



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

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K-8 Selections



The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden

Heather Smith
Illustrated by Rachel Wada

This gorgeously illustrated picture book tells the story of a young Japanese boy who loses his dad in a tsunami.

Orca Book Publishers • 9781459821033 • 19.95 • Hardcover • Age: 3-5
Grade: K-2 Language Arts • Grief • eBook available: 9781459821057 • Also available: *A Plan for Pops* • Author available for local school visits • @heather_t_smith



Phyllis's Orange Shirt

Phyllis Webstad
Illustrated by Brock Nicol

Phyllis's shiny orange shirt her Granny bought for her first day at residential school was taken away. This is Phyllis Webstad's own story and the story behind Orange Shirt Day, a day for us all to reflect upon the treatment of First Nations people and the message that 'Every Child Matters'.

Medicine Wheel Education • 9781989122242 • 11.95 • Hardcover • Age: 4-6
Grade: K-2 • Aboriginal Studies • Social Studies • History • Also available: *The Orange Shirt Story* • Author available for local school visits



Gifts from Raven

Kung Jaadee
Illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner

In this book the author Kung Jaadee shares with us that we have each received a special gift from Raven. That gift is our special talent or passion to share with the world.

Medicine Wheel Education • 9781989122198 • 11.95 • Hardcover • Age: 4-6
Grade: K-2 • Aboriginal Studies • Social Studies • History • Also available: *Raven's Feast*
Author available for local school visits



The Owl and the Two Rabbits

Nadia Sammurtok
Illustrated by Marcus Cutler

When two rabbit sisters ignore their parents' warnings and decide to play outside on the open tundra, a hungry owl soon spots them and decides they will make a delicious meal. As a chase ensues, the sisters must act quickly, using the owl's own greed against him.

Inhabit Media • 9781772272369 • 16.95 • Papercover • Age: 4-6 • Grade: K-2
Language and Literacy • Diversity and Indigenous Perspectives • History and Heritage
Also available: *Siuluk: The Last Tuniq*



Trudy's Healing Stone

Trudy Spiller
Illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner

A First Nation's story that will help children connect with Nature and learn how to process and release negative thoughts. When a young girl from the Gitksan Nation argues with her brother, she remembers the teachings of her grandmother and goes in search of a stone to share her feelings with.

Medicine Wheel Education • 9781989122204 • 11.95 • Hardcover • Age: 4-6
Grade: K-2 • Aboriginal Studies • Social Studies • History • Also available: *Trudy's Rock Storyvisits* • Author available for local school visits



Tallulah Plays the Tuba

Tiffany Stone
Illustrated by Sandy Nichols

Tallulah isn't big, but the instrument she dreams of playing sure is. Try as she might, tiny Tallulah keeps coming up short on how she can play the tuba in her school band. With some perseverance and a lot of creativity, Tallulah hatches a plan that she hopes will turn her musical dream into reality.

Annick Press • 9781773213071 • 18.95 • Hardcover • Age: 4-6 • Grade: K-2
Problem Solving • Performing Arts • eBook available: 9781773213088 • Also available: *Tree Song* • Author available for local school visits



Inukpak and His Son

Neil Christopher
Illustrated by Germaine Arnaktauyok

Discover this gigantic Northern tale. This book introduces children to an Inuit traditional story. Learn how the great giant Inukpak adopted a human hunter as his son.

Inhabit Education • 9781772665543 • 16.95 • Hardcover • Age: 4-6 • Grade: K-2
Language and Literacy • Diversity and Indigenous Perspectives • History
Also available: *Tuniit* by Rebecca Hainnu • Author available for local school visits



Billy Stuart and the Zinetrepids

Alain M. Bergeron
Illustrated by Sampar

In this illustrated novel for middle-grade readers, Billy Stuart and his loyal Scout group get lost on a hike and inadvertently travel through time.

Orca Book Publishers • 9781459818378 • 9.95 • Paperback • Age: 7-10 • Grade: 2-4
Language Arts • eBook available: 9781459818392 • Also available: *Billy Stuart in the Minotaur's Lair* by Alain M. Bergeron



Under Our Clothes: Our First Talk About Our Bodies

Dr. Jillian Roberts
Illustrated by Jane Heinrichs

In this illustrated nonfiction picture book, child psychologist Dr. Jillian Roberts introduces young readers to the ideas of body safety and body image.

