scratch? This book tells all, including how to compose a national anthem and constitution, design a flag, choose a form of government, establish an economy and much more. Like a simulation game in book form, this succinct guide invites readers to design their own country and, in the process, offers a subtle civics lesson.

Author: Valerie Wyatt ***Who Discovered America?***

Kids Can Press, 2008
ISBN: 9781554531288
Reading Level: Grades 4–6

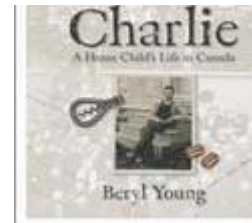


Surprisingly, it wasn't Christopher Columbus. He wasn't the first, but rather the last in a long line of explorers and Aboriginal peoples who may have discovered not just America, but the Americas. *Who Discovered America?* sets out the main contenders and evaluates their claims. *Kirkus Reviews* called it "fascinating fare for the historically curious." Thoroughly researched and vetted by scientists and historians.

Other titles by Valerie Wyatt: *Space FAQ*; *Inventions FAQ*; *The Kids Book of Canadian Firsts*; *Weather FAQ*; *The Math Book for Girls and Other Beings Who Count*; *Earthlings Inside and Out: A Space Alien Studies the Human Body*; *The Science Book for Girls and Other Intelligent Beings*; *Weatherwatch*

Author: Beryl Young ***Charlie, a Home Child's Life in Canada***

Key Porter Books, 2009
ISBN: 1554702003
Reading Level: Ages 10–13



With over a million descendants of Home Children in Canada, this inspiring story of a poor English boy is an important part of our heritage. As a twelve year old in 1911, Charlie is sent overseas to hard work on an Ontario farm. He joins up to fight in WWI and is wounded in France. Back in Canada as an RCMP officer, Charlie becomes a valuable contributor to Canadian society. With sidebars and photographs.

Other titles by Beryl Young: *Wishing Star Summer*



Fiction Picture Books

Author: Linda Bailey
Stanley at Sea

Kids Can Press, 2008
 ISBN: 9781554531936
 Reading Level: K–grade 2



It's picnic time at the park, and the people aren't sharing. So what's a hungry dog to do? Stanley and his buddies slump on down

to the river where an abandoned ham sandwich lures them aboard a small red boat. When the boat comes unmoored, they go racing down the river! The next thing they know, with a whoosh and a whirl, the dogs are swept to sea. Only Stanley can guess their destination—the end of Outside!

Author: Linda Bailey
Stanley's Beauty Contest

Kids Can Press, 2009
 ISBN: 9781554533183
 Reading Level: K–grade 2



Bathed, blow-dried, fluffed and trimmed, Stanley is taken to the dog park by his people, who have entered him in the

Pooches in the Park dog contest. Stanley isn't much interested in the contest, but when he sees the prizes, he gets very excited. Huge, magnificent dog cookies! There are three contests—Fastest Dog, Best Tricks and Most Beautiful Dog. Does Stanley stand a chance?

Other titles by Linda Bailey: *Goodnight, Sweet Pig; The Farm Team; Stanley's Wild Ride; Adventures in the Ice Age; Stanley's Party; Adventures in Ancient China; Adventures in Ancient Greece; What's a*

Serious Detective Like Me Doing in Such a Silly Movie?; The Best Figure Skater in the Whole Wide World; Adventures with the Vikings; Adventures in the Middle Ages; Adventures in Ancient Egypt; How Can a Brilliant Detective Shine in the Dark?; When Addie Was Scared; What's a Daring Detective Like Me Doing in the Doghouse?; Gordon Loggins and the Three Bears; How Can a Frozen Detective Stay Hot on the Trail?; Petula Who Wouldn't Take a Bath; Who's Got Gertie and How Can We Get Her Back?; How Can I Be a Detective If I Have to Baby-Sit?; How Come the Best Clues Are Always in the Garbage?

Author and Illustrator: Dianna Bonder
Dogabet

Whitecap Books, 2007
 ISBN: 1552857972
 Reading Level: Ages 3–8

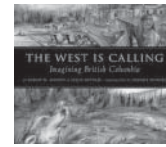


You are about to step into a magical world inhabited by our most loyal companion. As you turn the pages, exquisitely dressed dogs will bark, leap and chase their way through this lavishly illustrated alphabet.

From Aristocratic Afghan Hounds to Dachshunds Dunking Donuts and Yorkies that Yodel, this is a delightful adventure for dog lovers of all ages.

Illustrator: Dianna Bonder
The West is Calling

Orca Books for Young Readers, 2008
 ISBN: 9781551439365
 Reading Level: Ages 3–8
 Combining evocative haiku, informative



text and luminous illustrations, *The West is Calling* celebrates, for our youngest readers, 150 years of British Columbia's history. Each detail-rich illustration depicts a moment in the province's dynamic saga, from pre-contact Haida culture to the natural-resources-fueled economic boom in the 1960s, Expo 86, the opening of the North and the growing appreciation of First Nations traditions.

Other titles by Dianna Bonder: *A Pacific Alphabet; Accidental Alphabet; Three Royal Tales; Leon's Song; Eleven Lazy Llamas; Digging Canadian Dinosaurs; Black and White Blanche*

Author and Illustrator: Della Burford
Dodoland Adventures

Azatlan, 2008
 ISBN 10: 1419671723; ISBN 13: 978-1419671722
 Reading Level: Grades 1–6



Fly with your Bird Helmet to Dodoland - a place where imagination reigns and dreams come true. Elemental Dodo guides

you around starting with the Sea of love. There is a Riddle Challenge and a Dragon Ship, Giant Flower Island, Island of Eyes and Singing Tree. You gain new confidence and Bird Helmets to share with friends when arriving home again.

Fiction Picture Books

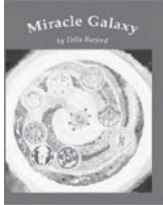
Author and Illustrator: Della Burford

Miracle Galaxy

Azatlan, 2008

ISBN 10: 1419671731; ISBN 13: 978-1419671739

Reading Level: Grades 1–6



Meet the eight Angels of Health and Happiness who shine their light in the dark. The Angels are born in sacred stone sites in the world but now live Miracle Galaxy. We learn about

the power of Special Virtues. The Angels help those in crisis or anyone wanting to gain balance and harmony. Come celebrate the Wonder and Awe of all the good things in life!

Other titles by Della Burford: *Magical Earth Secret, The Environmental Activity Guide*

Author: Nan Gregory
Pink

Groundwood Books /

House of Anansi Press, 2007

ISBN 13: 9780888997814

Reading Level: K–grade 3



Vivi is dizzy with wanting perfect pink. The kind the rich girls have—far beyond her family's finances. She falls in love with a perfect pink doll and works hard to save

for it. When she takes her parents to see it in the store, it's being bought—by a rich girl. A touching story about longing for something beyond reach and finding something better close to home. BC Book Prize Honour Book.

Author: Nan Gregory
How Smudge Came

Red Deer Press, 1995

ISBN: 0998851438

Reading Level: Ages 3–12



Strong-willed, loving Cindy lives in a group home for developmentally challenged adults and works as a cleaning woman in a hospice. When she brings

home a stray puppy, she is told house rules forbid her to keep it. Children of all ages identify with her perseverance in the face of her powerlessness and find inspiration in the surprising solution to her problem. BC Book Prize and Mr. Christie's Award winner. Translated four times. 350,000 copies sold world-wide.

