



Summer Reading List 2013



The Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) has compiled a summer reading list of great Canadian books for kids of all ages. The books featured in this list are starred selections from the Spring 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.



The Canadian Children's Book Centre
www.bookcentre.ca

Picture Books

Big City Bees

Written by Maggie de Vries
Illustrated by Renné Benoit

Vancouver: Greystone Books, 2012
\$19.95 HC 978-1-55365-906-8
42 pages, full-colour, 8 1/4" x 10 1/4"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grade 3

Sophie and Matthew are growing pumpkins and they know they need bees to make their pumpkins grow. Grandpa takes them downtown to look for bees, but the ones they find are far away from their garden. After tending their pumpkins all summer, Sophie and Matthew finally notice the flowers blooming — will the bees find the garden to fertilize their plants?

BEES | HONEY | PUMPKINS | GARDENS | SEASONS

I'm Bored

Written by Michael Ian Black
Illustrated by Debbie Ridpath Ohi

New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2012
\$19.99 HC 978-1-4424-1403-7

32 pages, full-colour, 8 7/8" x 11 1/4"
IL: Ages 3-8 RL: Grade 2

Just when a little girl thinks she can't get any more bored, she stumbles upon a potato... who turns the tables on her by declaring children are boring. Well, it's up to our heroine to show the potato all the amazing things kids can do.

IMAGINATIONS

Mr. Zinger's Hat

Written by Cary Fagan
Illustrated by Dušan Petričić

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2012
\$19.99 HC 978-1-77049-253-0
32 pages, full-colour, 8 1/4" x 10 1/4"
IL: Ages 4-8 RL: Grade 3

One day Leo's ball knocks Mr. Zinger's hat off and the wind carries it away. After safely returning the hat to Mr. Zinger, he and Leo sit down and spin a tale together. Cary Fagan's charming story, complemented by the imaginative illustrations of artist Dušan Petričić, will delight young readers who enjoy spinning their own stories.

STORIES | CREATIVITY | IMAGINATION

Scaredy Squirrel Prepares for Christmas: A Safety Guide for Scaredies

Written and illustrated by
Mélanie Watt

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2012
\$18.95 HC 978-1-55453-469-2
80 pages, full-colour, 6 3/4" x 8 1/4"
IL: Ages 5-9 RL: Grades 2-3

'Tis the season for worrying, planning, decorating, wrapping, entertaining, carolling and, worst of all, fruitcake! Scaredy Squirrel returns with a quirky safety guide filled with practical tips and nutty step-by-step instructions to help readers prepare for a perfect Christmas. A fun-filled guide sure to appeal to all the Scaredies out there!

CHRISTMAS | CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Sky Color

Written and illustrated by
Peter H. Reynolds

Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2012
\$17.00 HC 978-0-7636-2345-6
32 pages, full-colour, 8 3/8" x 7 3/4"
IL: Ages 5 and up RL: Grade 2

The author-illustrator of *Ish* and *The Dot* winds up his Creatrilogy with a whimsical tale about seeing the world in a new way. When Marisol and her classmates are asked to paint a mural for the library, Marisol can't wait to begin. But when she discovers there's no blue in the paint box, she begins to take note of the changing colours of the sky and gets creative with her sky colour choices.

CREATIVITY | ARTISTS | COLOURS

The Stamp Collector

Written by Jennifer Lanthier
Illustrated by François Thisdale

Markham, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2012
\$18.95 HC 978-1-55455-218-4

32 pages, full-colour, 9 1/4" x 10 1/4"
IL: Ages 8 and up RL: Grade 4

A city boy finds a stamp that unlocks his imagination; a country boy is captivated by stories. One becomes a prison guard; the other works in a factory. When the country boy is imprisoned for his stories, the letters sent to him intrigue the guard and a unique friendship begins.

