

Winter 2018 Dewey Diva Picks
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Books for Kids



***Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi – Henry Holt – 9781250170972 – HC - \$24.99 – YA Fiction – 544 pp. – March 2018**

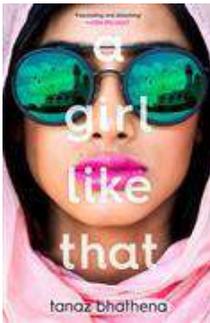
Everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zaclie without a mother and her people without hope.

Now Zaclie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zaclie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.



***As You Wish* by Chelsea Sedoti – Sourcebooks – 9781492642312 – HC - \$24.99 – YA Fiction – 432 pp. – January 2018**

Madison is a small town in the Mohave desert on the road between nothing and nowhere. It's an unremarkable speck on the map, which is perfect for protecting the town's secret. Because in Madison, everyone can make one wish on their eighteenth birthday—and that wish always comes true.



🇨🇦 *A Girl Like That* by Tanaz Bhathena – FSG – 9780374305444 – HC - \$23.50 – YA Fiction – 384 pp. – February 2018

Sixteen-year-old Zarin Wadia is many things: a bright and vivacious student, an orphan, a risk taker. She's also the kind of girl that parents warn their kids to stay away from: a troublemaker whose many romances are the subject of endless gossip at school. *You don't want to get involved with a girl like that*, they say. So how is it that eighteen-year-old Porus Dumasia has only ever had eyes for her? And how did Zarin and Porus end up dead in a car together, crashed on the side of a highway in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia?



🇨🇦 *All That Was* by Karen Rivers – FSG – 9780374302467 – HC - \$23.50 – YA Fiction – 384 pp. – January 2018

Piper and Sloane are best friends. They grew up together, dress alike, and never do anything without each other. To Sloane, Piper has always been extraordinary: That is, until Piper caught Sloane kissing Piper's boyfriend, Soup—and the next day, Piper is found dead, washed ashore on a beach.



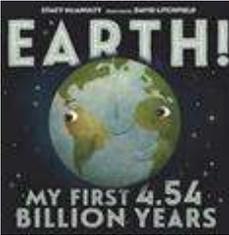
***Mary's Monster* by Lita Judge – Roaring Brook – 9781626725003 – HC - \$28.99 – YA Nonfiction – 320 pp. – January 2018**

Legend is correct that Mary Shelley began penning *Frankenstein* in answer to a dare to write a ghost story. What most people don't know, however, is that the seeds of her novel had been planted long before that night. By age nineteen, she had been disowned by her family, was living in scandal with a married man, and had lost her baby daughter just days after her birth.



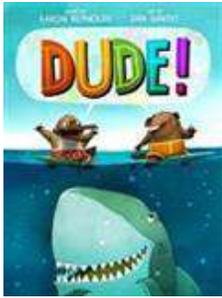
🇨🇦 ***The Brilliant Deep* by Kate Messner, Illus. Matthew Forsythe – Chronicle – 9781452133508 – HC - \$24.99 – Juvenile Nonfiction – 48 pp. – April 2018**

All it takes is one: one coral gamete to start a colony, one person to make a difference, one idea to change the world. The ongoing efforts to save and rebuild the world's coral reefs—with hammer and glue, and grafts of newly grown coral—are the living legacy of Ken Nedimyer, founder of the Coral Restoration Foundation.



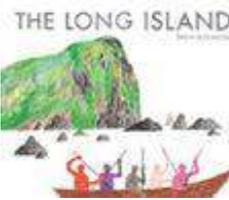
***Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years* by Stacy McAnulty, Illus. David Litchfield – Henry Holt – 9781250108081 – HC - \$24.99 – Juvenile Nonfiction – 40 pp. – October 2017**

Prepare to learn all about Earth from the point-of-view of Earth herself! In this funny yet informative book, filled to the brim with kid-friendly facts, readers will discover key moments in Earth's life, from her childhood more than four billion years ago all the way up to present day.



