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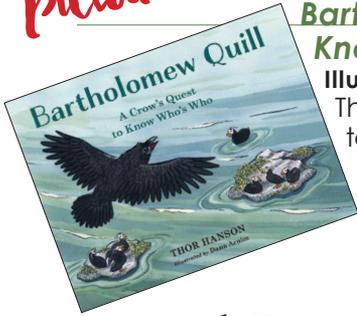


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Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators
Western Washington

picture books



Bartholomew Quill: A Crow's Quest to Know Who's Who

Illustrated by Dana Arnim

The story of Bartholomew Quill, a crow trying to figure out what he is. The rhyming story and beautiful illustrations of Pacific Northwest wildlife make this a fun read-aloud for the whole family.

Little Bigfoot

www.danaarnim.com



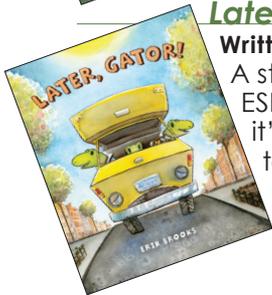
Sleep Baby Sleep

Illustrated by Elizabeth Miyu Blake

Sleep, Baby, Sleep is a classic lullaby paired with enchanting images of families from around the world. Illustrations and text gently lead little ones into dreamland.

xist Publishing

elizabethblake.us



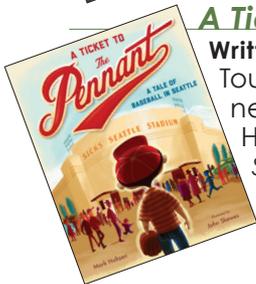
Later, Gator!

Written and Illustrated by Erik Brooks

A story of old friends and how much they matter... ESPECIALLY when you say goodbye—to EVERYONE! But it's also a story... of tears turned to smiles, of goodbyes to hellos, and of new friends added to old!

Sterling Children's

www.erikbrooks.com



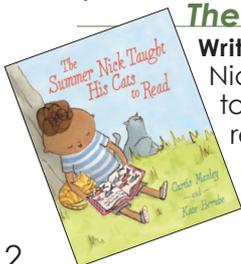
A Ticket to the Pennant

Written by Mark Holtzen

Tour the Seattle of 1955 with Huey as he and his neighborhood cheer for the Seattle Rainiers. If only Huey can find his missing ticket to the game!

Sasquatch Books

www.markholtzen.com



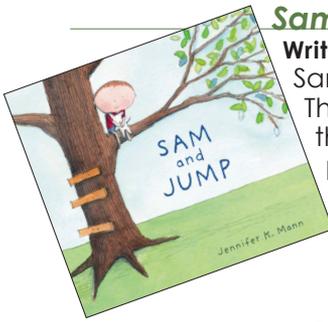
The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read

Written by Curtis Manley

Nick and his cats, Verne and Stevenson, do everything together. Except read. So Nick tries teaching them to read, too! But reading doesn't come easily for everyone. Nick and his cats learn that finding just the right book can make all the difference.

Paula Wiseman/Simon & Schuster

www.curtismanley.com



Sam and Jump

Written and Illustrated by Jennifer K. Mann

Sam and his stuffed bunny, Jump, are best friends. They do everything together. One day, on a trip to the beach, Sam meets Thomas. Sam and Thomas play together all day. But when Sam gets home he realizes Jump is still at the beach!

Candlewick Press

www.jenniferkmann.com



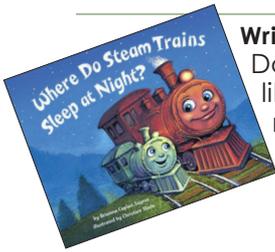
Can One Balloon Make an Elephant Fly?

Written by Dan Richards

Evan asks a simple question, "Can one balloon make an elephant fly?" At first, his mother is too busy to answer. But when she takes the time to play the game...magic happens. Discover the power of a child's imagination...with a little encouragement.

Simon & Schuster

www.danrichardsbooks.com



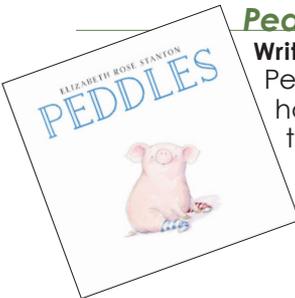
Where Do Steam Trains Sleep at Night?

Written by Brianna Caplan Sayres

Do you ever wonder how trains get ready for bed? Just like you! Freight trains, passenger trains, trolleys—and more—wash up, have a snack and get rocked to sleep beneath a blanket of stars. Perfect for little train lovers with a one-track mind!

Random House

www.briannacaplansayres.com



Peddles

Written and Illustrated by Elizabeth Rose Stanton

Peddles is a little pig with big ideas! But nothing ever happens until a fateful night when he sees something that gives him a really big idea! After some determination, a pair of cowboy boots, and some dancing, Peddles discovers true friendship.