Other titles by Nan Gregory: *Wild Girl and Gran; Amber Waiting; I'll Sing You One-O*

Author: Deborah Hodge
Lily and the Mixed-up Letters

Tundra Books, 2007

ISBN: 9780888776759

Reading Level: Ages 5–8



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Lily's in Grade 2 and she has trouble reading. Whenever she tries, the letters get mixed up and so does she. When the teacher announces that the children will read in front of their parents, Lily realizes she can no longer hide her problem. She faces this challenge with courage and strength. *Lily and the Mixed-up Letters* is an uplifting story and a reassuring read for any child in need of a boost of confidence.

Other titles by Deborah Hodge: *Emma's Story; The Kids Book of Canadian Immigration; The Kids Book of Canada's Railway; Kids Can Press Wildlife Series; Who Lives Here?*

Author: Katarina Jovanovic
The King Has Goat Ears

Trade Wind Books, 2008

ISBN: 9781896580227

Reading Level: Ages 4–7



King Boyan has a secret. Only the barbers who cut his hair know the truth. But they aren't telling because the king won't let them leave the palace.

Then one day, a young apprentice named Igor bravely accepts the challenge to cut the king's hair. He quickly wins the king's confidence and is allowed to return home. Igor is careful not to betray his new friend. But secrets have a way of getting out!

Author and illustrator: Christina Leist

Jack the Bear

Simply Read Books, 2009

Reading Level: Ages 3–7



In Nosy Fox's eyes Jack the Bear seems to be doing nothing, just sitting under a tree and eating his honey with Grumpy

Squirrel. But Brainy Owl says that Jack the Bear is making the world a better place. How can that be? This thought-provoking picture book shows how the simple act of sharing can be as great a deed as the acts of kings, leaders, scientists and philosophers.

Other titles illustrated by Christina Leist: *Baaaad Animals; The Graveyard Hounds*

Illustrator: Rae Maté

Author: Robert Heidbreder
Crocodiles Say...

Tradewind Books, 2005

ISBN: 1894965426

Reading Level: Ages 2–6



A bright and sunny comedy of manners starring three friendly, mischievous and very silly Crocodiles WHO DO NOT DO WHAT THEY SAY, with hilarious results.

Frolic along with these raucous reptiles as they romp through a crocodile day.

Other titles by Rae Maté: *Crocodiles Play!*

Author and illustrator:

MEOMI

(Vicki Wong & Michael Murphy)
The Octonauts & the Frown Fish

Immedium Inc., 2008

ISBN: 9781597020145

Reading Level: Grades 1–4



The Octonauts are a team of cute animals who live under the ocean. They enjoy adventure and exploration! In their third

storybook, the crew meets a fish with a

giant frown. He looks so glum, he's causing everyone around him to feel down also. Our heroes need to find a way to cheer him up! The Octonauts try music-making, field trips, and even a baking marathon, but can they make their new friend smile?

Author and illustrator: MEOMI (Vicki Wong & Michael Murphy)
The Octonauts & the Sea of Shade

Immedium Inc., 2007
ISBN: 9781597020107
Reading Level: Grades 1-4



THE Octonauts are a crew of cute critters who love to explore the big blue ocean. From their undersea "Octopod"

base, the eight talented animals are always ready for fun and excitement. In their second adventure, all the shadows in the world have gone missing! The Octonauts must travel to the mysterious Sea of Shade to learn why. Can the Octonauts convince the great Shade King to return everyone's shadows?

Other titles by MEOMI: *The Octonauts and the Only Lonely Monster*; *Colorcloudseeding*; *Miga*, *Quatchi and Sumi: The Story of the Vancouver 2010 Mascots*

Author: Victoria Miles
Old Mother Bear

Chronicle Books, 2007
ISBN-13: 9780811850339
Reading Level: Ages 4-8



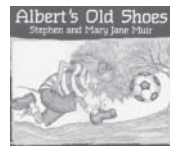
Through seasons and over years, *Old Mother Bear* chronicles the life of an aging grizzly caring for her last litter of cubs. Winner of the 2007 ASPCA Henry Bergh Award for Fiction/

Ecology and Environment

Other titles by Victoria Miles: *Magnifico*; *Wild Science*; *The Chocolatier's Apprentice*; *Sea Otter Pup*; *Spotted Owlets*; *Bald Eagles*; *Cougar Kittens*; *Pup's Supper*

Author: Stephen Muir
Illustrator: Mary Jane Muir
Albert's Old Shoes

Fitzhenry & Whiteside for Stoddart Kids; Scholastic 1987; Stoddart 1996; Stoddart Kids 1997
ISBN: 0773757775
Ages 4-8



Albert wishes he had a pair of running shoes so that he can play soccer just like all the other kids at school but he has to wear scuffed

up old brown shoes. Bill makes fun of him and Albert feels sad, left out and angry. Albert's mom does her best to help but it is a disaster. The story takes a surprising turn and Albert finds himself laughing and having fun with everyone.

Other titles by the Muirs: *Gynn*

Author: Michelle Mulder
Theodore Too And The Mystery Guest

Nimbus Publishing Ltd., 2008
ISBN: 9781551096599
Reading Level: K-grade 1



Theodore Too and Lucy Tug have a mystery to solve! A special guest is coming to Halifax Harbour, but who could it be? With the clues

from their friends, the tugboats set out to discover who the mystery guest is before she arrives. And when they meet the beautiful Bluenose II, they make a brand new friend and learn just why everyone loves her.

Other titles by Michelle Mulder: *Yeny And The Children For Peace*; *Maggie And The Chocolate War*; *Theodore Too And The Shipwreck School*; *Theodore Too And The Too-Long Nap*

Illustrator: Cynthia Nugent
Author: Bill Richardson
The Aunts Come Marching

Raincoast Books, 2007
ISBN 13: 9781551929903
Reading Level: Ages 5 and older

A counting book sung to the tune of *The*



Ants Come Marching. Playing on the homonym "aunts /ants", Richardson has written funny lyrics about a marching band of aunts who, to the chagrin

of Pop but to the delight of the children, come for an uninvited visit. Illustrations are full of amusing and unexpected detail. Singable instrument sounds make it a great aid for learning the instruments of the orchestra e.g. cymbals go "cring" and "crash".

Author and illustrator: Cynthia Nugent
Fred and Pete

Orca Book Publishers, 2009
ISBN: 9781554691265
Reading Level: Ages 5 and older



Fred and Pete have been naughty and aren't allowed to go on the much-anticipated beach outing. Optimistic,

impulsive Pete decides they will go there on their own, despite the reservations of cautious and nearsighted Fred. They stow away in a mail van, a bike trailer and a city bus, always believing that each conveyance must be going to the beach. Bright, humorous illustrations use photographs of the actual dogs collaged with painted expressionist backgrounds.

Illustrator: Cynthia Nugent
Author: Lois Simmie
Mister Got to Go

Red Deer Press, 1995
ISBN: 0889951578
Reading Level: Ages 5 and older



Based on a true story, this Canadian classic is about a stray cat who insists on moving into Vancouver's Sylvia Hotel, despite the manager's repeated, "When it stops raining,

that cat's got to go." The sequel is *Mister Got to Go and Arnie* (2001, Raincoast). Book three, *Mister Got to Go, Where Are You?* will be published by Orca in 2010. A multiple award-winner, beloved by adults and children alike.

Fiction Picture Books

Other titles by Cynthia Nugent:

Francesca and the Magic Bike (author)

Author: Sheri Radford

Penelope and the Preposterous Birthday Party

Lobster Press, 2009

ISBN 10: 1897550006;

ISBN 13: 9781897550007

Reading Level: Ages 2–8



Penelope's having a birthday party and everyone's invited. But as her parents quickly realize, Penelope really did invite everyone. Ballerinas leap through the air, ponies meander through the kitchen, soccer players kick penalty shots in the living room and an elephant makes himself at home. It's clear this birthday bash has gone berserk...bonkers...bananas. So, ring the doorbell and join Penelope's party. With this birthday girl, it's bound to be a blast.