Orca Book Publishers • 9781459820975 • 19.95 • Hardcover • Age: 7-10 • Grade: 2-4
Language Arts • Social Science • eBook available: 9781459820999 • Also available:
On Our Street: Our First Talk About Poverty • @DrJillRoberts

Author Visits

If you are looking to have an author from your community visit, here are some suggestions.

Authors' Booking Service

authorsbooking.com

The Canada Council for the Arts

canadacouncil.ca/funding/grants/arts-across-canada/travel

Canscaip (Canadian Society for Children's Authors, Illustrators & Performers)

canscaip.org/School/LibraryVisits

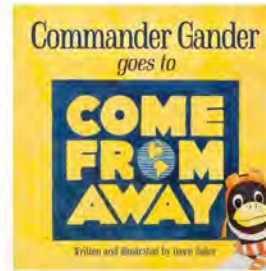
The League of Canadian Poets

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

The Writers' Union of Canada

writersunion.ca/school-visits

Provincial Arts Councils and Writers' Guilds can also assist with bringing creators into your schools, and always remember to check an author or illustrator's website.



Commander Gander Goes to Come From Away

Dawn Baker

Commander Gander travels to New York to see the Broadway play, *Come From Away*, based on the events of 9/11 and how the town of Gander was able to rally around those displaced and unable to fly home.

Flanker Press • 9781771177238 • 14.95 • Paperback • Age: 7-10 • Grade: 2-5
Language Arts • Children's Illustrated • eBook available: 9781773213088
Author available for local school visits • @dawnbakerart



One Brave Boy and His Cat

Dr. Andrew Peacock
Illustrated by Angie Green

The tale of a child facing one of the hardest realities of pet ownership. Nick's family brings their cat to a veterinarian after it has been hit by a car. When they find that their pet has been badly hurt, the boy and his family must make a difficult choice. Nick surprises everyone with his decision.

Flanker Press • 9781771177498 • 14.95 • Paperback • Age: 7-10 • Grade: 2-4
Language Arts • Children's Illustrated • Author available for local school visits
@peacockvet



Saku's Great Newfoundland Adventure

Marie-Beth Wright
Illustrated by Corey Majeau

Saku, a young Cape Shore water dog, is skilled and strong with a lot of exploring to do. Together with Justin, Saku is going to cross from Robinsons in western Newfoundland to Cape Broyle, where the province's eastern shores meet the Atlantic Ocean.

Flanker Press • 9781771177672 • 16.95 • Paperback • Age: 7-10 • Grade: 2-4
Language Arts • Children's Illustrated • Author available for local school visits



Our Future: How Kids Are Taking Action

Janet Wilson

From oil pipelines to cyber bullying, from gun violence to animal protection, these activists don't let their youth stop them from being heard.

Second Story Press • 9781772601039 • 18.95 • Hardcover • Age: 10-12 • Grade: 4-6
Social Science • Civics • Activism • Also available: *Our Heroes: How Kids are Making a Difference*

Participating Publishers

Annick Press annickpress.com • **Athabasca University Press** aupress.ca
Dundurn Press dundurn.com • **Flanker Press Ltd** flankerpress.com
Inhabit Media & Education inhabitmedia.com • **Kids Can Press** kidscanpress.com
Medicine Wheel Education medicinewheel.education • **Nimbus Publishing** nimbus.ca
Orca Book Publishers orcabook.com • **Owlkids Books** owlkidsbooks.com
Pajama Press pajamapress.ca • **Playwrights Canada Press** playwrightscanada.com
Portage & Main Press/HighWater Press portageandmainpress.com
Ronsdale Press ronsdalespress.com • **Second Story Press** secondstorypress.ca

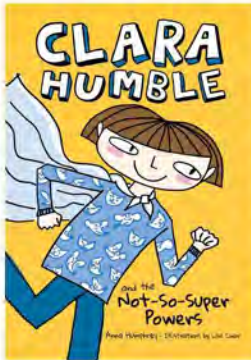


The Brave Princess and Me

Kathy Kacer
Illustrated by Juliana Kolesova

In 1943 Greece, young Tilde Cohen and her mother are Jewish and on the run from the Nazis. When they arrive unannounced on Princess Alice's doorstep, begging her to shelter them, the Princess' kindness is put to the test. Based on the true story.

