



# Great Reads for the Holidays 2013



The Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) has compiled a list of great Canadian books, for kids of all ages, for the 2013 holiday season. The books featured in this list are starred selections from the Fall 2013 edition of *Best Books for Kids & Teens*. While the CCBC does not sell these items, they can be purchased directly from your local bookseller or wholesaler. Alternatively, you can borrow these titles from your local library.



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# PICTURE BOOKS

## 123 versus ABC

**Written and illustrated by Mike Boldt**

New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2013

\$19.99 HC 978-0-06-210299-7

32 pages, full-colour, 10 1/4" x 10 1/4"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grade 1

In this cleverly written story, both the Numbers and the Letters think they're the stars! After all, Numbers help us count and measure. But Letters make up the alphabet so we can spell and read. Enter One Alligator followed by Two Bears... Who is this story about? Numbers or Letters?

NUMERACY | LITERACY

## Betty Bunny Didn't Do It

(Betty Bunny)

**Written by Michael B. Kaplan**

**Illustrated by Stéphane Jorisic**

New York: Dial Books, 2013

\$18.00 HC 978-0-8037-3858-4

32 pages, full-colour, 10 1/4" x 10 1/4"

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 1-2

When Betty Bunny breaks a lamp, she blames it on the Tooth Fairy. Blaming someone else for something she's done seems like a great idea... but when a vase gets broken, no one believes her when she says that she isn't responsible! Teaching Betty the difference between right and wrong can be a challenge!

HONESTY | BEHAVIOUR | FAMILY LIFE | RABBITS

## Community Soup

**Written and illustrated by Alma Fullerton**

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2013

\$19.95 HC 978-1-927485-27-9

32 pages, full-colour, 10 3/4" x 9 1/4"

IL: Ages 4-12 RL: Grades 1-2

Kioni loves her goats, but they can be big trouble! On soup day, when all the other students are gathering vegetables from the community garden, Kioni is gathering goats! Luckily the kids have a great idea, and soon Kioni's four-legged friends are helping to make the soup a delicious success. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Creation of Hope Project in Kenya.

KENYA | COMMUNITY GARDENS | COMMUNITY KITCHENS

## The Dark

**Written by Lemony Snicket**

**Illustrated by Jon Klassen**

Toronto: HarperCollins Publishers, 2013

\$19.99 HC 978-1-44341-794-5

40 pages, full-colour, 7 3/4" x 10 1/4"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Lazlo is afraid of the dark. When Lazlo's night light burns out, the dark comes to visit him. "Lazlo," the Dark says, "I want to show you something." And so Lazlo descends the basement stairs to face his fears and learns how to stop being afraid of the dark.

FEARS | IMAGINATION

## How To

**Written and illustrated by Julie Morstad**

Vancouver: Simply Read Books, 2013

\$18.95 HC 978-1-897476-57-4

42 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 2-3

This imaginative "how to" book explores whimsical ways of doing a host of different tasks, including "how to wonder," "how to see the breeze" and "how to be brave." With text and images by award-winning illustrator Julie Morstad, this book will be beloved by all ages. How to read this book? That is up to you.

IMAGINATION | CREATIVITY

## In the Tree House

**Written by Andrew Larsen**

**Illustrated by Dušan Petričić**

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2013

\$18.95 HC 978-1-55453-635-1

32 pages, full-colour, 10 1/4" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 5-10 RL: Grades 2-3

This evocative story about two brothers who are growing up and apart, it seems, occurs in a special tree house that proves childhood is not just a time but also a place. Alone in the tree house during a blackout, the younger brother crowns himself king of the castle, but finds his enchantment with his favourite place has waned without his big brother to keep him company.

