Best & Brightest Children’s Books of 2017

Board Books

- **Look, Look Again** by Agnese Baruzzi. *Birth-Toddler*
- **Little Critters** by Xavier Deneux. *Birth-Toddler*
- **Wild Animals** by Xavier Deneux. *Birth-Toddler*
- **Yoga Bug: Simple Poses for Little Ones** by Sarah Jane Hinder. *Birth-Toddler*
- **Animal Homes** by Little Bee Books, illustrated by Amy Downes and Hannah Baldwin. *Birth-Toddler*
- **Animal Patterns** by Little Bee Books, illustrated by Amy Downes and Hannah Baldwin. *Birth-Toddler*

Picture Books

- **Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut** by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James. *Preschool-3rd grade*
- **The Wolf, the Duck & the Mouse** by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen. *Preschool-3rd grade*
- **Where’s Rodney?** by Carmen Bogan, illustrated by Floyd Cooper. *Preschool-3rd grade*

Beginning Readers

- **Pig & Goose and the First Day of Spring** by Rebecca Bond. *1st-2nd grade*
- **A Pig, a Fox, and Stinky Socks** by Jonathan Fenske. *Kindergarten-2nd grade*
- **Peeper and Zeep** by Adam Gudeon. *Preschool-1st grade*
- **The Good for Nothing Button** by Charise Mericle Harper. *Kindergarten-2nd grade*
- **I Can Run** by Murray Head. *Preschool-2nd grade*
- **Block Party** by Gwendolyn Hooks, illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez. *Kindergarten-2nd grade*
- **I See a Cat** by Paul Meisel. *Preschool-2nd grade*
- **Annie & Simon: Banana Muffins and Other Stories** by Catharine O’Neill. *Kindergarten-3rd grade*
- **What’s Your Favorite Favorite?** by Bob Shea. *1st-3rd grade*
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Charlie & Mouse by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Emily Hughes. Kindergarten-2nd grade

I Like the Farm by Shelly Rotner. Preschool-2nd grade

Graphic Novels
Nightlights by Lorena Alvarez. 3rd-6th grade
Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt by Ben Clanton. Kindergarten-4th grade
One Trick Pony by Nathan Hale. 3rd-7th grade
Earth Before Us. 1, Dinosaur Empire by Abby Howard. 3rd-6th grade
All’s Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson. 4th-7th grade
Where’s Halmoni? by Julie Kim. Kindergarten-4th grade
Suee and the Shadow by Ginger Ly, illustrated by Molly Park. 4th-7th grade
The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O’Neill. 4th-7th grade
The Witch Boy by Molly Knox. Ostertag. 3rd-7th grade
5 Worlds: The Sand Warrior by Mark Siegel & Alexis Siegel, illustrated by Xanthe Bouma, Matt Rockefeller & Boya Sun. 4th & up
My Kite Is Stuck! And Other Stories by Salina Yoon. Kindergarten-2nd grade

Children’s Fiction
A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold, illustrated by Charles Santoso. 2nd-5th grade
Felix Yz by Lisa Bunker. 4th-8th grade
See You in the Cosmos by Jack Cheng. 4th-8th grade

Children’s Nonfiction
Life on Surtsey: Iceland’s Upstart Island by Loree Griffin Burns. 5th-8th grade
Grand Canyon by Jason Chin. 2nd-7th grade

Dragons and Marshmallows by Asia Citro, illustrated by Marion Lindsay. Kindergarten-4th grade
The Pants Project by Cat Clarke. 3rd-7th grade
Ashes to Asheville by Sarah Dooley. 4th-9th grade
Bertolt by Jaques Goldstyn, translated by Claudia Zoe Bedrick. Kindergarten-2nd grade
Yours Sincerely, Giraffe by Megumi Iwasa, translated by Cathy Hirano, illustrated by Jun Takabatake. 1st-3rd grade
Hello, Universe by ErinEntrada Kelly. 3rd-6th grade
Amina’s Voice by Hena Khan. 4th-8th grade
Family Game Night and Other Catastrophes by Mary E. Lambert. 4th-8th grade
The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore. 5th-8th grade
Train I Ride by Paul Mosier. 4th-8th grade
Auma’s Long Run by Eucabeth Odhiambo. 6th & up
The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez. 5th-8th grade
York: The Shadow Cipher by Laura Ruby. 4th-8th grade
Princess Cora and the Crocodile by Laura Amy Schlitz, illustrated by Brian Floca. Kindergarten-2nd grade
The Ethan I Was Before by Ali Standish. 4th-8th grade
Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia. 3rd-6th grade
Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk. 4th-8th grade