WRITING | STORIES | FRIENDSHIP | FREEDOM OF SPEECH

This Is Not My Hat

Written and illustrated by Jon Klassen
Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2012

\$19.00 HC 978-0-7636-5599-0
34 pages, full-colour, 11 1/4" x 8 1/8"
IL: Ages 4-7 RL: Grade 1

From the author of *I Want My Hat Back* comes a second wry tale. When a tiny fish shoots into view, wearing a round, blue topper (which happens to fit him perfectly), he reveals to the reader that he has stolen the hat. Convinced he will get away with his crime, he swims towards the big, tall plants to hide just in case he's being pursued.

THEFT | FISH | MORALS

Beginning Readers & Early Chapter Books

Farmer Joe Baby-Sits

(Scholastic Canada Reader, Level 2)

Written by Nancy Wilcox Richards

Illustrated by Werner Zimmermann

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2012

\$4.99 PB 978-1-4431-1377-9

22 pages, full-colour, 6" x 9"

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 1-2

Farmer Joe is baby-sitting Jennifer for the first time and he's never done anything quite so complicated! It's time for her afternoon nap, and she never falls asleep without her blanket, but it's nowhere to be found. After a long search and quite a few chores, perhaps Jennifer won't need her blanket.

FARMS | FARMERS | CHORES

Seeing Orange

(Orca Echoes)

Written by Sara Cassidy

Illustrated by Amy Meissner

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2012

\$6.95 PB 978-1-55469-991-9

57 pages, b&w, 5 1/4" x 7 1/2"

IL: Ages 7-9 RL: Grades 2-3

Seven-year-old Leland has trouble writing, but he loves drawing. When a neighbourhood painter recognizes Leland's gifts as an artist, Leland grows more confident about the world as he uniquely sees it. And when his family's cat goes missing, it is Leland's keen observational skills that lead to finding him.

DRAWING | ARTISTS | OBSERVATION

Junior & Intermediate Fiction

Becoming Holmes

(The Boy Sherlock Holmes, Book 6)

Written by Shane Peacock

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2012

\$21.99 HC 978-1-77049-232-5

\$11.99 EB 978-1-77049-291-2

245 pages, 5 1/2" x 8"

IL: Ages 11-14 RL: Grades 6-7

In this final instalment in The Boy Sherlock Holmes series, Sherlock's brother Mycroft helps Sherlock discover what terrible plot his rival Malefactor is about to unleash. Set out to destroy his nemesis, Sherlock plans to bring Malefactor and his henchmen down once and for all. Readers will be fascinated as they watch the brilliant boy transform into "the immortal master of criminal detection."

MYSTERY | DETECTIVES | VICTORIAN ENGLAND

The Boy in the Box

(Master Melville's Medicine Show, Book 1)

Written by Cary Fagan

Toronto: Puffin Canada, 2012

\$17.99 HC 978-0-670-06585-1

\$9.99 EB 978-0-14-318657-1

283 pages, 5 3/4" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 4-6

Eleven-year-old Sullivan Mintz is a juggling enthusiast and helps his family run a home for the elderly. One night he discovers Master Melville's Medicine Show and decides to follow it. Thrilled to find performers his own age, he quickly realizes he is trapped inside the caravan. Will his life as a juggler be worse than living in an old folks' home, or will he plot his escape and return home?

FRIENDSHIP | FAMILY | MAGIC | CIRCUS ACTS

The Encyclopedia of Me

Written by Karen Rivers

New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2012

\$18.99 HC 978-0-545-31028-4

247 pages, 5 3/4" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 5-7

Tink Aaron-Martin was grounded so she wrote an encyclopedia of her life from "Aa" to "Zoo." She has two older brothers — Lex and Seb — and Seb has autism (but Tink doesn't really want to talk about that). As the alphabet unfolds, so does the story of Tink's summer adventure with her best friend, Freddie Blue Anderson, and the new boy who just moved in next door.