SIBLINGS | CHILDHOOD | TREE HOUSES | NEIGHBOURHOODS

## Not Your Typical Dragon

**Written by Dan Bar-el**

**Illustrated by Tim Bowers**

New York: Viking Children's Books, 2013

\$18.00 HC 978-0-670-01402-6

36 pages, full-colour, 10 1/4" x 10 1/4"

IL: Ages 3-6 RL: Grades 1-2

Everybody knows that dragons breathe fire. But when Crispin tries to do it, fire doesn't come out, but a host of other weird and wonderful things do. Crispin wonders if he'll ever find his inner fire. But when a family emergency happens, only Crispin can save the day.

DRAGONS | INDIVIDUALITY | SELF-ACCEPTANCE

## Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping

**Written and illustrated by Mélanie Watt**

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2013

\$16.95 HC 978-1-894786-86-7

32 pages, full-colour, 8 1/4" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grades 1-2

Scaredy Squirrel is not too comfortable with the idea of camping so he decides to buy a brand-new, top-of-the-line television and watch a camping show from the comfort of his own home. But first he must find an electrical outlet, and that means going out into the woods! Will Scaredy Squirrel learn to appreciate the wilderness as it's meant to be?

CAMPING | WILDERNESS | TRYING NEW THINGS

## Skink on the Brink

(A Tell-Me-More Storybook)

**Written by Lisa Dalrymple**

**Illustrated by Suzanne Del Rizzo**

Markham, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2013

\$18.95 HC 978-1-55455-231-3

32 pages, full-colour, 11 1/4" x 8 3/4"

IL: Ages 5 and up RL: Grades 2-3

Stewie the Blue is a special skink with a beautiful blue tail. As he grows up, his tail starts turning grey and he decides his name just doesn't suit him anymore. As he searches for inspiration, he realizes he misses his old habitat and returns there to find a name and a song that suit him just right.

SKINKS | EXTINCTION | ANIMAL HABITATS | SELF-ESTEEM

## When I Was Eight

Written by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton  
Illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard

Toronto: Annick Press, 2013  
\$21.95 LIB 978-1-55451-491-5  
\$9.95 PB 978-1-55451-490-8  
32 pages, full-colour, 9" x 9"  
IL: Ages 6-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Based on the best-selling memoir, *Fatty Legs*, this picture book tells the story of a young Inuit girl whose dream of learning how to read takes her to a residential school. Treated poorly by one nun in particular, her mettle is tested but her spirit never breaks.

INUIT | RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS | INUIT WOMEN

## Willow Finds a Way

Written by Lana Button  
Illustrated by Tania Howells

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2013  
\$18.95 HC 978-1-55453-842-3  
32 pages, full-colour, 10 1/4" x 9 1/4"  
IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grades 1-2

Willow is thrilled when the whole class, including her, is invited to classmate Kristabelle's fantastic birthday party. But the bossy birthday girl starts crossing guests off the list when they dare to cross her. Willow finds a quiet, but convincing, way to let Kristabelle know her behaviour is not acceptable. This is the companion to *Willow's Whispers*.

EMPOWERMENT | FRIENDSHIP | ROLE MODELS | BULLYING

# JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE FICTION

## Loki's Wolves

(The Blackwell Pages, Book 1)

Written by Kelley (K.L.) Armstrong and Melissa (M.A.) Marr  
Illustrated by Vivienne To

New York: Little, Brown & Company, 2013  
\$19.00 HC 978-0-316-20496-5  
358 pages, b&w, 5 3/4" x 8 1/2"  
IL: Ages 9-13 RL: Grade 4

Matthew Thorsen has always known he was a descendant of the Norse god, Thor, and his classmates Fen and Laurie Brekke are descendants of the trickster god, Loki. And now, with the threat of the apocalypse looming, Matt, Laurie and Fen must put an unstoppable team together, find Thor's hammer and shield, and prevent the earth from ending.

NORSE MYTHOLOGY | MONSTERS | SUPERNATURAL | ADVENTURE

## The Metro Dogs of Moscow

Written by Rachelle Delaney

Toronto: Puffin Canada, 2013  
\$12.99 PB 978-0-14-318414-0  
196 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"  
IL: Ages 8-11 RL: Grade 4

JR is an embassy dog whose human, George, frequently moves around the world. With George working at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow, JR befriends some stray dogs that seem more exciting than the other boring embassy pets. But when his new friends start disappearing and an embassy dog goes missing, JR must bring all the dogs together to solve the mystery.