Second Story Press • 9781772601022 • 18.95 • Hardcover • Age: 10-12 • Grade: 4-6
History • WWII • Also available: *All About Anne*, by the Anne Frank House • Author
available for local school visits • @KathyKacer

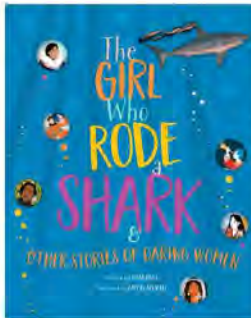


Clara Humble and the Not-So-Super Powers

Anna Humphrey
Illustrated by Lisa Cinar

Clara might seem like your average ten-year-old, but she has a secret: she thinks she might have superpowers. Which is convenient, because students from rival R.R. Reginald are moving into Clara's school for the term. Clara decides to do what she can to put a stop to these injustices.

Owlkids Books • 9781771473866 • 12.95 • Paperback • Age: 10-12 • Grade: 4-6
Language Arts • Also available: *Clara Humble: Quiz Whiz* • Author available for local
school visits • @Anna_Humphrey

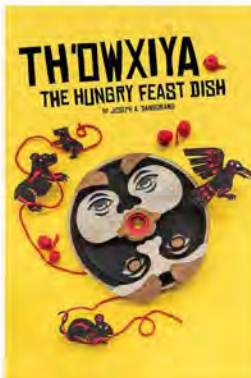


The Girl Who Rode a Shark: And Other Stories of Daring Women

Ailsa Ross
Illustrated by Amy Blackwell

Biographical vignettes highlight exciting adventures and innovative contributions of women and girls from a wide variety of countries and historical periods.

Pajama Press • 9781772780987 • 26.00 • Hardcover • Age: 10-12 • Grade: 4-6
Biography • History • Social Studies • Author available for local school visits
@ailsa_writes



Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish

Joseph A. Dandurand

From the Kwantlen First Nation village of Squ'lets comes the tale of Th'owxiya, an old and powerful spirit that inhabits a feast dish of tempting, beautiful foods from around the world.

Playwrights Canada Press • 9780339100238 • 17.95 • Paperback • Age: 10-12
Grade: 4-6 • Drama • English • Aboriginal Studies • eBook available: 9780369100252
Teacher Guide available • Author available for local school visits

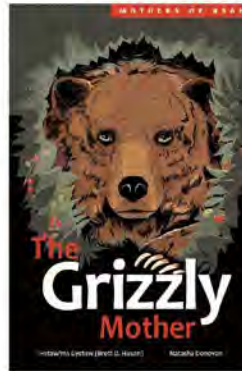


No Girls Allowed

Natalie Corbett Sampson

An action-packed middle-grade novel inspired by the 1977 story of a girl who fought the Human Rights Commission for the right to play hockey on an all-boys team.

Nimbus Publishing • 9781771087773 • 12.95 • Paperback • Age: 10-12 • Grade: 4-6
Language Arts • Social Studies • eBook available: 9781771087780 • Also available: *Touch of Gold* by Vivien Gorham • Author available for local school visits • @NSampson17



The Grizzly Mother

Hetxw'ms Gyetxw (Brett D. Huson)
Illustrated by Natasha Donovan

To the Gitksan people of Northwestern B.C., the grizzly is an integral part of the natural landscape. Together, they share sharing land and forests and the salmon in the Skeena River. The Mothers of Xsan series uses striking illustration and lyrical language to bring the poetry of the Xsan ecosystem to life.

Portage & Main Press • 9781553797760 • 23.00 • Hardcover • Age: 10-12 • Grade: 4-6
Environment/Biodiversity • Indigenous Peoples • Bear Life Cycle • eBook available:
9781553797784 • Also available: *The Sockeye Mother* • @thegitksan; @natashamdonovan



Under Pressure: The Science of Stress

Tanya Lloyd Kyi
Illustrated by Marie-Ève Tremblay

Adolescents are no strangers to stress. The perfect primer to what's behind that sweaty, under-pressure to the fight-or-flight reaction to danger, coping with chronic stress, how trauma affects the brain, and new treatments to manage everyday stress.

Kids Can Press • 9781525300073 • 17.99 • Hardcover • Age: 12-14 • Grade: 7-8
Science • Anatomy & Physiology • Emotions & Feelings • eBook available:
9781525303784 • Also available: *Stinky Science* by Edward Kay • Author is available for
local school visits • @tanyakiy



High School Selections



I Am A Feminist: Claiming the F-word in Turbulent Times

Monique Polak

This nonfiction book encourages teens to stand up for equality and speak out against injustice.

