

Children's Literature Update 2014

New board books – for babies and toddlers, ages 0 - 2

- Baby Animal Farm* by Karen Blair. Candlewick, 2014.
Cat Comes Too and *Dog Comes Too* by Hazel Hutchins. Annick, 2013.
You Are My Baby: Garden and *You Are My Baby: Ocean* by Lorena Siminovich. Chronicle, 2014.
The Eyes Game by Herve Tullet. Phaidon, 2014.

New picture books – to read aloud to children ages 2 – 5 – preschoolers

- Mighty Dads* by Joan Holub. Scholastic, 2014.
Hooray for Hat! by Brian Won. Houghton, 2014.
Big Bad Bubble by Adam Rubin. Clarion, 2014.
Big Bug by Henry Cole. S&S, 2014.
Number One Sam by Greg Pizzoli. Hyperion, 2014.
My Bus by Byron Barton. Greenwillow, 2014.
Found by Salina Yoon. Walker, 2014.
Five Trucks by Brian Floca. S&S, 2014.
Peggy: a Brave Chicken on a Big Adventure. Clarion, 2014.

New easy readers – for children ages 5 - 6, or Kindergarten to first grade

- A Pet for Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold. Scholastic, 2014.
I Said "Bed!" by Bruce Degen. Holiday House, 2014.
Show's Over (FETCH! with Ruff Ruffman series) by Jamie Michalak. Candlewick, 2014.
Doggie Duties (FETCH! with Ruff Ruffman series) by Jamie Michalak. Candlewick, 2014.
Tippy and the Night Parade by Lilli Carre. Candlewick/Toon, 2014.

Special Topic: Very easy to read, just a few words per page books for the youngest emergent readers:

- Ball* by Mary Sullivan. Houghton, 2013.
Duck, Duck, Moose by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen. Disney/Hyperion, 2014.
SPLAT! Starring the Vole Brothers by Roslyn Schwartz, Owlkids, 2014.
Ah Ha! by Jeff Mack. Chronicle, 2013.
Good News, Bad News by Jeff Mack. Chronicle, 2012.
Mr. Wuffles! by David Wiesner. Clarion, 2013.
Hello! Hello! by Matt Cordell. Disney/Hyperion, 2012.
Moo! by David LaRochelle. Walker, 2013.
Hooray for Hat! by Brian Won. Houghton, 2014.

New transitional fiction – for ages 7 - 8, or 2nd and 3rd grades

- Let's Get Cracking! (Kung Pow Chicken, Book One)* by Cyndi Marko. Scholastic, 2014.
Monkey Me and the Golden Monkey (Monkey Me, Book One) by Timothy Roland. Scholastic, 2014.
My Explosive Diary (Eliza Bloom, Book One) by Emily Gale. S&S, 2014.

Bookmarks Are People, Too! (Here's Hank, Book One) by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver. G&D, 2014.

Bad Kitty Drawn to Trouble by Nick Bruel. Roaring Brook, 2014.

New poetry for children

Poem Depot: Aisles of Smiles by Douglas Florian. Dial, 2014.

Outside the Box: A Book of Poems by Karma Wilson. Margaret K. McElderry, 2014.

Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems by Paul B. Janeczko. Candlewick, 2014.

New graphic novels for under age 12:

Target Practice (Cleopatra in Space, Book One) by Mike Maihack. Graphix, 2014.

Toto Trouble #1: Back to Crass by Thierry Copee. Papercutz, 2014.

The Glorkian Warrior Delivers a Pizza by James Kochalka. First Second, 2014.

Pop Culture-related books:

Rerelease of the series “Ricky Ricotta’s Might Robot” by Dav Pilkey, Scholastic, 2014, with new full-color illustrations by Dan Santat.

Bugged! How Insects Changed History by Sarah Albee. Walker, 2014.

The Loch Ness Monster (Cryptid Files, Book One) by Jean Flitcroft. Darby Creek, 2014.

21st Century Skills Innovation Library series on Makers Space skills, from Cherry Lake Publishing. Titles by various authors, including *Maker Faire, Makerspaces, Raspberry Pi, Soldering, Game Design, E-textiles, Html Coding, Arduino, and 3D Printing*.

New Feature Films based on tween books:

“Dear Dumb Diary” directed by Kristen Hanggi. Walden Media, 2013, out on DVD.

Based on the series of books “Dear Dumb Diary” by Jamie Kelly and Jim Benton.

“Maleficent” starring Angelina Jolie in this live-action spinoff of Sleeping Beauty, out May 30th. Could inspire readers to seek out Grimms Fairytales.

“The Fault In Our Stars” starring Shailene Woodley, out June 6th. Based on the book of the same name by John Green.

“How to Train Your Dragon 2” an animated sequel out June 13th, based on the books by Cressida Cowell.

“The Giver” out August 15th, based on the Newbery Medal winning book by Lois Lowry.

“If I Stay” starring Chloe Grace Moretz, out August 22nd, based on the Young Adult novel by Gayle Forman.

New nonfiction that fits the Common Core Standards

Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World by Steve Jenkins. Houghton, 2014.

A Baby Elephant in the Wild by Caitlin O’Connell. Houghton, 2014.

The Park Scientists: Gila Monsters, Geysers, and Grizzly Bears in America’s Own Backyard. Houghton, 2014.

Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights by Steve Sheinkin. Roaring Brook, 2014.

Pure Grit: How American World War II Nurses Survived Battle and Prison Camp in the Pacific by Mary Cronk Farrell. Abrams, 2014.

Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals in Nature by Sarah C. Campbell. Boyds Mills, 2014.

Gravity by Jason Chin. Roaring Brook, 2014.

The Girl from the Tar Paper School: Barbara Rose Johns and the Advent of the Civil Rights Movement by Teri Kanefield. Abrams, 2014.

Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of World War I's Bravest Dog by Ann Bausum. National Geographic, 2014.

The Pilot and the Little Prince; The Life of Antoine de Sint-Exupery by Peter Sis. Farrar, 2014.

Lives of the Explorers by Kathleen Krull and Kathryn Hewitt. Houghton, 2014.

He Has Shot the President! April 14, 1865: The Day John Wilkes Booth Killed President Lincoln by Don Brown. Roaring Brook, 2014.

Special topic: informational picture books for primary grades (also see other handout on this topic)

Eat Like a Bear by April Pulley Sayre. Holt, 2013.

See What a Seal Can Do by Chris Butterworth. Candlewick, 2013.

Lifetime: the Amazing Numbers by Lola M. Schaefer. Chronicle, 2013.

New children's novels by genre:

Fantasy

A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd. Scholastic, 2014.

The Forbidden Library by Django Wexler. Dawson/Penguin, 2014.

The Ninja Librarians: the Accidental Keyhand by Jen Swann Downey. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2014.

Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy by Karen Foxlee. Knopf, 2014.

Saving Lucas Biggs by Marisa De Los Santos and David Teague. Harper, 2014.

Historical Fiction

The Escape (Horses of the Dawn, Book One) by Kathryn Lasky. Scholastic, 2014.

Revolution by Deborah Wiles. Scholastic, 2014.

Dust of Eden by Mariko Nagai. Whitman, 2014.

The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel. S&S, 2014.

Humor

Just Jake by Jake Marcionette. G&D, 2014.

The Meaning of Maggie by Jegan Jean Sovern. Chronicle, 2014.

Adventure

The Mysterious Woods of Whistle Root by Christopher Pennell. Houghton, 2013.

There Will Be Bears by Ryan Gebhart. Candlewick, 2014.

Raven's Mountain by Wendy Orr. Allen & Unwin. 2013.

A Dark Inheritance (Unicorne Files, Book One) by Chris D'Lacey. Scholastic, 2014.

Sports

Gold Medal Winter by Donna Freitas. Arthur A. Levine, 2014.
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander. Houghton, 2014.
Hope Is a Ferris Wheel by Robin Herrera. Abrams, 2014.

Mystery

Found Things by Marilyn Hilton. Atheneum, 2014.
A Hitch at the Fairmont by Jim Averback. Atheneum, 2014.
Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile by Marcia Wells. Houghton, 2014.
Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier. Abrams, 2014.

Science Fiction

Alien Encounter (Sasquatch and Aliens, Book One) by Charise Mericle Harper. Holt, 2014.
The Lost Planet by Rachel Searles. Feiwel, 2014.
The Mark of the Dragonfly by Jaleigh Johnson. Delacorte, 2014.

Realistic/Contemporary

Zane and the Hurricane: a Story of Katrina by W.R. Philbrick. Blue Sky/Scholastic, 2014.
Half a Chance by Cynthia Lord. Scholastic, 2014.
Also Known as Elvis by James Howe. Atheneum, 2014.

Special topic: short novels for tweens with appeal for reluctant readers (see other handout on this topic)

The 9 Lives of Alexander Baddenfield by John Bemelmans Marciano. Viking, 2013.
Ava and Pip by Carol Weston. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2014.
Greetings from the Graveyard (43 Old Cemetery Road, Book Six) by Kate Klise. Houghton, 2014.
A Medal for Leroy by Michael Morgurgo. Feiwel, 2014.
Fly Away by Patricia MacLachlan. S&S, 2014.

Multicultural Books for Younger Children:

The Wild Berries by Julie Flett, Simply Read Books, 2013.
The Cucuy Stole My Cascarones/El Coco Me Robo Los Cascarones. Pinata Books, 2013.
Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas by Natasha Yim. Charlesbridge, 2014.
Leo Loves Baby Time by Anna McQuinn. Charlesbridge, 2014.
I Pledge Allegiance by Pat Mora and Libby Martinez. Knopf, 2014.
Little Roja Riding Hood by Susan Middleton Elya. Putnam, 2014.
Let's Salsa/Bailemos Salsa by Lupe Ruiz-Flores. Pinata Books, 2013.

Multicultural Books for Older Children:

The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson. Arthur A Levine, 2014.
Silver People: Voices from the Panama Canal by Margarita Engle. Houghton, 2014.
Sorrow's Knot by Erin Bow. Arthur A. Levine, 2013.
Saving Kabul Corner by N.H. Senzai. S&S, 2014.
The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond by Brenda Woods. Penguin, 2014.

Secrets of the Terra-Cotta Soldier by Ying Chang Compestine. Abrams, 2014.
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander. Houghton, 2014.
Gold Medal Winter by Donna Freitas. Arthur A. Levine, 2014.
The Sittin' Up by Shelia P. Moses. Putnam, 2014.

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