The Dewey Divas and Dudes Present:

Our Fall 2020 Recommended Reads for K to 12



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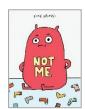
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Dewey Diva Picks for Schools Fall 2020- Scholastic Canada



Not Me by Elise Gravel — Scholastic Canada – 9781443181747 – HC – \$19.99 – Picture Book / Manners & Etiquette – 32 pp. – Sept 2020 – Ages 3-7

Who made this mess? When dad asks who left socks all over the place, a brother and sister insist that it was "Not Me." This highly relatable book manages to slyly address the blaming and excuse-making that often happens, while focusing on the humour of the situation.



Kind by Allison Green et al. – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338627053 – HC – \$23.99 – Picture Book / General – 48 pp. – Oct 2020 – Ages 3-5

A heartwarming and visually diverse book about the fundamental value of kindness and how kids can join in. This simple but impactful picture book teaches the youngest readers how to be kind. Nearly 40 different illustrators have collaborated to create this artistic treat and affirm the universal importance of kindness.



Two kids with different challenges and strengths find they are just what the other needs to navigate classroom life. Tyson does everything fast—so fast he often disrupts the class. Suze, the new girl, is nonverbal with special needs. Taking the time to interpret her cues, Tyson forms a special friendship with Suze, and teaches his classmates what it means to listen and understand others.



Squidding Around #1: Fish Feud! by Kevin Sherry – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338636673 – PB – \$9.99 – Graphic Novel / Humorous – 96 pp. – Sept 2020 – Ages 7-10

A wonderfully silly young graphic novel about fin-tastic friends and first fights perfect for fans of *Narwhal and Jelly*! Squizzard is a little squid with a big personality. He never listens or admits he's wrong, and one day he pushes his best friend Toothy too far. Can Squizzard convince Toothy to give him a second chance or is he doomed to be the loneliest kid at Deep Reef Elementary?

Simultaneous HC (978-1-338-63668-0, \$30.99)



Everything Awesome About Sharks by Mike Lowery – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338359732 – HC – \$22.99 – Juvenile Nonfiction / Marine Life – 128 pp. – Oct 2020 – Ages 7-10

Discover the ULTIMATE book about all things sharks and underwater creatures, from the creative brain of Mike Lowery. This is the go-to book for shark enthusiasts that kids will put in their backpacks and obsess over, bridging the gap between encyclopedic nonfiction content and lighter picture book fare. Digital F&G.



When Hope's parents announce they'll be leaving their small New Brunswick town and moving to Toronto, Hope's anxiety, manageable before that point, skyrockets. In the countdown to the summer's end—and the move date—Hope and her best friend, Willa, then dedicate themselves to their small town's campaign to win a national TV contest for "Canada's Tiniest Treasures", celebrating what is unique about small town life, and their friendship.



Three Keys by Kelly Yang – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338591385 – HC – \$23.99 – Juvenile Fiction / Emigration & Immigration – 288 pp. – Sept 2020 – Ages 8-12

Mia Tang thinks she's going to have the best year ever. But as it turns out, sixth grade is no picnic... A new immigration law is looming and if it passes, it will threaten everything—and everyone—in Mia's life in this powerful, hilarious, and resonant sequel to *Front Desk*.



There are two things Trevor loves more than anything else: playing war-based video games and his great-grandfather Jacob, a true-blue, bona fide war hero. Now it's decades later, and Jacob wants to retrace the steps he took during the war. But as they get to the village, Trevor discovers there's more to the story than what he's heard his whole life, causing him to wonder about his great-grandfather's heroism, and the importance of genuine valor.

Picks for Secondary Schools



You Should See Me In a Crown by Leah Johnson – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338503265 – HC – \$23.99 – Young Adult Fiction / Romantic Comedy – 336 pp. – June 2020 – Ages 12-18

Liz Lighty has always felt she's too black, too poor, too *awkward* to shine in her small, rich, promobsessed town. But when a scholarship for college falls through, she decides to run for prom queen to win the cash prize that comes with the crown. The only thing that makes it bearable is the new girl in school, Mack. She's smart, funny, and just as much of an outsider as Liz. Will falling for the competition keep Liz from her dreams... or make them come true?

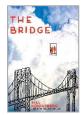


Heartstopper: Volume 1 by Alice Oseman – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338617436 – PB – \$19.99 – Graphic Novel / LGBT – 288 pp. – May 2020 – Ages 12+

Shy and softhearted Charlie Spring sits next to rugby player Nick Nelson in class one morning. A warm and intimate friendship follows, and that soon develops into something more for Charlie, who doesn't think he has a chance. But Nick is struggling with feelings of his own, and as the two grow closer and take on the ups and downs of high school, they come to understand the surprising and delightful ways in which love works. Volume 2 available in November (9781338617474).



The Sting meets Fight Club in this magical, action-packed sequel to Caster, soon to be adapted for the big screen. Aza Wu, a magic caster, is finally able to pay off her parents' debt to Saint Willow but finds herself now permanently in the employ of the gang leader. Aza knows that if Saint Willow can benefit, it doesn't matter who gets hurt along the way. If she can find a way out of Saint Willow's hold, she just might survive. Book 1 now in paperback (9781338665130).



The Bridge by Bill Konigsberg – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338325034 – HC – \$25.99 – Young Adult Fiction / Social Themes / Suicide – 400 pp. – Sept 2020 – Ages 14-18

Two teenagers, strangers to each other, have decided to jump from the same bridge at the same time. On the bridge, there are four things that could happen: Aaron jumps and Tillie doesn't. Tillie jumps and Aaron doesn't. They both jump. Neither of them jumps. Or maybe all four things happen, in this absorbing, honest, lifesaving novel from Bill Konigsberg.



Stolen Justice: The Struggle for African American Voting Rights by Lawrence Goldstone – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338323481 – HC – \$25.99 – Young Adult Nonfiction / History – 288 pp. – Jan 2020 – Ages 12+

An incisive examination of the post-Reconstruction era struggle for and suppression of African American voting rights in the United States. Though this is a story of America's past, Goldstone brilliantly draws direct links to today's creeping threats to suffrage in this important and, alas, timely book.