Children’s Biography
Muddy: The Story of Blues Legend Muddy Waters by Michael James Mahin, illustrated by Evan Turk. 1st-5th grade
Moto and Me: My Year as a Wildcat’s Foster Mom by Suzi Eszterhas. 1st-5th grade
Meet Cindy Sherman: Artist, Photographer, Chameleon by Jan Greenberg & Sandra Jordan. 2nd-7th grade
This is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World by Matt Lamothe. Kindergarten-3rd grade
Survivors: Extraordinary Tales from the Wild and Beyond by David Long, illustrated by Kerry Hyndman. 4th-6th grade
Creekfinding: A True Story by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, illustrated by Claudia McGehee. Kindergarten-3rd grade
How to Be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild by Katherine Roy. 2nd-6th grade
ABCs from Space by Adam Voiland. Preschool-3rd grade
Sinking the Sultana: A Civil War Story of Imprisonment, Greed, and a Doomed Journey Home by Sally M. Walker. 5th-8th grade

Children’s Poetry
Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets by Kwame Alexander, Chris Corderley & Marjory Wentworth, illustrated by Eka Huemas. 4th-7th grade
Breathe and Be: A Book of Mindfulness Poems by Kate Coombs, illustrated by Anna Emilia Laitinen. Preschool-3rd grade
A New School Year: Stories in Six Voices by Sally Derby, illustrated by Mika Song. Kindergarten-5th grade

Hello, Universe by Megumi Yamauchi. Preschool-2nd grade

Maya Lin: Thinking with Her Hands by Susan Goldman Rubin. 3rd-8th grade
The Music of Life: Bartolomeo Cristofori & the Invention of the Piano by Elizabeth Rusch, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman. Preschool-5th grade
Strong as Smoke: How Eugen Sandow Became the Strongest Man on Earth by Don Tate. 1st-5th grade
Danzal! Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de México by Duncan Tonatiuh. 1st-5th grade
The Legendary Miss Lena Horne by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. Preschool-3rd grade
Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality by Jonah Winter, illustrated by Stacy Innerst. 1st-3rd grade

Felix Yz by Lisa Bunker. 4th-8th grade

Miguel’s Brave Knight: Young Cervantes And His Dream Of Don Quixote by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Raúl Colón. 3rd-8th grade
One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by various. 5th & up
I’m Just No Good at Rhyming: And Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-ups by Chris Harris, illustrated by Lane Smith. 2nd-7th grade
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### Traveling the Blue Road: Poems of the Sea
by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illustrated by Bob Hansman & Jovan Hansman. 3rd-5th grade

### Cricket in the Thicket: Poems about Bugs
by Carol Murray, illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Preschool-5th grade

### Feel the Beat: Dance Poems That Zing from Salsa to Swing
by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Kristi Valiant. Kindergarten-4th grade

### Thunder Underground
by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Josée Masse. Kindergarten-3rd grade

### Spanish Nonfiction
**Malala, por el derecho de las niñas a la educación**
by Raphaële Frier, illustrated by Aurélia Fronty. 2nd-6th grade

**Abdo Kids: Anatomía de una planta (series)**
by Grace Hansen. 2nd-6th grade
- **Flores**
- **Frutas**
- **Hojas**
- **Raíces**
- **Semillas**
- **Tallos**

**Abdo Kids: Biomas (series)**
by Grace Hansen. 2nd-6th grade
- **Biomas acuáticos**
- **Biomas marino**
- **Bosques**
- **Desiertos**
- **Pastizales**
- **Tundra**

**Abdo Kids: Animales que cambian (series)**
by Grace Hansen. 2nd-6th grade
- **De huevo a libélula**
- **De huevo a mariposa**
- **De huevo a medusa**
- **De huevo a rana**
- **De huevo a salamandra**
- **De huevo a saltamontes**

### Spanish Picture Books
**La caja más grande del mundo**
by Carmen Corrales. Toddler-Kindergarten

**Superhéroe manual de instrucciones**
by Kristy Dempsey, illustrated by Mark Fearing. Preschool-1st grade

**Antoinette**
by Kelly DiPucchio, illustrated by Christian Robinson. Preschool-2nd grade

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**¡Bip bip bip Hora de dormir!**
by Claire Freeman & Richard Smythe. Toddler-Kindergarten

**El oso y el piano**
by David Litchfield. Preschool-3rd grade

**Azul y Bertie**
by Kristyna Litten. Toddler-1st grade

**El travieso Jojó**
by Édouard Manceau. Toddler-Kindergarten

**Descreen quién viene y quién se va**
by Anton Poitier, illustrated by Sophia Touliatou. Toddler-Kindergarten

**El abejoso**
by Nadia Shireen. Preschool-1st grade

**Abeja**
by Britta Teckentrup. Toddler-1st grade

**El gato Mateo va de paseo**
by Brenda Wenzel. Toddler-Kindergarten

**El príncipe feliz**
by Oscar Wilde, illustrated and adapted by Maisie Paradise Shearring. Kindergarten-4th grade

**La babosa cariñosa**
by Jeanne Willis, illustrated by Tony Ross. Preschool-2nd grade
### Best & Brightest Teen Books of 2017

