

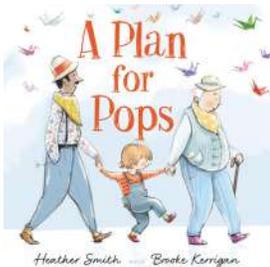
New Selections for K-8 & High School, Spring 2019



We are pleased to present the latest selection of Top Grade titles for students of all ages. These samples come to you **free of charge** to preview and share within your school board. The selection includes the best that Canadian publishers have to offer. As always, we encourage you to **enjoy** the review copies included in the mailing, **share** the books and catalogues with your colleagues, and **purchase** any titles you're interested in from your preferred wholesaler or bookseller.

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K-8 Selections



PLAN FOR POPS

HEATHER SMITH
ILLUSTRATED BY BROOKE KERRIGAN

In this illustrated picture book, a child helps their grandparents deal with a difficult change in abilities.

ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS • 9781459816145 • 19.95 • Hardcover • Age 3-5 • Grades K-2 • Language Arts • Ebook available: 9781459816169
Also available: Angus All Aglow by Heather Smith • Author available for school visits @heather_t_smith

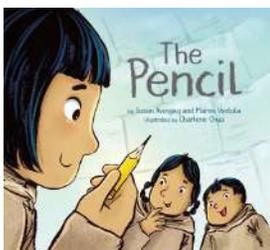


CELEBRATING TOONIK TYME

NADIA SAMMURTOK
ILLUSTRATED BY TIM MACK

Toonik Tyme is a lot of fun! This book describes different things that happen during Toonik Tyme, an annual festival in Iqaluit that celebrates Inuit traditions and the return of spring.

INHABIT EDUCATION • 9780228702559 • 7.95 • Hardcover • Age: 5-7 • Grade: K-2 Language and Literacy • Diversity and Indigenous Perspectives • History and Heritage
Also available: The Happy Mosquito by Nadia Sammurtok

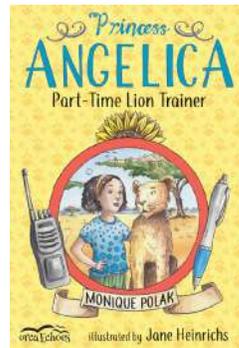


THE PENCIL

SUSAN AVINGAQ AND MAREN VSETULA
ILLUSTRATED BY: CHARLENE CHUA

Susan and her sister, Rebecca, love watching their mother write letters. Their mother has one precious pencil, and she keeps it safe in her box for special things. One afternoon, Mom leaves the iglu to help a neighbour, and Susan and Rebecca are left with their father. They soon out of things to do...until Dad brings out the pencil! As Susan draws, the pencil grows shorter. What will Mom think when she comes home?

INHABIT MEDIA • 9781772272161 • 16.95 • Hardcover • Age 5-7 • Grade K-2 Language and Literacy • Diversity and Indigenous Perspectives • History and History • Also available: Fishing with Grandma by Susan Avingaq and Maren Vsetula • @charlenedraws

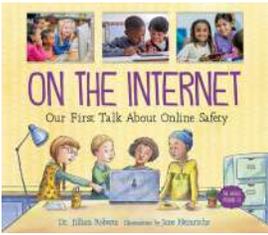


PRINCESS ANGELICA, PART-TIME LION TRAINER

MONIQUE POLAK
ILLUSTRATED BY JANE HEINRICHS

In this illustrated early chapter book, Angelica allows a new friend to believe she is a part-time lion trainer in training.

ORCA BOOK PUBLISHING • 9781459815476 • 6.95 Paperback • Age: 6-8 • Grade: 2-4 • Language Arts
Ebook available: 978149815490 • Also available: Princess Angelica, Camp Catastrophe by Monique Polak
Author available for local school visits @monique_polak

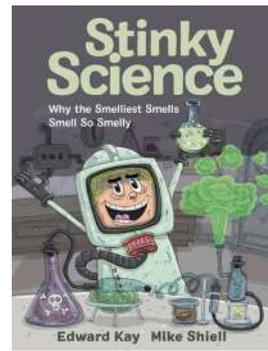


ON THE INTERNET

DR. JILLIAN ROBERTS
ILLUSTRATED BY JANE HEINRICHS

Using illustrations, full-color photographs and straightforward text, this nonfiction picture book introduces the topic of online safety.