Author: Sheri Radford

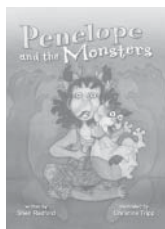
Penelope and the Monsters

Lobster Press, 2005

ISBN 10: 1897073496;

ISBN 13: 9781897073490

Reading Level: Ages 2–8



Penelope won't go to sleep. Never ever not in a million trillion gazillion years. Her father doesn't believe her, but Penelope knows there are monsters lurking in the dark. How else can she explain the dancing drawers, creeeeeking closet, and bounce-bounce-bouncing bed? Will Penelope have the confidence to turn on the lights and call out the things that go bump in the night?

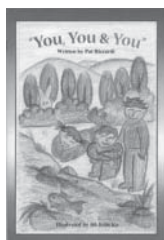
Author: Pat Riccardi

You, You & You

Universal Press, 2005

ISBN: 0968155928

Reading Level: K–grade 2



You, You & You is about Planting Trees and Recycling Your garbage

Other titles by Pat

Riccardi: *Happy Go Luck; Somewhere Across The Border*

Author and Illustrator:

Scot Ritchie

Scot Ritchie's Ghouliest Ever Puzzle Book

Little Hare Books, 2007

Reading Level: Ages 4-8

ISBN: 9781921272622



Spooky fun games for kids and lots of interesting facts about ghouly things around the world.

Other titles by this

illustrator: *Why? The best ever question and answer*

book about nature science and the world around you; SeeSaw Saskatchewan; Up Up and Away

Illustrator: Eleanor Rosenberg

Author: Crystal J. Stranaghan

Vernon and the Snake

Gumboot Books, 2007

ISBN: 9780978404796

Reading Level: Ages 4-9



Vernon and the snake face their fear of each other when they unexpectedly meet in Vernon's backyard. Will Vernon and the Snake learn to live with each other?

This fun book has an interesting twist: it can be read from the front or the back! Decide which version of the story you want to hear - Vernon's or The Snake's; when you've heard one side of the story, flip it over for the other perspective.

Other titles illustrated by Eleanor

Rosenberg: *"Napoleon is Winking," in A World of Stories; Soiree—a Choose Your Own Short Story Adventure*

Author: Margriet Ruurs

In My Backyard

Tundra, 2007

ISBN: 9780887767753

Reading Level: Grades 1–7



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A treasure for budding explorers, this book shows a glimpse of wildlife that can be found in any urban backyard. With ladybugs to spot and hidden animals that foreshadow

what is to come on every page, this book will appeal to readers of any age. The pages progress through the seasons, through day and night time. Amazing paper sculptures by Ron Broda illustrate the lyrical text.

Other titles by Margriet Ruurs: A

Mountain Alphabet; Emma's Eggs; Me & Martha Black

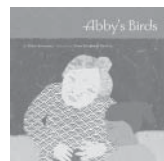
Author: Ellen Schwartz

Illustrator: Sima Elizabeth Shefrin ***Abby's Birds***

Tradewind Books, 2006

ISBN: 18965806

Reading Level: Ages 4–8



Abby makes an unlikely friend in her new neighbourhood—her elderly Japanese neighbour, Mrs. Naka. All spring and summer, the

two delight in the robins that live in the maple tree that straddles their yards. Mrs. Naka teaches Abby how to make origami birds—and this skill comes in handy as Abby conjures up a surprise to comfort the ailing Mrs. Naka. Illustrated in bright cut paper collages.

Other titles by Ellen Schwartz: *Dusty;*

Starshine!; Starshine at Camp Crescent Moon; Starshine on TV; Mr. Belinskys's Bagels; Jesse's Star; Starshine and the Fanged Vampire Spider; I'm a Vegetarian; I Love Yoga; Stealing Home; Yossi's Goal

Other titles illustrated by Sima Elizabeth Shefrin: *Latkes*

Authors: Andrea Spalding and Alfred Scow

Secret of the Dance

Orca Book Publishers, 2006

ISBN: 1551433966

Reading Level: Ages 3–6



Elder Alfred Scow and award-winning author Andrea Spalding collaborate to tell a story of a traditional Potlatch dance. Aboriginal

Children's Book of the Year nominee.

CCBC starred Our Choice.

Other titles by Andrea Spalding and Alfred Scow:

Solomon's Tree; It's Raining; It's Pouring; Me and Mr Mah; Bottled Sunshine; The Most Beautiful Kite in the World

Author: Crystal J. Stranaghan
Then it Rained

Gumboot Books, 2007

ISBN: 9780978404789

Reading Level: K–grade 3



James finds his frustration mounting as time and again his plans are called off because of the rain, until finally he convinces the grownups to let him go outside and enjoy

the rain. Sometimes in life, you just have to put your gumboots on and jump in with both feet! Concepts include: numbers, counting, rhyming, weather, communication and days of the week. Larger print, repetition and rhyme make it ideal for learning to read.

Author: Crystal J. Stranaghan
The 13th Floor: Primed for Adventure

Gumboot Books, 2007

ISBN: 9780978404703

Reading Level: K–grade 4



Have you ever wondered what would happen if you got into an elevator and pushed every single button? Penelope Jones

does just that, and winds up on the 13th

floor of her grandmother's apartment building. She's faced with a hallway of doors, and when she steps through one of them, she discovers a world that is all underground. She sees first hand what it could be like in our world if we don't take care of our environment, and decides she doesn't like it one bit.

Author: Crystal J. Stranaghan
Faeries Are Real

Gumboot Books, 2007

ISBN: 9780978404710

Reading Level: K–grade 7



This is a great book to engage reluctant readers. The text is broken into smaller pieces and is more magazine like in format, while the rich visuals draw you in. These are not

cute and cuddly faeries, but you'll want to read on to find out more about these entrancing creatures. Who designs the snowflakes? Who makes leaves crunch? Who causes thunder and lightning? These, and many other, questions are answered in a fun and entertaining way that will get the reader thinking about the world around them.

Other titles by Crystal J. Stranaghan:

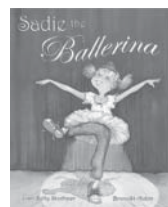
Vernon and the Snake; Tontii in A World of Stories Collection;

Author: Joan Betty Stuchner
Sadie the Ballerina

Scholastic Canada, 2006

ISBN: 0439961092

Reading Level: Grades 1–3



Sadie longs to be a ballerina. She pictures her name in lights, and she practices everywhere – in the bedroom, the kitchen, and even on the bus. When Sadie's parents

take her to see 'The Nutcracker,' their determined little girl takes matters into her own hands, with surprising results.

Other titles by Joan Betty Stuchner:

Honey Cake; Shira's Hanukkah Gift; Josephine's Dream

Illustrator: Kirsti Anne Wakelin
A Pod of Orcas: A Seaside Counting Book

Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 2002

ISBN: 1550417223

Reading Level: Ages 3–5



Written in rhyme, this book invites readers to count seaside things like seals and sailing boats as well as to try their best to tally up a huge pod of orcas.

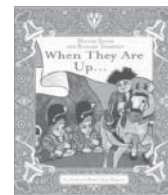
Illustrator: Kirsti Anne Wakelin
When They Are Up

Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 2003

ISBN: 155041707X (Hbk);

1550417096 (Pbk)

Reading Level: Ages 5–8



The Grand old Duke of York has many soldiers eager to do his bidding. And in this romping tale they dutifully go up, down-and neither-up-nor-down-as ordered. But

although these soldiers have obviously been trained to march, they have little discipline and no sense of decorum

Illustrator: Kirsti Anne Wakelin
Looking for Loons

Simply Read Books, 2007

ISBN: 9781894965545

Reading Level: Ages 5 and older



Just after sunrise, a boy ventures to the front porch of his family cottage to scan the misty lake with an old pair of binoculars. He is looking for loons. As he waits, his

other pajama-wearing family members join him, and together they experience the fascinating sights and sounds of nature.

