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COLOR DOG
By Matthew Van Fleet
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Matthew Van Fleet, dogs, dogs, and more dogs to teach concepts to the youngest reader in an irresistible interactive novelty book!

Starring Matthew Van Fleet and Brian Stanton’s beloved dogs, a concept board book to support and extend the #1 New York Times bestselling Dog.

Publication Date: August 2015
Ages: 3 up
Page Extent: 22 pp
**ACORN FARM: POP-UP, PRESS OUT, AND PLAY**

Paper Engineering by Maggie Bateson  
Illustrated by Nicola Slater  
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK  

Discover what’s happening on the farm in this beautiful new pop-up from Maggie Bateson.

It’s a busy life on Acorn Farm, and there’s always something going on. Today there’s a missing lamb. Will Jasper be able to find it amongst all the other animals? The farm’s a noisy, lively, muddy place, and it’s all brought vividly to life in this beautifully crafted pop-up book. With a fun story and press-out pieces, this is the perfect book for all young farmyard fans.

**Publication Date:** November 2015  
**Ages:** 3 up  
**Page Extent:** 10 pp & pop-up

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**DINOSAUR SAFARI**

Paper Engineering by Maggie Bateson  
Illustrated by Louise Forshaw  
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK  

Discover a world of fearsome dinosaurs in this fabulous pop-up dinosaur safari!

Press-out pieces, moving parts, and pop-up locations bring the fierce inhabitants of the dinosaur reserve to life, with plenty of hidden surprises packed in. An awesome, roarsome book, perfect for girls and boys.

**Publication Date:** October 2014  
**Ages:** 3 up  
**Page Extent:** 10 pp & pop-up
THE DRAGON & THE KNIGHT

By Robert Sabuda
Imprint: Little Simon

A brave knight chases a dragon across the land of fairy tales, speeding through *Rapunzel*, flying over *Aladdin*, and blowing through *The Three Little Pigs*. During the chase, each fairy tale pops off the page in this brand-new, exuberant, and wildly creative book from world-renowned paper engineer Robert Sabuda. Will the knight be triumphant? Jump in and find out.

**Publication Date:** October 2014  
**Ages:** 6 up  
**Page Extent:** 22 pp

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THE TIGER PROWLS

Paper Engineering by Maggie Bateson  
Illustrated by Sebastien Braun  
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

An inventive, stylish, and bold pop-up introducing a stunning selection of wild animals

An innovative presentation of some of the world’s most iconic creatures, featuring Maggie Bateson’s eye-catching paper engineering. Sebastien Braun’s rich and recognisable illustration introduces children to a zoo and a half’s worth of animals and, of course, the prowling tiger.

**Publication Date:** March 2015  
**Ages:** 3 up  
**Page Extent:** 12 pp & pop-up
DYLAN’S AMAZING DINOSAURS:
THE TRICERATOPS
By E. T. Harper
Illustrated by Dan Taylor
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Join Dylan on his missions to Roar Island to discover amazing dino facts!

Following on from the phenomenal success of Princess Evie’s Ponies and Jack’s Mega Machines comes a new adventure series. Dylan and his friend Wings the Pterodactyl soar to a land of dinosaurs and have amazing adventures amongst the prehistoric beasts. In these books Dylan discovers what a Spinosaurus’ sail is for, how long a Triceratops’ horn is, what a Stegosaurus’ secret weapon is and how many teeth a T.rex has!

Each book comes with a ferocious pop-up dinosaur to play with and collect.

**Publication Date:** The Tyrannosaurus Rex: May 2014; The Stegosaurus: September 2014; The Spinosaurus: June 2015; The Triceratops: January 2016

**Ages:** 3 up

**Page Extent:** 32 pp & pop-up dinosaur

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BOUNCING BUNNY’S DANCE PARTY
SWING, SPRING, ZING AT THE PARK
By Becky Baur
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Two stunning board books from talented newcomer, Becky Baur.

Lift the flaps at the bunny hop dance party to find the craziest dancer and the best-dressed bunny.

Then get active with a cast of zany animal characters as they swing, jump and leap their way through the park in a book featuring clever die cuts.

Funky fun for all ages!

**Publication Date:** August 2016

**Ages:** 3 up

**Page Extent:** 10 pp board with flaps
PRINCESS EVIE’S PONIES:
TIPTOE THE MAGIC BALLET PONY
By Sarah KilBride
Illustrated by Sophie Tilley
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

With over 500,000 copies of the picture books sold worldwide, not to mention novelty formats including sticker and activity books, the Princess Evie series continues to go from strength to strength. This new book finds Princess Evie and Tiptoe joining in a beautiful ballet!

Publication Date: October 2015
Ages: 3 up
Page Extent: 32 pp & pop-up pony; 24 pp sticker activity; book & plush; 112 pp young fiction

WHOSE BOTTOM?
WHERE’S MY MUMMY?
By Karen Wall
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Two gorgeous lift-the-flap board books from Karen Wall, bestselling illustrator of the Stripy Horse picture books.

In the first book, can you guess whose bottom is the fluffiest? Or the curliest?

In the second, little kitten is searching for her mummy. Can you help find her?

Cute, cuddly artwork and big sturdy flaps, ideal for the youngest reader.

Publication Date: June 2016
Ages: 3 up
Page Extent: 5 pp board with flaps
I WANT TO BE A FIREFIGHTER
I WANT TO BE A BALLERINA
By Sebastien Braun
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

**Two stylish books full of popular jobs and first words**

With friendly artwork full of engaging detail from a hugely popular illustrator, these extra-large board books are packed full of fun things to spot.

**Publication Date:** *Firefighter*: March 2015; *Ballerina*: February 2016

**Ages:** 3 up

**Page Extent:** 12 pp

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NOISY FRIENDS: LET’S HOLD HANDS!
PET FRIENDS: LET’S HOLD HANDS!
By Sebastien Braun
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

**Adorable shaped board books for little ones**

Following on from *Farm Friends* and *Safari Friends*, these books are all about cute pets and noisy animals. With flocking on every page, these chunky, interactive board books are perfect for little hands to hold!

**Publication Date:** March 2015

**Ages:** 3 up

**Page Extent:** 12 pp
DOODLE GIRL AND THE MONKEY MYSTERY
By Suzanne Smith and Lindsay Taylor
Illustrated by Marnie Maurri
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Doodle Girl lives inside a red sketchbook that belongs to a little girl called Marnie. But this isn’t just any sketchbook—it’s magic!

Doodle Girl has a magic pencil and she uses it to create adventures by transforming doodles in the sketchbook into fantastical lands peopled with amazing animals and characters.

Publication Date: May 2016
Ages: 3 up
Page Extent: 32 pp & poster and stickers

THERE’S A MONSTER IN MY FRIDGE
By Caryl Hart
Illustrated by Deborah Allwright
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

This fun split-page book is full of scary monsters—doing silly things!

A hilarious story from Caryl Hart, with lovable yet atmospheric illustrations from Deborah Allwright, bestselling illustrator of The Night Pirates.

Publication Date: October 2015
Ages: 3 up
Page Extent: 24 pp & gatefold
CRITTER COLORS
OUT OF SHAPES
By Ashley G.
Imprint: Little Simon

The board books delightfully explore early concepts, with a fresh new twist!

Critter Colors takes the concept of color mixing and makes it adorable and fun. Each spread features two colors that when mixed form a third color and an adorable animal. From a little brown bear (red plus green) to a cute green frog (blue plus yellow), the colors and animals are sure to delight.

In Out of Shapes, young readers will see how different shapes can become anything from a home, a kitty, a friend, a gift, and, in the very end, a party! With bright colors and an appealing art style, this concept book will surely delight.

Publication Date: August 2015
Ages: 2–5
Page Extent: 28 pp

ASHLEY G. (aka Ashley Goldberg) is an artist and designer whose Etsy shop and collaborations with Land of Nod have made her work so well known. Her first foray into children’s publishing is with Little Simon, and these two adorable board books—Critter Colors and Out of Shapes—are sure to spark the interest of those who already love Ashley’s work and those who have yet to discover it!

DREAM DOODLE DRAW!
GROW, GARDEN, GROW
Imprint: Little Simon

These unique black-line doodle books inspire kids with fun text prompts that help them explore the depths of their imaginations. They can color the images, add to the scenes, decorate, and more. It’s time to dream, doodle, and draw.

Ages: 4 up
Page Extent: 96 pp
THUNDERBIRDS ARE GO

This year sees the launch of one of the most highly-anticipated kids TV series, Thunderbirds Are Go. To capitalise on the renewal of this heritage British brand, Simon & Schuster is publishing a fantastic collection of high-octane, action adventure tie-in titles in Fall 2015, including sticker activity books, guidebooks, storybooks with pop-up and fiction. Thunderbirds Are Go books will be top of every boy’s wish list.

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Ages: 4–8
Formats: Activity book; storybook with pop-up

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MIFFY

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Meet Miffy—a loveable little bunny who likes to discover the wonder in everyday things. This iconic character was created by Dutch artist Dick Bruna in 1955 and has gone on to delight children and adults worldwide. Over 85 million books have been sold since first publication. With striking, simple illustrations, these brand-new activity and novelty books will bring Miffy to a wider audience.

License Holder: Mercis bv
Ages: 3 up

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I DON’T KNOW WHAT TO CALL MY CAT
By Simon Philip
Illustrated by Ella Bailey
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A hilarious tale of trying to find the perfect name for a pet from a brilliant new author

Choosing the right name for a new pet is very important! Find out just what this cat’s name turns out to be in this clever and witty story from an exciting debut author and talented young illustrator.

Publication Date: February 2016
Page Extent: 32 pp

HIDING HEIDI
By Fiona Woodcock
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Meet Heidi—if she stops hiding for long enough, that is!

An atmospheric, enchanting story, skillfully drawn by exciting new talent Fiona Woodcock, about a little girl with an amazing gift for concealing herself. Can YOU find Heidi?

Publication Date: May 2016
Page Extent: 32 pp
YOU MUST BRING A HAT
By Simon Philip
Illustrated by Kate Hindley
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

You are cordially invited to the BIGGEST, BESTEST, HATTIEST party of ALL TIME!
The only rule for attending this party is . . . you MUST bring a hat. But what if you don’t own a hat? Will bringing a monkey wearing a hat be enough? Find out in this tale that builds to a gloriously surreal, hilarious ending.

Publication Date: October 2016
Page Extent: 32 pp

COME ON, TOBY
By Gabriel Alborozo
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A magically illustrated tale of one little tiger’s adventures as he grows up
Rich, evocative illustrations from a rising star in the picture book world. Toby Tiger has to learn all his tiger skills in this gorgeous coming-of-age tale.

Publication Date: August 2016
Page Extent: 32 pp
THE THREE LITTLE NINJA PIGLETS
By David Bedford
Illustrated by Becka Moor
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

YEE-HA! KERRANG!
Look out—here come the three little ninja piglets. They are heading your way and they are trouble with a capital T. But all is not as it seems in this high-energy, high-kicking, highly amusing picture book. Keep your eye on the wily wolf!

From popular author David Bedford, and introducing bright new talent, Becka Moor.