DOGS | MYSTERY | MOSCOW

# BEGINNING READERS

## Murilla Gorilla: Jungle Detective

Written by Jennifer Lloyd  
Illustrated by Jacqui Lee

Vancouver: Simply Read Books, 2013  
\$11.95 HC 978-1-927018-15-6  
41 pages, full-colour, 6 1/4" x 9 1/4"  
IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grades 1-2

Murilla Gorilla, the jungle detective, is woken up by a new case: Ms Chimpanzee's muffins were stolen. But who did it? It's up to Murilla to find out... as long as she can find her badge first! Murilla may seem like a hopeless detective — disorganized, messy and always thinking about her next snack — but out of her mess come some pretty good ideas, and some pretty funny moments, too.

DETECTIVES | ORGANIZATION | PROBLEM SOLVING

# EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS

## Jasper John Dooley: Left Behind (Jasper John Dooley, Book 2)

Written by Caroline Adderson  
Illustrated by Ben Clanton

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2013  
\$16.95 HC 978-1-55453-579-8  
130 pages, b&w, 5 3/4" x 7 1/2"  
IL: Ages 6-10 RL: Grades 2-3

Jasper John Dooley loves spending Wednesdays with Nan. But one day Nan announces she is leaving on a cruise for a whole week! When Jasper realizes he's going to be spending his next Wednesday with a babysitter, he's not very happy, but things turn out better than he thought they would.

GRANDPARENTS | BABYSITTERS | RELATIONSHIPS

# JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE FICTION

## Red River Stallion

**Written by Troon Harrison**

New York: Bloomsbury, 2013  
\$18.00 HC 978-1-59990-845-8  
339 pages, 5 1/4" x 8"  
IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 5-6

When a young orphan named Amelia first sees a red stallion she is sure he is her spirit guide, but the beautiful horse is headed west to the Red River Valley. Amelia discovers a letter from her father, a man she's never met, asking his family to join him in the Red River Valley. Amelia must decide whether to stay with her mother's tribe or follow the stallion in the hope that she will find her father. This is the sequel to *The Horse Road*.

HORSES | VOYAGES | CREE FIRST NATION | CANADIAN HISTORY

## Shadow Girl

**Written by Patricia Morrison**

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2013  
\$12.99 PB 978-1-77049-290-5  
\$9.99 EB 978-1-77049-368-1  
217 pages, 5 1/8" x 7 5/8"  
IL: Ages 9-11 RL: Grades 3-4

Eleven-year-old Jules is often left alone to fend for herself. Her father, an alcoholic, does his best to care for her, but she often finds herself at the mall where she loses herself in the warmth of the shops and the sparkling lights. When someone reports their suspicions of neglect to the authorities, Jules is forced into foster care where her life becomes almost unbearable.

FOSTER CHILDREN | FOSTER CARE | HOPE

## Storm the Fortress

(I Am Canada)

**Written by Maxine Trottier**

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2013  
\$14.99 HC 978-1-4431-0007-6  
\$14.99 EB 978-1-4431-2453-9  
184 pages, b&w, 4 5/8" x 6 3/4"  
IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grade 4

William's experience at a printing house brings him to the attention of James Cook, a naval officer on the British warship, *Pembroke*, as it joins the blockade that is laying siege to the French stronghold of Quebec. If he can do his job — and stay alive — his ship could determine whether the French or the British win the war.