#### Teen Fiction
- **The City of Saints and Thieves** by Natalie C. Anderson. 10th grade & up
- **What Girls are Made Of** by Elana Arnold. 9th grade & up
- **Far From the Tree** by Robin Benway. 9th grade & up
- **You’re Welcome, Universe** by Whitney Gardiner. 7th grade & up
- **Turtles All the Way Down** by John Green. 10th grade & up
- **A Skinful of Shadows** by Frances Hardinge. 9th grade & up
- **Allegedly: a novel** by Tiffany D. Jackson. 10th grade & up
- **When Dimple Met Rishi** by Sandhya Menon. 9th grade & up
- **The Disappearances** by Emily Bain Murphy. 7th grade & up
- **Ramona Blue** by Julie Murphy. 9th grade & up
- **You Bring the Distant Near** by Mitali Perkins. 7th grade & up
- **Nowhere Girls** by Amy Lynn Reed. 11th grade & up
- **Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds. 10th grade & up
- **I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter** by Erika Sanchez. 9th grade & up
- **Saint Death** by Marcus Sedgwick. 10th grade & up
- **Dear Martin** by Nic Stone. 9th grade & up
- **Disappeared** by Francisco X. Stork. 9th grade & up
- **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas. 9th grade & up

#### Teen Graphic Novels
- **American Street** by Ibi Zoboi. 10th grade & up
- **Brave** by Svetlana Chmakova. 6th grade & up
- **Ricky Stitch and the Gelatinous Goo** by Ben Costa and James Parks. 7th grade & up
- **Afar** by Leila Del Duca. 6th grade & up
- **Briks** by Adam Glass and Michael Benson, illustrated by Harwinder Singh. 7th grade & up
- **Lighter Than My Shadow** by Katie Green. 10th grade & up
- **Invisible Emmie** by Terri Libenson. 6th grade & up
- **The Time Museum** by Matthew Loux. 5th-9th grade
- **I Am Alfonso Jones** by Tony Medina, illustrated by John Jennings and Stacey Robinson. 9th grade & up
- **Moby Dick** by Herman Melville, illustrated by Christophe Chaboté. 7th grade & up
- **Wonder Woman Vol. 1: The Lies** by Greg Rucka, illustrated by Liam Sharp. 9th grade & up
- **Shattered Warrior** by Sharon Shinn, illustrated by Molly Knox Ostertag. 8th grade & up
- **Cast No Shadow** by Nick Tapalansky and Anissa Espinosa, tone by Alex Eckman-Lawn, lettering by Thomas Maurer. 6th grade & up
- **Graveyard Shakes** by Laura Terry. 6th grade & up
- **Hawkeye: Anchor Points** by Kelly Thompson, illustrated by Leonardo Romero & Michael Walsh. 7th grade & up
- **The Backstagers: Rebels Without Applause** by James Tynion IV, illustrated by Rian Sygh. 8th grade & up
- **Spinning** by Tillie Walden. 9th grade & up
- **Spill Zone** by Scott Westerfeld, illustrated by Alex Puivillard. 9th grade & up
- **Another Castle: Grimoire** by Andrew Wheeler, illustrated by Paulina Ganucheau. 6th grade & up
- **Home Time. Book One, Under the River** by Campbell Whyte. 6th grade & up
- **The Flash, Vol 1: Lightning Strikes Twice** by Joshua Williamson, illustrated by Carmine Di Giandomenico. 9th grade & up

#### Teen Nonfiction
- **Eyes of the World: Robert Capa, Gerda Taro, and the Invention of Modern Journalism** by Marc Aronson & Marina Budhos. 7th grade & up
- **March Against Fear: The Last Great Walk of the Civil Rights Movement and the Emergence of Black Power** by Ann Bausum. 5th grade & up
- **Racial Profiling: Everyday Inequality** by Alison Marie Behnke. 6th grade & up
- **The Best We Could Do** by Thi Bui. 11th grade & up
- **A Dog in the Cave: The Wolves Who Made Us Human** by Kay Frydenborg. 5th grade & up
- **Without Borders: My Journey to Help Refugees** by Samantha Johnson. 7th grade & up
- **Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting It Done** by Andrea Gonzales & Sophie Houser. 8th grade & up
- **Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers** by Deborah Heiligman. 7th grade & up
- **De-Extinction: The Science of Bringing Lost Species Back to Life** by Rebecca Hirsch. 6th grade & up
- **Double Cross: Deception Techniques in War** by Paul Janeczko. 4th-7th grade
- **One, Two, Three, Four: The Story of Count Basie’s Big Band** by Todd Van Lierde. 6th grade & up
- **Girl Rising: Changing the World One Girl at a Time** by Tanya Lee Stone. 9th grade & up
- **How Dare the Sun Rise** by Sandra Uwiringiyimana. 7th grade & up
- **Motor Girls: How Women Took the Wheel and Drove Boldly into the Twentieth Century** by Sue Macy. 4th grade & up
- **Come on in, America: The United States in World War I** by Linda Barrett Osborne. 5th grade & up
- **Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World** by Sarah Prager. 7th grade & up
- **Far from the Tree** by Natalie C. Anderson. 7th grade & up
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