Publication Date: August 2015
Page Extent: 32 pp

SWEET DREAMS, BIG MACHINES
By Claire Freedman
Illustrated by Richard Smythe
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A charming bedtime story full of roadside vehicles, from Claire Freedman, bestselling author of the Underpants series

With realistic-looking vehicles and a bedtime theme, this new story from an award-winning author and debut illustrator is perfect for settling machine-mad children at bedtime.

Publication Date: March 2016
Page Extent: 32 pp
BLUE & BERTIE
By Kristyna Litten
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A magical tale of finding friendship where you least expect it

Bertie the giraffe’s life runs on very straight lines. He always has the same breakfast. He always takes the same stroll. He always naps under the same tree. But—wait a minute—who’s this under the tree today? A blue giraffe? Blue?!

Publication Date: January 2016
Page Extent: 32 pp

ROO THE ROARING DINOSAUR
ROO THE ROARING DINOSAUR 2
By David Bedford
Illustrated by Mandy Stanley
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Fall in love with Roo—an adorable new character from the bestselling illustrator of the Lettice series

Roo is a rough-and-tumble little dinosaur who is always getting himself into adventures. These stories are fun and dynamic but have a very strong emotional theme at their core and are irresistible for the younger picture book reader.

From respected author David Bedford and Mandy Stanley, the bestselling illustrator of the Lettice stories.

Publication Date: Roo the Roaring Dinosaur: February 2015;
Roo the Roaring Dinosaur 2: TBC
Page Extent: 32 pp
ALIENS LOVE DINOPANTS
By Claire Freedman
Illustrated by Ben Cort
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Another hilarious new Underpants adventure from the bestselling Claire Freedman and Ben Cort—over two million Underpants books sold worldwide!

The aliens wanted them, the dinosaurs fought over them, and now they are coming together for a pants-tastic new story!

Publication Date: October 2015
Page Extent: 32 pp

MOLLY MAYBE’S MONSTERS: THE DAPPITY DOOFER
By Kristina Stephenson
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

An unmissable new book from the bestselling creator of the Sir Charlie Stinky Socks series

Molly Maybe is an irresistible new heroine who is ably assisted in her adventures by her faithful canine sidekick, Waggy Burns. Together they travel to Undermunder, a magical world that mirrors our own, by means of the Mundervator—a secret transporter in Molly’s amazing tree house. Packed with adventure, humor, and a fabulous cast of monsters of all shapes and sizes!

Publication Date: August 2015
Page Extent: 32 pp
GRANDAD’S ISLAND
By Benji Davies
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A moving and poignant new book from the award-winning illustrator Benji Davies

After the phenomenal success of The Storm Whale and On Sudden Hill, this new book by Benji Davies deals with the emotional topic of losing a grandparent. Subtly told, this beautifully illustrated book tackles a difficult subject with great sensitivity and depth.

Publication Date: July 2015
Page Extent: 32 pp

SIR LILYPAD: A TALL TALE OF A SMALL FROG
By Anna Kemp
Illustrated by Sara Ogilvie
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A fantastic, funny, froggy tale from internationally bestselling picture book duo, Anna Kemp and Sara Ogilvie

Once upon a time, in a deep dark bog, lived a teeny, tiny speckled frog. Now, he might be tiny (the other frogs call him stuff, like “weedy pants” and “sugar puff”), but his ambition is great. For he wants to be known henceforth as Sir Lilypad! Sir Lilypad the brave and wise! Slayer of the—er—dragonflies. And all he needs to effect this transformation? A kiss from a willing princess, of course . . .

Publication Date: June 2015
Page Extent: 32 pp
**NANUK THE ICE BEAR**
By Jeanette Winter
Imprint: Beach Lane Books

A picture book about a loving polar bear family from celebrated author-illustrator Jeanette Winter.

At the top of the world, Nanuk the ice bear hunts for food, meets a mate, and hibernates through the winter with her newborn cubs. When spring arrives, Nanuk teaches her beloved cubs how to hunt and swim and survive in the arctic. This new picture book by acclaimed author-illustrator Jeanette Winter is a stunning portrait of a loving polar bear family with a subtle environmental message and an author’s note full of polar bear facts.

**Publication Date:** November 2015  
**Page Extent:** 48 pp

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**SAMURAI SANTA**
By Rubin Pingk
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Ninjas, Santa, snowmen, and a legendary snowball fight. Christmas has never been so epic!

The best snowfall of the year has fallen on Christmas Eve. Yukio loves snowball fights, but none of the other ninjas will play with him, for fear of landing on Santa’s naughty list. Can Yukio chase Santa away from Ninja Village forever, or will Santa thwart Yukio’s diabolical plan? One thing’s for sure: this is going to be Yukio’s best Christmas ever.

**Publication Date:** September 2015  
**Page Extent:** 40 pp
STRICTLY NO ELEPHANTS
By Lisa Mantchev
Illustrated by Taeeun Yoo
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

In this sweet and adorable picture book, a boy can’t take his tiny pet elephant to Pet Club, so he finds a solution—one that involves all kinds of unusual pets.

The boy and his tiny pet elephant usually go for walks. But today’s walk is special. They are going to Pet Club. The tiny elephant is nervous, so his boy coaxes him along. That’s what friends do. On the clubhouse door is a sign: STRICTLY NO ELEPHANTS, it reads. And now it is the boy who needs comforting, which his tiny elephant does. That’s what friends do. Back down the sidewalk the pair goes, until they meet a boy with a pet skunk. And then other kids with all kinds of pets: badgers, narwhals, giraffes, and bats. They form a new pet club, one that everyone can join.

Imaginative and lyrical, this sweet story captures the magic of friendship and the joy of having a pet.

Publication Date: October 2015
Page Extent: 32 pp

IF NOT FOR YOU
By Bob Dylan
Illustrated by David Walker
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Iconic singer-songwriter Bob Dylan and illustrator David Walker team up in this charming, inventive interpretation of Dylan’s 1970 song “If Not for You”.

If not for you . . .
I’d be sad and blue.
If not for you . . .
I just wouldn’t have a clue.
If not for you . . .
What would I do?

In this touching interpretation of Bob Dylan’s song “If Not For You”, illustrator David Walker imagines Dylan’s lyrics as portraying the bottomless love between a parent and a child—and the magical experiences they might share.

Publication Date: April 2016
Page Extent: 32 pp
PLEASE, OPEN THIS BOOK!
By Adam Lehrhaupt
Illustrated by Matthew Forsythe
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

They told you, but you just couldn’t listen—so the creators of Warning: Do Not Open This Book! are back with a zany monkey crew, and they need your help!

In Warning: Do Not Open This Book!, which School Library Journal called “more fun than a barrel of monkeys,” turning pages meant increased chaos and delight. Now the tables have turned, and opening the book is the only way to save the group of monkeys who are trapped between its pages. This irresistibly entertaining rescue effort puts power in the hands of the page turner and giggles into everyone!

Publication Date: October 2015
Page Extent: 40 pp

SAIL AWAY
By Langston Hughes
Illustrated by Ashley Bryan
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Ashley Bryan, whose collage work has been compared to Matisse’s, has hand selected a shimmering, silvery collection of Langston Hughes’s poems of ocean and water to illustrate.

The curl of a mermaid, wildernesess of waves, silver liquid drops: only the great African-American poet Langston Hughes could come up with such singular imagery to describe the vastness and vibrancy that is the sea.

Publication Date: September 2015
Page Extent: 40 pp
HENRY HYENA, WHY WON’T YOU LAUGH?
By Doug Jantzen
Illustrated by Jean Claude
Imprint: Aladdin

When a hyena can’t find his sense of humor, a friend offers a sweetly surprising solution in this adorable picture book, winner of the General Mills Spoonful of Stories contest.

Henry Hyena is feeling blue. He usually chuckles at monkeys swinging from trees, giggles as he chases hares, and belly laughs when he hears an elephant burp.

But one day at the zoo, Henry can’t even muster up a smile. Will a visit with a wise old giraffe, Dr. Long, help Henry find the key to laughing harder than ever?

Publication Date: July 2015
Page Extent: 32 pp

HUG MACHINE
By Scott Campbell
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Who have YOU hugged today? Open your arms to this delightfully tender, goofy, and sweet tale.

Watch out, world, here he comes! The Hug Machine!

Whether big or small, square or long, spikey or soft, no one can resist his unbelievable hugs!

HUG ACCOMPLISHED!

This endearing story encourages a warm, caring, and buoyantly affectionate approach to life. Everyone deserves a hug—and this book!

Publication Date: August 2014
Page Extent: 40 pp

NAUGHTY MABEL
By Nathan Lane
Illustrated by Devlin Elliott
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Move over, darling, there’s a new star in the doghouse—Naughty Mabel, the sassy but classy French bulldog from the minds of superstars Nathan Lane and Devlin Elliott!

Meet Mabel, the fanciest French bulldog the Hamptons have ever seen. Mabel is many things—sassy, classy (and sometimes a bit gassy!), but the one word her parents would pick is . . . naughty! Mabel’s always getting herself into trouble, but with style like hers, could you really blame her, darlings? When naughty Mabel’s parents throw a party and try to leave her out of the fun, she has to take matters into her own perfectly pedicured paws. After all, what’s a party without a little naughtiness? As the hilarity ensues, Mabel and her parents learn that through thick and thin, naughty or nice, they’ll always be a family, just as they are.

Publication Date: October 2015
Page Extent: 48 pp
WE FORGOT BROCK!
By Carter Goodrich
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Even imaginary friends get lost sometimes. Finding them is part of the adventure. The lead character designer who brought the films Despicable Me; Brave; Finding Nemo; and Monsters, Inc. to life gives us this new modern classic.

Phillip and Brock are best friends. Everyone can see Phillip, but only Phillip can see Brock. A night at the Big Fair is all fun and games until Phillip gets sleepy, heads home, and forgets Brock!

Publication Date: August 2015
Page Extent: 48 pp

BOATS FLOAT!
By George Ella Lyon and Benn Lyon
Illustrated by Mick Wiggins
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

The companion to Trucks Roll! and Planes Fly! is taking to the water!

A fun, rhyming book about all the different kinds of boats in the world! From steamships to ghost ships and the little and big in-between ships, this third book in George Ella Lyon’s transportation series explores (from rudder to sail) all that boats have to offer, with dynamic illustrations that will keep even the youngest of readers eager to turn the page.

Publication Date: September 2015
Page Extent: 40 pp

PEDDLES
By Elizabeth Rose Stanton
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

In this charming picture book, a pig is tired of doing pig things. He wants to have people-feet and wear shoes!

Peddles is tired of being the same old pig—he wants to stand out.

Peddles wants to stop the usual pig things: oinking, sleeping, and pooping. Instead he wants to stand, dance, and climb! He thinks he’ll finally get his chance when he bumps into a pile of old shoes and finds a pair to fit just right. But as soon as he tries to walk, he falls on his back and can’t get up. With the help of his friends, Peddles learns that it isn’t so bad being a little pig and doing little pig things.

Publication Date: January 2016
Page Extent: 40 pp
**LIZARD FROM THE PARK**
By Mark Pett
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

When a lonely little boy takes in a lizard as his new pet, he winds up in a dilemma that’s, well, larger than life. From the author of *The Boy and The Airplane* and *The Girl and the Bicycle*.