ORCA BOOK PUBLISHING • 9781459820944 • 19.95 • Hardcover • Age: 6-8 • Grade 2-4
Language Arts • Technology • Ebook available: 9781459820968
Also available: On the News by Dr. Jillian Roberts • Author available for local school visits
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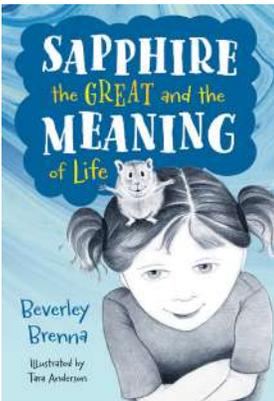


STINKY SCIENCE

EDWARD KAY
ILLUSTRATED BY MIKE SHIELL

Stinky Science, an innovative book by award-winning science writer Edward Kay, is a complete exploration of the olfactory system, with a side of gross-out hilarity.

KIDS CAN PRESS • 9781771383820 • 18.99 • Hardcover • Age: 9-11 • Grade: 4-6
Life Science • Human Body • Ebook available: 9781525302626
Also available: Inside Your Insides by Claire Eamer • @EdwardDKay



SAPPHIRE THE GREAT AND THE MEANING OF LIFE

BEVERLY BRENNAN
ILLUSTRATED BY TARA ANDERSON

Nine-year-old Jeannie buys a pet hamster (who shares narrating duties) after her parents separate due to her father's newly revealed homosexuality. Jeannie and her mother befriend a transgender neighbor, and the hamster becomes a calming influence on the characters, despite its own difficult quest to find the meaning of life.

PAJAMA PRESS • 9781772780697 • 19.95 • Hardcover • Age: 7-11 • Grade 3-6
Language Arts • Social Studies • Health
Teacher Guide available
Author available for local school visits

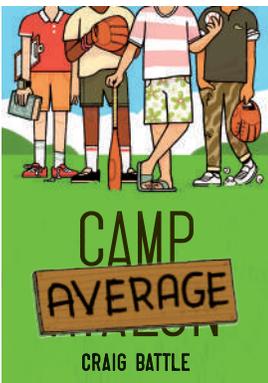


PAPER GIRL

MELINDA MCCRACKEN, WITH PENELOPE JACKSON

Ten-year-old Cassie lives with her working-class family in 1919 Winnipeg. The Great War and Spanish Influenza have taken their toll, and workers in the city are frustrated with low wages and long hours. When they orchestrate a general strike, Cassie desperately wants to help. She volunteers for the strike committee as a papergirl, distributing the strike bulletin. When an enormous but peaceful demonstration turns into a violent assault on Bloody Saturday, Cassie is changed forever.

ROSEWAY PUBLISHING • 9781773631295 • 13.00 • Paperback • Age 10-13 • Grades 5-7
Language Arts • Social Studies • Ebook available: 9781773631301 •
Teacher Guide available: fernwoodpublishing.ca/resources/papergirl

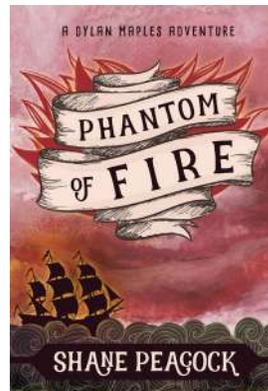


CAMP AVERAGE

CRAIG BATTLE

A group of boys arrives to spend their summer at a sports camp—which they call Camp Average, because they never win. And that's the way they like it! But this summer, there's a hyper-competitive new director. So the boys decide to reclaim their summer by losing spectacularly at every game they play! The first book in a new series, it's a smart, funny summer read featuring a diverse group of realistic characters.

OWLKIDS BOOKS • 9781771473057 • 18.95 • Hardcover • Age: 9-12 • Grade: 4-6
Language Arts • Also available: The Max Finder Mystery Series Vol. 4-7 by Craig Battle
@cthomasbattle



PHANTOM OF FIRE

SHANE PEACOCK

Things aren't going so well for fifteen-year-old Dylan Maples. His parents are driving him nuts and he's trying to come to terms with the unexpected death of one of his best friends. Now, he's been roped into a family trip to New Brunswick. After just a few hours in Bathurst, Dylan meets a local girl, Antonine, and the two of them witness what looks like a burning ship out on the water. As they research the famous ghost ship of the Chaleur Bay, they raise more questions than they answer.

NIMBUS PUBLISHING LIMITED • 9781771087346 • 12.95 • Paperback • Age: 10-12 • Grade: 4-6 • Language Arts • Geography • Acadian Content • Ebook available: 9781771087605 • Also available: The Dylan Maples Adventure Series Vol. 1-4 by Shane Peacock • Author available for local school visits • @shane_author

Author Visits

Looking to book an author to visit a classroom or library in your community? Here are a few suggestions. Provincial Arts Councils and Writers' Guilds can also assist with bringing creators into your schools. And remember that many authors and illustrators have their own websites where they can be contacted directly.