Simon & Schuster Paula Wiseman Books

www.penspaperstudio.com



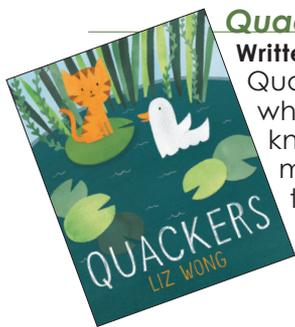
Grandmother Fish

Written by Jonathan Tweet | Illustrated by Karen Lewis

It's the first book to teach evolution to preschoolers. Kids love mimicking the actions and sounds of our ancestors, wiggling like Grandmother Fish and hooting like Grandmother Ape. Life is one big family. Solid science, charming story, gorgeous art.

Macmillan

www.grandmotherfish.com



Quackers

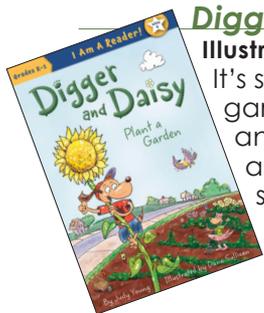
Written and Illustrated by Liz Wong

Quackers is a duck. Sure, he may have paws and whiskers, but he lives among ducks, everyone he knows is a duck, and he's happy. Then Quackers meets another duck who looks like him (talks like him, too!)—but he calls himself a cat. So silly!

Knopf/Random House

www.lizwongillustration.com

early reader



Digger and Daisy Plant a Garden

Illustrated by Dana J. Sullivan

It's springtime and Daisy thinks they should plant a garden with good things to eat. Digger digs the holes and big sister Daisy plants seeds for carrots, tomatoes, and other vegetables. But Digger has a surprise in store for Daisy.

Sleeping Bear Press

www.danajsullivan.com

chapter books



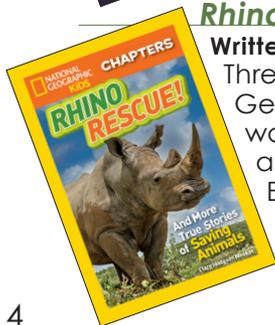
The Hide and Seek Ghost

Written by Dori Hillestad Butler

A family thinks their house is haunted, making it difficult for them to sell it. Will Kaz and Claire be able to figure out what's going on, and find more of Kaz's family members along the way?

Grosset & Dunlap

www.kidswriter.com



Rhino Rescue!

Written by Clare Hodgson Meeker

Three endangered animal rescues! Follow National Geographic Explorers as they move rhinos out of harm's way. Meet a courageous little Hawaiian monk seal and a pair of Siberian tiger cubs fighting for survival.

Engaging photos, fast facts, and fascinating sidebars.

National Geographic

www.claremeeker.com

middle grade

Sophie Topfeather, Superstar!

Written by **Sonja Anderson**

Thorns and thistles! Forced to choose between her owl friends and Timley Mouse, Sophie Topfeather flees the Park. Can she find the courage to be honest with both herself and her friends—before the entire Park goes up in smoke?

Sunpenny Books

www.sonjaandersonbooks.com



River Runs Deep

Written by **Jennifer Bradbury**

In a stunning story that “makes history come alive” (*Booklist*), a boy is sent to Mammoth cave to fight a case of consumption—and ends up fighting for the lives of a secret community of escaped slaves, who are hidden deep underground.

Caitlyn Dlouhy Books/Atheneum S&S

www.jennifer-bradbury.com



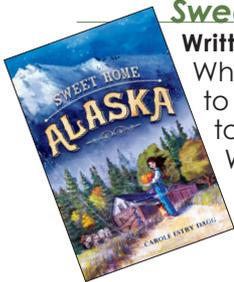
Sweet Home Alaska

Written by **Carole Estby Dagg**

When a New Deal program transports 202 families to Alaska to become self-sufficient farmers, Terpsichore can't wait to be a pioneer, just like her favorite author, Laura Ingalls Wilder. Based on oral histories and period photographs.

Nancy Paulsen/Penguin

www.CaroleEstbyDagg.com



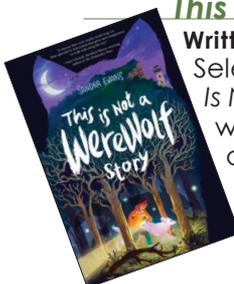
This Is Not a Werewolf Story

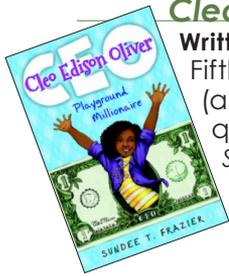
Written by **Sandra Evans**

Selected as an Indies Introduce title for Sum/Fall 2016, *This Is Not a Werewolf Story* tells the story of Raul, a boy of few words, fewer friends, and almost no family, who discovers a secret lighthouse deep in the woods on Whidbey Island.