When Leonard takes a shortcut through the park, he finds an egg and takes it home, where it hatches into a lizard (or so Leonard thinks). Leonard names his new pet Buster and takes him all around the city: on the subway, to the library, to a baseball game, and more.

But Buster keeps growing and growing—and Leonard gets the sense that Buster is longing for something Leonard can’t provide. Before long, Buster becomes too big to keep, and Leonard realizes he needs to set Buster free. So Leonard comes up with an inventive plan, involving all the balloons Leonard can find and the annual Thanksgiving parade, in an imaginative plot twist that will spark readers’ imaginations and touch their hearts.

*Publication Date: September 2015*
*Page Extent: 40 pp*

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**SAY HELLO!**
By Linda Davick
Imprint: Beach Lane Books

*Howdy! Hi! Hello! This friendly and fun picture book celebrates the greatness of greetings.*

With zippy, rhyming text and bold, exuberant illustrations, this book celebrates the many wonderful ways to say “hello” to friends, families, pets—or anyone!

*Publication Date: August 2015*
*Page Extent: 40 pp*

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**MURPHY IN THE CITY**
By Alice Provensen
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

*Murphy, the irresistibly ill-behaved dog, is back for another adventure, from Caldecott Medalist Alice Provensen.*

Murphy is back! Readers who love Murphy from the irresistible *A Day in the Life of Murphy* will rejoice at the chance to spend another day with the mischievous dog—this time, on his city adventure. Murphy, usually a country dog, will experience the joys and pitfalls of city life, with the signature humor and artistic style of Caldecott Medalist Alice Provensen.

*Publication Date: November 2015*
*Page Extent: 40 pp*
**HOLEY MOLEY**
By Lois Ehlert
Imprint: Beach Lane Books

Get to know Mole, the underground protector of the garden, in this fact-filled natural history adventure with vibrant collage artwork from the illustrator of *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*.

Some might think that Mole is a garden pest, but the truth is, he is a pest preventer! Mole keeps worms and caterpillars and other crawly bugs from munching up all the growing veggie plants.

Complete with a beautiful glossary identifying all of the different worms, caterpillars, moths, and butterflies included in the illustrations, this colorful gem from Caldecott Honoree Lois Ehlert is sure to delight nature lovers of all ages.

*Publication Date:* September 2015  
*Page Extent:* 40 pp

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**WHAT IN THE WORLD?**
By Nancy Raines Day
Illustrated by Kurt Cyrus
Imprint: Beach Lane Books

*Numbers come alive in this gorgeous nature-themed counting book.*

The natural world is full of sets of numbers, from birds’ wings in twos and clover leaves in threes to deer hooves in fours and octopus arms in eights. This book explores these numerical sets in vibrant detail, ending with the stars in the sky—a set too big to count!

*Publication Date:* September 2015  
*Page Extent:* 32 pp

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**DID YOU KNOW?**
By Hannah Eliot
Illustrated by Aaron Spurgeon
Imprint: Little Simon

*Filled with witty text, fun facts, and hilarious illustrations, kids won’t even realize they’re learning when they dive into this exciting series!*

Topics range from exotic animals, to zany weather, to skyscraper construction, to life in outer space. The creative text links one concept to the next within each book, and the artwork humorously illustrates each concept so readers can both read and see what they’re learning!

*Publication Date:* November 2015  
*Page Extent:* 32 pp
COLOURS
SHAPES
NUMBERS
By John J Reiss
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
Beautiful and bold, John J Reiss’ artwork is as striking now as when it was first published, in 1969. The bright colours and graphic style provide the perfect introduction to the essential concepts of colours, shapes and numbers. These retro classics are sure to delight adults and children alike!
Publication Date: December 1982
Page Extent: 32 pp

ANDY, THAT’S MY NAME
MICHAEL BIRD-BOY
By Tomie dePaola
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
Two classic Tomie dePaola reissues!
To celebrate our publishing brand-new titles with children’s book master Tomie dePaola, we are reissuing two of his classic picture books in Fall 2015: Andy, That’s My Name and Michael Bird-Boy, both originally published with Simon & Schuster. These beloved classics will receive updated new looks with a brilliant repackage.
Publication Date: October 2015
Page Extent: 32 pp
THE RAGGEDY ANN 100TH ANNIVERSARY TREASURY
RAGGEDY ANN STORIES
RAGGEDY ANDY STORIES
By Johnny Gruelle
Imprint: Little Simon

It’s a Raggedy Anniversary! Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Raggedy Ann with these new editions of Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy’s classic stories by Johnny Gruelle.

Raggedy Ann & Andy is an evergreen brand with universal appeal, bringing nostalgia to a wide, diverse audience. The brother and sister duo represent love, friendship, compassion, generosity, childhood memories, and imagination.

The first Raggedy Ann doll was created in 1915, followed by her book, *Raggedy Ann Stories*, in 1918, and *Raggedy Andy Stories* in 1920. To commemorate her 100th birthday, we are reissuing these original stories of Raggedy Ann and Andy to captivate a new generation in these carefully produced reissues, which restore the books to their original appearance.

*The Raggedy Ann 100th Anniversary Treasury* is a bind-up collection of five classic tales of Raggedy Ann, Raggedy Andy, and their friends!

**Publication Date:** October 2015

**Page Extent:** Raggedy Ann Stories: 96 pp; Raggedy Andy Stories: 96 pp; The Raggedy Ann 100th Anniversary Treasury: 148 pp
SOMEBWHERE THERE IS STILL A SUN
THE POWER OF HENRY’S IMAGINATION
By Skye Byrne
Illustrated by Nic George
Imprint: Aladdin

From the team behind The Secret, a picture book about a little boy, his favorite toy, and a very special power

When Henry’s beloved stuffed rabbit, Raspberry, goes missing, he enlists his whole family to help him search for the missing toy. But Raspberry can’t be found.

Then Henry’s grandfather suggests that Henry use his imagination to find his rabbit. Will the power of Henry’s imagination bring Raspberry back? Or is Raspberry gone for good?

Depicting the love of a boy for his toy and the power of friendship, The Power of Henry’s Imagination is sure to become an instant classic.

Publication Date: October 2015
Ages: 4–8
Page Extent: 32 pp
RIGHTS SOLD FOR THE SECRET TO TEEN POWER: Arabic, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Catalan, Chinese (Complex), Chinese (Simplified), Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Portuguese (Brazil), Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, Turkish, UK

THE GUARDIANS OF CHILDHOOD: JACK FROST
By William Joyce
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

The Man in the Moon had his turn. Sandman was next. Now we learn how Jack Frost keeps children’s hearts happy, their souls brave, and their cheeks rosy.

You may not know this, but Jack Frost wasn’t always Jack Frost. First he was Nightlight, the baby Man in the Moon’s most trusted and valiant companion. But when Pitch nearly destroyed the Man in the Moon’s world, he also nearly destroyed Nightlight, sending him plunging to Earth, away from his charge, into a world he can never fully be a part of, because Nightlight, like Peter Pan, is a boy who will forever remain a boy, frozen in time. And while it’s mighty fun to sail the icy winds, it’s also very lonely. For human pals are best, but how does a forever boy manage that?

Nightlight, lonely without his little Mim, finds his heart growing cold, and his only outlet is to tinge the foliage from green to shades of autumn, then follow that with flakes of white, until winter comes, spreading the cold in his heart to the landscape around him. Thus, Nightlight is given a new name: Jack Overland Frost.

Publication Date: October 2015
Ages: 4–8
Page Extent: 48 pp
RIGHTS SOLD: Catalan, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Complex), Croatian, Georgian, Korean, Lithuanian, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Spanish, Turkish
PIZZA
By Frank Asch
Imprint: Aladdin

A brand-new Frank Asch bear story has Baby Bear eating pizza for the very first time!

Baby Bear is so excited. He’s going to eat pizza for the very first time! One taste, and it’s love at first bite. Now Baby Bear sees pizza wherever he looks, and he even dreams about it at night. He just can’t get enough of this yummy treat. Will he ever eat anything else again?

Publication Date: March 2015
Ages: 4–8
Page Extent: 32 pp

EXTRAORDINARY WARREN SAVES THE DAY
By Sarah Dillard
Imprint: Aladdin

Delightfully quirky chicken Warren and his sidekick, Egg, embark on dual adventures when Egg decides to cross the road in this follow-up to Extraordinary Warren, which Publishers Weekly called “a good-humored story that nicely blends picture book, chapter book, and graphic novel elements.”

Warren, the bespectacled hero of Extraordinary Warren, is delighted to have a sidekick and feathered friend in the newly hatched Egg. But Egg is rather exasperating. New to the world, he asks so many questions and has so much to learn. Early one morning Egg takes off on his own and crosses the road, where he winds up getting lost in a field of corn. Warren is so busy imagining his flight to the moon that he doesn’t even know Egg is missing! But when Warren finally realizes Egg has flown the coop, nothing stops him from locating his best buddy—not even that hungry rat, Millard.

Publication Date: October 2014
Ages: 6–9
Page Extent: 64 pp
Little Simon Chapter Books Are Filling the Gap!

Easy-to-read text and illustrations on almost every page make these chapter book series perfect for beginning readers.

THE ADVENTURES OF SOPHIE MOUSE
By Poppy Green
Illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell

GREETINGS FROM SOMEWHERE
By Harper Paris
Illustrated by Marcus Calo

THE KINGDOM OF WRENLING
By Jordan Quinn
Illustrated by Robert McPhillips

HEIDI HECKELBECK
By Wanda Coven
Illustrated by Priscilla Burris
RIGHTS SOLD: Spanish, Turkish

CAPTAIN AWESOME
By Stan Kirby
Illustrated by George O’Connor
RIGHTS SOLD: Hebrew, Portuguese (Brazil), Turkish

GALAXY ZACK
By Ray O’Ryan
Illustrated by Colin Jack

THE CRITTER CLUB
By Callie Barkley
Illustrated by Marsha Riti
THE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN
#1: GREEN THUMBS-UP!
#2: PUMPKIN SPICE
By Jenny Meyerhoff
Illustrated by Éva Chatelain
Imprint: Aladdin

A brand-new chapter book series about an eight-year-old who uses a community garden to grow new friendships!

In *Green Thumbs-Up!*, it may be the orange and red season of fall, but eight-year-old Anna Fincher feels nothing but gray. She and her family have just moved to Chicago for her mom's new job. Not only does Anna miss her tiny hometown and her true-blue best friends, but she misses her garden. Over the summer she and her friends had been growing big red tomatoes, bright green beans, and pink raspberries on a small plot of land in Anna’s backyard.

Now, just when it’s fall harvest time back home, Anna is stuck in a boring apartment with no yard, and starting a brand-new school with kids who are anything but friendly. Until one day, when she’s assigned a school project with fellow students Kaya and Reed, Anna makes an amazing discovery: a little community garden right in the middle of the city. And a small idea begins to take root in a big way.

In *Pumpkin Spice*, Anna Fincher and her community of gardening friends are planning a Fall Harvest Festival with a corn maze, pumpkin carving, and more!