View this list online on Catalist here: https://bnccatalist.ca/viewcatalogue.aspx?id=49302
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I Talk Like a River by Jordan Scott ■ - Neal Porter – 9780823445592 - \$24.99 – Hardcover - 40 pages - Fiction - Social Themes - Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance - Ages 4-8 years - Preschool – 3 What if words got stuck in the back of your mouth whenever you tried to speak? Sometimes it takes a change of perspective to get the words flowing



I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes - Nancy Paulsen - 9780525518778 - \$23.99 - Hardcover - 32 pages - Fiction - People & Places - African American - Ages 3-7 years - Preschool - 2

An upbeat, empowering, important picture book from the team that created the award-winning Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut.



Arithmechicks Take Away by Ann Marie Stephens - Boyds Mills Press - 9781629798080 - \$23.99 - Hardcover - 32 pages - Fiction - Mathematics - Ages 4-8 years - Preschool - 3

This playful picture book demonstrates key math concepts to children in a merry story featuring the Arithmechicks, ten math-loving chicks.



Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots by Michael Rex - Nancy Paulsen – 9781984816269 - \$23.99 - 32 pages – Hardcover - Fiction – Robots - Ages 5-8 years - Grades K-3

A hilarious, timely conversation about the differences between facts and opinions.



The Box Turtle by Vanessa Roeder - Dial - 9780735230507 - \$23.99 - Hardcover - 32 pages - Fiction - Social Themes - Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance - Ages 3-5 years - Preschool - 2

An irresistibly cute story about finding the confidence to be yourself, starring a turtle in search of the perfect shell.



Curious EnCOUNTers - Ben Clanton - Little Bigfoot – 9781632172747 - \$17.99 - Hardcover - 32 pages - Nonfiction - Concepts - Counting & Numbers - Ages 3-7 years - Preschool – 2 Featuring clever wordplay while learning to count from 1 to 13.



Mya's Strategy to Save the World by Kyi Tanya Lloyd Kyi - Puffin Canada - 9780735265264 - \$8.99 - Trade - 224 pages - Fiction - Social Themes - Peer Pressure - Ages 9-12 years - Grades 4-7 Twelve-year-old Mya Parsons could save the world and organize her family, if only she had her own cell phone



The Barren Grounds by David A Robertson - Puffin Canada - 9780735266100 - \$21.99 - Hardcover - 288 pages - Fiction - Fantasy & Magic - Ages 10 and up - Grade 5 & Up

Narnia meets traditional Indigenous stories of the sky and constellations in an epic middle grade fantasy series



Me and Banksy by Kyi Tanya Lloyd Kyi - Puffin Canada – 9780735266919 - \$18.99 – Hardcover - 224 pages - Fiction - Humorous Stories – Ages 10 and up - Grade 5 & Up

A Banksy-style protest against cameras in classrooms brings a group of middle-grade students together.



Pine Island Home by Polly Horvath Puffin Canada - 9780735268623 - \$19.99 − Hardcover - 240 pages - Fiction - Family − Siblings − Ages Grades 4-7 - 9-12 years

A story of four sisters searching for home.



Red Fox Road by Frances Greenslade - Puffin Canada - 9780735267817 - \$19.99 - Hardcover - 240 pages - Fiction - Action & Adventure - Survival Stories - Ages 10-14 years - Grades 5-9

A thirteen-year-old girl on a family vacation becomes stranded alone in the wilderness when the family's GPS leads them astray.

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Barry Squires, Full Tilt by Heather T. Smith → Penguin Teen – 9780735267466 - \$21.99 - 224 pages - Fiction - Coming Of Age - Ages 12 and up - Grade 7 & Up

A romp through the streets of St. John's and into the Squires household, a place where tragedy strikes but love prevails. **Chicken Girl 9780143198703 - \$13.99 - 256 pages – Trade - Fiction – LGBT** A poignant coming-of-age story.



The Beauty of the Moment by Tanaz Bhathena - Penguin Teen - 9780735263765 - \$13.99 - Trade - 288 pages - Fiction - Romance - Contemporary - Ages 12 and up - Grade 7 & Up

Susan dreams of being an artist. Malcolm wants to move him and his sister out of a bad living situation. Sparks fly when the two teens meet at a fundraiser for Syrian refugees.



The Enigma Game by Elizabeth Wein - Penguin Teen – 9780735265288 - \$16.99 – Original Trade - 448 pages - Fiction - Historical - Military & Wars – Ages 12 and up - Grade 7 & Up

An Enigma Machine ends up hiding in Scotland and 4 very different people decide to keep it to themselves.



The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys - Penguin Books - 9780142423639 - \$15.99 - Trade - 512 pages - Fiction - Ages 14 and up - Grade 9 and up

A gripping, extraordinary portrait of love, silence, and secrets under a Spanish dictatorship



SHOUT by Laurie Halse Anderson - Penguin Books - 9780142422205 - \$14.99 - Trade - 320 pages - Nonfiction - Poetry - Ages 14 and up - Grade 9 & Up

A poetry memoir that is as vulnerable as it is rallying, as timely as it is timeless. In free verse, Anderson shares reflections, rants, and calls to action woven among deeply personal stories



Watch Over Me by Nina Lacour - Dutton Books - 9780593108970 - \$23.99 - Hardcover - 240 pages - Fiction - Social Themes - Physical & Emotional Abuse - Ages 14 and up - Grade 9 & Up

Nina LaCour delivers another emotional knockout with Watch Over Me, the much-anticipated follow-up to the Printz Award-winning We Are Okay



Taking on the Plastics Crisis by Hannah Testa - Penguin Workshop – 9780593223338 - \$11.99 – Original Trade – 64 pages - Nonfiction - Biography & Autobiography - Social Activists - Ages 12 and up - Grade 7 & Up Youth activist chronicles both her personal and political mission to save the Earth's oceans by limiting single-use plastic products.



