



Summer Reading List 2014



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 2014 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

The Camel in the Sun

Written by Griffin Ondaatje

Illustrated by Linda Wolfsgruber

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2013

\$17.95 HC 978-1-55498-381-0

40 pages, full-colour, 7 3/8" x 10 3/4"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 4-5

This story is inspired by a retelling of a traditional Muslim hadith, an account of the words or actions of the Prophet, which the author first heard in Sri Lanka. It is the story of a camel who has worked his whole life for a merchant who shows no empathy or concern for the camel. The careless owner only realizes what suffering he has caused when the Prophet appears and shows love to the animal.

ISLAMIC STORIES | CAMELS | DESERTS | EMPATHY

Ghost in the House

Written by Ammi-Joan Paquette

Illustrated by Adam Record

Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press,

2013 \$18.00 HC 978-0-7636-5529-7

32 pages, full-colour, 10 1/8" x 9 1/4"

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

Boo! Watch out for this rollicking, cumulative counting book for a Halloween treat that's more playful than scary. Kids will love this little ghost who "goes slip-slide with a swoop and a glide" as he meets a mummy, a monster, a skeleton, a witch and finally a little boy who sends the ghost and his friends running.

HALLOWEEN | HALLOWEEN | NUMBERS | CHARACTERS

The Man with the Violin

Written by Kathy Stinson

Illustrated by Dušan Petričić

Toronto: Annick Press, 2013

\$19.95 LIB 978-1-55451-565-3

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

IL: Ages 5-12 RL: Grades 2-3

When Dylan hears the beautiful music in the subway station, he begs his

mother to stop, but she's in a hurry to catch the train. Later that day, Dylan hears the same music on the radio and learns that the man playing the violin was the renowned musician, Joshua Bell. This time he encourages his mom to stop and listen and together Dylan and his mom dance.

MUSIC | MUSICIANS | VIOLINS | JOSHUA BELL | CURIOSITY

Once Upon a Balloon

Written by Bree Galbraith

Illustrated by Isabelle Malenfant

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2013

\$19.95 HC 978-1-4598-0324-4

\$19.95 EB 978-1-4598-0325-1

32 pages, full-colour, 9" x 11"

IL: Ages 4-9 RL: Grades 2-3

Theo is broken-hearted when he accidentally lets go of his party balloon. He watches it float away and wonders where it goes. Luckily, his brother Zeke knows everything and explains that all lost balloons end up in Chicago, the Windy City. Then Zeke tells Theo about Frank, who is responsible for collecting the balloons. Theo is touched by Frank's story and decides to send him a message.

BALLOONS | STORIES | HOPE | CREATIVITY

The Road to Afghanistan

Written by Linda Granfield

Illustrated by Brian Deines

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2013

\$19.99 HC 978-1-4431-1356-4

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

IL: Ages 7-12 RL: Grade 4

As a soldier poignantly recalls her time in Afghanistan, she not only recalls the beauty of its mountains and fields of wildflowers but the ugliness that the war brought to the Afghan people and their country. Linda Granfield's moving narrative is accompanied by Brian Deines's striking images in a story that honours the many Canadian soldiers who have

fought in numerous wars throughout history in countries far from home. This title is also available in French as *Sur la route de l'Afghanistan*.

AFGHANISTAN | WAR | SOLDIERS | FAMILY

Wild Berries

Written and illustrated by Julie Flett

Vancouver: Simply Read Books, 2013

\$18.95 HC 978-1-897476-89-5

36 pages, full-colour, 7 3/4" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 3-8 RL: Grade 2

Spend the day picking wild blueberries with Clarence and his grandmother. Meet ant, spider and fox in a beautiful woodland landscape, the ancestral home of author and illustrator Julie Flett. This book is written in both English and Cree, in particular the n-dialect, also known as Swampy Cree from the Cumberland House area.

NATURE | ANIMALS | BLUEBERRIES

Beginning Readers

Christopher Changes His Name

(Scholastic Canada Reader, Level 3)

Written by Itah Sadu

Illustrated by Roy Condy

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2013

\$4.99 PB 978-1-4431-2481-2

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

IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grades 2-3

Christopher is tired of his ordinary name and decides he needs to change it. But finding a new name that suits him is a little trickier than he thought. When Grandma sends a cheque and only his real name will do to cash it, he realizes that his name really is special after all! Originally published as a picture book in 1996, by Scholastic Canada.

NAMES

Junior & Intermediate Fiction

A Country of Our Own: The Confederation Diary of Rosie Dunn

(Dear Canada)

Written by Karleen Bradford

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2013

\$16.99 HC 978-1-4431-1324-3

\$16.99 EB 978-1-4431-2850-6

183 pages, b&w, 5 1/2" x 7 5/8"

IL: Ages 9-11 RL: Grades 4-6

Rosie has just gone into service with Mr. Bradley, a civil servant in Quebec City, the bustling capital of the Province of Canada. When the capital is moved to the rough sawmill town of Ottawa, the Bradleys move there, too. Rosie misses her own family and wonders if there's any going back. This title is also available in French as *Un pays voit le jour: Rosie Dunn, à l'aube de la Confédération*.