**Publication Date:** August 2015  
**Ages:** 7–10  
**Page Extent:** #1: 176 pp; #2: 128 pp

ANNA, BANANA, AND THE BIG-MOUTH BET
By Anica Mrose Rissi
Illustrated by Meg Park
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

The third book in a charming illustrated chapter book series about a third grader named Anna. With her beloved wiener dog, Banana, by her side, she continues to navigate the joys and challenges of elementary school best-friendship.

Anna has a loose tooth she can’t stop wiggling—and she’s not the only one. Justin, the pestering class clown (whom Sadie might just maybe think is kind of cute) also has a loose tooth—and he makes a bet with Anna about who will be the first to lose it.

The stakes? If Anna wins, Justin has to stop poking fun at Anna and her friends. If Justin wins, Anna has to do the funky chicken in front of her entire class!

With a little help from her beloved dog, Banana, Anna navigates the world of elementary school friendships in a story filled with humor, truth, and heart.

**Publication Date:** September 2015  
**Ages:** 6–10  
**Page Extent:** 112 pp
NOOKS & CRANIES
By Jessica Lawson
Illustrated by Natalie Andrewson
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* meets *Clue* in this hysterically funny middle-grade mystery with heart.

Sweet, shy Tabitha Crum, the neglected only child of two Roald-Dahl-esque parents, doesn’t have a friend in the world—except for her pet mouse, Pemberly, whom she loves dearly. But an invitation to the country estate of wealthy Countess Camilla DeMoss her life changes forever.

Upon arrival at the sprawling, possibly haunted mansion, the countess reveals that each of the six children is adopted, and that one of them is her long-lost grandchild—and heir to a large inheritance. When the children begin disappearing one by one, Tabitha takes a cue from her favorite detective novels and, with her trusty sidekick Pemberly by her side, attempts to solve the case and rescue the other children . . . who just might be her first real friends.

Publication Date: June 2015
Ages: 8–12
Page Extent: 336 pp
RIGHTS SOLD: German

THE SECRET COOKIE CLUB
By Martha Freeman
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

Friends make everything better—and so do cookies!—in this warm-hearted novel in the tradition of *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, with a middle-grade dash of sugar and spice.

During a thunderstorm one night at summer camp, four very different girls find common ground by baking cookies. Determined to stay friends after camp has ended, they decide to bake cookies all year long and mail them to one another. But not just any cookies. In order to know what kind of treat each girl needs, they’ll have to stay in touch.

Publication Date: May 2015
Ages: 8–12
Page Extent: 304 pp

LIBBY OF HIGH HOPES: PROJECT BLUE RIBBON
By Elise Primavera
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

From *New York Times* bestselling author Elise Primavera, a book that’s part friendship story, part horse story, and right on target for the middle-grade reader

Libby Thump still wishes for a horse of her own, but she’s very happy riding Princess, the aging horse who belongs to Sal, the stable owner of High Hopes Farm. Libby loves Princess and her gentle ways, and Princess loves Libby. Then one day Sal says she has to ride Saddleshoes instead—the most difficult pony at the stable! Sal says Princess is too old to be ridden much longer and that Libby is outgrowing her, so Libby is stuck: ride Saddleshoes, or don’t ride at all. Can Libby achieve her dream of being the best rider in the world and win a blue ribbon riding Saddleshoes?

Publication Date: September 2015
Ages: 7–10
Page Extent: 208 pp
WEBSTER: TALE OF AN OUTLAW
By Ellen Emerson White
Imprint: Aladdin

From the beloved author of Santa Paws comes a new novel about a dog who learns that he doesn’t have to be alone.

The Bad Hat—or Webster as the people at the shelter name him—has had it with people. He’s going to be a loner. Not going to get too comfortable in this new place, even if the home-baked treats are good. Not going to get used to the nice soft bed. Not going to make friends, no matter how much he kind of likes Jack the Terrier and even Florence the bossy cat. Nope, he doesn’t need friends . . . acquaintances are just fine. And the first chance he gets, he’s hitting the road and living life on the range just like one of the stoic cowboys he’s decided to model himself after.

But sometimes the best laid plans (even those of a dog’s) have a way of backfiring. Can a tough guy-dog find a home and family? And what if it’s a family you make on your own? Maybe that’s the best kind of all.

Publication Date: November 2015
Ages: 8–12
Page Extent: 224 pp

A SHILOH CHRISTMAS
By Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

The pup Shiloh is back! And just in time for the holidays!

It’s been a year since Marty Preston rescued Shiloh from Judd Travers and his cruel ways, and since then, Marty and Shiloh have been inseparable. Anywhere Marty goes, the beagle’s at his side, and Marty couldn’t be happier about that. Even Judd has been working to improve his reputation. But just as townsfolk grow more accepting of Judd, someone sets fire to the woods. Doubt, blame, and anger spread faster than the flames—flames that are fanned by the new minister, who seems fonder of hail and brimstone than love and mercy. And why are his daughters so skittish around him? And what’s happened to Judd’s other dog? With Christmas right around the corner, Marty has a lot of questions, and how they’re answered might just take a Christmas miracle.

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor’s fourth book in the Shiloh series is full of heart, as well as a comfort and joy.

Publication Date: September 2015
Ages: 8–12
Page Extent: 256 pp
Meet Billy Sure, twelve-year-old inventor and CEO of Sure Things, Inc., and discover all of his wild and wacky inventions in this start to a hilarious middle-grade series!

It sure is good to be Billy Sure these days. He’s the most famous kid in his school... and the world! His invention, the All Ball, is flying off the shelves. Now Billy is hosting an online contest to help other kid inventors. Ideas like the Sibling Silencer, a pencil that does all your work, and No-Wash Socks start pouring in. With so many great ideas, it certainly won’t be easy to pick a winner. It also won’t be easy for Billy to keep the secret that would take him from hero to zero if anyone found out. Surely, Billy Sure will find a way to stay on top of the world, right?

In the second book, Billy finds out that he’s been exchanging e-mails with a corporate spy from a rival company, so he enlists the help of his mom and his best friend (and CFO) Manny to set a trap to catch the shady e-mail imposter. Meanwhile Billy and Manny are at odds about what invention their company should release next. Billy thinks the Stink Drink is the next All Ball, but Manny’s not so sure. Can Billy save his company from sabotage and come up with the Next Big Thing for Sure Things, Inc., while surviving his dad’s terrible cooking?

**Publication Date:** May 2015

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 160 pp

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**SEW ZOEY**

#13: SEWING IN CIRCLES

By Chloe Taylor

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Zoey is so excited to sell her designs at the outdoor market! But will she compromise her vision for her crush? Includes “Sew Zoey” blog posts and fashion illustrations.

In *Sewing in Circles*, Zoey Webber lives a double life: her quirky homemade clothes make her a misfit at her suburban middle school, but her inventive *Sew Zoey* clothing-design blog puts her on the A-list at Fashion Week. Can she balance being a fashion whiz kid and a regular middle schooler when her blog takes off?

**Publication Date:** September 2015

**Ages:** 8–12

**Page Extent:** 176 pp

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Korean, Spanish
YOU’RE INVITED TO A CREEPOVER
#20: WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?
By P. J. Night
Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Don’t miss the frights and fun as Beth tries to unlock the mysteries of her past in this mind-bending Creepover tale.

Beth Picard has always felt a little different from her friends. For one thing, she doesn’t remember anything about her life before she and her mother moved into the house they live in now. Then one day, Beth learns about a girl in a nearby town who looks like her . . . exactly like her. Could it be a long lost sister or cousin? Does this girl hold the key to Beth’s memories? And if so, does Beth really want to know the truth about her past? Does she even have a choice?

This terrifying tale is rated a Level 3 on the Creep-O-Meter.

Publication Date: July 2015
Ages: 8–12
Page Extent: 160 pp
RIGHTS SOLD: Dutch, Japan

THE INCREDIBLE SPACE RAIDERS FROM SPACE!
By Wesley King
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

Lord of the Flies meets Star Trek in this outer space story of adventure, mystery, and fantastical fun from the author of The Vindico and The Feros.

When Jonah wakes up on the Fantastic Flying Squirrel, he’s a bit confused. One second he is in his family’s living room doing his homework, and the next he’s sitting on a very cold floor on a very cold ship with a strange-looking girl staring at him. Her name is Willona the Awesome, and she’s here to welcome him to the Incredible Space Raiders.

Now that Jonah is on board, the Incredible Space Raiders can set off on an important mission: to venture into the Dark Zone and save the universe from the Entirely Evil Things. But when Space Raiders start to disappear, Jonah realizes that if he’s going to make it to the Dark Zone alive, he’s going to have to step up and figure out what’s going on.

Join the Space Raiders aboard the Fantastic Flying Squirrel for an unforgettable journey where imagination and truth collide somewhere deep in space!

Publication Date: February 2015
Ages: 8–12
Page Extent: 304 pp
**THE FLINKWATER FACTOR**

*By Pete Hautman*

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

*National Book Award winner Pete Hautman gets geeky with this hilariously tongue-in-cheek middle-grade novel.*

Welcome to Flinkwater, Iowa, the home of ACPOD, the largest manufacturer of Articulated Computerized Peripheral Devices in the world. If you own a robot, it probably came from Flinkwater. As such, Flinkwater has tons of Very Smart, Very Geeky people who happen to breed Very Smart, Very Geeky children.

Meet Ginger Crump, the plucky, precocious (and somewhat sarcastic) genius who finds herself in the middle of a national emergency when Flinkwater’s computers start turning people into vegetables. Mental vegetables, that is. In Ginger’s words, they’ve been “bonked.” When Ginger’s own father is bonked, she recruits her self-declared future husband, boy genius Billy George, to help her find the source of the bonkings. But in Flinkwater things never go as expected. They soon find themselves up against a talking dog, a sasquatch, and a zombie, while Flinkwater is invaded by an army of black SUVs led by the witless-but-dangerous Agent Ffelps from Homeland Security.

**Publication Date:** September 2015  
**Ages:** 9–13  
**Page Extent:** 256 pp

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**SPOOKSVILLE**  
**#9: THE WISHING STONE**

*By Christopher Pike*

Imprint: Aladdin

*Welcome to Spooksville, where the weird is normal.*

While hiking in the woods near Spooksville, Adam and his friends find a cube-shaped stone. It is clear, like a crystal, and seems to shine with colored light. To their surprise, they discover that if they hold it and make a wish for something, the wish will come true!

They call it the Wishing Stone. And they love it. Until they discover that there is a price to be paid for each wish . . . and that the price can be deadly.

**Publication Date:** October 2015  
**Ages:** 8–12  
**Page Extent:** 128 pp
RANDOMS
By David Liss
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
A science fiction superfan finds himself on his very own space adventure when he’s randomly selected for an applicant mission to join an alien confederacy in David Liss’s hilarious middle-grade debut.

In this comic science fiction adventure, Zeke Reynolds comes from a long line of proud science fiction geeks. So it’s a dream come true when he learns the science fiction he loves so much is based on reality, and that he’s one of four preteens from Earth selected to spend a year on a massive space station. To evaluate humanity’s worthiness, the Confederation of United Planets has hand-picked three of the planet’s most talented young people—and then there’s Zeke. He’s the random.