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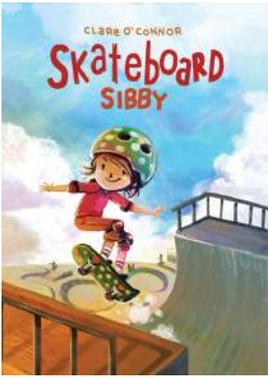
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canadacouncil.ca/writing-and-publishing

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poets.ca/links/writers-in-schools-programs

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writersunion.ca/school-visits



SKATEBOARD SKIDDY
CLARE O'CONNOR

Never one to back down, when Freddie challenges to a competition on the half pipe, Sibby accepts. No skateboard, no equipment, and a loss of confidence are just some of the obstacles she has to deal with.

SECOND STORY PRESS • 9781772600872 • 10.95 • Paperback • Age: 9-12 • Grade: 4-7 • Language Arts
Also available: The Mozart Girl by Barbara Nickel
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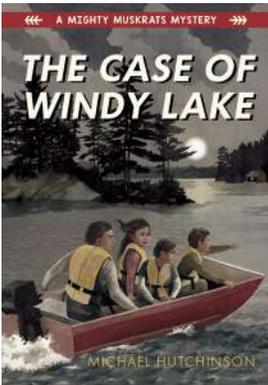


FUNNY, YOU DON'T LOOK AUTISTIC: A COMEDIAN'S GUIDE TO LIFE ON THE SPECTRUM

MICHAEL MCCREARY

In this unique memoir, 20-something stand-up comedian Michael McCreary breaks down what it's like to live with autism for readers on and off the spectrum.

ANNICK PRESS • 9781773212579 • 14.95 • Paperback
• Age: 13-14 • Grade: 7-8
Humanities • Neurodiversity • Life Skills • Ebook available: 9781773212609 • Teacher Guide available
Author available for local school visits • @aspiecomics



THE CASE OF WINDY LAKE
MICHAEL HUTCHINSON

Sam, Otter, Atim, and Chickadee are four inseparable cousins growing up on the Windy Lake First Nation. Nicknamed the Mighty Muskrats for their habit of laughing, fighting, and exploring together, the cousins find that each new adventure adds to their reputation. When a visiting archeologist goes missing, the cousins decide to solve the mystery of his disappearance. In the midst of community conflict, family concerns, and environmental protests, the four get busy following every lead.

SECOND STORY PRESS • 9781772600858 • 10.95 • Paperback • Age: 9-12 • Grade: 4-7
Language Arts • Aboriginal Studies • Also available: Krista Kim-Bap by Angela Ahn
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High School Selections

What Makes Girls Sick and Tired

Lucile de Pesloüan • Genevieve Darling



WHAT MAKES GIRLS SICK AND TIRED

LUCILE DE PESLOÛAN
ILLUSTRATED BY GENEVIEVE DARLING

A feminist manifesto in graphic novel form that denounces the discrimination against and unfairness felt by women from childhood to adulthood. Illustrated in a strikingly minimalist style with images of girls with varied body types and personalities, invites teenagers to question the sexism that surrounds us, in ways that are obvious and hidden, simple and complex.

SECOND STORY PRESS • 9781772600964 • 13.95 Paperback • Age: 12-18 • Grade: 7-12
Political Science • History • Also available: The Story of My Face by Leanne Baugh