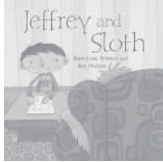
Fiction Picture Books

Author: Kari-Lynn Winters
Jeffrey and Sloth

Orca Book Publishers, 2007

ISBN: 9781551439747

Reading Level: Preschool–grade 6



“Jeffrey looked at the blank page. It glared back.” Jeffrey has writer’s block. He can’t think of anything to write about so he doodles instead, drawing a picture of a sloth. To his surprise the animal comes to life! Sloth is extremely bossy and tries to take over Jeffrey’s life. But Jeffrey uses the power of the written word to put Sloth back into his place—even the bossiest doodle is powerless against a well-told tale!

Author: Kari-Lynn Winters
Illustrator: Ben Frey
Runaway Alphabet

Simply Read Books, 2009

ISBN: 9781897476246

Reading Level: Preschool–grade 4



This alphabet book emphasizes visual literacy and also the sounds of the letters. It is a book that is designed to read by young or early readers. Older children will enjoy filling in the story with their imaginations, and searching for the girl. The story focuses on Alexandra and her Pa, and their adventures at a winter carnival.

Other titles by Kari-Lynn Winters:
aRHYTHMetic; “Rhyme or Reason”, in *A World of Stories*; *When Chickens Fly*

Author and Illustrator:
Deborah Turney Zagwyn
The Pumpkin Blanket

Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1990, 1995

ISBN: 0889027412; 1550410970 (Pbk)

Reading Level: K–grade 5



The tale of Cleo and her beloved blanket is a thoughtful recognition of a milestone in a child’s growth. It imparts a lovely autumn flavour that links the book with the excitement of that season.

Author and Illustrator:
Deborah Turney Zagwyn
Apple Batter

Tricycle Press, 1999

ISBN: 1883672929

Reading Level: K–grade 5



This story is about perseverance, a single mom relating to her son, and the fateful intersection of an apple and a ball.

Author and Illustrator:
Deborah Turney Zagwyn
The Winter Gift

Tricycle Press, 2000

ISBN: 1883672937

Reading Level: K–grade 5



This is the story of a Christmas gift only Cleo’s Gramma can give, a gift of the most precious kind. Its a gift given in a time of regrettable change. Like all good gifts its power is in the sharing.

Other titles by Deborah Turney Zagwyn:
Turtle Spring; *The Sea House* (Cleo series); *Mood Pocket*, *Mud Bucket*; *Long Nellie*; *Hound Without howl*; *A Winter’s Yarn* (illustrator); *The Desk* (illustrator)



Non Fiction Picture Books

Author: Fiona Bayrock

Bubble Homes and Fish Farts

Charlesbridge, 2009

ISBN: 9781570916694 (Hbk);

9781570916700 (Pbk)

Reading Level: Grades 2–5



Real-world science meets tongue-in-cheek humor in this non fiction picture book about how animals use bubbles. Bubbles are for breathing, fishing, talking, riding, keeping

warm, and even shooting hoops! Who knew animals used bubbles in so many ways? Lighthearted conversational text is accompanied by delightful full-bleed watercolour illustrations by Carolyn Conahan, staff illustrator for *Cricket Magazine*. A Junior Library Guild Selection. “Bayrock’s writing is dynamic, with onomatopoeic language and kid-friendly comparisons to engage and inform.” - JLG

Other titles by Fiona Bayrock: *The Ocean Explorer’s Handbook*, *Sound: A Question and Answer Book*; *States of Matter: A Question and Answer Book*; *six physical science books under a pseudonym*; *five books in the Literacy Place for the Early Years series*,

Authors: Leslie Buffam

(co-author with Sarah N. Harvey)

Illustrator: Dianna Bonder

The West is Calling: Imagining British Columbia

Orca Book Publishers, 2008

ISBN: 9781551439365

Reading Level: Preschool–Grade 5



Combining evocative haiku, informative text and luminous illustrations, *The West is Calling* celebrates, for our youngest readers,

150 years of British Columbia’s history. Each detail-rich illustration depicts a moment in the province’s dynamic saga, from pre-contact Haida culture to the natural-resources-fueled-economic boom of the 1960s, Expo 86, the opening of the North and the growing appreciation of First Nations’ traditions. *The West is Calling* is an excellent resource for social studies and language arts programs.

Author: Patricia Godwin

Pioneer Sounds, Lower Fraser Valley, British Columbia

Black Tusk Publishing Inc., 2007

ISBN: 9780978318000

Reading Level: Grade 3



Pioneer Sounds deals with pioneer life in the second half of the 19th century in the Lower Fraser Valley,

British Columbia.

Axes splitting wood! The creak of wagon wheels! The thump of a butter churn! By describing some of the sounds that would have been part of their lives, this book details with water color cartoons the lives of the first settlers of British Columbia. It supports the Grade 3 Social Studies curriculum.

Other titles by Patricia Godwin: *I Feel Orange Today*

Author: Sarah N. Harvey

(co-author with Leslie Buffam)

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Other titles by Sarah N. Harvey: *Puppies on Board*; *Bull’s Eye*; *The Lit Report*

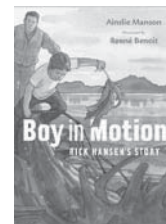
Author: Ainslie Manson

Boy In Motion, Rick Hansen’s Story

Greystone Books, 2007

ISBN: 9781553652526

Reading Level: Grades 1–7



Rick Hansen’s life was changed forever when the truck he was riding in flipped over. In *Boy in Motion*, you will meet the boy who loved to fish and play ball, and the young man who learned that as a paraplegic he did not have to leave behind

Non Fiction Picture Books

fishing or ballgames or any of his other dreams. Instead, his dreams grew and grew, and he went on to change the lives of many people.

Other titles by Ainslie Manson: *House Calls; Ballerinas Don't Wear Glasses; Baboo; Just Like New; A Dog Came, Too; Simon Fraser; Mr. McUmphie of Caulfeild Cove*

Author and Illustrator:

Maxwell Newhouse

The House That Max Built

Tundra Books, 2008

ISBN: 9780887767746

Reading Level: K–Grade 3



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A lively jaunt through the world of construction, *The House That Max Built* takes kids through the captivating step-by-step evolution that a house must undergo

from start to finish. Several specialized tradesmen help Max build his dream home by the lake. Watch as Max has the architect draw up the plans for his home, and as they consult the contractor. Be amazed as excavators clear the large site and the cement foundation is laid. Look at the floor and wall frames be built to hold the house and the roof frame put in place to protect Max from the weather, while Max's little mischievous dog watches the process.

Other titles by Maxwell Newhouse: *Let's Go for A Ride; The RCMP Musical Ride*

Illustrator: Scot Ritchie

Let's Go! The Story of Getting from There to Here

Maple Tree Press, 2007

ISBN: 9781897349021

Reading Level: Ages 5–8



A history of travel in North America from prehistoric times to modern day rocket travel.

Other titles illustrated by Scot Ritchie (written by Lizann Flatt): *The Nature*

Treasury; Backgammon for Kids; Country File: India

Illustrator: Kathryn E. Shoemaker

Author: Irene N. Watts

A Telling Time

Historical Fiction

Tradewind Books, 2004

ISBN: 1896580394 (Hbk); 1896580726 (Pbk)

Reading Level: Grades 3 and older



On Purim eve, a grandmother tells her granddaughter how, as a little girl, she heard the story of Queen Esther in 1939, in Nazi-occupied Vienna. As the rabbi begins the story, soldiers burst in. The girl begs for

the rabbi to finish. The soldiers allow it. When the tale is over, the soldiers permit him to send the children home. The children turn to wave, but the rabbi has vanished in the snowy night.