Unfortunately, Zeke finds life in space more challenging than he’d hoped. When he saves his transport ship from a treacherous enemy attack, he’s labeled a war criminal. Now, despised by the Confederation, rejected by his fellow humans, and pursued by a ruthless enemy, Zeke will make new friends among the alien randoms—rejected by their own species, but loyal to each other. Soon they’ll discover their presence in the Confederation isn’t nearly so random as they’ve been told. The deck’s stacked against him, and he’s way out of his league, but just maybe his knowledge of science fiction will be the thing to save himself, his friends, and the Earth itself.

Publication Date: August 2015
Ages: 10 up
Page Extent: 496 pp

THE NIGHTSIDERS
#1: THE ORPHAN ARMY
By Jonathan Maberry
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
A New York Times bestselling author and winner of the Bram Stoker Award, Jonathan Maberry lends his talents to a thrilling new middle-grade series, in which the future of human and magical universes depends on an eleven-year-old boy.

In a world filled with Bugs—monsters that ceaselessly ravage the Earth—Milo Silk has a hard enough time keeping his dreams separate from reality. So he keeps them locked up in his dream journal and hopes they’ll never come to pass. But too often, they do—like when his father disappeared three years ago. Lately, the Witch of the World has been haunting his dreams, saying he is destined to be the hero who saves everyone. But all Milo can think about is how he fears the Bugs will attack his own camp and bring something even more terrible than ever before.

What Milo doesn’t know is that the Earth is already fighting back with its own natural power in the form of Nightsiders, magical creatures who prefer shadows to sunlight and who reside in trees, caves, and rivers.

Publication Date: May 2015
Ages: 8–12
Page Extent: 400 pp
MINRS
By Kevin Sylvester
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Twelve-year-old Christopher Nichols and a small group of survivors take to the mines on the planet Perses after their colony is attacked in this action-packed, space-based, middle-grade adventure.

Christopher Nichols and his family live on a new planet, Perses, as colonists of Melming Mining’s Great Mission to save the earth. Dozens of families like Christopher’s have relocated too, like his best friend Elena Rosales.

A communications blackout with Earth hits, and all of Perses is on its own for three months. It’s okay, though, because the colonists have prepared, stockpiling food and resources to survive.

But they never prepared for the attack.

Landers, as the attackers are called, obliterate the colony to steal the metal and raw ore. Christopher and a small group of survivors are forced into the maze of mining tunnels below the surface of Perses.

The kids run. They hide. But can they survive?

Publication Date: September 2015
Ages: 8–12
Page Extent: 272 pp

MILES TAYLOR AND THE GOLDEN CAPE
#1: ATTACK OF THE ALIEN HORDE
By Robert Venditti
Illustrated by Dusty Higgins
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers


Put on the golden cape? Check.
Transform into Gilded? Check.
Save the world? Working on it.
Survive the seventh grade? Umm . . . not a chance.

When twelve-year-old Miles Taylor unexpectedly inherits a golden cape that gives him superpowers, he finds himself thrust into the role of real-life superhero. With some help from a new friend named Henry, Miles does his best to protect his city. But his skills and courage are about to be put to the ultimate test—an alien horde is working its way toward Earth, with their sights set on the golden cape . . . and total domination. Ready or not, Miles is about to discover whether he has what it takes to save all humankind.

Publication Date: June 2015
Ages: 9–12
Page Extent: 304 pp
**THE LOST**

By William Joyce

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

*An epic battle between good and evil, by William Joyce and the folks who brought you The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*

When a child’s toy is bestowed the title of favorite, it holds a coveted rank among the world of household things. In *The Lost*, Billy’s stuffed rabbit, Oswald, made by his mom, is Billy’s favorite. Oz shares Billy’s every adventure, but when the nefarious toy Zozo, never having been a favorite, determines to destroy those knighted with that moniker, Oz finds himself on an unplanned adventure, and without Billy—he’s kidnapped!

Zozo was once an amusement park prize who was never chosen. He had been content with the company of a beautiful ballerina, also never chosen, who had a slight tear. Zozo loved to simply gaze at her until the day a little girl chose the ballerina, leaving Zozo utterly alone. Unable to get past his bitterness, he seeks revenge on all of the Chosen by turning them into the Lost. Oswald must battle Zozo and his goons to make his way back home, but first he must also save the other stuffies who have been the Lost for so long, they’re now in the worst category of all: the Forgotten.

With nods to *Toy Story* and *Knuffle Bunny*, but with Joyce’s insouciant joie de vivre, here’s a spellbinding look at what REALLY goes on with your stuffed animals when the lights are out.

**Publication Date:** August 2015  
**Ages:** 7–11  
**Page Extent:** 176 pp

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**MOUSEHEART**  
**#3: RETURN OF THE FORGOTTEN**

By Lisa Fiedler  
Illustrated by Vivienne To  
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

*The last book of the epic animal adventure series set in the subway tunnels in Brooklyn, NY*

Felina the cat queen is gone, but the subway tunnels are still dangerous to all rodents who dwell within the twists and turns. Pup and his arachnid companion, Hacklemesh, are lurking in the shadows . . .

Hopper is determined to reach out to his brother-gone-bad, to see if he can talk some sense into the young rodent. But then Hope, the youngest of Zucker and Firren’s new litter, goes missing, and all signs point to Pup as culprit.

Meanwhile, Firren is rattled not only by the disappearance of her daughter but by a shameful secret from her past that she’s kept hidden for years—a secret that may hold damaging consequences not just for Firren, but for all of Atlantia. How can Pup betray his brother like this? What exactly is Firren hiding? And will the tunnels ever be the same again?

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**Publication Date:** October 2015  
**Ages:** 8–12  
**Page Extent:** 352 pp  
**RIGHTS SOLD:** German, French, UK
THE UNWANTEDS
#6: ISLAND OF GRAVES
By Lisa McMann
Imprint: Aladdin

Book Six in the *New York Times* bestselling middle-grade Unwanteds series about kids who can turn their creative skills into powerful magical spells!

Alex and Aaron Stowe are at a crossroads. Everything Aaron has worked so hard to build in Quill has crumbled. Fallen from the height of power and influence and left for dead in a foreign place, Aaron has lost everything and now must humbly beg for food from those who saved his life.

In Artimé, Alex chooses his people over his brother and abandons his search for Aaron, closing the door on that relationship forever. The Artimeans need his focus now more than ever as they face the terrifying power of a new enemy who has taken control of Quill—the notoriously evil Gondoleery Rattrapp.

Desperate to stop her, Alex embarks on a risky mission to enlist help from the last person he’d ever imagined. Along the way he’s determined to rescue a lone sailor from monstrous beasts with mysterious origins—a sailor who just might hold the key to showing Alex the world isn’t in any way what he thought it was.

As Alex prepares for an epic war with all of Quill and Artimé hanging in the balance, Alex must place his faith in a reckless plan . . . and hope that he and all of his friends make it through alive.

*Publication Date:* September 2015
*Ages:* 8–12
*Page Extent:* 400 pp
*RIGHTS SOLD:* Portuguese (Brazil)

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JOURNEY TO INDIA
By N.H. Senzai
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

Maya finds herself lost in India solving the mystery of her grandmother’s past in award-winning author N. H. Senzai’s new novel.

A map, two train tickets, and a mission. These are things twelve-year-old Maya and her big sister Zara have when they set off on their own from Delhi to their grandmother’s childhood home of Aminpur, a small town in Northern India. Their goal is to find a chest of family treasures that their grandmother’s family left behind when they fled from India to Pakistan during the Great Partition. But soon the sisters become separated, and Maya is alone. Determined to find her grandmother’s lost chest, she continues her trip, on the way enlisting help from an orphan by named Jai.

Maya’s grand adventure through India is as thrilling as it is warm: a journey through her family’s history becomes a real coming-of-age quest.

*Publication Date:* October 2015
*Ages:* 8–12
*Page Extent:* 256 pp
*RIGHTS SOLD FOR SHOOTING KABUL:* French, German, Italian, Korean
THIS SIDE OF WILD:
MUTTS, MARES, AND LAUGHING DINOSAURS
By Gary Paulsen
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

This Side of Wild celebrates the dogs who played a part in Gary Paulsen’s life, and why he would not be who he is without those faithful companions.

Gary Paulsen has been on adventures spanning North America and the Pacific—from competing in two Iditarods to living in the Minnesota wilderness and climbing the Bighorn Mountains. One constant throughout his journeys has been his dogs, whether it was a professional sled dog in Alaska or a sickened poodle who has become one of Gary’s most prized guard dogs. And through his understanding and admiration of how dogs—and all animals—see and understand the world around them, Gary has learned to be a better person.

This is a collection of true stories about Gary Paulsen’s relationships with his dogs and various other animals, which highlights their compassion, intellect, and intuition.

Publication Date: October 2015
Ages: 10 up
Page Extent: 176 pp

KEN JENNINGS’ JUNIOR GENIUS GUIDES:
ANCIENT EGYPT
By Ken Jennings
Imprint: Little Simon

Ken Jennings’ Junior Genius Guides continue with Ancient Egypt!

Now you can become a Junior Genius with Ken Jennings’s first children’s series! With this book about ancient Egypt, you’ll become an expert and wow your friends and teachers with awesome ancient facts: Did you know that Egyptians used to shave their eyebrows whenever a cat died? Or that some people worshiped a god of lettuce? With great illustrations, cool trivia, and fun quizzes to test your knowledge, this guide will have you on your way to whiz-kid status in no time!

Publication Date: August 2015
Ages: 8–10
Page Extent: 160 pp
RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Complex), Russian
SOMEWHERE THERE IS STILL A SUN
By Michael Gruenbaum
Imprint: Aladdin

A riveting Holocaust memoir about a boy who survived the Terezin concentration camp due to the heroic and ingenious efforts of his mother and his mentor

Michael Gruenbaum lived comfortably and happily with his father, mother, and older sister, Marietta, in Prague in the 1930s, until the Nazis invaded. In 1941, Michael’s father was murdered and in 1942, when Michael was twelve, the Germans deported him and his mother and sister to the Terezin concentration camp.

At Terezin, which served as a propaganda camp for the Nazis, Michael lived in a bunk with 40 other boys, living a surreal life that blended horrific deprivations with bizarrely mundane daily life. When his family’s names appeared on a transport list to Auschwitz, they were spared by a miracle. Michael’s mother’s job in Terezin was to sew teddy bears, and she was so skilled at this job, that the Nazi who was giving her bears to his children agreed to sign a slip at the eleventh hour excusing her and her family from the transport.

Recounted by novelist Todd Hasak-Lowy, Gruenbaum’s story is brought to life vividly with great immediacy in present tense narrative, offering an essential contribution to Holocaust literature.

Publication Date: August 2015
Ages: 10–14
Page Extent: 384 pp

THE UNTOLD HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, VOLUME 2:
YOUNG READERS EDITION, 1945–1963
By Oliver Stone and Peter Kuznick
Adapted by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Discover America’s secrets in this second of four volumes of the young readers’ edition of The Untold History of the United States, from Academy Award–winning director Oliver Stone and Peter Kuznick, adapted by Susan Campbell Bartoletti.

This is not the kind of history taught in schools or normally presented on television or in popular movies. This riveting young readers’ edition challenges prevailing orthodoxies to reveal the dark reality about the rise and fall of the American empire for curious, budding historians who are hungry for the truth. Based on the latest archival findings and recently declassified information, this book will come as a surprise to the vast majority of students and their teachers—and that’s precisely why this edition is such a crucial counterpoint to today’s history textbooks.