RELATIONSHIPS | AUTISM | FAMILY | SIBLINGS

The Gargoyle at the Gates

(Lost Gargoyle, Book 3)

Written by Philippa Dowding

Toronto: Dundurn Press, 2012

\$10.99 PB 978-1-4597-0394-0

\$8.99 EB 978-1-4597-0396-4

188 pages, 5" x 8"

IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Christopher is astonished to discover that the gargoyles Ambergine and Gargoth are living in the park next door and that Katherine, a girl from his class, knows the gargoyles, too. When the evil Collector steals Ambergine, it's up to Christopher and Katherine to get her back, as long as something else doesn't catch them along the way.

FANTASY | MAGIC | GARGOYLES | FRIENDSHIP

Island of Doom:

The Hunchback Assignments IV

Written by Arthur Slade

Toronto: HarperCollins Publishers, 2012

\$18.99 HC 978-1-55468-360-4

263 pages, 5 3/4" x 8 3/4"

IL: Ages 11-14 RL: Grades 6-7

In this final adventure in The Hunchback Assignments series, Modo sets out on his most personal quest ever. A coded letter from French spy Colette Brunet sends Modo and Octavia to France in search of Modo's biological parents and then on to North America and the Island of Doom. On the island, the Permanent Association and their enemies, the Clockwork Guild, engage in a final epic battle and Modo confronts the truth about his past.

STEAMPUNK | SPIES | FAMILY

Mimi Power and the I-Don't-Know-What

Written by Victoria Miles

Illustrated by Marc Mongeau

Vancouver: Tradewind Books, 2012

\$12.95 PB 978-1-896580-65-4

217 pages, b&w, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 8-11 RL: Grade 3

Artist, animal lover and would-be swimming sensation Mimi Power knows what it's like to live under the tyranny of a three-year-old sister. Finding creative space in all the chaos is getting harder and harder for Mimi. But with the school art show looming, Mimi comes up with a plan that should be three-year-old foolproof. But to know for sure, Mimi will have to find her own little piece of the sky.

ART | ARTISTS | FAMILY | SIBLINGS | SWIMMING | ANIMALS

My Name Is Parvana

Written by Deborah Ellis

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2012

\$16.95 HC 978-1-55498-297-4

\$14.95 EB 978-1-55498-299-8

201 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 11-14 RL: Grade 5

In this stunning sequel to *The Breadwinner*, Parvana, now 15, is found in a bombed-out school and held as a suspected terrorist by American troops in Afghanistan. As she waits for foreign military forces to determine her fate, she remembers the past four years of her life. Her mother had managed to open a school for girls, but that put Parvana and her family in grave danger.

AFGHANISTAN | EDUCATION | WAR

One Year in Coal Harbour

Written by Polly Horvath

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2012

\$14.95 PB 978-1-55498-188-5

\$12.95 EB 978-1-55498-310-0

216 pages, 5 5/8" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 9-13 RL: Grades 5-6

With her parents now safe at home (they were once lost at sea), Primrose is worried about other people and places. She can't get Uncle Jack and Miss Bowzer to connect, Mendolay Mountain is being logged, and Primrose wants her new friend Ked, who's a foster child, to stay in Coal Harbour forever. Will Primrose be able to save all that matters most to her? This is the companion novel to *Everything on a Waffle*.

FOSTER CHILDREN | RELATIONSHIPS | ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Ungifted

Written by Gordon Korman

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2012

\$19.99 HC 978-1-4431-1920-7

\$19.99 EB 978-1-4431-1978-8

280 pages, 5 3/4" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 5-7

Donovan is exceptional... at finding trouble. After his latest prank, he's expecting suspension, maybe expulsion. Instead, he's sent to a school for gifted students by mistake. Donovan knows he's not a genius and wonders how long he'll be able to fool people whose IQs are above genius level. But maybe Donovan's "gifts" are just what the kids at the Academy for Scholastic Distinction need!