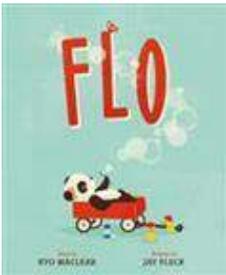
***Dude!* By Aaron Reynolds, Illus. Dan Santat – Roaring Brook – 9781626726031 – HC - \$23.50 – Juvenile Fiction – 40 pp. – April 2018**

Dude! You have to read this book. It's totally about this platypus and this beaver who are friends. They want to go surfing but dude, there's this shark who's in the ocean, too. But don't worry. This shark approaches and you'll never guess what happens.



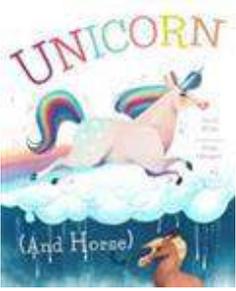
***The Long Island* by Drew Beckmeyer – Chronicle – 9781452154855 – HC - \$24.99 – Juvenile Fiction – 64 pp. – April 2018**

When our 5 protagonists get to wondering what's on the other side of their island, they can't stop until they find out. What follows is an epic journey of discovery, danger, imagination, and ultimately, bittersweet fulfillment. Is this sophisticated picture book about man versus earth? Man versus man? Or man versus self?



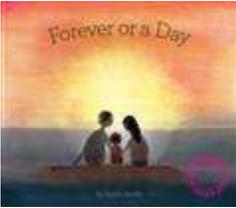
🇨🇦 ***Flo* by Kyo Maclear – FSG – 9780374305260 – HC - \$23.50 – Juvenile Fiction – 40 pp. – January 2018**

Meet Flo! Flo is the littlest panda. She likes to explore, relax, and enjoy everything around her. She is never in a hurry. But . . . sometimes she takes *too much* time, and the other pandas get impatient. One day they find themselves in trouble. Can Flo's floppy ways save the day?



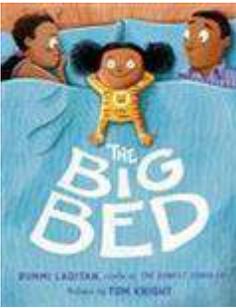
***Unicorn (and Horse)* by David W. Miles, Illus. Hollie Mengert – Familius – 9781945547768 – HC – \$22.99 – Juvenile Fiction – 48 pp. – April 2018**

Horse is brown. Horse is plain. And Horse can't *stand* the unicorn he shares a pen with. Unicorn dances. Horse does not. But when robbers kidnap Unicorn for a local circus, what will Horse decide to do?



***Forever or a Day* by Sarah Jacoby – Chronicle – 9781452164632 – HC – \$22.99 – Juvenile Fiction – 40 pp. – March 2018**

In a poignant conversation, as elegant as a poem and as perfectly paced as a mystery, an unassuming narrator charts the course of a single day by interrogating the elastic nature of time through a series of questions and comparisons that reflect both a parent's and a child's perspective.



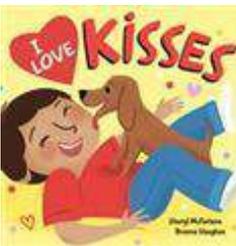
🇨🇦 *The Big Bed* by Bunmi Laditan, Illus. Tom Knight – FSG – 978037401231 – HC - \$22.50 – Juvenile Fiction – 32 p – February 2018

A humorous picture book about a girl who doesn't want to sleep in her little bed, so she presents her dad with his own bed—a camping cot!—in order to move herself into her parents' big bed in his place. A twist on the classic parental struggle of not letting kids sleep in their bed.



🇨🇦 *The Boy and the Blue Moon* by Sara O'Leary, Illus. Ashley Crowley – Henry Holt – 9781627797740 – HC - \$23.50 – Juvenile Fiction – 40 pp. – February 2018

On the night of a blue moon, a boy and his cat set out for a walk and find themselves on a magical adventure. Together they travel through fields of flowers, forests of towering trees, and lakes of deep dark blue. Flying through starry blue skies, they reach the blue moon. But the blue planet, Earth, calls the explorers home. Safely back in bed, the boy wonders—was it only a dream?



