

2018-19 Master List Bibliography With Annotations

Acampora, Paul. *How to Avoid Extinction*. Scholastic Press, 2016.

Hardcover: 9780545899062; Ebook: 9780545899086

Ever wanted to take a cross-country road trip? This trip starts out as a journey to find fossils, but will tug you along as you encounter goofy relatives, smelly dogs, and new friends. Read this book and find out if they found everything they were looking for and figured out everything they were wondering about.

Bowman, Donna Janell. Illustrated by Daniel Minter. *Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World About Kindness*. Lee and Low Books, 2016.

Hardcover: 9781620141489

A horse that can fetch? Nice trick, some might say. A horse that can spell his name, add numbers and tell time? No way, many might say. Meet Beautiful Jim Key, the horse that could do all that and so much more. Now meet William "Doc" Key, a former slave and dedicated, self-taught veterinarian who trained Jim Key to perform tricks that astonished audiences around the country. Believing in the humane treatment of animals, Doc Key proved that "with kindness, anything is possible."

Chin, Jason. *Grand Canyon*. Neal Porter Books/ Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2017.

Hardcover: 9781250155436

The Grand Canyon is a grand place for father and daughter to explore the billions of years of change. Travel with them and discover the science and wonder of plants, animals, and surprises you might encounter on a trip through the Grand Canyon!

Engle, Margarita. Illustrated by Rafael López. *Bravo! Poems About Amazing Hispanics*. Godwin Books / Henry Holt, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2017.

Hardcover: 9780805098761

Juan de Miralles, Juana Briones, Tito Puente and Roberto Clemente. These four plus fourteen more Hispanics are showcased in this boldly illustrated, concise poetry collection. Written in free verse, these first-person poems celebrate the lives and contributions of Hispanics from diverse backgrounds and different time periods. Some are well-known figures and some not so much, but all are amazing!

Gilbert, Matthew J. and Honest Lee. Illustrated by Joelle Dreidemy. *The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13*. Little, Brown and Company, 2017.

Hardcover: 9780316464642

What would you do if you won the lottery? Ms. Linda LaCrosse decides to buy a lottery ticket to add to her math lesson and promises to share the winnings with everyone in Classroom 13. The usually unlucky teacher hits an incredible jackpot with each student receiving a billion dollars. Now the students have to decide what to do with their share, and they find winning the lottery is not always a dream come true.

Gratz, Alan. *Refugee*. Scholastic Press, 2017.

Hardcover: 9780545880831; Ebook: 9780545880879; Audiobook: 9781338191073;
Downloadable Audiobook: 9781338191059

Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are all on the run. Josef from the Nazis in Germany, Isabel from riots and civil unrest in Cuba, and Mahmoud from war and destruction in Syria. They each face many dangers on their long journeys: bombs, drownings, betrayals. Hope of finding refuge for their families is the only thing that keeps them going. Although separated by time and space, their stories are tied together in ways that keep hope for the future alive and past mistakes from being repeated.

Grimes, Nikki. *Garvey's Choice*. Wordsong, an imprint of Highlights Press, 2016.

Hardcover: 9781629797403.

Garvey loves music and books more than sports, but his dad keeps trying to get him involved in sports even though Garvey isn't very good at them. Feeling his Dad doesn't accept him for himself, Garvey fills this void with food, which results in him being teased at school. Garvey has an important choice to make in this beautifully written novel in verse.

Haring, Kay A.. Illustrated by Robert Neubecker. *Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing*.

Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group, 2017. Hardcover: 9780525428190

Told through the loving voice of his sister, this picture book biography of Keith Haring tells of his passion for drawing and painting on any surface he could find, from canvases to buildings. The touching story of a talented, compassionate, and selfless artist whose life ended way too soon at the age of 31 is upbeat and celebratory.

Hautman, Pete. *Slider*. Candlewick Press, 2017.

Hardcover: 978-0763690700; CD: 9781536685527; MP3 CD: 9781536685534

David can eat more than you. David can eat faster than you. Eating is David's favorite sport, and he trains hard. But after accidentally charging \$2,000 to his mom's credit card, David will have to scarf down more than everyone at the Super Pigorino Bowl pizza-eating contest in order to pay her back. Can David secretly step up his eating game, while also taking care of his younger brother Mal, who lives by a completely different set of rules? With the help of his pals Cyn and HeyMan, and his own enormous appetite, he may be able to avoid being grounded for life.

Hayes, Joe. Illustrated by Antonio Castro L. *Grandpa's Hal-La-Loo-Ya Hambone*. Cinco Puntos Press, 2016.

Hardcover: 9781941026540; Trade paper: 9781941026557

Back in the days when people made do by reusing things and eating lots of big bowls of beans, Joe's father splurged on a big juicy hambone to add a special flavor to the endless bowls of beans. Being thrifty, Joe's mother would hang the hambone out to dry and reuse it the next Sunday. Soon neighbors were borrowing the hambone to flavor their beans, and that is the beginning of a tall tale which will have you laughing and shouting "Hal-La-Loo-Ya!"