Other Titles illustrated by Kathryn E. Shoemaker: *Floyd and His Flock of Friends, a book of poetry*

Author: Tiffany Stone

Baaaad Animals

Tradewind Books, 2006

Humorous verse

ISBN-10: 189658036X

ISBN-13: 978-1896580364

Reading Level: Kindergarten–grade 5



Sheep that steal. A lynx lion. Slugs with deep, dark secrets. This second book of humorous verse for children from Tiffany Stone is full of animals being BAAAAD. Stone's mischievous poems

paired with Christina Leist's cheeky ink illustrations guarantee readers are in for a very GOOD time indeed!

Author: Tiffany Stone

Floyd the Flamingo and His Flock of Friends

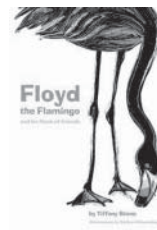
Tradewind Books, 2004

Humorous verse

ISBN-10: 1896580580 ISBN-13:

9781896580586

Reading Level: Kindergarten–grade 3



Sneezing birds, complaining flamingos, warrior Vikings and radioactive cats! All these entertaining characters and a host of child-friendly themes are found in the pages of *Floyd the*

Flamingo and His Flock of Friends, a lively, appealing book of poetry that should find its way onto the bookshelf of every family. Catchy rhymes and clever word-play make this an engaging, amusing read under a quilt, in the bath or under a tree.

Authors: Tiffany Stone, Kari-Lynn Winters, and Lori Sherritt-Fleming

Illustrator: Scot Ritchie

aRHYTHMetic

Gumboot Books, 2009

ISBN: 9780978435158

Reading Level: Ages 4-7

www.gumbootbooks.macwebsitebuilder.com/mathpluspoetryequalsfun.html



Cats plus puppies plus shapes to explore. Add bison, a princess and dragons galore. Six number poems with a rhythmical beat

Equal fun that will bounce you right out of your seat!

A rollicking romp through arithmetic that no elementary school should be without.

Other titles by Tiffany Stone: *Floyd the Flamingo and His Flock of Friends; Baaaad Animals. Also a play performed with The Tickle Trunk Players (www.tickletrunkplayers.com)*

Teachers' Guide: www.gumbootbooks.macwebsitebuilder.com/mathpluspoetryequalsfun.html

Authors: Ann Walsh and Kathleen Cook Waldron

Forestry A-Z

Orca Book, 2008

ISBN: 9781551435046

Reading Level: Grades 3–7



How is plywood made? What are dozer boats? How has forestry changed in the last century? These questions and dozens

more are answered in *Forestry A-Z*, both in the informative and fascinating text and in the beautiful photographs. In writing this book, Kathleen Cook Waldron and Ann Walsh consulted dozens of experts. In illustrating it, Bob Warick traveled British Columbia, capturing our forests and forestry through the seasons.

Other titles by Ann Walsh: *Flower Power*; *Dark Times* (editor); *By The Skin of His Teeth*; *Beginnings*, *Stories of Canada's Past* (editor); *The Doctor's Apprentice*; *Winds Through Time* (editor); *Across the Stillness*; *The Ghost of Soda Creek*; *Moses, Me and Murder! (A Story of the Cariboo Gold Rush)*; *Your Time, My Time*

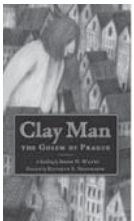
Author: Irene N. Watts

Illustrator: Kathryn E. Shoemaker
Clay Man the Golem of Prague: A Retelling by Irene N. Watts

Tundra Books, 2009

Historical Fiction

Reading Level: Grades 3–6



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Jacob is the son of Rabbi Loew, leader of the Jewish Ghetto of Prague, 1590. One night Jacob follows his father to the river bank, and observes him create a giant clay figure.

The golem comes to live with the family, in order to

protect the community from its enemies. Jacob joins the golem in a series of adventures until one day, the golem runs amok and must revert to dust.

Other Titles by Irene N. Watts: *A Telling Time*; *Good-Bye Marianne*; *Remember Me*; *Finding Sophie*; *When the Bough Breaks*; *Flower*



Young Adult

Author: Alison Acheson

Mud Girl

Coteau Books, 2006
ISBN: 9781550503548
Reading Level: Grades 8–11



Aba Zytka Jones lives with her dad in an odd little house that hangs over the Fraser River. Her mom took off a year ago. In his own way, so did her dad. She wants to escape. But she finally

meets Jude, the boy she sees from her window...and Ernestine, a Big Sister...and Amanda, who shows her what might be one way to go. Where is she going to go?

Other titles by Alison Acheson: *Half-Pipe Kidd; Thunder Ice; Grandpa's Music*

Author: Julie Burtinshaw

The Perfect Cut

Raincoast Books, 2008
ISBN: 9781551928166
Reading Level: Grades 8 and older



When Bryan's sister dies, Bryan should be filled with grief. Or anger. Or something. But instead, all he feels is numb. In fact, the only thing that matters is the relief he finds when he cuts

himself. Even that is only temporary. To survive, Bryan must remember how to feel again. And to do that, he needs to trust that no matter what he's done, the people in his life haven't given up on him.

Other titles by Julie Burtinshaw: *The Freedom of Jenny; Dead Reckoning; Romantic Ghost Stories; Adrift*

Author: Ann Chandler

Siena Summer

Tradewind Books, 2008
ISBN: 9781896580173
Reading Level: Grades 6–9



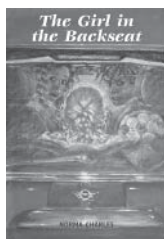
When Angela travels to Siena, Italy to visit relatives, she finds herself unwittingly caught up in the famous historic Palio horse race while struggling to save a doomed horse and

secure the affections of a handsome young Italian jockey.

Author: Norma Charles

The Girl in the Backseat

Ronsdale, 2008
ISBN: 9781553800569
Reading Level: Grades 6–9



When Toby discovers her father's plans which will have terrible consequences for her life, she's desperate to escape from their religious community in the Kootenays before

she turns fourteen, only weeks away. She stowaways in the backseat of a Mini, driven by Minerva and her brother, Jacob, on their way to Winnipeg. Toby begs them to keep her presence a secret from their parents who are driving ahead in the family van. So begins a journey across the western provinces, a journey filled with excitement and danger.

Other titles by Norma Charles: *Sophie's Friend in Need; All the Way to Mexico; Criss Cross; Double Cross; Fuzzy Wuzzy;*

Dolphin Alert! Sophie Sea to Sea; The Accomplice

Author: K. L. Denman

Spiral

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers, 2008
ISBN: 9781551439303 (Pbk)
Reading Level: Grades 7 and older



When Abby, fifteen, breaks her back at work, she can't accept her new reality and slides into drug addiction. She's sent to Spiral, a rehabilitation facility that offers Equine Therapy.

When Abby goes to Spiral, the book gains in depth with emotions that ring true and insights that will help all teens struggling with feelings of inadequacy. Spiral is an excellent addition to Orca's *Soundings* series. "Highly Recommended". –Karen Rankin, CM Magazine.