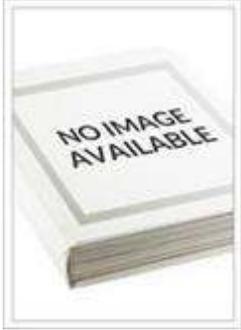
🇨🇦 *I Love Kisses* by Sheryl McFarlane, Illus. Brenna Vaughan – Sourcebooks – 9781492657125 – HC - \$12.99 – Juvenile Fiction – 40 pp. – January 2018

A sweet, endearing picture from award-winning writer Sheryl McFarlane about the many different kinds of kisses a child receives, and all of the ways he/she is loved.



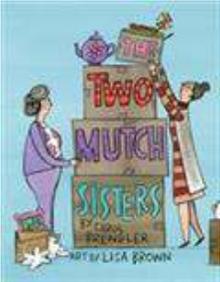
***The Breaking News* by Sarah Lynne Reul – Roaring Brook – 9781250153562 – HC - \$24.99 – Juvenile Fiction – 48 pp. – April 2018**

When devastating news rattles a young girl's community, her normally attentive parents and neighbors are suddenly exhausted and distracted. At school, her teacher tells the class to look for the helpers—the good people working to make things better in big and small ways. She wants more than anything to help in a BIG way, but maybe she can start with one *small* act of kindness instead . . . and then another, and another. Small things can compound, after all, to make a world of difference.



***Rebound* by Kwame Alexander – HMH – 9780544868137 – HC - \$22.99 – Juvenile Fiction — April 2018**

Before Josh and Jordan Bell were streaking up and down the court, their father was learning his own moves. In this prequel to Newbery Medal winner *The Crossover*, Chuck Bell takes center stage, as readers get a glimpse of his childhood and how he became the jazz music worshipping, basketball star his sons look up to.



***The Two Mutch Sisters* by Carol Brendler, Illus. Lisa Brown – HMH – 9780544430747 – HC - \$24.99 – Juvenile Fiction – 40 pp. – March 2018**

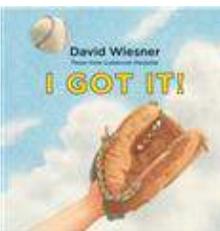
The two Mutch sisters have two of everything, and Violet believes they are as perfectly matched as the objects in their collections.

Ruby, however, has other ideas. And she's ready to do something about them.



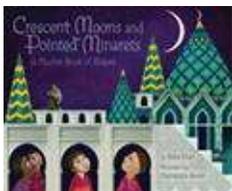
***Big Bunny* by Rowboat Watkins – Chronicle – 9781452163901 – HC - \$22.99 – Juvenile Fiction – 40 pp. – February 2018**

From the curious mind of Rowboat Watkins comes a ginormously imaginative story that is as funny as it is philosophical. How big is Big Bunny? And how will this story end?



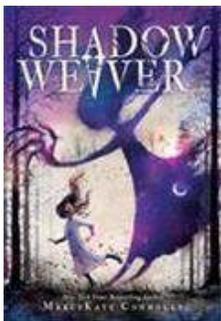
***I Got It!* By David Wiesner – HMH – 9780544309029 – HC - \$24.99 – Juvenile Fiction – 32 pp. – April 2018**

The few seconds after the ball leaves the bat can be infinitely long. For this eager young outfielder, there's plenty of time to envision the increasingly fantastic and funny situations that might interfere with making the catch. Summoning determination and courage, he overcomes the imaginary obstacles and turns them into a springboard for success.



***Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets* by Hena Khan, Illus. Mehrdokht Amini – Chronicle – 9781452155418 – HC - \$24.99 – Juvenile Fiction – 32 pp. – April 2018**

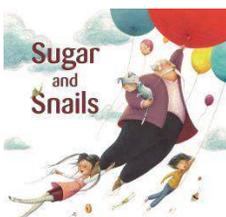
From a crescent moon to a square garden to an octagonal fountain, this breathtaking picture book celebrates the shapes—and traditions—of the Muslim world.