Kelly, Erin Entrada. Illustrated by Isabel Roxas. *Hello, Universe*. Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2017.

Hardcover: 9780062414151; Ebook: 9780062414175; AUD: 9780062661654

Do you believe in coincidence? Karoi, a young psychic, and her outspoken little sister prove that there is no such thing as coincidence. When Virgil goes missing, Valencia finds herself on the psychic's doorstep. Each of the four perspectives paints a beautiful and diverse picture that prove that all you need to do is "close your eyes and move your lips and send your thoughts through the universe" and they may come true.

Khan, Hena. *Amina's Voice*. Salaam Reads, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers, 2017.

Hardcover: 9781481492065; Ebook: 9781481492089;

Trade Paper: 9781481492072 (available 3/13/18)

Amina is not one to seek the limelight nor be the center of attention. She's always been the happiest when hanging out with her friends and enjoying her family's delicious Pakistani cuisine. However, everything changes when she enters middle school--her friends begin trying to hang out with the popular girls and her family welcomes a relative visiting from Pakistan. See how quiet Amina finds her strident voice and makes a place for herself in this heartwarming tale.

King, Amy Sarig. *Me and Marvin Gardens*. Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic Press, 2017.

Hardcover:

9780545870740; Ebook: 9780545870771

With new housing developments taking over the farmland which had once belonged to Obe's family, Obe worries about pollution, especially in the creek that runs through what's left of his family's property. The appearance of mysterious Marvin Gardens, an animal of unknown species, inspires Obe to protect not just the creek, but the animal as well. Will Obe, his best friend, and an insightful teacher be able to save not only the environment from pollution, but the unidentifiable Marvin Gardens?

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs and June Jo Lee. Illustrated by Man One. *Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix*. Readers to Eaters, 2017. Hardcover: 978-0983661597

Chef Roy Choi has created a recipe for success: combine one part classical chef with one part street cook. Add in a sprinkle of family, a dash of culture, and a pinch of sohn-maash. Mix well and serve with a smile. Learn about Chef Roy Choi's many remixes in this vibrantly illustrated story that will make you want to create a remix of your own.

McCormick, Patricia. Illustrated by Iacopo Bruno. *Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero*. Balzer & Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2017.

Hardcover: 9780062292599

Inspirational true story of "Sergeant Reckless", a brave little colt with a big appetite who despite all odds, becomes a highly decorated U.S. Marine. With beautiful bold illustrations, readers will be inspired by his bravery, and experience the unexplainable bond between man and animal.

McDonough, Yona Zeldis. *The Bicycle Spy*. Scholastic Press, 2016.
Hardcover: 9780545850957; Ebook: 9780545851824; Downloadable Audiobook:
9781338051223

It's 1942, and Marcel dreams of riding in the Tour de France while he delivers bread from his parents' bakery. Unfortunately the race is on hiatus due to WWII, and German soldiers occupy Marcel's town. Daydreams turn to nightmares when Marcel makes a fateful discovery, and the question becomes, does Marcel have the courage to go the distance in the most important race of his life?

Oh, Ellen. *Spirit Hunters*. Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2017.
Hardcover: 9780062430083; Ebook: 9780062430106

Seventh grader Harper Raine and her family move to a house in Washington D.C. that people say is haunted. Harper is trying to recall traumatizing events from her past while also trying to save her brother from his new imaginary friend who is quickly turning him into a terrifying and violent 4-year-old. With the help of her estranged Korean grandmother and her new Jamaican best friend, they discover deeply creepy and haunting issues within the walls of their house.

Selfors, Suzanne. Illustrated by Barbara Fisinger. *Wedgie and Gizmo*. Katherine Tegen Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2017.

Hardcover: 9780062447630; E: 9780062447647; AUD: 9780062683540

Meet two unlikely frenemies, Wedgie and Gizmo, who have been brought together through the blending of two families. Wedgie is the fun loving corgi who will do everything to protect his new family and Gizmo is the evil genius hamster who will do anything to take over the world. Quirky illustrations and laugh out loud predicaments teach the true meaning of family and friendship.

Tarpley, Natasha. *The Harlem Charade*. Scholastic Press, 2017.

Hardcover: 9780545783873; Ebook: 9780545783897

After Elvin's grandfather is attacked, Elvin joins forces with Alexandra and Jinn to find the guilty party. A nefarious politician wants to open a historically-inaccurate theme park called Harlem World. Using art, mystery, and the Harlem landscape, the trio try to find the culprit and stop the construction. Will they succeed?

Torres, Jennifer. *Stef Soto, Taco Queen*. Little, Brown and Company, 2017.

Hardcover: 9780316306867; Trade Paper: 978-0316306843

Stef Soto wants her new nickname, "Taco Queen", to go away, along with her papi's taco truck, the Tia Perla. When she rides to school in her Dad's food truck, she hates that the smell of cilantro and onions clings to her. She wishes her dad had an ordinary job with an ordinary car, but when new city regulations threaten her papi's business, Stef has to think about what matters most.