GIFTEDNESS | TROUBLEMAKERS | ROBOTICS | SIBLINGS

Middle Years Fiction (Hi-Lo)

High Wire

(Orca Currents)

Written by Melanie Jackson

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2012

\$16.95 LIB 978-1-4598-0237-7

\$9.95 PB 978-1-4598-0236-0

117 pages, 4 1/4" x 7"

IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grade 4

There is nothing that makes Zack feel calmer and more in control than being on the high wire. But the rest of his life is not so peaceful. His roommate hates him, and

his aunt has left him with a yappy, excitable dog. When the victim of a theft threatens to shut down the circus, Zack worries he'll no longer be able to perform and is desperate to solve the mystery.

CIRCUS LIFE | MYSTERY | PETS

Young Adult Fiction

Chance to Dance for You

Written by Gail Sidonie Sobat

Winnipeg: Great Plains Publications, 2011

\$14.95 PB 978-1-926531-11-3

172 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

Ian isn't a typical suburban kid and doesn't fit in at his bigoted high school. Ian is openly gay and he's a dancer. He can't wait to leave town and train to become a professional. When he falls in love with one of the most popular people in school — the quarterback of the football team — he discovers he's not the only one with a secret.

GAY RELATIONSHIPS | HOMOPHOBIA | DANCING

Counting Back from Nine

Written by Valerie Sherrard

Markham, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2012

\$9.95 PB 978-1-55455-245-0

198 pages, 5 1/2" x 7 1/2"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 8-9

Laren Olivier knows you shouldn't be attracted to a friend's ex-boyfriend, but her feelings for Scott are quite strong. She tells herself that if they can keep their new romance a secret, no one will get hurt. But Laren is not the only one with something to hide. When Laren's father is killed in a car accident, a shocking discovery is revealed that rocks her world.

SECRETS | DECEPTION | DEATH | MOURNING | FRIENDSHIP | NOVELS IN VERSE

Jump Cut

(Seven the series)

Written by Ted Staunton

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2012

\$9.95 PB 978-1-55469-947-6

219 pages, 5" x 7 1/2"

IL: Ages 12-14 RL: Grades 7-8

Spencer loves movies, but real life is boring, right? Then the request from his late grandfather takes Spencer to Buffalo to get a kiss from an ancient movie star. After being shot at, jumping into an icy lake and confronting some angry bikers, Spencer realizes that real life can be as exciting as "reel" life.

FILMS | FILMMAKING | SELF DISCOVERY

My Book of Life by Angel

Written by Martine Leavitt

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2012

\$14.95 PB 978-1-55498-117-5

\$12.95 EB 978-1-55498-317-9

246 pages, 5 5/8" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

This stunning verse novel about a 16-year-old sex worker trying to survive in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside during the time of the Pickton murders is told with grace, wit, compassion and deep respect for the missing women — the "Eastside angels" — to whom the book is dedicated.

SEX WORKERS | DRUGS | MISSING PERSONS | MURDER | NOVELS IN VERSE

Pieces of Me

Written by Darlene Ryan

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2012

\$12.95 PB 978-1-4598-0080-9

232 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 9-10

Living on the streets, Maddie is just trying to get by and find a way to get back to school. After she meets Q and Dylan, they form an unlikely family. Maddie learns that it takes more than good intentions to make things work, and that sometimes you have to ask for help.

STREET KIDS | FRIENDSHIP | ABUSE

The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen

Written by Susin Nielsen

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2012

\$19.99 HC 978-1-77049-372-8

\$11.99 EB 978-1-77049-373-5

243 pages, 5 3/8" x 7 1/2"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 6-7

Thirteen-year-old Henry's happy, ordinary life comes to an abrupt halt when his older brother, Jesse, picks up their father's hunting rifle and leaves the house one morning. What follows shatters Henry's family, who are forced to resume their lives in a new city where no one knows their past. At school and in his apartment building, Henry eventually befriends a group of oddball characters who help him adapt to his new life.