Beyond the Gender Binary by Alok Vaid-Menon - Penguin Workshop – 9780593094655 - \$11.99 – Original Trade - 64 pages - Nonfiction - Biography & Autobiography - Social Activists 12 and up - Grade 7 & Up Challenges the world to see gender not in black and white, but in full color. Taking from their own experiences as a gender-nonconforming artist, they show us the only limit is your imagination.



Concrete Kids by Amyra León - Penguin Workshop – 9780593095195 - \$11.99 – Original Trade - 64 pages -Nonfiction – Poetry – Ages 12 and up – Grade 7 & Up

An exploration of love and loss, melody and bloodshed. A poetic journey through her childhood in Harlem, as she navigates the intricacies of foster care, mourning, self-love, and resilience

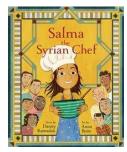


Imaginary Borders by Xiuhtezcatl Martinez - Penguin Workshop – 9780593094136 - \$11.99 – Original Trade - 64 pages - Nonfiction - Biography & Autobiography - Social Activists – Ages 12 and up - Grade 7 & Up Shows us how his music feeds his environmental activism and vice versa. Because, at the end of the day, we all have a part to play.



The New Queer Conscience by Adam Eli - Penguin Workshop – 9780593093689 - \$11.99 – Original Trade - 64 pages - Nonfiction - Biography & Autobiography - Social Activists - Ages 12 and up - Grade 7 & Up A candid and compassionate introduction to queer responsibility

Dewey Diva – Public & High School Fall 2020Ampersand – Saffron Beckwith & Laureen Cusack https://bnccatalist.ca/viewcatalogue.aspx?id=49325



Salma the Syrian Chef by Danny Ramadan – Annick Press – 9781773213750 – HC - \$21.95 - JUVENILE FICTION / Cooking & Food – 40 pp. – March 2020

All Salma wants is to make her mama smile again. Between English classes, job interviews, and missing Papa back in Syria, Mama always seems busy or sad. A homemade Syrian meal might cheer her up, but Salma doesn't know the recipe, or what to call the vegetables in English, or where to find the right spices! Luckily, the staff and other newcomers at the Welcome Center are happy to lend a hand—and a sprinkle of sumac.



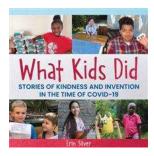
How to Make a Better World by Keilly Swift – DK – 9781465490872 – HC - \$21.99 JUVENILE NONFICTION / Social Activism & Volunteering – 96 pp. – March 2020

Full of positive encouragement to find something you're passionate about and how to get started on making a big difference through small actions, this brilliant fact book for kids is a treasure trove of information and great advice. There's a lot that can be changed by just one person, if you know what to do.



The Case of the Missing Auntie by Michael Hutchinson – Second Story – 9781772601176 – PB - \$10.95 - JUVENILE FICTION / Indigenous – 192 pp. – March 2020

The Mighty Muskrats are off to the city to have fun at the Exhibition Fair. But when Chickadee learns about Grandpa's little sister, who was scooped up by the government and adopted out to strangers without her parents' permission many years ago, the Mighty Muskrats have a new mystery to solve. Once in the bright lights of the big city, the cousins get distracted, face off with bullies, meet some heroes and unlikely teachers, and learn many of the difficulties of life in the city, as well as hard truths about their country's treatment of First Nations people.



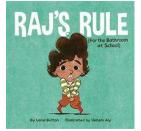
What Kids Did by Erin Silver – Second Story – 9781772601640 – HC - \$18.95 – JUVENILE NONFICTION / Health & Daily Living – 32 pp. – October 2020

In the spring of 2020, the Covid-19 virus changed the world and made daily life much more challenging. We had to stay apart, away from work, school, and our normal routines. But, all around the world, kids came up with creative and thoughtful ways to help others. From making 3-D printed medical equipment to food bank fundraising to a neighbourhood joke stand, to creating a semi-automatic hand-washing machine, kids made a difference in their communities. In this book for kids 7-12, Erin Silver tells some of their stories.



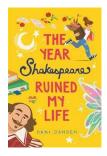
Pierre & Paul: Avalanche! By Caroline Adderson – Owlkids – 9781771473279 – HC − \$18.95 – JUVENILE FICTION / Imagination & Play – 32 pp. – March 2020

Pierre and Paul are neighbors, friends, and explorers. Pierre speaks French and Paul speaks English, but that doesn't stop them from sharing their adventures. The boys imagine everyday situations into grand exploits—today, they are climbing the Himalayas! This story is told half in French and half in English, with simple phrasing and visual cues in the illustrations making the story easy for early readers to decode in both languages. Illustrations in a loose, colorful style make this vocabulary-learning tool also an engaging story of friendship and imagination.



Raj's Rule by Lana Button – Owlkids – 9781771473408 – HC - \$19.95 - JUVENILE FICTION / Health & Daily Living – 32 pp. – August 2020

Raj has one rule: he never uses the bathroom at school. It's just not the same as the one at home. All day, he avoids bathroom trips. Easy enough, since he lives by these tips: Don't linger at the sink. Stay away from anyone who makes you laugh. Watch out for distractions, especially schoolwork. And sit still: no running, jumping, cartwheels, or sneezing. Until one day—achoo!—Raj has to break his own rule.



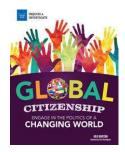
The Year Shakespeare Ruined My Life by Dani Jansen – Second Story – 9781772601213 – PB - \$13.95 - YA FICTION / Theater & Musicals – 304 pp. – September 2020

Alison Green, desperate Valedictorian-wannabe, agrees to produce her school's disaster-prone production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Her second big mistake is accidentally saying yes to a date with her oldest friend, Jack, even though she's crushing on Charlotte, the star of the play.