CANADIAN HISTORY | SIEGE OF QUEBEC | NAVAL HISTORY | JAMES COOK

## Summer Days, Starry Nights

**Written by Vikki VanSickle**

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2013  
\$8.99 PB 978-1-4431-1991-7  
\$8.99 EB 978-1-4431-2499-7  
219 pages, 5" x 7 3/4"

IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 4-5  
Reenie Starr loves summers at her family's resort, but as a teenager she feels like she's living in a country where people speak a different language. When Gwendolyn Cates arrives to teach dance at the resort, Reenie comes to realize that there is more to life than fishing, campfires and climbing trees. She also discovers that there's more to being a teenager than just wearing cool clothes and knowing the right songs.

FRIENDSHIP | RELATIONSHIPS | FAMILY | SUMMER

# MIDDLE YEARS FICTION (HI-LO)

## Double Play (Sports Stories)

**Written by Sara Cassidy**

Toronto: James Lorimer, 2013  
\$16.95 HC 978-1-4594-0379-6  
\$9.95 PB 978-1-4594-0378-9  
\$7.95 EB 978-1-4594-0380-2  
126 pages, 5" x 7 3/4"  
IL: Ages 10-15 RL: Grade 4

Allie and Miles belong to the same family and both play baseball. When Allie is called up to pitch for the boys' team, Miles decides he wants to play with the girls' team, but there are rules against this. Miles decides to take a stand and learns that the dynamics on boys' and girls' teams are very different.

BASEBALL | SOCIAL ACTIVISM | FAMILY

## Hurricane Heat (Orca Sports)

**Written by Steven Barwin**

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2013  
\$9.95 PB 978-1-4598-0213-1  
\$9.95 EB 978-1-4598-0215-5  
162 pages, 4 1/4" x 7"  
IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 3-4

Travis Barkley's parents died five years ago in a car crash, and he and his sister were separated. When Travis receives a puzzling postcard from his sister, he heads to California to try and find her. His new friends, Jessie and Ethan, help him follow every clue he gets, but then Ethan convinces Travis to pitch for his baseball team, leaving Travis with a tough decision — family or baseball, which is more important?

BASEBALL | FAMILY | FOSTER HOMES | FOSTER CHILDREN

# YOUNG ADULT FICTION

## An Infidel in Paradise

Written by **S.J. Laidlaw**

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2013  
\$21.99 HC 978-1-77049-304-9  
\$11.99 EB 978-1-77049-305-6  
311 pages, 5 3/8" x 7 7/8"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 7

Sixteen-year-old Emma's life changes drastically when her father leaves the family and she finds herself living on a diplomatic compound in Islamabad, Pakistan, with her mother and siblings. As if getting used to another new country and set of customs and friends isn't enough, she must cope with an increasingly tense political situation that becomes dangerous.

PAKISTAN | FAMILY | FRIENDSHIP | POLITICAL UNREST

## Living with the Hawk

Written by **Robert Currie**

Saskatoon: ThistleDown Press, 2013  
\$15.95 PB 978-1-927068-39-7  
\$9.95 EB 978-1-927068-56-4  
196 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grade 8

Blake Russell always looked out for his younger brother, Blair, until they reached high school and began playing football. Blake, a senior and a quarterback, moved in different circles with friends who partied, bullied younger players and abused the girls they dated. As the differences between the two brothers become more pronounced, a body is discovered in a field north of town, severing the brotherly bond and dividing the Russell family forever.

BULLYING | RACISM | FOOTBALL | ALCOHOL

## Nix Minus One

Written by **Jill MacLean**

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2013  
\$21.95 HC 978-1-927485-24-8  
\$14.95 PB 978-1-927485-25-5  
287 pages, 5 1/2" x 7 1/2"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 7-8

Quiet, out of shape, and bold only around his neighbourhood's neglected dog, Nix is the polar opposite of his vibrant sister, Roxy. But he'd do anything for her, even hide her late-night partying from their parents. When Roxy goes too far, Nix feels like it's his life that's spiralling out of control.