SUICIDE | FAMILY ISSUES | THERAPY | JOURNALING | BULLYING

Seraphina

Written by Rachel Hartman

Toronto: Doubleday Canada, 2012

\$21.00 HC 978-0-385-66839-2

\$10.99 EB 978-0-385-66840-8

465 pages, 5 3/4" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 7-8

There is still mistrust between the humans and dragons after four decades of peace. Seraphina, an unusually gifted musician, joins the court just as a member of the royal family is murdered. She partners with the captain of the Queen's Guard to solve the mystery but must protect her own secret — a secret so terrible it could cost Seraphina her life.

DRAGONS | FANTASY | SELF ACCEPTANCE

Teen Fiction (Hi-Lo)

Homo

(SideStreets)

Written by Michael Harris

Toronto: James Lorimer, 2012

\$16.95 HC 978-1-4594-0192-1

\$9.95 PB 978-1-4594-0191-4

\$8.95 EB 978-1-4594-0193-8

142 pages, 4 1/4" x 7"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 4-5

Will's never been obvious about being gay. Not like Daniel, who takes the heat — and the beatings — at Spencer High. But in Will's graduating year, his best friend outs him on Facebook, and his small-town life starts to spin out of control. He realizes he's not like everyone else and he's not like Daniel. Will has to figure out who he is and how he fits in.

HOMOSEXUALITY | RELATIONSHIPS | FRIENDSHIP | INDIVIDUALITY

One Cycle

(Podium Sports Academy)

Written by Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Toronto: James Lorimer, 2012

\$16.95 HC 978-1-4594-0184-6

\$9.95 PB 978-1-4594-0183-9

\$7.95 EB 978-1-4594-0185-3

137 pages, 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grade 3

Nathan Moore has a good chance of getting a lacrosse scholarship at a US college, but at 5'10" and 125 pounds, Nathan has some filling out to do before he can take the hard hits. Nathan decides to take some drastic measures to build muscle fast — steroids. The drugs, however, not only affect his body but his behaviour, too.

LACROSSE | STEROIDS | RELATIONSHIPS

Art & Music

Learn to Speak Fashion: A Guide to Creating, Showcasing & Promoting Your Style

(Learn to Speak)

Written by Laura deCarufel

Illustrated by Jeff Kulak

Toronto: Owlkids Books Inc., 2012

\$24.95 HC 978-1-926973-37-1

\$16.95 PB 978-1-926973-42-5

96 pages, full-colour, 9 3/4" x 9"

IL: Ages 9-13 RL: Grades 5-6

Fashion is so much more than the clothes in our closets and it's everywhere. Read about the ideas, skills and fun that go into the choices people make when they design and wear clothing. Filled with tips and anecdotes from top designers, models, stylists and more, this book provides us with an inspirational glimpse into the world of fashion.

FASHION | CLOTHING | DESIGNERS

When I Get Older:

The Story Behind "Wavin' Flag"

Written by K'naan with Sol Guy

Illustrated by Rudy Gutierrez

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2012

\$19.99 HC 978-1-77049-302-5

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

IL: Ages 7-12 RL: Grade 3

Inspired by words from his grandfather, the Somali poet, rapper and singer-songwriter, K'naan, wrote the song "Wavin' Flag," which inspired the creation of this book. Born in Mogadishu, Somalia, K'naan and his family fled to the United States and then Canada in search of a more peaceful way of life. His love of music helped him connect with his past, his classmates and eventually with all those who would hear his song.