***Shadow Weaver* by MarcyKate Connolly – Sourcebooks – 9781495649953 – HC - \$22.99 – Juvenile Fiction – 320 pp. – January 2018**

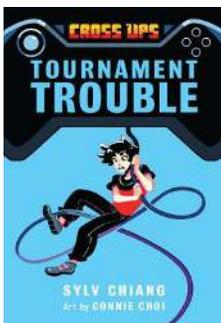
Emmeline's gift of controlling shadows has isolated her from the rest of the world, but she's grown to be content, hidden away in her mansion with Dar, her own shadow, as her only company.

Disaster strikes when a noble family visits their home and offers to take Emmeline away and cure her of magic. Desperate not to lose her shadows, she turns to Dar who proposes a deal: Dar will change the noble's mind, if Emmeline will help her become flesh as she once was.



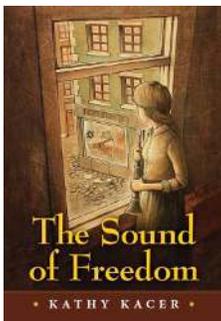
🇨🇦 *Sugar and Snails* by Sarah Tsang, Illus. Sonja Wimmer – Annick – 9781773210056 – HC - \$21.95 – Juvenile Fiction – 32 pp. – March 2018

Who says that little girls are made of “sugar and spice and everything nice?” Or that boys are made of “frogs and snails and puppy dog tails?” What if girls were made of “boats and snails and dinosaur tails?” And little boys of “flowers and swings and bumblebee wings?”



🇨🇦 *Tournament Trouble* by Sylv Chiang, Illus. Connie Choi – Annick – 9781773210094 – HC - \$18.95 – Juvenile Fiction – 200 pp. – March 2018

All twelve-year-old Jaden wants to do is be the best at Cross Ups, the video game he and his friends can't stop playing. He knows he could be—if only he didn't have to hide his gaming from his mom, who's convinced it will make him violent. After an epic match leads to an invitation to play in a top tournament, Jaden and his friends Devesh and Hugh hatch a plan to get him there. But Jaden's strict parents and annoying siblings, not to mention a couple of bullies and his confusing feelings for his next-door neighbor Cali, keep getting in the way!



🇨🇦 *The Sound of Freedom* by Kathy Kacer – Annick – 9781554519705 – HC - \$18.95 – Juvenile Fiction – 256 pp. – March 2018

Anna and her family have only one hope left to escape certain doom. It's 1936 and life is becoming dangerous for the Jews of Krakow. As incidents of violence and persecution increase day by day, Anna begs her father to leave Poland, but he insists it's impossible. How could he give up his position as an acclaimed clarinetist in the Krakow Philharmonic Orchestra? When Anna and her father barely escape from a group of violent thugs, it becomes clear that the family must leave. But how?



🇨🇦🇨🇦 ***Sadia* by Colleen Nelson – Dundurn – 9781459740297 – TP - \$12.99 – YA Fiction – 240 pp. – February 2018**

Fifteen-year-old Sadia Ahmadi is passionate about one thing: basketball. When tryouts for an elite basketball team are announced, Sadia jumps at the opportunity. Her talent speaks for itself. Her head scarf, on the other hand, is a problem; especially when a discriminatory rule means she must choose between removing her hijab and not playing.



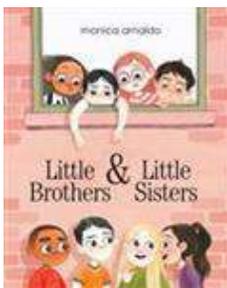
🇨🇦🇨🇦 ***The 11th Hour* by Kristine Scarrow – Dundurn – 9781459740372– TP - \$12.99 – YA Fiction – 192 pp. – February 2018**

One day, after weeks of secret planning, seventeen-year-old Annika Dietty leaves home at dawn to run away with her boyfriend, the charming and popular Dylan Sopick. She tried telling her friends and family how amazing Dylan is, but seeing as they all seem set against the relationship, she's decided their only chance is to run away together. Very soon Dylan's behaviour becomes unsettling, and Annika realizes that her safety is at stake. She finally admits to herself that Dylan needs help she can't provide. She wants to get him to help — if she'll get the chance.