Publication Date: November 2015
Ages: 10 up
Page Extent: 320 pp
Rights Sold: Japanese
THE ART OF SCORPIONS (WORKING TITLE)
By Erin Bow
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

In the future, the children of world leaders are taken hostage—and murdered—to keep the peace.

Greta is the Duchess of Halifax and Crown Princess of the Panpolar Confederacy, a superpower formed of modern-day Canada. She is also a Child of Peace, a hostage held by the defacto ruler of the world, the great Artificial Intelligence, Talis. Talis’s hostages are the keystone of a system designed to limit war. If her country enters a war, Greta’s life will be forfeit. The system has mostly worked for four hundred years. Parents don’t want to see their children murdered.

Greta lives in the prefecture with the daughters and sons of leaders from around the world. She has prepared all her life to die with dignity—if she must die. But everything changes when she meets Elian, a hostage from a new American Alliance, who arrives in chains. He defies the artificial intelligence that controls every part of their lives and is severely punished for it. Greta is furious that he has disrupted their quiet, structured life. But slowly Elian’s defiance opens her eyes to the brutality of the rules they live under and the subtle resistance of her companions. And Greta discovers her own power.

Then Elian’s country declares war on Greta’s and invades the prefecture, taking the hostages hostage. Now the great Talis is furious and coming to mete out punishment, which will surely mean that Greta and Elian will be killed . . . unless Greta can think of a way to save them.

Publication Date: October 2015
Ages: 14 up
Page Extent: 384 pp

THE HOUSE
By Christina Lauren
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Home, haunted, home. Delilah and Gavin’s new love is threatened by a mysterious force.
The new teen novel from blockbuster author Christina Lauren!

After years spent in boarding school, Delilah returns to her small hometown of Morton, Kansas. Not much has changed. Her former best friend Dhaval is still a riot. Her parents are still disappointed in her. And the class weirdo, Gavin, is still a loner outcast. Except, he’s now a hot loner outcast. Delilah can’t help but be intrigued by Gavin, and she sets out to discover his secrets.

Gavin lives in the creepiest house in all of Morton. No one has ever seen his parents. No one has ever been invited inside. Once Delilah and Gavin become friends, and fall in love, Gavin’s biggest secret is revealed: the house is alive. The House is Gavin’s only family: it provides him with a bed that grows as he does, food on the table, new clothes in the closet, his favorite shows whenever he wants to watch. And the House doesn’t like Delilah very much at all. The closer Delilah and Gavin get, the more the House tries to scare her away—using its control over trees and roads and items throughout the town. Delilah is determined to convince Gavin that he needs to escape—or die trying. This haunting love story is full of unexpected twists.

Publication Date: October 2015
Ages: 14 up
Page Extent: 384 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR THE HOUSE: French, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian
RIGHTS SOLD FOR SUBLIME: French, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian
LOCK & MORI
By Heather W. Petty
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Before they were mortal enemies, they were much more . . .

FACT: Someone has been murdered in London’s Regent’s Park. The police have no leads.

FACT: Miss James “Mori” Moriarty and Sherlock “Lock” Holmes should be hitting the books on a school night. Instead, they are out crashing a crime scene.

FACT: Lock has challenged Mori to solve the case before he does. Challenge accepted.

FACT: Despite agreeing to Lock’s one rule—that they must share every clue with each other—Mori is keeping secrets.

OBSERVATION: Sometimes you can’t trust the people closest to you in matters of the heart. And, after this case, Mori may never trust Lock again.

Set in contemporary London, this brilliant debut imagines the initial meeting of Sherlock Holmes (Lock) and Miss James Moriarty Jr. (Mori), revealing how they met in high school, fell for each other, and became one of the most formidable rivalries the world has ever known.

Publication Date: September 2015
Ages: 14 up
Page Extent: 256 pp
RIGHTS SOLD: Chinese (Complex), Czech, French, German, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil)

THE HEIRS OF WATSON ISLAND
#2: PERSUASION
By Martina Boone
Imprint: Simon Pulse

In this second book in the Heirs of Watson Island trilogy—where Beautiful Creatures meets Gone with the Wind—Barrie must rescue her beloved and her family from evil spirits.

Grieving the death of her godfather and haunted by her cousin Cassie’s betrayal, Barrie returns from a trip to San Francisco to find the Watson plantation besieged by reporters and ghost hunters. Some are hoping to see the ancient spirit who sets the river on fire each night, while others are chasing rumors of a stolen shipment of Civil War gold that may be hidden at Colesworth Place. Chaos descends as Cassie hires a team of archeologists to excavate beneath the mansion ruins. But more is buried there than treasure.

A mysterious, magical man appears at Watson’s Landing, claiming that the key to the Watson and Beaufort gifts and the Colesworth curse also lies beneath the mansion. With a mix of threats and promises, he engages Barrie and Cassie in a midnight visit, but the spell he conjures has potentially deadly consequences.

While Barrie and dreamy Eight Beaufort struggle to make sense of the escalating danger and their growing feelings for each other, Barrie has to figure out not only whom to trust, but which gift is more reliable—Eight’s or her own. With millions of dollars and the fate of the founding families at stake, she must choose between what she feels deep in her heart and what will keep her loved ones safe.

Publication Date: October 2015
Ages: 14 up
Page Extent: 320 pp
DIARY OF A HAUNTING
By M. Verano
Imprint: Simon Pulse

In the vein of Paranormal Activity and The Blair Witch Project, the recounting of an average American teen girl and the haunting that occurs when she moves into a new home, written in mixed-media journal format

Letters, photographs, and a journal . . . all left behind in the harrowing aftermath.

When Paige moves from LA to Idaho with her mom and little brother after her parents’ high-profile divorce, she expects to completely hate her new life, and the small town doesn’t disappoint. Worse yet, the drafty old mansion they’ve rented is infested with flies, spiders, and other pests Paige doesn’t want to think about.

She chalks it up to her rural surroundings, but it’s harder to ignore the strange things happening around the house, from one can of ravioli becoming a dozen, to unreadable words appearing in the walls. Soon Paige’s little brother begins roaming the house at all hours of the night, and there’s something not right about the downstairs neighbor, who knows a lot more than he’s letting on.

Things only get creepier when she learns about the sinister cult that conducted experimental rituals in the house almost a hundred years earlier.

The more Paige investigates, and the deeper she digs, the clearer it all becomes: whatever is in the house, whatever is causing all the strange occurrences, has no intention of backing down without a fight.

Publication Date: August 2015
Ages: 14 up
Page Extent: 288 pp

STRANGE GIRL
By Christopher Pike
Imprint: Simon Pulse

A brand-new mind-bending novel about a girl with the mysterious ability to heal that carries an unimaginable cost, by #1 bestselling author Christopher Pike

From the moment Fred met Aja, he knew she was different.

As he looks back at their relationship after a shocking final twist, Fred tries to piece together all of their shared moments—to understand Aja’s precious gift, and its devastating cost.

A fascinating, seductive new story from Christopher Pike!

Publication Date: December 2015
Ages: 14 up
Page Extent: 416 pp
CONSENT
By Nancy Ohlin
Imprint: Simon Pulse

An intense bond between a high school senior and her music teacher turns passionate, then becomes a public scandal when their romance is discovered in this sexy, intriguing novel.

Beatrice starts her senior year terrified to tell her father or her best friend, Plum, that her vision for her future doesn’t match the one they have for her—she doesn’t want to follow Plum to Harvard. She wants to pursue her hidden dream of attending a music conservatory.

That dream only burns brighter for Bea when she walks into her music theory class and meets the new teacher—Dane. He’s young, he’s gorgeous, he shares her deep passion for piano, and he believes in her.

Dane and Bea begin private lessons that lead to a secret trip to New York for Bea to audition for a world-famous piano instructor at Juilliard. When their passion for music crosses over into passion for each other, Bea finds herself falling completely for Dane.

She’s never felt so wanted, so understood, so known to her core. And then their affair is discovered, and suddenly the school principal and police are peppering Bea with a thousand questions and threatening Dane with everything from losing his job to going to jail.

Bea’s desperate to protect Dane and the love they share, until someone else comes forward with a shocking statement. Bea must piece together what is and isn’t true about Dane, herself, and the most intense relationship she’s ever experienced.

Publication Date: November 2015
Ages: 14 up
Page Extent: 320 pp

STRANDED
By Melinda Braun
Imprint: Simon Pulse

A group of teens battle for their lives against the most violent culprit in history—Mother Nature—in this gripping and suspenseful tale of survival.

It’s human nature to survive. Plagued with guilt after surviving the car accident that took her sister’s life, Emma ventures into the rugged and varied wilderness of the Boundary Waters to find some much needed peace that only the forest can offer.

But Mother Nature has other plans.

When a freak windstorm kills their guide, Emma and a handful of campers are forced to fend for themselves. Lost, hungry, and exhausted, the small group calls upon their survival instincts as they travel through the forest and toward the mighty Lake Superior.

But the Boundary Waters is vast and unpredictable. As the days drag on, it becomes clear that the campers are no match for what this dangerous north country has in store. And time is running out.

Battling the elements, Emma soon realizes that her biggest threat may not come from nature, but from a camper who will do whatever it takes to make it out of the Boundary Waters alive. Even if he’s the only one.

Publication Date: August 2015
Ages: 14 up
Page Extent: 256 pp
WE ALL LOOKED UP
By Tommy Wallach
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Four high school seniors put their hopes, hearts, and humanity on the line as an asteroid hurls toward Earth in this contemporary novel.

They always say that high school is the best time of your life.

Peter, the star basketball player at his school, is worried “they” might actually be right. Meanwhile Eliza can’t wait to escape Seattle—and her reputation—and perfect-on-paper Anita wonders if admission to Princeton is worth the price of abandoning her real dreams. Andy, for his part, doesn’t understand all the fuss about college and career—the future can wait.

Or can it? Because it turns out the future is hurtling through space with the potential to wipe out life on Earth. As these four seniors—along with the rest of the planet—wait to see what damage an asteroid will cause, they must abandon all thoughts of the future and decide how they’re going to spend what remains of the present.

PRAISE FOR WE ALL LOOKED UP:
“Tommy Wallach’s We All Looked Up is a triumphant debut—this generation’s The Stand. It is at once troubling, uplifting, scary, and heart-wrenching, and written with so much compassion for our fragile hold on the fleeting here and now. A glorious, wonderful, completely unforgettable novel”—Andrew Smith, author of Winger and Grasshopper Jungle

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Publication Date: March 2015
Ages: 14 up
Page Extent: 384 pp

RIGHTS SOLD: Catalan, Czech, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil) Spanish, UK

THE SHADOW BEHIND THE STARS
By Rebecca Hahn
Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Heed this warning, mortal: stay far away from the three sister Fates. For if they come to love you, they might bring about the end of the world . . .

My name is Chloe, and I am the youngest. Mine are the fingers that choose the wool, that shape the thread, that begin it. The sun smiles upon me. Men love me without knowing who I am. I have lived forever and will live forevermore. My sisters and I have been on our isolated island for centuries, longer than any mortal can remember. We spin, measure, and slice the countless golden threads of human life. We are the three Fates, and we have stayed separate for good reason: it is dangerous for us to become involved with the humans whose lives we shape.