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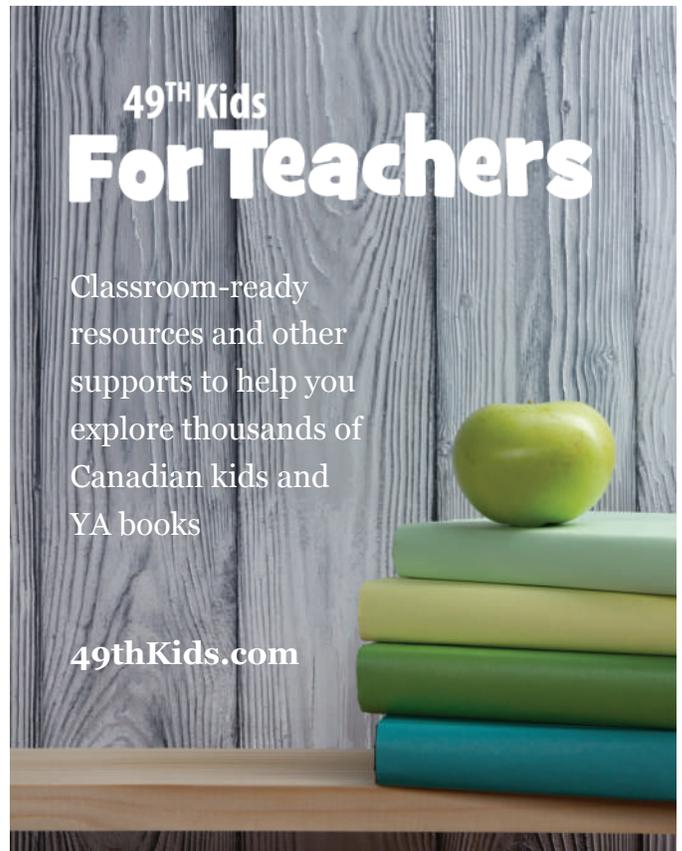
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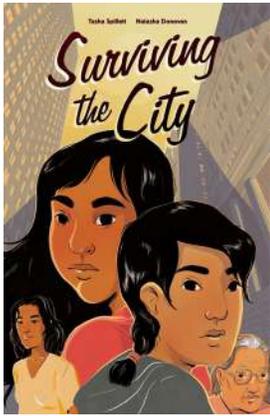
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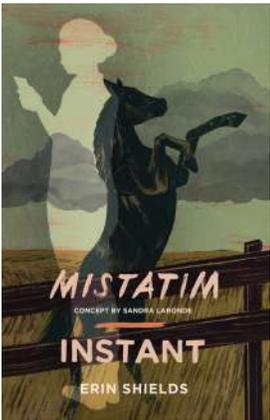


SURVIVING THE CITY

TASHA SPILLETT
ILLUSTRATED BY NATASHA DONOVAN

Miikwan (Anishinaabe) and Dez (Innininew) are best friends. Together, the teens navigate the challenges of growing up Indigenous in the city. When Dez's grandmother becomes too sick, Dez can't stay with her anymore. With the threat of a group home looming, Dez can't bring herself to go home and disappears. Miikwan is devastated, and the wound of her missing mother resurfaces. Will Dez's community find her before it's too late?

PORTAGE & MAIN PRESS/HIGHWATER PRESS • 9781553797562 • 18.95 • Paperback
Age: 12-18 • Grade: 7-12 • Language Arts • Indigenous Studies • Social Studies
Ebook available: 9781553797845 • Also available: Pemmican Wars by Katherena Vermette
Author available for local school visits • @TashaSpillett

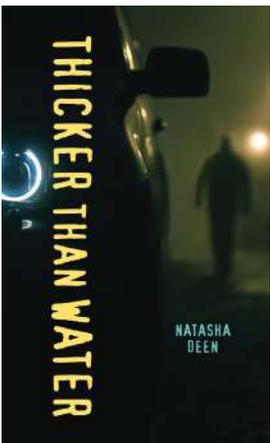


MISTATIM/INSTANT

ERIN SHIELDS

In these two plays for young audiences, award-winning playwright Erin Shields presents the challenges of friendship and communication.

PLAYWRIGHTS CANADA PRESS • 9781770919297
12.95 • Paperback • Age: 13-15 • Grade: 9-10
Drama • Language Arts
Ebook available: 9781770919310
Also available: Paradise Lost by Erin Shields
Author available for local school visits

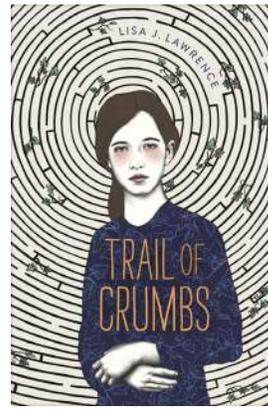


THICKER THAN WATER

NATASHA DEEN

In this high-interest novel for teens, Zack has to decide between betraying a family member or losing a friend when an eighteen-year-old girl goes missing.

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TRAIL OF CRUMBS

LISA J. LAWRENCE

In this young adult novel, Greta and her twin brother are abandoned by their father and stepmother, and Greta struggles with the confusion and shame she feels after being raped.

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GAIL ANDERSON-DARGATZ

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DEREK MASCARENHAS

The lives of the Pinto family are explored through stories that take a fresh look at the new immigrant and the South Asian experience in Canada. Starting with a ghost story set in India in the 1950s, the collection shifts to the unique perspectives of two adolescent siblings, Aiden and Ally Pinto. Both first generation Canadians, they tackle their adventures in a predominantly white suburb with innocence, intelligence and a foot in two distinct cultures.

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