On the Side of the Angels by Jose Amaujaq Kusugak – Inhabit Education – 9781774502037 – PB - \$12.95 - JUVENILE NONFICTION / Indigenous – 56 pp. – July 2020

"Then one day a 'flyable' took me away from our world through the sky to a dark and desolate place." Jose Kusugak had a typical Arctic childhood, growing up playing games, enjoying food caught by hunters, and watching his mother preparing skins. But he was one of the first generation of Inuit children who were taken from their homes and communities and sent to live in residential schools. In this moving and candid memoir, Jose tells of his experiences at residential school and the lifelong effects it had on him.



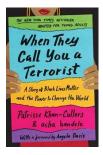
Global Citizenship by Julie Knutson – Nomad Press – 9781619309364 – PB - \$22.95 - YA NONFICTION / Politics & Government – 128 pp. – September 2020

Each chapter centers on a specific human right outlined by the United Nations' "Convention on the Rights of the Child," focusing on the political, human, economic, environmental, and cultural guarantees born of our common humanity. Readers learn about the history and evolution of citizenship, about past and ongoing human rights struggles, about economic justice, and about environmental sustainability. They also learn about cultural appreciation and preservation in an age of global convergence. Ready to create a better future for all? Let's go!



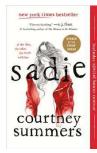
One Year at Ellsmere by Faith Erin Hicks – First Second – 9781250219107 – PB – \$20.50 – JUVENILE FICTION / Comics & Graphic Novels – 176 pp. – July 2020

When studious thirteen-year-old Juniper wins a scholarship to the prestigious Ellsmere Academy, she expects to find a scholastic utopia. But living at Ellsmere is far from ideal: She is labeled a "special project," Ellsmere's queen bee is out to destroy her, and it's rumored that a mythical beast roams the forest next to the school.



When They Call You A Terrorist by Patrisse Khan-Cullors – St. Martin's – 9781250194985 – HC - \$25.99 - YA NONFICTION / Biography / Social Activists – 272 pp. – September 2020

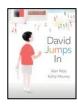
From one of the co-founders of the Black Lives Matter movement comes a poetic memoir and reflection on humanity. Necessary and timely, Patrisse Khan-Cullors' story asks us to remember that protest in the interest of the most vulnerable comes from love. Leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement have been called terrorists, a threat to America. But in truth, they are loving women whose life experiences have led them to seek justice for those victimized by the powerful.



Sadie by Courtney Summers – St. Martin's – 9781250267139 – PB - \$14.99 - YOUNG ADULT FICTION / Thrillers & Suspense – 336 pp. – August 2020

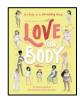
Sadie has no idea that her journey to avenge her sister will soon become the subject of a blockbuster podcast. Armed with a switchblade, Sadie follows meager clues hoping they'll lead to the man who took Mattie's life, because she's determined to make him pay with his own. But as West traces her path to the darkest, most dangerous corners of big cities and small towns, a deeply unsettling mystery begins to unfold—one that's bigger than them both. Can he find Sadie before it's too late?

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David Jumps In by Alan Woo and Katty Maurey - Kids Can Press-9781771388450- HC- \$19.99- Picture Book- 24 pp.- March 2020- Ages 4-7

This tale, written in simple free verse, tells how a game with roots in ancient China helps a boy find his footing on his first day at a new school.



Love Your Body by Jessica Sanders and Carol Rossetti- Francis Lincoln- 9780711252424- HC- \$29.99- Non-Fiction- 40 pp.- March 2020- Ages 8 to 12

An empowering book that encourages girls everywhere to love their bodies for what they can do, not for how they look.



I Am Not a Label by Cerrie Burnell and Lauren Mark Baido- Wide Eyed Editions-9780711247451- HC- \$22.99- Non-Fiction- 64 pp.- July 2020- Ages 6-12

In this stylishly illustrated biography anthology, meet 34 artists, thinkers, athletes, and activists with disabilities, from past and present.



The International Day of the Girl: Celebrating Girls Around the World by Jessica Dee Humphreys and Simone Shin- Kids Can Press- 9781525300585- HC- \$19.99- Non-Fiction- 32 pp.- September 2020- Ages 7-10

This introduction to the International Day of the Girl and its worldwide significance encourages children to recognize their own potential to make change.



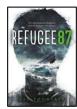
The Boreal Forest by L. E. Carmichael and Josée Bisaillon - Kids Can Press-9781525300448- HC- \$19.99- Non-Fiction- 48 pp.- April 2020- Ages 8-12

Explore this special wilderness on a tour of the forest throughout the four seasons, from one country to another.



This Is Your Brain on Stereotypes by Tanya Lloyd Kyi and Drew Shannon Kids Can Press- 9781525300165- HC- \$17.99- Non-Fiction- 88 pp.- September 2020- Ages 8-11

An essential overview of the science behind stereotypes: from why our brains form them to how recognizing them can help us be less biased.



Refugee 87 by Ele Fountain- Little, Brown- 9780316423014- TPB- \$11.99- Fiction- 256 pp.-June 2020- Ages 8-12

A young refugee crosses continents in this timely, heartbreaking, and ultimately uplifting novel of survival.



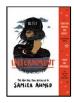
Keep This To Yourself by Tom Ryan Albert Whitman- 9780807541494 - TPB-\$13.99- Fiction- 320 pp.- September 2020- Ages 13+

Mac Bell is trying to put last year's horrible summer behind him—easier said than done since Mac's best friend Connor was a murderer's final victim.



All Our Broken Pieces by L. D. Crichton Little, Brown- 9781368045261- TPB- \$12.99- Fiction- 416 pp.- April 2020- Ages 14+

You can't keep two people who are meant to be together apart for long...



Internment by Samira Ahmed– Little, Brown- 9780316522700- TPB- \$14.99- Fiction- 400 pp.- March 2020- Ages 12+

The story of a terrifying, futuristic United States where Muslim citizens are forced into internment camps.



Where I End & You Begin by Preston Norton- Little, Brown- 9781484798690- TPB- \$12.99- Fiction- 416 pp.- July 2020- Ages 14+

Two sworn enemies suddenly switch bodies in this witty and heartfelt novel of romantic relationships, gender identity, and the joy of being yourself.