So when a beautiful girl named Aglaia shows up on our doorstep, I try to make sure my sisters don’t become attached. But, in seeking to protect them, I discover the dark power of Aglaia’s destiny. As her path unwinds, my sisters and I find ourselves pulled inextricably along—toward mortal pain, mortal love, and a fate that could unravel the world.

Publication Date: September 2015
Ages: 12 up
Page Extent: 256 pp
LAST YEAR’S MISTAKE
By Gina Ciocca
Imprint: Simon Pulse

Reminiscent of Sarah Dessen and Jenny Han, this sparkling debut is about first love and second chances.

Before: Kelsey and David became best friends the summer before freshman year and were inseparable ever after. Until the night a misunderstanding turned Kelsey into the school joke, and everything around her crumbled—including her friendship with David. So when Kelsey’s parents decided to move away, she was thrilled to start over and leave everyone behind. Except, David wasn’t ready to let her go.

After: It’s senior year and Kelsey has a new group of friends, a sexy makeover, genuine popularity, and a delicious boyfriend named Ryan. Her life is perfect—until David moves to town. Soon, feelings Kelsey thought she left in the past threaten to destroy her second chance at happiness. And the more she’s with David, the more she realizes her life may not be so perfect—especially if keeping it means leaving David behind for good.

Told in alternating sections, Last Year’s Mistake is a charming debut about loving, leaving, and letting go.

Publication Date: June 2015
Ages: 14 up
Page Extent: 320 pp
RIGHTS SOLD: German

THE CREEPING
By Alexandra Sirowy
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Stella has to unravel the mystery of her town’s dark legacy . . . if she wants to survive the summer.

Twelve years ago Stella and Jeanie vanished while picking strawberries in Jeanie’s front yard. Stella wandered back only minutes later, with no memory of what had happened. Jeanie was never seen or heard from again.

Seventeen-year-old Stella Cambren is over it. She was the lucky one—the one who survived. Sure, it’s her small town’s ugly legacy and the case is still cloaked in mystery, but Stella has her hot best friend, a summer hookup with an irresistibly crooked smile, and two months full of cove days and bonfires stretching out before her.

That is, until the fresh corpse of a little redheaded girl washes up in an ancient cemetery after a mudslide, dredging up Stella’s lost memories of the haunting day of Jeanie’s disappearance. After Stella discovers that other little girls have disappeared—little redheaded girls who look just like Jeanie—she fears that something sinister is at work. When Jeanie’s mom is suddenly killed too, Stella rushes to figure out how the cases are connected. Something dark is at work in their little town, something spanning generations.

Before the summer ends, Stella will learn that if you hunt for monsters, you will find them—whether they’re the kind you expected or not.

Publication Date: August 2015
Ages: 12 up
Page Extent: 384 pp
THREE DAY SUMMER
By Sarvenaz Tash
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

In this summer romance, two teens find unexpected harmony amid the crowd at a legendary music festival.

Michael is unsure about most things. Go to college? Enlist in the military? Break up with his girlfriend? All big question marks. He is living for the moment, and all he wants is a few days at the biggest concert of the summer.

Cora lives in the town hosting the music festival. She’s volunteering in the medical tent. She’s like that, always the good girl. But there is something in the air at this concert, and suddenly Cora finds herself wanting to push her own boundaries.

When Michael and Cora meet, sparks fly, hearts race, and all the things songs are written about come true. And they’ve got three days of the most epic summer ahead of them.

Publication Date: May 2015
Ages: 12 up
Page Extent: 304 pp

SWEPT AWAY
By Michelle Dalton
Imprint: Simon Pulse

Beachfront love blossoms in this refreshing summer romance, in the tradition of Sixteenth Summer and Seventeenth Summer.

Mandy Sullivan isn’t exactly looking forward to the summer months as tourists invade her seaside hometown on the coast of Maine. Her best friend, Cynthia, has abandoned her for camp, and her older brother just announced he’ll be staying at college and taking classes for the summer, leaving Mandy with nothing to do and no one to hang out with. Hoping to keep herself busy, Mandy takes a volunteer job at the Rocky Pointe Lighthouse. On her very first day, Oliver Farmingham asks for a private tour. A new—and incredibly cute—face in Rocky Pointe, Oliver seems more interested in Mandy than in the lighthouse and its history.

Without her best friend at her side, Mandy is scrambling to act the right way and say the right things when Oliver is around. Cynthia—not Mandy—has always been the confident, flirtatious girl that everyone wanted to be around. As Mandy and Oliver spend more time together exploring the coast, biking through the woods, and attending the local summer festivals, their budding friendship becomes much more. But with Mandy’s insecurities creeping to the surface, can she open her heart to someone who will only be in town for three months?

Publication Date: May 2015
Ages: 12 up
Page Extent: 320 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR FIFTEENTH SUMMER: French
**ROT & RUIN #5: BITS & PIECES**
By Jonathan Maberry
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Jonathan Maberry’s zombie series—with heart—continues with a collection of short stories taking place in the Rot & Ruin.

Benny Imura’s story from Jonathan Maberry’s Rot & Ruin series is well known, but what else was happening while he was on his quest? Who were the others who were navigating the ravaged landscape full of zombies? Comprising previously published stories, as well as brand-new short stories from Nix’s journal, Jonathan Maberry returns to fill in the gaps about what we know about the First Night, surviving the plague and the land of Rot & Ruin. These stories are now together for the first time in print. This collection also features the script of the first issue of the Rot & Ruin comics.

**Publication Date:** September 2015  
**Ages:** 12 up  
**Page Extent:** 448 pp  
**Rights Sold for Rot & Ruin:** Danish, French, German, Italian, Turkish, UK

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**TRAFFICK**
By Ellen Hopkins
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

This riveting sequel to *Tricks* continues the story of five teens forced into prostitution as they try to find their way out of the life.

In *Tricks* we met five young people who were forced into prostitution in Las Vegas. Eden is now in a program that gets kids out of prostitution—but now that she can reach her beloved boyfriend, she can’t bear to tell him everything that’s happened. Ginger is ready to escape back to Barstow, but her girlfriend keeps winding up back on the streets. After being shot, Cody is paralyzed from the waist down and must find a new way to build a life for himself and his mother. Seth has the chance to return to his farm, but is torn between life in Vegas with his sugar daddy and life back home. And Whitney—unable to adjust to life at home—calls her pimp again, leading to his arrest. Can she testify against him?

Through the characters’ interaction with other young people “in the life,” we begin to understand the meaning of domestic child sex trafficking. The stories vary, but the teens all are searching for one thing: home. And the ultimate question for all becomes: Is there a way out?

**Publication Date:** November 2015  
**Ages:** 14 up  
**Page Extent:** 608 pp
PERSONA
By Genevieve Valentine
Imprint: Saga Press

In a world where diplomacy has become celebrity, a young ambassador survives an assassination attempt and must join with an undercover paparazzo in a race to save her life, spin the story, and secure the future of her young country in this near-future political thriller from the acclaimed author of Mechanique and The Girls at Kingfisher Club.

When Suyana, Face of the United Amazonia Rainforest Confederation, secretly meets Ethan of the United States for a date that can solidify a relationship for the struggling UARC, the last thing she expects is an assassination attempt. Daniel, a teen-runaway-turned-paparazzo out for his big break, witnesses the first shot hit Suyana, and before he can think about it, he jumps into the fray, telling himself it’s not altruism, it’s the scoop. Just like that, Suyana and Daniel are now in the game of Faces. And if they lose, they’ll die.

Publication Date: March 2015
Page Extent: 320 pp
VIOLET AND THE HIDDEN TREASURE
By Harriet Whiteborn
Illustrated by Becka Moor
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A delightful new detective series for girls starring Violet Remy-Robinson, a young girl with adventure on her mind!

Violet has spent her holiday exploring India, including visiting the Maharajah and meeting his very special cockatoo. After she returns home, she gets a surprise visit from the Maharajah’s butler, asking her to look after the bird. Violet couldn’t be more amazed (and her cat, Pudding, couldn’t be less pleased), but as Violet soon discovers, the cockatoo holds the key to the Maharajah’s fortune, and someone is trying to bird-nap it! Can Violet discover who the culprit is before they succeed?

A beautiful package, complete with two-colour illustrations throughout by emerging talent Becka Moore, everyone is bound to fall in love with Violet and the colourful characters that make up her world. Perfect for fans of Ottoline, Goth Girl, and Claude.

“Whitehorn’s debut is pacy and imaginative and Becka Moor’s illustrations a delight. Perfect for readers who liked the Ottoline books by Chris Riddell”—The Times

Publication Date: March 2015
Ages: 7 up
Page Extent: 208 pp

THE STRAWBERRY SISTERS
#1: PERFECTLY ELLA
By Candy Harper
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A brand-new series from Candy Harper—Little Women meets Jacqueline Wilson

Ella Strawberry lives in a tiny house full of big personalities. It’s hard to get noticed when you’ve got one sister who can burp the alphabet, another who smashes plates as well as people’s feelings, and a really cute one who’s training an army of earwigs.

Luckily, Ella has a plan to get people’s attention. She’s sure she can get both her stepmum and her new classmates to like her if she can just be more like her sisters. But Ella soon discovers that being someone else isn’t as easy as it looks . . .

“A touching story about sisters and friendships. Gentle and warm and funny”—Jacqueline Wilson

Publication Date: April 2015
Ages: 9 up
Page Extent: 272 pp (TBC)
**THE DREAMSNATCHER**

By Abi Elphinstone  
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Twelve-year-old Molly Pecksniff wakes up one night deep in Tanglefern forest—unaware of how she arrived there. Moll has been lured there by a nightmare, the one with the drums and rattles and masks that calls to her every night. This is the night that Moll will realise she and her wildcat, Gryff, are named in an ancient prophecy that has been part of her family for generations and that a witch doctor, Skull, is out to destroy.

Suddenly, Moll finds herself on an adventure she would never have imagined, with secrets and magic at every turn. But with the help of Gryff, her friend Siddy, and Alfie, an unlikely ally from Skull’s gang, Moll is determined to fight back and fulfill the prophecy before it’s too late . . .

“Fast paced and full of charm”—Piers Torday, award-winning author of *The Dark Wild*

“An outstanding debut packed with suspense, adventure, and heart”  
—Katherine Rundell, bestselling author of *Rooftoppers*

**Book Two Coming Spring 2016!**

**Publication Date:** February 2015  
**Ages:** 9 up  
**Page Extent:** 288 pp

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**STOP THOSE MONSTERS!**

By Steve Cole  
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK


I’m Bob, a human boy stuck in a land of MONSTERS. I’m trying to get out with the help of three incredible creatures.

There’s Verity, who looks like a giant hamster. Alfie, who’s about as scary as a bag of crisps. And Zola, a Gorgon who can turn people into weird stuff. Like porridge.

We’re just three friends on a crazy, death-defying quest to escape with our lives. But all we hear is: STOP THOSE MONSTERS!!!