Orca Book Publishers • 9781459820975 • 19.95 • Paperback
Age: 13-15 • Grade: 9-10 • Language Arts • History
eBook available: 9781459818941 • Also available: *My Body My Choice: The Fight for Abortion Rights* by Robin Stevenson
Author available for local school visits

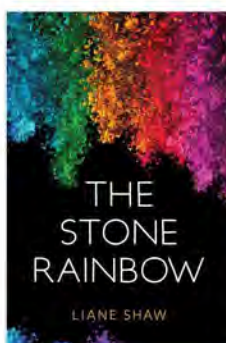


Just Lucky

Melanie Florence

After her grandfather dies and her grandmother can no longer take care of her, fifteen-year-old Lucky must navigate the foster care system. Lucky soon learns that foster placements are lonely, some can even be dangerous, and none of them feel like home.

Second Story Press • 9781772601046 • 13.95 • Paperback
Age: 13-15 • Grade: 9-10 • Language Arts • English
eBook available soon • Also available: *What Makes Girls Sick and Tired* by Lucile De Pesloüan • Author available for local school visits • @mflowrites



The Stone Rainbow

Liane Shaw

Seventeen-year-old Jack Pedersen is finding life complicated ever since coming out. Complications go into hyper-drive when a new student arrives at school, and Jack starts experiencing feelings that he's never allowed himself before.

Second Story Press • 9781772601084 • 13.95 • Paperback
Age: 13-15 • Grade: 9-10 • Language Arts • English • LBGTQ+
eBook available soon • Also available: *The Story of My Face* by Leanne Baugh • @DrJillRoberts



Safe Harbour

Christina Kilbourne

Harbour is living in a tent in a Toronto ravine with her dog and a two-month supply of canned tuna. She's waiting for her home, a thirty-six-foot sailboat, to arrive with her father at the helm. With no money and no contacts, Harbour is forced to accept the help of a homeless girl named Lise to survive on the streets.

Dundurn Press • 9781459745186 • 12.99 • Paperback
Age: 13-15 • Grade: 9-10 • English • Social Themes
eBook available: 9781459745209 • Also available: *The 11th Hour* by Kristine Scarrow • Author available for local school visits @ChristinaKilbou



Girls Like Me

Kristin Butcher

In this high-interest novel for teen readers on a difficult topic, sixteen-year-old Emma is raped by a popular boy from school.

Orca Book Publishers • 9781459820555 • 9.95 • Paperback
Age: 13-17 • Grade: 8-12 • Language Arts • eBook available: 9781459820579 • Also available: *The Trouble with Liberty*
Author is available for local school visits



The World on Either Side

Diane Terrano

In this novel for teens, Valentine and her mother travel to Thailand after the death of her boyfriend.

Orca Book Publishers • 9781459822177 • 14.95
Paperback • Age: 15-17 • Grade: 11-12 • Language Arts
eBook available: 9781459822191 • Also available: *How Far We Go and How Fast* by Nora Decter • Author available for local school visits

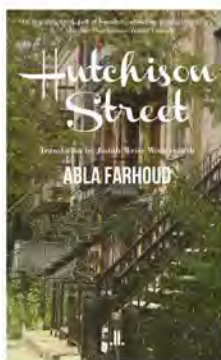


Damage Done by the Storm

Jack Hodgins

Be immersed in the lives of characters that are at once larger than life and intimately familiar. With settings including Australia, Germany, Ottawa, Mississippi, and the Vancouver Island logging and farming communities.

Ronsdale Press • 9781553805595 • 18.95 • Paperback
Age: 15-17 • Grade: 11-12 • English • eBook available: 9781553805601 • Also available: *Spit Delaney's Island* by Jack Hodgins • Author available for local school visits



Hutchison Street

Abila Farhoud

Hutchison Street, Montreal is a neighbourhood inhabited by characters from diverse backgrounds. A story featuring a community of Hasidim, a writer who tries to connect with them, an aging singer, a bag-lady, an Italian widow who grows tomatoes, a Jamaican woman who longs to dance, and a young Hasidic girl who keeps a diary.

Linda Leith Publishing • 9781988130743 • 18.95
Paperback • Age: 15-17 • Grade: 11-12 • Language Arts
Religious and Moral Education • Urban Studies
eBook available: 9781988130750



The Law is (Not) for Kids: A Legal Rights Guide for Canadian Children and Teens

Ned Lelic & Marvin Zuker

The Law is (Not) for Kids addresses government, and issues like cyberbullying, consent, and parental custody. Here are tools for teens to make informed decisions and learn advocacy.

Athabasca University Press • 9781771992374 • 22.99
Paperback • Age: 14-17 • Grade: 10-12 • Citizenship
Education • Social Studies • Law Studies • eBook available: 9781771992398 • Author available for local school visits

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