SOMALIA | FREEDOM | PEACE | HOPE | MUSIC

Biography & Speaking Out

One Step at a Time: A Vietnamese Child Finds Her Way

Written by **Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch**

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2012
\$17.95 HC 978-1-927485-01-9
\$12.95 PB 978-1-927485-02-6
\$12.95 EB 978-1-927485-07-1
93 pages, b&w, 5 3/4" x 8"
IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grade 4

Vietnamese-born Tuyet has escaped her war-torn homeland and found a loving family in Canada. She dreams of running and playing with her adoptive siblings, but suffers from a leg weakened by polio and a turned-in foot. Can she face her fear of hospitals and traumatic memories to walk in matching shoes at last? This is the sequel to *Last Airlift: A Vietnamese Orphan's Rescue from War*.

TUYET SON THI ANH | BIOGRAPHY | VIETNAMESE CHILDREN | DISABILITIES | POLIO

People Who Said No: Courage Against Oppression

Written by **Laura Scandiffio**

Toronto: Annick Press, 2012
\$24.95 HC 978-1-55451-383-3
\$14.95 PB 978-1-55451-382-6
168 pages, full-colour, 6 1/2" x 9"
IL: Ages 11 and up RL: Grade 5

Seven fascinating profiles feature people in history who, despite the dangers, followed their moral compass rather than obey the rules imposed by the government in power. Read about Sophie and Hans Scholl who distributed anti-government pamphlets in Nazi Germany, Rosa Parks who refused to give up her seat on a bus, Helen Suzman who fought apartheid in South Africa and other equally inspirational stories.

POLITICAL ACTIVISTS | SOCIAL REFORMERS | BIOGRAPHY

We Are Their Voice: Young People Respond to the Holocaust

(The Holocaust Remembrance Series for Young Readers)

Created and edited by **Kathy Kacer with Karen Krasny, Alan Gotlib, Susan Gordin and Shawntelle Nesbitt**

Toronto: Second Story Press, 2012
\$16.95 PB 978-1-926920-77-1
\$11.99 EB 978-1-926920-98-6
232 pages, b&w, 6 1/2" x 8"
IL: Ages 9-14 RL: Grades 5-6

Do young people today find meaning in the Holocaust? That's the question that prompted a writing project asking young people from across North America and abroad to share their ideas about this time in history. Students wrote short stories, discussed the impact of books, interviewed survivors and created works of art that give us hope for a more peaceful and tolerant future.

HOLOCAUST | HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS | TOLERANCE

Fairy Tales, Folktales & Legends

Ava and the Little Folk

Written by **Neil Christopher and Alan Neal**

Illustrated by **Jonathan Wright**

Iqaluit: Inhabit Media Inc., 2012
\$13.95 HC 978-1-927095-02-7
41 pages, full-colour, 8 3/4" x 8 3/4"
IL: Ages 7-14 RL: Grades 3-5

The most magical things can come in tiny packages! In the Arctic, tales of tiny people who live on the land abound. This children's story follows the adventures of an orphan named Ava who is left to fend for himself by the adults in his village. One day, cold and alone, Ava stumbles upon a group of magical dwarves who finally show him how it feels to have a home of his own.

ARCTIC | INUIT FOLKTALES | BELONGING

Jewish Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook

(Fairy Tale Feasts)

Tales retold by **Jane Yolen**

Recipes by **Heidi E.Y. Stemple**

Illustrated by **Sima Elizabeth Shefrin**

Vancouver: Tradewind Books, 2012
\$24.95 HC 978-1-896580-70-8
199 pages, full-colour, 8 3/4" x 10 3/4"
IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grade 4

In this collection of stories and recipes, Jane Yolen and her daughter Heidi Stemple present fun facts and anecdotes about the creation of the stories and the history of the dishes. Readers of all ages will learn about Jewish folktales, culture and cooking as they spend time in the kitchen preparing delicious food and sharing these tales. Sima Elizabeth Shefrin's colourful collage illustrations add a whimsical touch to the book.