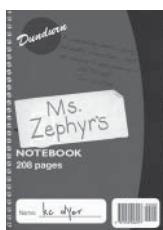
Other titles by this K. L. Denman: *The Shade: Rebel's Tag; Mirror Image; Battle of the Bands; Perfect Revenge; Me, Myself and Ike*

Author: kc dyer

Ms. Zephyr's Notebook

Boardwalk Books,
The Dundurn Group, 2007
ISBN: 1550026917
Reading Level: Ages 13 and older

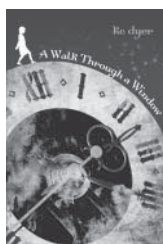
When Logan Kemp hurls himself into a rugby scrum one morning, he has no idea that by afternoon he'll be fighting for his life. Worse, the only other patient on his ward is a troubled girl named Cleo



who may not just be hospitalized for a broken wrist. But Cleo and Logan soon find that life—and even death—can interfere with the best-laid plans.

Author: kc dyer
A Walk Through A Window

Doubleday, 2009
ISBN: 0385666373
Reading Level: Ages 9–12



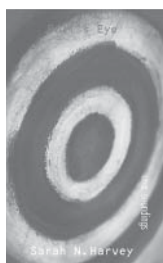
This is the story of Darby, forced to spend the summer with grandparents she doesn't know in a place she feels she can never belong. When a boy down the street extends a hand, their walks through

a stone window transport them to the very centre of the dramas of our past. Over the course of the long, strange summer, when tragedy threatens, the window offers Darby new insight into the people she has always taken for granted.

Other titles by kc dyer: *Seeds Of Time; Secret Of Light; Shades Of Red*

Author: Sarah N. Harvey
Bull's Eye

Orca Book Publishers, 2007
ISBN: 9781551436791
Reading Level: High school (reluctant reader, RL 4.3)



After Emily's aunt dies, Emily learns that everything she has always believed is a lie, and her world crumbles. Forced to face the fact that her mother is not who she thought she was, Emily tries to find the truth

about her past and make sense of her future. Turning to graffiti and vandalism as a way to deal with her anger, she comes to realize that there is more to a family than shared DNA.

Author: Sarah N. Harvey
The Lit Report

Orca Book Publishers, 2008
ISBN: 9781551439051
Reading Level: High school



Julia and Ruth have been unlikely best friends since they first met in Sunday school—Ruth was standing on the Bible-crafts table belting out “Jesus Loves Me.” Now that they're a year away from

graduation, they're putting the finishing touches on their getaway plans. But their dream of a funky big-city loft and rich, interesting older men is threatened when preacher's daughter Ruth gets pregnant and Julia comes up with a plan that will require all her intelligence, compassion, ingenuity and patience. Drawing on some great (and some not-so-great) works of literature, Julia proves that you can learn a lot just by opening up a book.

Other titles by Sarah N. Harvey: *Puppies on Board; The West is Calling: Imagining British Columbia*

Author: Diane Haynes
Flight or Fight

Whitecap Books Ltd. (Imprint: Walrus Books), 2005
ISBN: 9781552856581
Reading Level: Grades 4–8



This eco-mystery for teens set in Vancouver's urban wilds pits shy, passionate 16-year-old Jane Ray and her friends against multinational corporation SeaKing Shipping Pacific. In the first volume of

Jane Ray's Wildlife Rescue Series, an oil spill drives Jane to the Urban Wildlife Rescue Centre with an injured animal in her arms. The experience inspires her to become a volunteer animal rehabilitator, and to begin a campaign to bring the truth to light.

Author: Diane Haynes
Crow Medicine

Whitecap Books Ltd. (Imprint: Walrus Books), 2006
ISBN: 9781552858066
Reading Level: Grades 4–8



“Crow medicine”—the power to take a stand, even if it means standing alone, and the strength to shine a light into the darkness. In book 2 of Jane Ray's Wildlife Rescue Series, Jane and the staff at the Urban Wildlife

Rescue Centre await the arrival of West Nile Virus, and are preparing for the devastation that could follow in its wake. Jane finds unexpected allies in a renegade elder named Audrey and her pet crow.

Author: Diane Haynes
Gaia Wild

Whitecap Books Ltd. (Imprint: Walrus Books), 2008
ISBN: 9781552859360
Reading Level: Grades 4–8



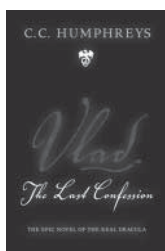
Jane can't believe her eyes...there's an elephant on Elfin Lake. It's Gaia. And Jane knows her—from a long, long time ago. A film company arrives in Cedar's Ridge to shoot a movie, and Jane senses something's amiss with

the animals on set. Book 3 in Jane Ray's Wildlife Rescue Series takes readers behind the scenes for a revealing look at what life is really like for zoo and circus “stars.”

Author: C. C. Humphreys
Vlad—The Last Confession

McArthur and Company, 2008
ISBN: 9781552787311
Reading Level: Grades 10–12

‘Trust nothing that you've heard’. Dracula: a name of horror, depravity and the darkest sensuality. Yet the real Prince Dracula was just as alluring, just as terrifying. Set in 15th Century Romania and Turkey, the novel tells of the man



who was both tyrant and lawgiver, crusader and slaughterer, torturer and hero, lover and murderer. A Gothic tale for older teens, the “true” history of Dracula will shock, thrill and terrify.

Other titles by C. C. Humphreys:

Possession (Parts One and Three of *The Runestone Saga*); *The Jack Absolute trilogy*; *The French Executioner series*

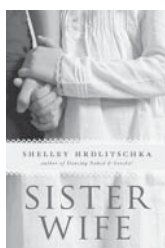
Author: Shelley Hrdlitschka

Sister Wife

Orca Book Publishers, 2008

ISBN 10:1551439271; ISBN 13:9781551439273

Reading Level: Ages 12 and up



Celeste was born and raised in Unity, where polygamy is the norm, strict obedience is expected and it is customary for young girls to be assigned to much older husbands. At fifteen

she is repulsed at the thought of being assigned to an older man and becoming a sister wife, yet she feels powerless to change her destiny because rebelling would bring shame upon her family

Author: Shelley Hrdlitschka

Dancing Naked

Orca Book Publisher, 2001

ISBN: 1551432102

Reading Level: Ages 12 and older



Kia is sixteen and pregnant. Faced with the most difficult decision of her life, she learns that the path to adulthood is a twisting labyrinth, where every turn produces a new array of choices, and where the journey is often

undertaken alone.

Author: Shelley Hrdlitschka

Gotcha!

Orca Book Publishers, 2008

ISBN 10:1551437376; ISBN 13:9781551437378

Reading Level: Ages 12 and older



It’s “bead-season” at Slippery Rock High. This year the bead snatching grad game called Gotcha has been banned as an official school activity because the teachers have decided to put an end to what they consider a dangerous tradition. The game goes underground and more grads than ever participate. The game quickly spins out of control and Katie finds herself losing friends and falling victim to her classmates’ obsession with the game. She devises a plan to get even.

Other titles by Shelley Hrdlitschka:

Sun Signs; *Kat’s Fall*; *Tangled Web*; *Disconnected*; *Beans on Toast*

Author: Eileen Kernaghan

Wild Talent: a Novel of the Supernatural

Thistledown Press, 2008

ISBN: 9781897235409

Reading Level: Ages 14 and older



The year is 1888. Drawn reluctantly into the world of the occult, and seemingly haunted by her cousin’s vengeful ghost, sixteen-year old Jeannie Guthrie must learn to control her dangerous talent in order to survive. *Wild Talent* follows Jeannie and her free-spirited friend Alexandra from the late Victorian world of spiritualists and theosophists; to the fin de siècle Paris of decadent artists, anarchists and esoteric cults; and finally to the perilous country of the Beyond.