Trans Mission: My Quest to a Beard by Alex Bertie- Little, Brown- 9780316490320- TPB-\$14.99- Non-Fiction- 304 pp.- May 2020- Ages 12+

A brave firsthand account of online personality Alex Bertie's life, struggles, and victories as a transgender teen, as well as a groundbreaking guide for transitioning teens.

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When We are Kind by Monique Gray Smith Illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt

9781459825222 | Hardcover | \$19.95 | 32 Pages | Social Themes/Emotions & Feelings October 2020 | Ages 3 – 5

When We Are Kind celebrates simple acts of everyday kindness and encourages children to explore how they feel when they initiate and receive acts of kindness in their lives.



Grandmother School | Rina Singh Illustrated by Ellen Rooney | 978145981905 | Hardcover | \$19.95 | 32 Pages | School & Education | May 2020 | Ages 6 – 8

Based on a true story from the village of Phangane, India, this brilliantly illustrated boosk tells the story of the grandmothers who got to go to school for the first time in their lives.



On My Mountain | François Aubineau Illustrated by Jerome Peyrat | 9781459822320| Hardcover | \$19.95 | 32 Pages | Animals/Wolves, Coyotes & Wild Dogs | February 2020 Ages 3 – 6

Both the shepherd and the wolf live on thes mountain. They love their home and want to feel safe there. This book tells the same story, in identical words, from both the wolf's

perspective and that of the shepherd.



The Wrench by Elise Gravel Illustrated by Charles Simard | 9781459824492

Hardcover | \$19.95 | 32 Pages | Recycling & Green Living | October 2020 | Ages 3 – 5 Lively illustrations and quirky hand-lettering make *The Wrench* a delight to read while also conveying an important message about consumerism and excess.



Hockey Night in Kenya by Damson Mutinda and Eric Walters Illustrated by Claudia Davila | 9781459823617 | Paperback | \$7.95 | 104 Pages | Sports & Recreation/Hockey October 2020 | Ages 6-8

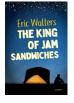
Kitoo dreams of someday playing real ice hockey and Nigosi helps him realize that sometimes dreams can come true. *Hockey Night in Kenya* is ultimately a story about friendship, support and having big dreams.



If a Tree Falls: The Global Impact of Deforestation by Nikki Tate | 9781459823556 Hardcover | \$19.95 | 48 Pages | Science & Nature/Trees & Forests | October 2020 Ages 9 – 12

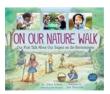
In this book, young readers will learn about the history of deforestation around the world, what it means for the health of forests and what they can do to help preserve trees for future

generations.



King of Jam Sandwiches by Eric Walters | 9781459825567 | Paperback | \$12.95 | 320 Pages | Social Themes/Poverty & Homelessness | September 2020 | Ages 9 – 12

In *The King of Jam Sandwiches*, a young teen is afraid to let anyone know what is going on at home. sThis book examines the effects of mental illness, poverty and parental neglect. This is a very personal story for Eric Walters, informed by his own experience.



On Our Nature Walk by Dr. Jillian Roberts Illustrated by Jane Heinrichs 9781459821002 | Hardcover | \$19.95 | 32 Pages | Science & Nature / Environmental Conservation & Protection | March 2020 | Ages 6-8

This illustrated nonfiction picture book by child psychologist Dr. Jillian Roberts introduces children to the important topic of the environment.



Tales From the Fringes of Fear by Jeff Szpirglas Illustrated by Steven P. Hughes 9781459824584 | Paperback | \$12.95 | 192 Pages | Horror | April 2020 | Ages 9 – 12 Dragged fresh from the grave and pulled out of the haunted corners of a school locker, these thirteen new stories are a nod to the storytelling style of *Tales from the Crypt* and *The Twilight Zone*.

YA



Double or Nothing by Brooke Carter | 9781459823815 | Paperback | \$10.95 | 152 Pages Family/Siblings | September 2020 | Ages 12 and Up

Ester "Essie" Tomasi is a genius. She got an early entrance scholarship to university and at eighteen years old is already in her second year of pre-med. But Essie also struggles with a dark secret: she has a serious gambling problem.



Dreaming in Color by Melanie Florence | 9781459825864 | Paperback | \$10.95 | 144 Pages Diversity & Multicultural | September 2020 | Ages 12 and up

A young artist is thrilled to be accepted at a prestigious art school but then learns that some feel she hasn't earned her place. This book explores the themes of racism, prejudice and the importance of standing up for what you believe in.



Heart Sister by Michael F. Stewart | 9781459824874 | Paperback | \$14.95 | 336 Pages Social Themes/Death, Grief, Bereavement | September 2020 | Ages 12 and up In *Heart Sister*, a teen filmmaker, reeling from the loss of his twin sister, tries to track down the recipients of her organs.



Hey Jude by Star Spider | 9781459826359 | Paperback | \$10.95 | 112 Pages | Social Themes/Depression | September 2020 | Ages 12 and Up

Seventeen-year-old Penny is struggling to balance caring for Jude, her sister with mental health challenges, working part-time to help her mother with money issues and facing her final year of high school



Stranded by Jocelyn Shipley | 9781459823891 | Paperback | \$10.95 | 120 Pages | Thrillers and Suspense | September 2020 | Ages 12 and up

In *Stranded*, a down-on-his-luck teen relies on the generosity of a relative stranger. This book explores themes of addiction, homelessness and mental illness.

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The Couch Potato by Jory John, Illustrated by Pete Oswald- HarperCollins- 9780062954534 HC-\$23.99- Picture Book- 40 pp.- Ages 4 to 8, Gr. P-3- November 2020

A laid-back potato realizes there is much more to life than slouching on the couch. From the creative duo behind *The Bad Seed* and *The Good Egg*.



Pitter Pattern by Joyce Hesselberth- Greenwillow Books- 9780062741233- HC- \$21.99-Picture Book/Concepts-40 pp. -Ages 4 to 8, Gr. P-3- Jan 2020

This engaging story includes examples of patterns found in music, weather, time, play, shapes, nature, math, and language.