JEWISH FOLKTALES | JEWISH COOKING

Rainbow Crow

Written by **David Bouchard**

Illustrated by **David Jean**

Music by **Manantial**

Markham, ON: Red Deer Press, 2012
\$24.95 HC 978-0-88995-458-8
28 pages, full-colour, 7 3/8" x 10 1/4"
IL: Ages 7-12 RL: Grade 4

Before two-leggeds walked on Mother Earth, there was a great cold. The animals formed a council; someone had to seek help from the Creator. Rainbow Crow, a most colourful bird, was selected because of his beautiful voice that would surely impress the Creator. Rainbow Crow risked everything to bring fire to his friends and in the process lost his splendid colours and magnificent voice. Written in English and Ojibwe. Includes accompanying music on a CD. This title is also available in French as *Corneille Arc-en-ciel*.

FIRST NATIONS LEGENDS | COURAGE | SACRIFICE

History, Geography & Culture

Italian Canadian Internment in the Second World War

(Righting Canada's Wrongs, Book 2)

Written by Pamela Hickman and Jean Smith Cavalluzzo

Toronto: James Lorimer, 2012

\$34.95 HC 978-1-4594-0095-5

111 pages, full-colour, 9 3/8" x 11 1/4"

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 5-7

When Canada declared war on Italy on June 10, 1940, the government used the War Measures Act to label all Italian citizens over the age of 18 as enemy aliens. Immediately, the RCMP began making arrests. In all, about 600 Italian Canadians were imprisoned in internment camps, mainly in Ontario and New Brunswick. Using historical photographs, paintings, documents and first-person narratives, this book offers a full account of this little-known episode in Canadian history.

ITALIAN CANADIANS | INTERNMENT | WORLD WAR II | CANADIAN HISTORY

Mimi's Village: And How Basic Health Care Transformed It

(CitizenKid)

Written by Katie Smith Milway

Illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2012

\$19.95 HC 978-1-55453-722-8

32 pages, full-colour, 9 1/4" x 12 1/4"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-5

When Nurse Tela comes to their Kenyan village, she teaches the families there many important things about clean water, hand washing and mosquito nets. Mimi and her Ma join the village health committee and as Mimi listens to Nurse Tela talk to the village women, she dreams of one day becoming a nurse or a doctor so she, too, can help other villages become healthy.

PUBLIC HEALTH | MEDICAL CARE | MALARIA | NUTRITION | KENYA

Rescuing the Children: The Story of the Kindertransport

Written by Deborah Hodge

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2012

\$19.99 HC 978-1-77049-256-1

\$11.99 EB 978-1-77049-366-7

60 pages, full-colour, 7 1/4" x 9 1/4"

IL: Ages 10 and up RL: Grades 5-6

This book introduces students to the events surrounding the rescue mission that transported almost ten thousand Jewish children from Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria and parts of Poland to safety in London just before the outbreak of World War II and the Holocaust. Children will read moving accounts of heartbreaking farewells and long, perilous journeys to safety.

KINDERTRANSPORTS | WORLD WAR II | JEWISH CHILDREN | REFUGEES

Robbers! True Stories of the World's Most Notorious Thieves

(It Actually Happened)

Written by Andreas Schroeder

Illustrated by Rémy Simard

Toronto: Annick Press, 2012

\$21.95 HC 978-1-55451-441-0

\$12.95 PB 978-1-55451-440-3

166 pages, b&w, 6" x 8"

IL: Ages 9 and up RL: Grades 4-5

Eight true stories reveal the extraordinary lengths to which criminal masterminds will go to steal other people's possessions. Read about master-of-disguise Willy Sutton, the three Italians who "freed" the world's most famous painting from the Louvre, D.B. Cooper who hijacked a plane and parachuted to safety and many more. Action-packed graphics help make this a compelling read for fans of mystery and adventure.

ROBBERY | THIEVES | MYSTERY | ADVENTURE

Potatoes on Rooftops: Farming in the City

Written by Hadley Dyer

Toronto: Annick Press, 2012

\$24.95 HC 978-1-55451-425-0

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