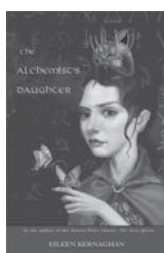
Author: Eileen Kernaghan

The Alchemist’s Daughter

Thistledown Press, 2004

ISBN: 1894345797

Reading Level: Ages 13 and older



Queen Elizabeth I is on the throne of England, and the country, in 1587, is on the brink of war with Spain. Eighteen year old Sidonie Quince has inherited from her dead mother a frightening

ability to foresee the future. In a world of Renaissance magic, dire portents and dangerous secrets, Sidonie must discover find a way to save her father, and her country.

Author: Eileen Kernaghan

The Snow Queen

Thistledown Press, 2000

ISBN: 18943345142

Reading Level: Ages 13 and older



In this imaginative reworking of Andersen’s fairy tale, the magical worlds of Saami shamanism and the Finnish myth cycle the Kalevala co-exist with the polite Victorian society

of 19th century Scandinavia. At a time when traditional faith is challenged by modern science, the old pagan gods still haunt the northern forests. Winner of the 2001 Aurora Award for best Canadian speculative novel in English.

Other titles by Eileen Kernaghan: *The Dance of the Snow Dragon*; *The Sarsen Witch*; *Winter on the Plain of Ghosts*

Author: Shula Klinger

The Kingdom of Strange

Marshall Cavendish, 2008

ISBN: 0761453954

Reading Level: Ages 12 and older



Thisbe is a Grade 9 student and aspiring novelist. She longs to share her writing with someone, but who? Her friends have drifted away, her parents are overseas and her home

has been invaded by Granny Ed and her smelly dog. When her English teacher offers an online assignment on the topic of Audience, she leaps into the unknown. Through Thisbe’s journal and emails, the book tackles questions about identity, friendship, love and loss.

Author: James McCann**Pyre**

Simply Read Books, 2007

ISBN: 9781894965668

Reading Level: Young adult



Unlucky Jonathan is caught vandalizing and agrees to complete chores for Mister Whittaker as penance. Soon, Jonathan finds himself becoming stronger, with hypersensitive hearing and vision. It all seems like a dream come true, until dead bodies begin piling up. That's when Jonathan realizes the truth—he's been secretly enlisted as a foot soldier in the war between werewolf and vampire.

Author: James McCann**Rancour**

Simply Read Books, 2009

ISBN: 9781897476116

Reading Level: Young adult



Alix has found herself in the middle of a feud that's been going on for a millennium. The combatants? A vampire and a werewolf! Werewolf Rancour has spent centuries trying to rid the world of vampires, while vampire Shay has been there to thwart his efforts at every turn. Now Alix must make the ultimate choice—between love and vengeance.

Author: Jacqueline Pearce**Manga Touch**

Orca Book Publishers, 2007

ISBN: 9781551437460

Reading Level: Ages 10–14



Dana, a loner who likes to draw manga, goes on an exchange trip to Japan and discovers things are not quite what she expected (a *High-Low* title in the Orca Currents series).

Other titles by Jacqueline Pearce: *The Reunion*; *Discovering Emily*; *Emily's Dream*; *Dog House Blues*; *The Truth about Rats* (and

Dogs); *Weeds and other Stories***Author: Lois J. Peterson****101—and More—Writing Exercises to Get You Started & Keep You Going**

Metta Publications, 2006

ISBN: 0978088409

Reading Level: Grades 5–12

Used by individual writers, teachers and writing groups, this useful book offers ideas and motivation for putting words on the page and improving craft. Includes articles, writing and marketing tips, and lists of resources. **Other titles by**

Lois J. Peterson: *Meeting Miss 405***Illustrator: Sima Elizabeth Shefrin****Author: Bob Bossin****Latkes**

Nick Books, 2007

ISBN: 9780980890709

Reading Level: Young adult

In this illustrated book for adults and young adults, 10 charming full colour cut paper collages accompany Bob Bossin's short story about the tensions between a Jewish immigrant father and his Canadian born son.

Interwoven in the plot is a humorous 16th century Jewish folk tale about another immigrant in a different time and place who mistakenly believes his faith requires him to give latkes (potato pancakes) to God. **Other titles illustrated by Sima Elizabeth Shefrin:** *Abby's Birds*

Co-editor: Jocelyn Shipley**Cleavage: Breakaway Fiction for Real Girls**

Sumach Press, 2008

ISBN: 9781894549769

Reading Level: Ages 13 and older

A brash collection of fifteen original stories about girls who stand against convention, and girls who wish they could. In turn hilarious, edgy, comforting



and intense, the stories touch on a range of body image issues and challenge mainstream notions of beauty and femininity. "At least 10 of these stories could be used successfully in a junior high unit on body image. Highly Recommended" —CM
"...an eminently readable collection..." —*Quill & Quire*

Author: Jocelyn Shipley**Seraphina's Circle**

Sumach Press, 2005

ISBN: 1894549511

Reading Level: Ages 12 and older

Forced to spend the summer at her grandma's farm, Morgan and her cousin Dulcy are drawn to the mystical place they call Seraphina's Circle, under the branches of an old fir tree. Absorbed in the romantic story of Seraphina, their great-aunt who died tragically as a teen, Morgan worries that history will repeat itself. *Resource Links* Best of 2006, nominated for the 2007/2008 Stellar Award, October 2008 selection for Anne's Book Club, www.anneofgreengables.com/bookclub
Other titles by Jocelyn Shipley: *Cross My Heart*; *Getting a Life*

Author: Robin Stevenson**A Thousand Shades of Blue**

Orca Book Publishers, 2008

ISBN: 9781551439211

Reading Level: Ages 12 and older

A sailing trip to the Caribbean might sound great, but sixteen-year-old Rachel can't think of anything worse than being trapped on a small boat with her nerdy brother and warring parents. Then, while their boat is being repaired in a small Bahamian community, Rachel discovers a secret which threatens to destroy the fragile ties that hold her family together.

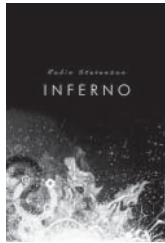


Author: Robin Stevenson

Inferno

Orca Book Publishers, 2009
ISBN: 9781554690770
Reading Level: Ages 12 and older

For Dante, high school is hell. Her homeroom teacher mocks her, her only friend has moved away, and her mother is making her attend a social skills group. When a stranger hands Dante a flyer that reads: *Woof woof. You are not a dog. Why are you going to obedience school?* Dante thinks she's found a soulmate. The last thing she expects is to find herself involved in something that is both illegal and dangerous.



Author: Robin Stevenson

Out of Order

Orca Book Publishers, 2007
ISBN: 9781551436937
Reading Level: Ages 12 and older

Sophie sees her move to Victoria as a chance to leave her old self behind. She is soon drawn into the orbit of the charismatic but troubled Zelia. As their friendship develops and Zelia's behavior becomes increasingly self-destructive, Sophie slowly starts to realize that friendships are a place in which one can both lose and discover oneself.



Author: Robin Stevenson

Big Guy

Orca Book Publishers, 2008
ISBN: 9781551439129 (bound);
9781551439105 (Pbk)
Reading Level: Ages 12 and older



Derek thinks he might be falling in love. The problem is, he hasn't been entirely honest with his on-line boyfriend. Derek sent Ethan a photo taken before he got depressed and gained eighty pounds.

Derek has to choose whether to risk telling the truth, or to give up the most important relationship in his life. (Hi-Lo fiction in the Orca Soundings series for reluctant/ struggling teen readers).

Author: Robin Stevenson

Dead in the Water

Orca Book Publishers, 2008
ISBN: 9781551439624
Reading Level: Ages 10–14



Determined to become a long-distance sailor, Simon signs up for a sailing course off northern Vancouver Island. The trouble begins when the Simon and the crew stumble upon an abalone poaching operation—and discover that the poachers have too much at stake to ignore the teens' discovery. Simon has always believed that the only person you can count on is yourself, but the teens will have to work as a team if they are to survive.