Simon & Schuster

www.sandra-evans.com





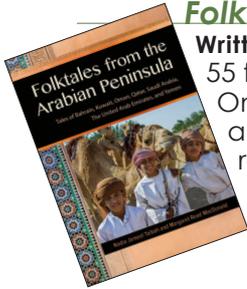
Cleo Edison Oliver: Playground Millionaire

Written by Sundee T. Frazier

Fifth-grader Cleo dreams of building a business empire (and possibly finding her birth family). Will kids go for her quick and (nearly) painless tooth-pulling service?

Scholastic/Arthur A Levine

www.sundeerazier.com



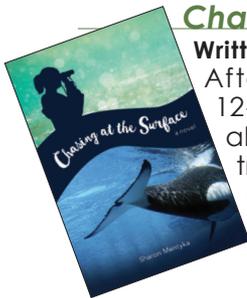
Folktales from the Arabian Peninsula

Written by Margaret Read MacDonald

55 folktales from the Arabian Peninsula (Bahrain Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudia Arabia, The United Arab Emirates, and Yemen) with introductory information about the region.

Libraries Unlimited

www.margaretreaddmacdonald.com



Chasing at the Surface

Written by Sharon Mentyka

After her mother unexpectedly leaves home, 12-year-old Marisa struggles with her feelings of loss and abandonment just as a pod of 19 orca whales become trapped in the enclosed inlet near her Northwest home.

Graphic Arts Books/Westwinds Press

www.sharonmentyka.com



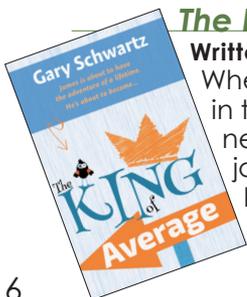
The Secrets of Blueberries, Brothers, Moose & Me

Written by Sara Nickerson

It's the summer of surprises and change for 12-year-old Missy and her older brother, Patrick, as they land their very first jobs—picking blueberries on a farm that has, for years, been guarding a divisive family secret.

Dutton

www.saranickerson.com



The King of Average

Written by Gary Schwartz

When James decides to become the most average kid in the entire world, things begin to happen that would never happen to an ordinary kid, and he sets out on a journey of self-discovery filled with adventure, wit and humor.

Booktrope

www.gary-schwartz.com

young adult



In the Time of Dragon Moon

Written by Janet Lee Carey

Uma and Jackrun must use their combined powers to outwit a secret plot to overthrow the Pendragon throne. But are they strong enough to overcome a murderer aided by prophecy and cloaked in magic?

Kathy Dawson Books/Penguin Group

www.janetleecarey.com



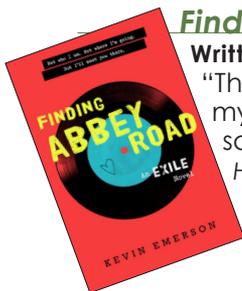
Atlantis Quest

Written by Gloria Crow

Descended from Atlantis, I was raised by humans. Destiny tasked me with defending the greater good of both people, but those I once trusted are keeping secrets. I'm starting to feel like a weapon in a war I don't understand.

Entangled Teen

www.gloriacrow.com



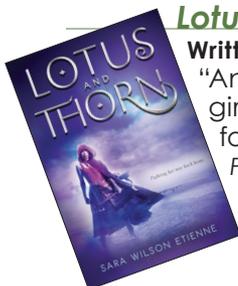
Finding Abbey Road

Written by Kevin Emerson

"The adventure, possibility, and closure that wrap up the mystery-driven, music-fueled Exile series will leave fans satisfied and hopeful." — Kirkus

HarperCollins

www.kevinemerson.net



Lotus and Thorn

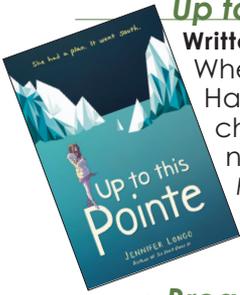
Written by Sara Wilson Etienne

"An ambitious, action-filled adventure that chronicles one girl's rebellion and the world-shaking revelations that follow." — Kirkus

Putnam/Penguin

www.sarawilsonetienne.com

Up to this Pointe



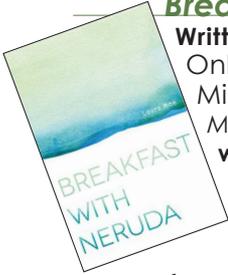
Written by Jennifer Longo

When her dreams of being a ballerina unexpectedly die, Harper Scott flees to Antarctica, where just surviving is a challenge. In the icy darkness will she find a new path, a new life – maybe even love?

Random House

www.jenlongo.com

Breakfast with Neruda



Written by Laura Moe

Only 18-year-old Michael Flynn's immediate family knows Michael lives in his car because his mother is a hoarder.

Merit Press

www.laura-moe.blogspot.com

Bleed, Blister, Puke, and Purge



Written by J Marini Younker

Riots over the medical use of cadavers. Public access to institutions for the insane. And surgeries without anesthetics or painkillers. BBPP exposes the dirty secrets behind early American medicine, from the colonial era to the late 1800s.

Zest

www.oddelights.com



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Session 3, 3:30 - 5:00 PM

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