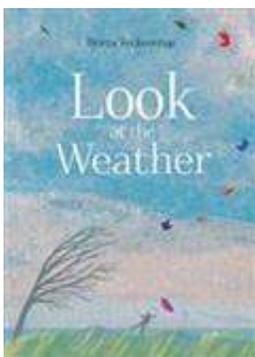
🇨🇦🇨🇦 ***What Happens Next* by Susan Hughes, Illus. Carey Sookocheff – Owlkids – 9781771471657 – HC - \$19.95 – Juvenile Fiction – 40 pp. – March 2018**

a raw, realistic story told by an unnamed protagonist who feels different from everybody else, like she doesn't quite fit in. Bullied by a girl at school, our narrator gives a terse script of the related facts. She takes these hurt feelings home, where Mom listens and offers some ideas. At school the next day, the narrator confronts the bully by spinning her "weirdo" obsession with science into an opportunity to find common ground, and maybe help the bully see the world in a new way.



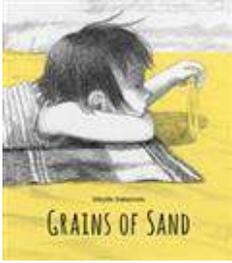
🇨🇦🇨🇦 ***Little Brothers & Little Sisters* by Monica Arnaldo – Owlkids – 9781771472951 – HC - \$18.95 – Juvenile Fiction – 32 pp. – April 2018**

Little sisters and little brothers all long for the same few things when it comes to their older siblings: a turn to play, a place on the team, a chance to shine. This book starts with four pairs of siblings in and around an apartment complex, each expressing through play and daily life the many gripes and pitfalls of younger siblings. Subtly, the narrative shifts to reflect the good things that come with having an older sibling: a helping hand, a partner in crime, a friend for life.



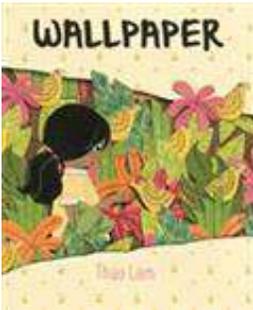
🇨🇦🇨🇦 ***Look at the Weather* by Britta Teckentrup, Trans. Shelley Tanaka – Owlkids – 9781771472869 – HC - \$ 21.95 – Juvenile Nonfiction – 152 pp. – April 2018**

When you stop to think about it, weather is incredible: it's whimsical, varied, ever-present, sometimes destructive and other times, beautiful. This immersive illustrated nonfiction book is an invitation for readers to ponder weather and approach it with a newfound sense of understanding, awe, and wonder.



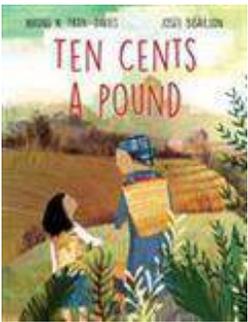
🇨🇦 ***Grains of Sand* by Sibylle Delacroix, Trans. Karen Li – Owlkids – 9781771472050 – HC - \$18.95 – Juvenile Fiction – 32 pp. – April 2018**

On the last day of a family vacation, a little girl is as blue as the sea, and her shoes are filled with sand. What should she do with all of this sand? Together, she and her brother decide to plant the grains of sand, and imagine what will grow.



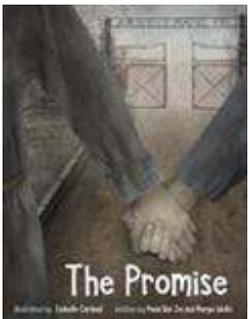
🇨🇦 ***Wallpaper* by Thao Lam – Owlkids – 9781771472838 – HC - \$19.95 – Juvenile Fiction – 32 pp. – April 2018**

A wordless picture book in Thao Lam's signature paper collage style. It tells the story of a young girl whose family moves into a new house. Outside, she can hear other kids playing, but she's too shy to say hello. So, she picks at the old wallpaper in her room—revealing an entryway to a fantastic imaginary adventure world behind the walls.



