CCBC Choices 2020

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Science, Technology, and the Natural World


Carballido, Dr. José Luis, and Dr. Diego Pol. Titanosaur: Discovering the World’s Largest Dinosaur. Illustrated by Florencia Gigena. Orchard, 2019. 32 pages (978-1-338-20739-2)


**Historical People, Places, and Events**


Boyce, Jo Ann Allen, and Debbie Levy. This Promise of Change: One Girl’s Story in the Fight for School Equality. Bloomsbury, 2019. 310 pages (978-1-68119-852-1)


Jarrow, Gail. The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs. Calkins Creek, 2019. 157 pages (978-1-62979-438-9)


Takei, George, Justin Eisinger, and Steven Scott. They Called Us Enemy. Illustrated by Harmony Becker. Top Shelf, 2019. 204 pages (pbk 978-1-60309-450-4)


Biography, Autobiography, and Memoir


Contemporary People, Places, and Events

Detlefsen, Lisl H. Right This Very Minute: A Table-to-Farm Book about Food and Farming. Illustrated by Reneé Kurilla. Feeding Minds Press, 2019. 32 pages (978-1-948898-00-3)

Kuklin, Susan. We Are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults. Candlewick Press, 2019. 182 pages (978-0-7636-7884-5)


Next Wave Muslim Initiative Writers. I Am the Night Sky & Other Reflections by Muslim American Youth. Shout Mouse, 2019. 171 pages (978-1-945434-93-8)


Understanding Oneself and Others


Sotomayor, Sonia. *Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You.* Illustrated by Rafael López. Philomel, 2019. 32 pages (978-0-525-51412-1)


The Arts


Markel, Michelle. *Out of This World: The Surreal Art of Leonora Carrington.* Illustrated by Amanda Hall. Balzer + Bray, 2019. 32 pages (978-0-06-244109-6)


Poetry


Concept Books


Soman, David. *How to Two*. Dial, 2019. 32 pages (978-0-525-42784-1)


**Picture Books for Young Children**


Cotterill, Samantha. *This Beach Is Loud!* (Little Senses) Dial, 2019. 32 pages (978-0-525-55345-8)


Fogliano, Julie. *If I Was the Sunshine*. Illustrated by Loren Long. Atheneum, 2019. 48 pages (978-1-4814-7243-2)


Klein, Cheryl B. *Wings*. Illustrated by Tomie dePaola. Atheneum, 2019. 32 pages (978-1-5344-0510-3)
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Mora, Oge. Saturday. Little, Brown, 2019. 32 pages (978-0-316-43127-9)


Raúl the Third. ¡Vamos! Let’s Go to the Market. Colors by Elaine Bay. Versify, 2019. 40 pages (978-1-328-55726-1)


Sarcone-Roach, Julia. There Are No Bears in This Bakery. Alfred A. Knopf, 2019. 32 pages (978-0-399-55665-4)

Scanlon, Liz Garton, and Audrey Vernick. Five Minutes (That’s a Lot of Time) (No, It’s Not) (Yes, It Is). Illustrated by Olivier Tallec. Putnam, 2019. 32 pages (978-0-525-51631-6)


**Picture Books for School-Age Children**


Hare, John. *Field Trip to the Moon.* Margaret Ferguson Books / Holiday House, 2019. 40 pages (978-0-8234-4253-9)


Ransome, James E. *The Bell Rang.* A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book / Atheneum, 2019. 32 pages (978-1-4424-2113-4)


Xiaojing, Jin. *I Miss My Grandpa.* Little, Brown, 2019. 32 pages (978-0-316-41787-7)

Henkes, Kevin. *Penny and Her Sled.* Greenwillow, 2019. 56 pages (978-0-06-293453-6)


Santat, Dan. *Harold & Hog Pretend for Real!* (Mo Willems’ Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!) Disney, 2019. 50 pages (978-136802716-8)


Tan, Sheri. *Follow That Map!* Illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez. (Dive into Reading) Lee & Low, 2019. 32 pages (pbk 978-1-62014-570-8)

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**Books for Newly Independent Readers**

Akulukjak, Roselynn, and Danny Christopher. *Putuguq & Kublu and the Qalupalik!* Inhabit Media, 2019. 39 pages (978-1-77227-228-4)


Faruqi, Saadia. *Yasmin in Charge.* Illustrated by Hatem Aly. Picture Window, 2019. 90 pages (pbk 978-1-5158-4272-9)


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**Fiction for Children**


Calabrese, Keith. *A Drop of Hope.* Scholastic Press, 2019. 305 pages (978-1-338-23320-9)


DiCamillo, Kate. *Beverly, Right Here.* Candlewick, 2019. 241 pages (978-0-7636-9464-7)


Henkes, Kevin. *Sweeping Up the Heart*. Greenwillow, 2019. 183 pages (978-0-06-285254-0)


King, Amy Sarig. *The Year We Fell From Space*. Arthur A. Levine Books / Scholastic, 2019. 262 pages (978-1-338-23636-1)


Mahoney, Kristin. *The 47 People You'll Meet in Middle School*. Knopf, 2019. 287 pages (978-1-5247-6513-2)


McManis, Charlene Willing, with Traci Sorell. *Indian No More*. Tu Books, 2019. 211 pages (978-1-62014-839-6)


Villanueva, Gail D. *My Fate According to the Butterfly*. Scholastic Press, 2019. 233 pages (978-1-338-31050-4)

Fiction for Young Adults


Moreno, Nina. *Don’t Date Rosa Santos*. Hyperion, 2019. 325 pages (978-136803970-3)


Tavengerwei, Rutendo. *Hope Is Our Only Wing.* Soho Teen, 2019. 216 pages (978-1-64129-072-2)


Williams, Alicia D. *Genesis Begins Again.* A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book / Atheneum, 2019. 364 pages (978-1-4814-6580-9)