Class Act by Jerry Craft- Quill Tree- 9780062885500- PB- \$15.99- Fiction/Graphic Novel- 256 pp. - Ages 8 to 12, Gr. 3 to 7- Oct 2020

A poignant and funny companion to the Newbery award-winning graphic novel *New Kid*, following Drew, who has his own struggles at Riverdale Academy Day School. **Another great graphic novel for middle grade readers: Becoming Brianna by Terri Libenson (9780062894540, May)**



How to Be a Girl in the World by Caela Carter-HarperColllins- 9780062672704- HC- \$21.00 - Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings- 304 pp.- Ages 8-12, Gr. 3-7- August 2020 For fans of Rebecca Stead and Corey Ann Haydu comes this timely story about a tween girl coming to terms with her changing body and the recent attention she's been getting from boys.



Skunk and Badger by Amy Timberlake, Illus. by Jon Klassen -HarperCollins Canada-9781443460453- HC- \$16.99- Fiction / Social Themes- 128 pp. -Sept. 2020- Ages 8-12, Gr. 3 to 7 The first title in a warm and witty illustrated chapter-book series from Newbery Honor-winner Amy Timberlake and superstar illustrator Jon Klassen, about a pair of unlikely animal friends.



We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly- Greenwillow Books- 9780062747303- HC- \$21.00-Juvenile Fiction / Family- 400 pp. -Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7- May 2020

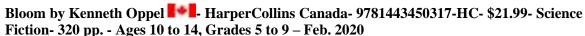
Newbery Medal—winning author Erin Entrada Kelly transports readers to 1986 and introduces them to the unforgettable Cash, Fitch, and Bird Thomas in this pitch-perfect middle grade novel about family, friendship, tragedy, science, and exploration. **Simultaneous PB edition (9780063026704, \$15.99)**



The first book in a rib-tickling and heartfelt young graphic novel series about the unlikely friendship between an Elizabethan-era skeleton and the dog who digs him up.







The first book in bestselling author Kenneth Oppel's explosive new trilogy about three teens from Salt Spring Island who just might be the only hope for Earth after an alien invasion.

The rain begins again, this time bringing eggs that hatch into deadly insects. Kenneth Oppel escalates the threats and ratchets up the tension in this adventure with an alien twist.

Picks for Secondary School



Come On In: 15 Stories about Immigration and Finding Home edit. by Adi Alsaid- Inkyard Press- 9781335146496- HC- \$23.99- YA Fiction / Social Themes-256 pp.- Oct 2020- Ages 13+ p A timely and illuminating collection of stories featuring teen immigrants. Contributors include: Nafiza Azad, Sara Farizan, Misa Siguira, Sona Charaipotra, Maria Andreu, Maurene Goo, Varsha Bajaj, Yamile Saied Mendez, Justine Larbalestier, Isabel Quintero, and Adi Alsaid.



Smash It! By Francina Simone- Inkyard Press - 9781335146502 – HC- \$23.99- Young Adult Fiction / Performing Arts- 368 pp.- September 2020- Ages 13 And Up

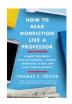
Dumplin' meets Othello in this brash, bold and tender #ownvoices novel about a girl whose surprise part in a hip-hopera high school production of Othello leads to a journey of self-empowerment, perfect for fans of Julie Murphy, Ibi Zoboi, and Nic Stone. Another great read about a girl trying to make it in the arts: I'll Be the One by Lyla Lee (9780062936929, June)



From the author of *Three Souls* and *Dragon Springs Road* comes a captivating historical novel in which a convoy of student refugees travel across China, fleeing the hostilities of a brutal war with Japan and trying to protect a priceless collection of myths and folklore.



Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi & Yusef Salaam- Balzer + Bray- 9780062996480- HC- \$24.99- YA Fiction / Social Themes CAD Hardcover 400 pp.- Sept 2020- Ages 14 And Up, Grades 9+ From award-winning, bestselling author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam of the Exonerated Five, comes a powerful YA novel in verse about a boy who is wrongfully incarcerated. Perfect for fans of Jason Reynolds, Walter Dean Myers, and Elizabeth Acevedo. Another very timely read, but with more of a mystery feel: Grown by Tiffany D. Jackson (9780062840356, HC, \$21.99)



How to Read Nonfiction Like a Professor: A Smart, Irreverent Guide to Biography, History, Journalism, Blogs, and Everything in Between by Thomas C. Foster- Harper Perennial – 9780062895813- PB- \$21.99- 336 pp. - Ages 14+

The bestselling author of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* shows readers how to access accurate information and become better readers, thinkers, and consumers of media.

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While We Can't Hug by Eoin McLaughlin, illustrated by Polly Dunbar—9780571365586—Faber & Faber Publishing—HC—\$23.95— Juvenile Fiction / Social / Friendship—32 pp.—August 28/20—ages 0-5

This uplifting picture book makes social distancing fun and easy to understand.



It's a No-Money Day by Kate Milner—9781781128817—Barrington Stoke—PB—\$15.95—Juvenile Fiction / General—32 pp.—Feb. 4/20—ages 3-7

A compassionate story of a mother and daughter living below the poverty line.



The Day Saida Arrived by Susana Gomez Redondo, illustrated by Sonja Wimmer, trans. by Lawrence Schimel—9781733121255—Blue Dot Kids Press—HC—\$26.95—Juvenile Fiction / Diversity & Multicultural / Social Themes —32 pp.—Sept. 25/20—ages 3-7

Two young girls forge a beautiful friendship across languages (English and Arabic).



Princess Arabella at the Museum by Mylo Freeman—9781913175061—Cassava Republic Press—HC—\$25.50—Juvenile Fiction / New Experience—32 pp.—Oct. 30/20—ages 3-7

Princess Arabella and her friends explore a museum in a celebration of diversity in art.