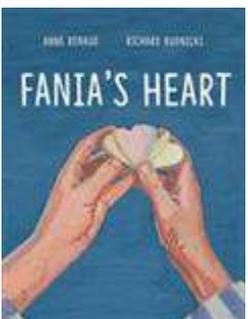
🇨🇦 ***Ten Cents a Pound* by Nhung N. Tran-Davies, Illus. Josee Bisailon – Second Story – 9781772600568 – HC - \$18.95 – Juvenile Fiction – 24 pp. – April 2018**

A young girl is torn by her desire to stay home with her family and the familiarity of their village, and her desire to go to school and discover the world beyond the mountains that surround them. Every time the girl insists that she will stay, her mother repeats that she must go—that there is more to life than labor in the coffee fields. Their loving exchange reveals the struggles and sacrifices that they will both have to make for the sake of the young girl's future.



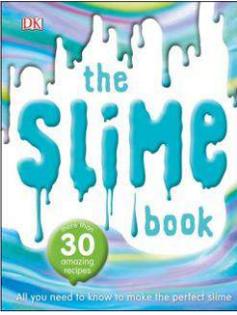
🇨🇦 ***The Promise* by Pnina Bat Zvi and Margie Wolfe, Illus. Isabelle Cardinal – Second Story – 9781772600582 – HC - \$18.95 – Juvenile Nonfiction – 32 pp. – April 2018**

The night that Rachel and Toby's parents are taken away by the Nazis, they give their young daughters three gold coins with the instructions to "use these wisely to help save your lives." They also ask the girls to promise that they will always stay together. This compelling true story follows the sisters as they confront the daily horrors of Auschwitz, protecting one another, sharing memories, fears, and even laughter—always together.



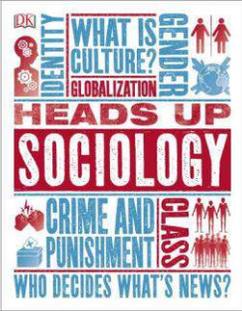
🇨🇦 ***Fania's Heart* by Anne Renaud, Illus. Richard Rudnicki – Second Story – 9781772600575 – HC - \$18.95 – Juvenile Nonfiction – 32 pp. – March 2018**

Ten-year-old Sorale discovers a tiny heart-shaped book among her mother's belongings. Its pages are shaped like four-petaled flowers, upon which are written words in languages Sorale does not understand. Who wrote these words? Where did the heart come from? And why has her mother never mentioned this tiny book before?



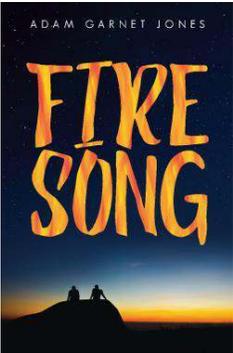
***The Slime Book* by DK – DK – 9781465473738 – TP - \$12.99 – Juvenile Nonfiction – 64 pp. – December 2017**

Kids will be mesmerized and “slimerized” by the book’s gloopy, gooey, colorful slime recipes. The easy-to-follow recipes all use inexpensive, accessible, and safe everyday products.



***Heads Up Sociology* by DK – DK – 9781465468635 – TP - \$16.99 – YA Nonfiction – 160 pp. – January 2018**

From gender and identity to welfare and consumerism, sociology is the study of how societies are organized and what helps them function or go wrong. Questions posed include: What is my “tribe”? Why do people commit crimes? Who decides if someone has a mental illness? What’s work for? Does aid do any good? *Heads Up Sociology* explores these fascinating questions and more.



🇨🇦 *Fire Song* by Adam Garnet Jones – Annick Press – 9781554519781 – HC - \$18.95 – YA Fiction – 232 pp. – March 2018

Shane is still reeling from the suicide of his kid sister, Destiny. He tries to share his grief with his girlfriend, Tara, but she’s too concerned with her own needs to offer him much comfort. What he really wants is to be able to turn to the one person on the rez whom he loves—his friend, David. Worst of all, he and David have to hide their relationship from everyone. Shane feels that his only chance of a better life is moving to Toronto, but David refuses to join him. When yet another tragedy strikes, the two boys have to make difficult choices about their future together.