**Publication Date:** June 2015  
**Ages:** 9 up  
**Page Extent:** 256 pp
CIRCUS OF THIEVES ON THE RAMPAGE

By William Sutcliffe
Illustrated by David Tazzyman
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Roll up, roll up! The circus comes to town in this hilarious series from bestselling author William Sutcliffe.

Get ready for rampages, chunky tandem rides, escaped convicts, synchronised otters, and much more! Shank’s Impossible Circus is back . . . and this time it’s on the rampage! Brought to life by the energetic illustrations of David Tazzyman, this series is a must for fans of Andy Stanton, David Walliams, and Roald Dahl.

PRAISE FOR CIRCUS OF THIEVES AND THE RAFFLE OF DOOM:
“This circus caper may become a classic”—The Times, Children’s Book of the Week
“Pure delight”—The Independent on Sunday

Nominated for the Carnegie Medal

Publication Date: February 2015
Ages: 9 up
Page Extent: 288 pp

THE CASE OF THE EXPLODING BRAINS

By Rachel Hamilton
Illustrated by The Boy Fitz Hammond
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Rachel Hamilton does it again in this laugh-out-loud detective story for both boys and girls—with dynamic text and hilarious, quirky illustrations.

Noelle “Know-All” Hawkins has another case on her hands. A trip to the Science Museum results in an international mystery involving the moon, some mind reading, and an awful lot of grumpy people. But how are they all connected?

Noelle, Holly, and Porter are on the case. But will they piece together the crazy clues in time to save the planet? And why is Dad walking round prison with a blanket on his head?

Science, silliness, and supervillains make this a perfect read for fans of David Walliams, Simon Mayo and Liz Pichon.

“Rachel Hamilton is a bit too funny for my liking”—Jonathan Meres, author of The World of Norm series

Publication Date: February 2015
Ages: 9 up
Page Extent: 256 pp

Read more about Noelle, Holly, and Porter in The Case of the Exploding Loo.
TIGER MOTH
By Suzi Moore
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A beautiful novel about loss, identity, and friendship from the author of Lexi Land

Ever since Alice was adopted, Culver Manor, with its hidden rooms and overgrown garden, has been the one place she feels safe, the one place she can call home. Everything’s perfect. When she finds out her mum is going to have a baby, Alice’s world turns upside down. Alice doesn’t know what to say, so she doesn’t speak at all. She stays silent that day and the day after that, until six months have passed without her saying one single word.

Zack has everything he could want. A loving family, lots of friends, and a great dog as a best friend. Everything’s perfect until Zack’s dad is killed in a plane crash and he and his mum are forced to sell their house and move to a tiny cottage by the sea. Then he meets Alice, the girl who doesn’t speak, and together they begin to realise that sometimes it’s when life seems less than perfect that the most magical things can happen.

Publication Date: August 2014
Ages: 9 up
Page Extent: 256 pp

SIGNs OF LOVE
#1: LOVE MATCH
#2: STUPID CUPID
#3: PARIS CRUSH
#4: DESTINY DATE
By Melody James
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

A fun, highly commercial series for tween girls, focusing on love, astrology, and friendship

The path of true love never runs smoothly, and when Gemma is involved it can get exceedingly bumpy! Thirteen-year-old Gemma Stone has always dreamed of becoming an award-winning journalist. Unfortunately, as the youngest member of her high school e-zine editorial team, she’s given the job of writing the horoscopes, under the pen name Jessica Jupiter. Not knowing the first thing about astrology, Gemma decides to make the most of her unexpected situation by using her new position to play Cupid with her friends, writing fictional forecasts to help their romantic dreams come true. But is Gemma too busy with her friends’ love lives to notice signs of love closer to home?

This series focuses on the perennial issues of friendship, boys, and school from a great voice with a fresh and humorous feel perfect for this age group and genre.

Publication Date: #1: February 2012; #2: August 2012; #3: February 2013; #4: August 2013
Ages: 9 up
Page Extent: 208 pp
STOP PRESS! HOT CASTING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Lights, camera, action! Simon & Schuster introduces you to . . . the world of Elektra O’James, superstar in the making (well almost)!

*Geek Girl* meets *New Girl* meets *Fame* in the first of a show-stopping new series set to be the next big thing in teen fiction!

**WAITING FOR CALLBACK**

By Perdita and Honor Cargill
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

When Elektra is discovered by an acting agent she imagines Oscar glory can’t be far away, but instead she finds herself lurching from one cringe-worthy moment to the next whilst (mostly) retaining her sense of humour. Just how many times can you be rejected for the part of “dead girl number three” without losing hope? And who knew that actors were actually supposed to be multi-lingual, play seven instruments and be trained in a variety of circus skills? Off-stage things aren’t going well either, she’s fallen out with her best friend, her crush remains oblivious to her existence and her parents are driving her crazy. Can an average girl-next-door like Elektra really make it in the world of luvvies and starlets?

- Appealing characters, awkward moments, crushes, friendship dilemmas and brilliant dialogue!
- Perfect for the thriving teen girl market, with a smart, self-aware and - perhaps most importantly - extremely likable central character in the guise of Elektra O’James.
- Hilarious moments of back-stage drama! This series opens up the realities of the acting world in the same way *Geek Girl* did with modelling.

Written by dynamic mother/daughter team Perdita and Honor Cargill, *Waiting for Callback* draws on their two different experiences of the acting world, Honor as the teenage girl who kept losing out on roles like “girl seven” and Perdita as the anxious mother waiting outside the audition room. This is their debut novel together.

**Publication Date:** January 2016

**Ages:** 10 up

**Page Extent:** 304 pp (TBC)
I take a deep breath. ‘The thing is, I can’t shake this feeling there’s someone out there,’ I explain. ‘There’s the ghost or whatever in the dark coat and red hat that I’ve seen twice now and the newspaper article, and they both make me think . . . maybe it’s my real mum. I mean, this place is supposed to be haunted. I think, perhaps, that it’s my mum who’s here, haunting it . . . haunting me.

Family secrets, and a girl’s search for the truth—a stunning new novel from one of the UK’s best-loved teen writers.

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SOPHIE MCKENZIE is a bestselling UK author, with sales in the UK alone of over 750,000 copies. Her novels books have won over 20 UK children’s book prizes.

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“Brilliantly described, scary and touching”—The Daily Mirror

Publication Date: July 2015
Ages: 12 up
Page Extent: 368 pp
I KNEW YOU WERE TROUBLE
By Paige Toon
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Meet Jessie, the daughter of Johnny Jefferson, as featured in Johnny Be Good and Baby Be Mine, in the first YA series from the bestselling adult author Paige Toon.

Jessie Jefferson’s dad is a global superstar. But life as the secret daughter of a world-famous rock god isn’t easy.

After a whirlwind summer in LA, with celebrity parties and a certain hot guitarist to keep her occupied, Jessie’s finding it hard to work out who she is. The world’s press is closing in, and LA is calling. How long can she keep her secret hidden?

Summer may be over, but Jessie’s story’s just beginning . . .

“If you want escapism, Paige Toon is perfect”—Cosmopolitan

Publication Date: July 2015
Ages: 12 up
Page Extent: 336 pp (TBC)

CAPTIVE
By A. J. Grainger
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK


I open my eyes. The cell is flooded with sunlight; the window is a splice of pale blue. Dust particles dance in the sparkling light, pirouetting in a golden line from the window to the opposite wall of the cell, where they seem to converge into shapes. It is like looking into a kaleidoscope.

Dad isn’t here. No one is, but me.

Robyn Knollys-Green is an A-list celebrity, famous for being the daughter of one of the world’s most powerful men. But not even the paparazzi can find her now.

Robyn soon realises that she is trapped in a complicated web of global corruption and deceit—and that the strange, melancholy boy who has been tasked with guarding her might not be an enemy after all . . .

“A moving exploration of identity, celebrity, loyalty, and power”—Booktrust

Publication Date: January 2015
Ages: 12 up
Page Extent: 240 pp
KEEP THE FAITH
By Candy Harper
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Get ready for boy dilemmas, friendship dramas, and madcap grannies—Faith is back!

Being fourteen is hard work. My life should be brilliant, but some things never change . . .

*Miss RamsBOTTOM still hates my zest for life and my idea for a club—even though it’s definitely educational (and not just so we can meet boys)

*My parents won’t give me a credit card, so I am babysitting a toddler who enjoys decorating me with Play-Doh

*My BFFs are too obsessed with their own lives to analyse what a monkey picture from a boy means, or why I can’t stop staring at Ethan

EVERYONE LOVES HAVE A LITTLE FAITH
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“A complete gem, and an absolutely massive recommendation”—YA Yeah Yeah

Publication Date: February 2014
Ages: 12 up
Page Extent: 288 pp

HAUNT: DEAD WRONG
By Curtis Jobling
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

Will and Dougie are still adjusting to the slight change in their friendship dynamic . . .

Will’s dead but Dougie can still see him. Weird, admittedly, but there are some positives: solving a murder mystery, becoming a local hero and getting the girl of your dreams are pretty big perks for Dougie.

But what happens when the girl is Will’s crush too? The first (and last!) girl he ever kissed? And why has Dougie’s dad been acting all weird ever since Will died? Just as things are beginning to go right for Will, it seems he couldn’t have been more wrong . . .

Publication Date: February 2015
Ages: 11 up
Page Extent: 256 pp
### DELETE

**By Jeff Povey**  
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

*A high-concept, action-packed adventure series that’s perfect for fans of Michael Grant, Charlie Higson and Antony Horowitz.*

Having fought their way back to what they believe to be their home world, Rev, GG and The Ape discover that they’re now stuck in a nightmarish world, surrounded by superpowered killing machines. Johnson, Billie and the Moth are still trapped in the empty world. Alive, but with no way home. Can the misfits get back together? And will they be able to do it before the world ends?

“High-concept sci-fi series with shade of Michael Grant . . .

a strong shot of black humour”—*The Bookseller*

“Tense and witty”—*Sunday Times*

**Publication Date:** April 2015  
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**Page Extent:** 368 pp (TBC)

### THE SAVAGE KINGDOM 2

**By Simon David Eden**  
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

*An epic adventure for an 8–12 readership, with a strong focus on kids and their love for animals. The Incredibly Journey meets Michelle Paver.*

The world is at war. Animals across the globe have risen up against humans to try to reclaim the Earth for themselves. In this battle, domesticated pets are forced to choose between protecting their human families and fighting amongst their animal kind.

“Thought-provoking. Original. Imaginative”—Virginia McKenna OBE

**Publication Date:** July 2014  
**Ages:** 9 up  
**Page Extent:** 384 pp

### THE BLOOD LIST

**By Sarah Naughton**  
Imprint: Simon & Schuster UK

*A chilling novel from the Costa Book Awards shortlisted author*

Barnaby Nightingale is the perfect son: strong, handsome, daring, everything his father wants him to be; yet for his mother, Frances, he will never be the son she desires. Frances believes that her real son was taken from her as a baby by the local village folk who thought him to be a changeling.

When the beautiful and mysterious Naomi catches Barnaby’s attention, his world is thrown into chaos as superstition and dark folklore take hold of the small village and Naomi is accused of being a witch. Fear and suspicion spread, and soon Barnaby finds himself on trial too, facing the ultimate penalty—death.

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