Too Much Stuff by Emily Gravett—9781509857333—Pan Macmillan—HC—\$24.99—Juvenile Fiction / Social / General—32 pp.—Sept. 22/20—ages 3-7

A whimsical new tale from the beloved and award-winning author of *Tidy*.



May Saves the Day by Laura Gehl, illustrated by Serena Lombardo—9781684461028—Capstone—HC—\$22.95—Juvenile Fiction / Humorous Stories / Science & Nature - Weather / Social Themes - Friendship—32 pp.—August 1/20—ages 4-7

Award-winning author Laura Gehl brings word play to a new level in this adventurous and funny story.



Do Not Let Your Dragon Spread Germs by Julie Gassman, illustrated by Andy Elkerton—9781684463657—Capstone—HC—\$21.95—Juvenile Fiction / Animals - Dragons, Unicorns & Mythical / Humorous Stories / School & Education—32 pp.—Jan. 1/21—ages 4-7

Fun rhyming text and dynamic illustrations teach kids (and their dragons) how to share joy without spreading germs!



What You Don't Know (Not a Coming-Out Story) by Anastasia Higginbotham—9781948340298—Dottir Press—HC—\$29.50—Juvenile Fiction / LGBT / Social Themes - Adolescence & Coming of Age / Boys & Men—96 pp.—Feb. 5/21—ages 8-12

This new addition to the Ordinary Terrible Things series encourages trusting kids to trust themselves.



Discovering Energy by Veronica Sanz, illustrated by Eduard Altarriba—9781787080492—Button Books—HC—\$26.95— Juvenile Nonfiction / Science & Nature / Discoveries—48 pp.—May 11/20—ages 8-12

A fun introduction to the world of energy, accompanied by bright and dynamic illustrations.

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Dalya and the Magic Ink Bottle by J.M. Evenson, illustrated by Craig Phillips—9781684461301—Capstone—HC—\$16.95—Juvenile Fiction / Animals - Dragons, Unicorns & Mythical / Family - Multigenerational / Fantasy & Magic—200 pp.—August 1/20—ages 10-14

When a jinn misinterprets Dalya's wish to go home, she is stuck exploring Istanbul's underworld as a cat!



**Happy, Healthy Minds illustrated by Lizzy Stewart, edited by Alain Botton—9781912891191—School of Life—HC—\$37.50—Juvenile Nonfiction / Social Situations / Emotions & Feelings—176 pp.—Oct. 16/20—ages 10 and up

A guide designed to help children become more aware and less afraid of their emotional needs.



The Hill by Ali Bryan—9781948340328—Dottir Press—PB—\$23.95—YA Fic / Dystopian / Action & Adventure - Survival Stories—296 pp.—Nov. 20/20—ages 11-18

A feminist dystopian novel that explores gender, power, and the search for truth in a biased world.



Boy Queen by George Lester—9781529042115—Pan Macmillan—PB—\$17.99—YA Fic / Coming of Age—400 pp.—Sept. 22/20—ages 12-18



A joyful and poignant debut novel about one boy's journey into drag.



*Banned Book Club by Kim Hyun Sook and Ryan Estrada, illustrated by Hyung-Ju Ko—9781945820427—Iron Circus Comics—PB—\$22.50—YA NonFic / Comics & Graphic Novels / Biography—192 pp.—May 29/20—ages 13-19

A dramatic true story about political division and activism, told in a striking graphic format.



Send Pics by Lauren McLaughlin—9781948340267—Dottir Press—PB—\$25.50—YA Fic / Coming of Age—392 pp.—May 1 /20—ages 14 and up

A book for the current feminist movement, Send Pics is a fierce thriller about predators, revenge, and empathy.



EDELWEISS Spellbound by Bishakh Som—9781951491031—Street Noise Books—PB—\$28.50— YA NonFic / Comics & Graphic Novels / Biography —160 pp.—Sept. 4/20—ages 16 and up

An exquisite and intimate graphic novel memoir by transgender artist Bishakh Som.



EDELWEISS Girls Lost by Jessica Schiefauer, translated by Saskia Vogel—9781941920954—Deep Vellum Publishing—PB—\$23.95—Fiction / Contemporary Women—186 pp.—March 21/20—ages 14 and up

Playing with gender and agency, this thriller explores how we shape our identity, and how we cope with our own transformations.



EDELWEISS Cane Warriors by Alex Wheatle—9781617758553—Akashic Books—PB—\$22.50—YA Fic / People & Places / Caribbean & Latin America—192 pp.—Oct. 30/20—ages 12-18

Best-seller Wheatle tells a powerful story of a 14-year-old slave in 1760's Jamaica who joins a rebellion.

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JK-Grade 3



Bug Girl: A True Story by Sophia Spencer and Margaret McNamara, illustrated by KERASCOET | Tundra Books | 9780735267527 | \$21.99 HC | Picture Book | 44 pages | February 2020 | Ages 4-8 Sarnia's 7-year-old Sophia Spencer was bullied for loving bugs until hundreds of women scientists rallied around her. Also: *Stay Curious!*



Curious Comparisons: A Life-Size Look at the World Around You by Jorge Doneiger, illustrated by Guido Chouela, David Sisso and Marcelo Setton | Candlewick | 9781536200218 | \$21.99 HC | Picture Book | 64 pages | October 2020 | Ages 4-8 Life-size photos and a clever text explore concepts of size, measurement, time, and more. Also: Solid, Liquid, Gassy.



Only a Tree Knows How to Be a Tree by Mary Murphy | Candlewick | 9781536214703 | \$22.99HC | Picture Book | 32 pages | March 2020 | Ages 3-7 We are all unique, and the only ones who know how to be us: the concept of self for very young readers. Also: *The Same But Different Too*.



Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall | Candlewick | 9781536207163 | \$22.99HC | Picture Book | 32 pages | September 2020 | Ages 4-8 A tale that shows that through perseverance and flexibility, an inventive thought can become a brilliant reality. Also: *The Problem With Problems*.