DEATH | GRIEF | BULLYING | HEALING

## Over My Head

(Wildlings, Book 2)

Written by **Charles de Lint**

Toronto: Razorbill, 2013  
\$21.00 HC 978-0-670-06534-9  
377 pages, 6 1/4" x 9 1/4"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 8-9

Josh Saunders knew his troubles weren't over. Sure, he's a shape-shifting Wildling, but he still thought he could keep a low profile. However, he can't hide any longer. Josh must face powerful Wildling clashes, street gangs, a bully, FBI investigators... and perhaps even the loss of his very best friend, Marina. This is the sequel to *Under My Skin*.

FANTASY | CHANGELINGS | ADVENTURE | FRIENDSHIP

## The Silent Summer of Kyle McGinley

Written by **Jan Andrews**

Winnipeg: Great Plains Teen Fiction, 2013  
\$14.95 PB 978-1-926531-68-7  
200 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 8-9

Tired of being shuttled from one foster home to another, Kyle McGinley has stopped talking because no one listens. At the home of Scott and Jill Wardman, however, Kyle thinks that maybe life could be better. With the help of a crow, a swamp and an excess of black paint, Kyle faces the most difficult task of his life — making friends with himself.

FOSTER CHILDREN | FOSTER HOMES | HOPE | COURAGE

# TEEN FICTION (HI-LO)

## Forward Pass

(Podium Sports Academy)

Written by **Lorna Schultz Nicholson**

Toronto: James Lorimer, 2013  
\$16.95 HC 978-1-4594-0373-4  
\$9.95 PB 978-1-4594-0372-7  
\$7.95 EB 978-1-4594-0374-1  
139 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 3

Soccer goalkeeper Parmita wants nothing more than to play on Canada's National Team. Podium Sports Academy's soccer team has a new assistant coach who may actually have the pull to get Parmita a National Team tryout, but Parmita is uncomfortable with her coach's constant flirting and inappropriate touching.

SOCCER | SEXUAL ABUSE | STUDENT ATHLETES

## Tagged

(Orca Soundings)

Written by **Eric Walters**

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2013 \$16.95  
LIB 978-1-4598-0168-4  
\$9.95 PB 978-1-4598-0167-7  
\$9.95 EB 978-1-4598-0170-7  
125 pages, 4 1/4" x 7"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 4-5

The mayor has declared a crackdown on graffiti and guerilla art, and there have been cutbacks at the local art gallery. Oswald (a.k.a. Wiz) is fighting back by painting elaborate murals in public places, planting art in galleries and taking on the mayor himself. What will happen if the Wiz's real identity is revealed?

ART | GRAFFITI | ARTISTS | SOCIAL ACTIVISTS | FRIENDSHIP

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

### **War Brothers: The Graphic Novel** Written by Sharon E. McKay and Daniel Lafrance Illustrated by Daniel Lafrance

Toronto: Annick Press, 2013  
\$27.95 HC 978-1-55451-489-2  
\$18.95 PB 978-1-55451-488-5  
163 pages, full-colour, 6 3/4" x 9 1/2"  
IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10  
Jacob and his friends are swapping stories in the school dormitory when they are attacked and abducted by rebel soldiers. Beaten, starved and forced to become child soldiers, the boys begin a long march through the African bush. Losing all hope of rescue, they make a desperate decision that will lead to freedom or death.

CHILD SOLDIERS | AFRICA | FRIENDSHIP | COURAGE

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### **Homophobia: Deal With It and Turn Prejudice into Pride (Deal With It)** Written by Steven Solomon Illustrated by Nick Johnson

Toronto: James Lorimer, 2013  
\$24.95 HC 978-1-4594-0441-0  
\$12.95 PB 978-1-4594-0442-7  
32 pages, full-colour, 8 1/2" x 11"  
IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 5-6  
With plenty of quizzes, Q+As, comics and scenarios, this interactive and highly visual book in the Deal With It series helps kids determine what is — and what isn't — homophobia. It explains what they can do to make their schools, homes and communities safer and more inclusive for everyone.