Other titles by Robin Stevenson:
Impossible Things

Author: Diane Tullson

Red Sea

Orca Book Publishers, 2005
ISBN: 1551433311
Reading Level: Grades 6–12



An ALA Best Book. Fourteen-year old Lib is reluctant crew aboard her mother and stepfather's one-year sailing adventure. When modern-day pirates attack, Lib is left on her own to navigate the Red Sea. A thrilling tale of one girl's struggle for survival against the elements and her own emotional wreckage, *Red Sea* is adventure writing at its best. "Exciting, fast paced and insightful, this is a great read." - Don Gallo

Author: Diane Tullson

Darwin Expedition

Orca Book Publishers, 2007
ISBN: 9781551436760 (Pbk);
9781551436764 (Lib)
Reading Level: Grades 6–12



YALSA Quick Picks. Seventeen-year olds Tej and Liam roll their truck on a logging road deep in the British Columbia wilderness. They have to walk out to the highway, but what about the grizzly bear that seems to be hunting them? An Orca Soundings novel for reluctant teen readers. "Should reach those students who enjoy adventure stories but who might struggle with the vocabulary in books by Gary Paulsen and Will Hobbs." - *Kliatt*

Author: Diane Tullson

Lockdown

Orca Book Publishers. 2008
ISBN: 9781551439167 (Pbk);
9781551439181 (Lib)
Reading Level: Grades 6–12



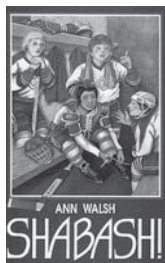
YALSA Quick Picks nominee. When a shooter attacks the school, fifteen-year old Adam learns it is his classmate, Josh, who is often tormented. In an attempt to stop Josh, Adam stalks him through the school to face him in a horrific shoot-out with police. Fast-paced and genuinely frightening, *Lockdown* is an Orca Soundings novel for reluctant teen readers.

"This story of a school in crisis is an intense, suspenseful read." *Horn Book Guide*.

Other titles by Diane Tullson: *Riley Park; Zero; Blue Highway; Edge; Saving Jasey*

Author: Ann Walsh
Shabash!

Dundurn Press, 2008 (New Edition)
 ISBN13: 9781550028294
 Reading Level: Grades 4–8

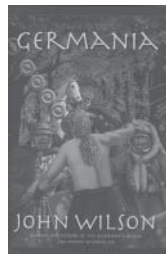


As a Sikh living in small-town British Columbia, Rana knows he is different; in fact, he is the first Sikh in Dinway to join minor hockey. He is surprised by the prejudice he finds, but persists and even makes a new friend, Les. But the jibes from his teammates and community members continue. Finally, just before the most important game of the season, an extraordinary event interrupts the lives of everyone in Dinway.

Other titles by Ann Walsh: *Flower Power*; *Dark Times* (editor); *By The Skin of His Teeth*; *Beginnings, Stories of Canada's Past* (editor); *The Doctor's Apprentice*; *Winds Through Time* (editor); *Across the Stillness*; *The Ghost of Soda Creek*; *Moses, Me and Murder! (A Story of the Cariboo Gold Rush)*; *Your Time, My Time*

Author: John Wilson
Germania

Key Porter, 2008
 ISBN: 9781554701124
 Reading Level: Grades 6–9

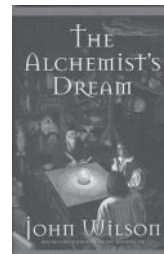


Lucius, an old man watching Vesuvius erupt in A.D. 79, recalls his life as a Roman soldier in the dark, pagan forests of Germany seventy years before. His memories are of friendship with Freya, a Cherusci warrior, and their struggle to understand the very different worlds they each come from. But there are also memories of treachery, ambush and death because Lucius is the sole survivor of the worst defeat ever inflicted on the Roman Legions.

Other titles by John Wilson: *Where Soldiers Lie*; *Four Steps to Death*; *Flames of the Tiger*; *Lost in Spain*

Author: John Wilson
The Alchemist's Dream

Key Porter, 2007
 ISBN: 978552639344
 Reading Level: Grades 6–10



A long-lost journal by Henry Hudson returns to London in 1669 and finds its way into the hands of the explorer, Robert Bylot. The journal triggers memories of greed, treachery and murder, and of the mysterious

Alchemist, John Dee and his wild schemes to change the world.

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Illustrator: Silvana Bevilacqua

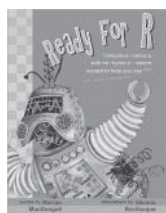
Ready For R

Gumboot Books, 2009

Education Material for ESL and Speech Therapy

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Other titles by Silvana Bevilacqua: *A World of Stories; Yossi’s Goal; Rosie’s Dream Cape*

Author: Michelle R. Davis

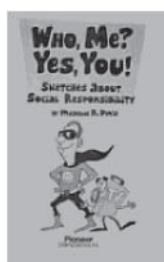
Who, Me? Yes, You!—Sketches about Social Responsibility

Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., 2008

Play script for amateur theatre

Level: For child/youth actors Grades 5 and older. Suitable for audiences kindergarten–grade 7

Supporting BC’s social responsibility curriculum, this fun yet educational play offers several, self-contained sketches: Bully Busters—coping with bullies; Store Wars—treating others fairly; Driving



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Encounter—accepting others. Customize the cast size and play length to suit your group. Better yet, have students include their own sketches within the play!

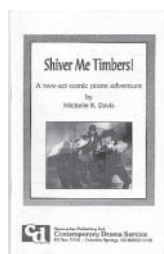
Author: Michelle R. Davis

Shiver Me Timbers!

Contemporary Drama Service, Meriwether Publishing Ltd., 2007

Play script for amateur theatre

Level: For child/youth actors grade 6 and older. Suitable for all audiences.



With its riotous characters, numerous plot twists and audience participation, this piratical comedy is sure to keep your audience in their seats—and get them out of them! When notorious

Louis La Mer and his crew of French pirates ransack their home, the Ollingsford sisters plot revenge, unleashing a series of events that none could predict. The discovery of a peculiar treasure map unearths even more surprises, foiling a dastardly plot and reuniting lost loves.

Author: Michelle R. Davis

Foibles and Folly

Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., 2004

Play script for amateur theatre

Level: For child/youth actors grade 6 and older. Suitable for all audiences.



Distinctive Manor is true to its name—a dilapidated apartment building and home of several eccentric people who are truly set apart by their “distinctive manner”! Meet a man who walks an imaginary dog, a movie star “wannabe”

who sends herself fan mail and an opera singer wearing an inner tube. When new neighbours move in and the residents are suddenly faced with an eviction notice, they soon learn to look beyond others’ foibles.

Other titles by Michelle R. Davis:

Christmas...Unwrapped; Mystery at Shady Acres (or Carats and Crumpets)

Illustrator: Marian MacDougall

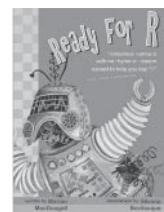
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Author and Illustrator: Scot Ritchie

Scot Ritchie’s Ghouliest Ever

Puzzle Book

Little Hare Books, 2007

Reading Level: Ages 4-8

ISBN: 9781921272622



Spooky fun games for kids and lots of interesting facts about ghouly things around the world.

Other titles by this illustrator: *Why? The best ever question and answer*

book about nature science and the world around you; SeeSaw Saskatchewan; Up Up and Away

Authors: Tiffany Stone, Kari-Lynn Winters, and Lori Sherritt-Fleming

Illustrator: Scot Ritchie

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Gumboot Books, 2009

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Reading Level: Preschool–grade 4

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