Kindness Grows by Britta Teckentrup | Tiger Tales | 9781680102291 | \$23.99HC | Picture Book | 32 pages | September 2020 | Ages 3-7 Die-cut pages feature a sapling that grows into a flowering tree with each turn of the page as kindness is spread. Also: *Sun and Moon Have a Tea Party*.



The Power of One: Every Act of Kindness Counts by Trudy Ludwig, illustrated by Mike Curato | Alfred A. Knopf BFYR | 9781524771584 | \$23.99HC | Picture Book | 40 pages | August 2020 | Ages 4-8 One child reaches out to a classmate who seems lonely, beginning a chain reaction of kindness in her school and community. Also: Stand Up! Speak Up!



The Boy and the Gorilla by Jackie Azúa Kramer, illustrated by Cindy Derby | Candlewick | 9780763698324 | \$22.99HC | Picture Book | 48 pages | October 2020 | Ages 4-8 This profoundly moving tale about a grieving boy and an imaginary gorilla makes real the power of talking about loss. Also: *Rain Before Rainbows*.



Grades 4-8

The Times Machine! Learn Multiplication and Division...Like, Yesterday! by Danica McKellar, illustrated by Josée Masse | Crown BFYR | 9781101934029 | \$25.99TR | Young Middle Grade Nonfiction | 232 pages | June 2020 | Ages 7-10 | Colorful stories and silly rhymes translate and clarify the rules and methods of multiplication and division. Also: Sir Cumference Gets Decima's Point.



The Talk: Conversations About Race, Love and Truth by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson | Crown BFYR | 9780593121610 | \$22.99HC | Middle Grade Nonfiction | 160 pages | August 2020 | Ages 10-up Short stories, essays, poems, and art comprise a call-to-action that invites everyone to be anti-racist and advocates for change. Also: *Box*.



The Warrior Challenge: 8 Quests for Boys to Grow Up With Kindness, Courage and Grit by John Beede; illustrated by Johnny Dombrowski | Random House BFYR | 9780593175293 | \$22.99HC | Middle Grade Nonfiction | 272 pages | September 2020 | Ages 9-12 Interactive storytelling, real-life stories, and challenges teach boys to be empathetic, vulnerable, and authentically themselves. Also: *Wild Girl*.



Clan by Sigmund Brouwer | Tundra Books | 9781101918494 | \$21.99HC | Middle Grade Fiction | 256 pages | August 2020 | Ages 9-12 A classic survival story following the adventures of Atlatl and the saber tooth cub he rescues from a dire wolf attack. Also: *Turtle Boy* (grades 7-8)



Stepping Stones (Peapod Farm #1) by Lucy Knisley | Random House Graphic | 9781984896841 | \$17.99 TR | 9780593125243 | \$27.99HC | Middle Grade Graphic Novel | 224 pages | May 2020 | Ages 8-12 A graphic novel based on the author's childhood: a blended family with new sisters, a new country home and math challenges. Also: Seven Clues to Home (grades 7-8)



High School

Dear Justyce by Nic Stone Crown BFYR | 9781984829665 | \$24.99HC | YA Fiction | 288 pages | September 2020 Ages 14-up An unflinching look into the flawed practices and silenced voices in the juvenile justice system. The sequel to *Dear Martin*. Also: *Nickel Boys*.



Home Home by Lisa Allen-Agostini | Delacorte Press | 9781984893581 | \$23.99HC | YA Fiction | 160 pages | May 2020 | Ages 14-up After being hospitalized for depression, a teenager moves from Trinidad to Canada to live with the aunt she barely knows. Also: Finding My Voice.



Girl Crushed by Katie Heaney | Alfred A. Knopf BFYR | 9781984897343 | \$24.99 HC | YA Fiction | 352 pages | April 2020 | Ages 12-up A queer romance about falling in love and never quite falling out of itheartbreak, unexpected new crushes, and all. Also: *Date Me, Bryson Keller*.



Together, Apart by Erin A. Craig, Auriane Desombre, Erin Hahn, Bill Konigsberg, Rachael Lippincott, Brittney Morris, Sajni Patel, Natasha Preston and Jennifer Yen | Delacorte Press | 9780593375297 | \$13.99TR Original | Short Stories | 288 pages | October 2020 | Ages 12-up Original contemporary love stories set during life in Covid lockdown by some of today's most popular YA authors. Also: Color Outside the Lines; Coming Up for Air; Making Friends With Alice.



A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson | Delacorte Press | 9781984896360 | \$23.99HC | YA Fiction | 400 pages | February 2020 | Ages 14-up | A closed local murder case that doesn't add up, and a girl who's determined to find the real killer. Also: *Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know; The Cousins*.



Smooth by Matt Burns | Candlewick | 9781536204384 | \$23.99HC | YA Fiction | 368 pages | June 2020 | Ages 14-up A wry, wistful novel about a boy dealing with the absurdities of high school, longing and heartbreak, and a body out of control. Also: *Just Our Luck*.



A Mind Spread Out on the Ground by Alicia Elliott | Anchor Canada | 9780385692403 | \$21.00TR | Nonfiction | 240 pages | June 2020 | Ages 16-up Probing questions about the treatment of indigenous people in North America and the legacy of colonialism. Also: *Highway of Tears*.



Shame on Me: An Anatomy of Race and Belonging by Tessa McWatt | Random House Canada | 9780735277434 | \$24.95TR | Nonfiction | 240 pages | March 2020 | Ages 16-up A personal exploration of history, colour and identity, by a writer who has dealt with confusion about her race all her life.



The Skin We're In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power by Desmond Cole | Doubleday Canada | 9780385686341 | \$29.95HC | Nonfiction | 256 pages | January 2020 | Ages 16-up Puncturing Canadian smugness and assumptions of a post-racial nation, a year in the struggle against racism.

Commanding Hope: The Power We Have to Renew a World in Peril by Thomas Homer-Dixon | Knopf Canada | 9780307363169 | \$36.00HC | Nonfiction | 464 pages | September 2020 | Ages 16-up Homer-Dixon offers tools to rescue a world on the brink. Also: On Fire.



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