HOMOPHOBIA | PREJUDICE

## HISTORY

### **Branded by the Pink Triangle** Written by Ken Setterington

Toronto: Second Story Press, 2013  
\$15.95 PB 978-1-926920-96-2  
155 pages, b&w, 6 1/2" x 8"  
IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10  
This book tells the history of the persecution of gay men by the Nazi regime during the Holocaust. Homosexuals were imprisoned along with Jews in the camps. The pink triangle, sewn onto prison uniforms, became their symbol. Combining historical research with individual stories, this account brings this period of history to life for young readers.

HOMOSEXUALS | HOLOCAUST | WORLD WAR II | GERMANY

## BIOGRAPHY & SPEAKING OUT

### **Hooked: When Addiction Hits Home** Edited by Chloe Shantz-Hilkes with Decode

Toronto: Annick Press, 2013  
\$21.95 HC 978-1-55451-475-5  
\$12.95 PB 978-1-55451-474-8  
120 pages, 5" x 7 1/4"  
IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grades 7-8  
Ten people who, in their youth, lived with a parent or sibling addicted to alcohol, drugs, food, pills or gambling, speak honestly about what it was like growing up. Teens going through similar situations will find that there are many ways to break free from the chains of others' addictions. A question-and-answer section and a section on seeking advice and help are also included.

ADDICTION | DRUGS | ALCOHOL | FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

## NATURE

### **10 Plants that Shook the World** Written by Gillian Richardson Illustrated by Kim Rosen

Toronto: Annick Press, 2013  
\$24.95 LIB 978-1-55451-445-8  
\$14.95 PB 978-1-55451-444-1  
129 pages, full-colour, 7 1/4" x 9 1/2"  
IL: Ages 10-12 RL: Grade 5  
In this book you'll learn about ten plants that have changed the world. You'll meet the explorers, smugglers and profiteers who turned tea, sugar cane, cotton, cacao and potatoes into big business, find out how corn and rubber inspired new technologies and why pepper started a war. You'll also discover how a tree called cinchona saved countless lives and how a grass called papyrus made it possible to share information through writing.

PLANTS | NATURE | HISTORY

### **Be a Wilderness Detective: Solving the Mysteries of Fields, Woods, and Coastlines** Written and illustrated by Peggy Kochanoff

Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2013  
\$14.95 PB 978-1-77108-012-5  
52 pages, full-colour, 8" x 8 3/4"  
IL: Ages 7-11 RL: Grade 4  
With simple language and beautifully accurate paintings, Peggy Kochanoff walks young readers through nature puzzles and riddles. How do insects stay alive in winter? Why is that tree lumpy? What are tides, anyway? The perfect book for budding naturalists, it will also convince couch potatoes to get outside and have a look. Wilderness activities and a glossary are included.

NATURE | BIOLOGY | PLANTS | ANIMALS

# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## **Bones Never Lie: How Forensics Helps Solve History's Mysteries**

**Written by Elizabeth MacLeod**

Toronto: Annick Press, 2013

\$24.95 LIB 978-1-55451-483-0

\$14.95 PB 978-1-55451-482-3

156 pages, full-colour, 6 3/4" x 9"

IL: Ages 10-12 RL: Grades 5-7

At times a gripping whodunit, at others an exercise in deductive reasoning, this book looks at how modern science and technology have helped unravel the mystery of seven historical figures whose cause of death has never been explained. Through autopsies, DNA matching, CT scans and many other high-tech methods, scientists have been able to discover what killed King Tut, how Napoleon died and whether the Grand Duchess Anastasia of Russia survived a royal massacre.

FORENSIC SCIENCE | MYSTERY |  
FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY

## **Pedal It! How Bicycles are Changing the World**

**(Orca Footprints)**

**Written by Michelle Mulder**

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2013

\$19.95 HC 978-1-4598-0219-3

\$19.95 EB 978-1-4598-0426-5

48 pages, full-colour, 8 3/8" x 9 3/4"

IL: Ages 8 and up RL: Grades 3-5

In this informative book about bicycles, readers will learn about the history of bikes, from the first bone shakers to the sleek racing bikes of today; they'll be introduced to the many parts of a bicycle from the handlebars to the spokes and gear sprockets; and they'll discover how bikes can make the world a better place.

BICYCLES | MACHINES | CYCLING

# MAGAZINES

## **Chirp**

Toronto: Owlkids

[www.owlkids.com/chirp](http://www.owlkids.com/chirp)

\$5.25/issue |

\$34.95 one-year subscription (10 issues)

ISSN 1206-4580

IL: Ages 3-6

An innovative package of stories, puzzles and activities, this magazine is filled with lively illustrations and colourful photographs that encourage readers to laugh and learn. Stories and poems by Canada's most talented authors entertain readers while preparing them to read independently. Each month children will enjoy catching up with Chirp and his friends and The Vole Brothers. Editorial themes cover various topics, including "Fun on the Farm," "All About Art" and "Fun with Art."

READING SKILLS | ANIMALS | CRAFTS

# SPORTS

## **Weird Zone: Sports**

**(Weird Zone)**

**Written by Maria Birmingham**

**Illustrated by Jamie Bennett**

Toronto: Owlkids Books Inc., 2013

\$22.95 HC 978-1-926973-60-9

\$13.95 PB 978-1-926973-61-6

128 pages, full-colour, 7" x 7"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grade 4

There's more to sports than just soccer, baseball, basketball and hockey! This book uncovers the "other" sports of the world, from the local and hidden to the strange, bizarre and downright crazy. Discover people who ride bikes underwater, sail boats on sand and golf on ice. Filled with fascinating facts and fabulous photographs, *Weird Zone: Sports* is sure to please any sports enthusiast.

SPORTS | GAMES

## **Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball**

**Written by John Coy**

**Illustrated by Joe Morse**

Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2013

\$19.95 HC (jacket & PLC) 978-0-7613-6617-1

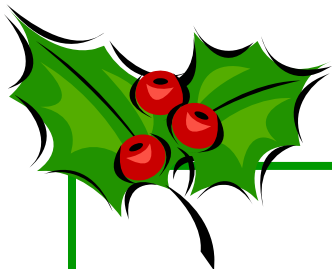
32 pages, full-colour, 9 1/2" x 11 1/4"

IL: Ages 7-11 RL: Grades 2-3

James Naismith was asked to take over a rowdy gym class right before winter vacation in December of 1891. The boys were all bored with the exercises and gymnastics they'd been doing, so Naismith decided to try something new. He remembered playing Duck on a Rock as a boy and created a new game based on that. Using a soccer ball and two old peach baskets, Naismith introduced his class to his new game of basketball.

JAMES NAISMITH | BASKETBALL | HISTORY

HC = Hardcover; PB = Paperback; LIB = Library Binding; EB = eBook  
IL = Interest Level; RL = Reading Level



## About the Canadian Children's Book Centre

The Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) is a national, not-for-profit organization founded in 1976. We are dedicated to encouraging, promoting and supporting the reading, writing, illustrating and publishing of Canadian books for young readers. Our programs, publications, and resources help teachers, librarians, booksellers and parents select the very best for young readers.

At the heart of our work at the Canadian Children's Book Centre is our love for the books that get published in Canada each year, and our commitment to raising awareness of the quality and variety of Canadian books for young readers.

Our programs, such as **TD Canadian Children's Book Week** and the **TD Grade One Book Giveaway**, are designed to introduce young Canadian readers not only to the books all around them, but to the authors and illustrators that create them. Our quarterly magazine *Canadian Children's Book News* and the semi-annual *Best Books for Kids & Teens* selection guide are designed to help parents, librarians and educators discover the world of Canadian books and to help them to select the best reading material for young readers.

The Canadian Children's Book Centre reaches well over half a million people each year, and we're still growing. Please check out our programs and publications, and see how we can help you, and you can help us, to bring Canadian books and young readers together.



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