CANADIAN HISTORY | CONFEDERATION | OTTAWA, ONTARIO

The Hidden Agenda of Sigrid Sugden

Written by Jill MacLean

Markham, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2013

\$11.95 PB 978-1-55455-279-5

235 pages, 5" x 7 5/8"

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

Sigrid Sugden is a Shrike, a member of the toughest group of girls in school. But one day, the Shrikes go too far. Sigrid realizes that their favourite victim, Prinnie Murphy, is in real danger and she makes a decision to save her. Sigrid wants to change her bad-girl image, but it is not going to be easy as no one trusts her, no one likes her, and she's now become a target of her own gang.

BULLYING | FAMILY PROBLEMS | FRIENDSHIP | COURAGE

Scare Scope

Written by Sam Fisher

Illustrated by Sam Bosma

New York: Scholastic Press, 2013

\$18.99 HC 978-0-545-52160-4

298 pages, b&w, 5 7/8" x 8 1/2"

IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 5-6

Morton Clay is a huge fan of Scare Scope — the creepiest comic around — so he isn't easily frightened. He's not afraid of the dark, or grossed out by bugs and slugs. But when Morton and his siblings James and Melissa find an old stone statue buried in their yard, they discover that there is good reason to be afraid. Includes a fully illustrated monster deck.

MYSTERY | MONSTERS | ADVENTURE

The Spotted Dog Last Seen

Written by Jessica Scott Kerrin

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2013

\$14.95 HC 978-1-55498-387-2

\$8.95 PB 978-1-55498-401-5

\$8.95 EB 978-1-55498-388-9

205 pages, 5" x 7 1/2"

IL: Ages 8-11 RL: Grades 3-4

Derek is not thrilled about doing community service in the old cemetery, but when it rains he gets to go to the public library to learn about cemetery care there. One day, copies of a new mystery novel arrive, and Derek and his friends discover a secret code pencilled inside. The code leads them to a time capsule that may finally put his haunting past to rest.

SECRET CODES | MYSTERY | GRIEF

The Stowaways

Written by Meghan Marentette

Illustrated by Dean Griffiths

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2013

\$19.95 HC 978-1-927485-33-0

235 pages, b&w, 6" x 8 1/4"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

Unlike the other Weedle mice, the Stowaways love to go on adventures — even when it means getting close to humans! But when Rory and his gran plan to rescue Grampa Stowaway, who everyone else thinks is dead, the adventure may be far more than Rory bargained for, but it could also be the greatest Stowaway adventure of all.

MICE | ADVENTURE | FAMILY

Ultra

Written by David Carroll

Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2013

\$7.99 PB 978-1-4431-1918-4

\$7.99 EB 978-1-4431-2855-1

192 pages, 5 1/4" x 7 5/8"

IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grades 5-6

Quinn has been called a superhero and a freak of nature. At age 13 he's an amazing distance runner. He takes on the second-hardest challenge of his life when he enters his first ultra-marathon: a gruelling 100-mile, 24-hour-long race that will push him to the very limit of his endurance.

RUNNING | TRAINING | ULTRA MARATHONS | GRIEF

Young Adult Fiction

Audacious

Written by Gabrielle Prendergast

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2013

\$19.95 HC 978-1-4598-0530-9

\$19.95 EB 978-1-4598-0266-7

327 pages, 5 7/8" x 8 1/2"

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

This novel written in verse is about 16-year-old Raphaëlle, who says the wrong things, antagonizes people and has a bad attitude. When her father moves the family to a new city, Raphaëlle (Ella) wants to fit in. When she falls for Samir, a Muslim boy, and expresses her confused feelings in explicit art, the fallout spreads throughout Ella's life.

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS | EATING DISORDERS | DEFIANCE | NOVELS IN VERSE

Graffiti Knight

Written by Karen Bass

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2013

\$14.95 PB 978-1-927485-53-8

288 pages, 5 1/2" x 8"

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

Finding one's voice in East Germany after World War II is no easy task, but Wilm, a teenage boy, has waged an embarrassing graffiti campaign against the police. With both the German police and the Soviets after him, Wilm must think like his adversaries in order to conceal his identity. But one night things go too far, and Wilm finds he may have endangered the very people he wants to protect.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION | POST WORLD WAR II | GERMANY

Little Red Lies

Written by Julie Johnston

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2013

\$21.99 HC 978-1-77049-313-1

\$11.99 EB 978-1-77049-314-8

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

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

When 13-year-old Rachel's brother Jamie returns from World War II, he is a changed man and finds it difficult to fit into the small town where he grew up. He then contracts a devastating illness and his parents become focused on saving their son. Ignored, lonely and frightened, Rachel turns to a sympathetic but self-serving teacher for solace.

FAMILY | ILLNESS | RELATIONSHIPS | WORLD WAR II

Sorrow's Knot

Written by Erin Bow

New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2013

\$19.99 HC 978-0-545-16666-9

\$17.99 EB 978-0-545-57800-4

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

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 8

Something is very wrong at the edge of the world where the Shadowed People, a tribe of women, and the dead live. Willow is the binder of the dead and her power is weakening. Otter, Willow's daughter, will one day keep the living safe as Willow does now, but she must find a way to put the dead to rest once and for all or the White Hand, the most dangerous of the dead, will gain control.

MAGIC | SUPERNATURAL | IDENTITY | FATE

Takedown

Written by Allison van Diepen

New York: Simon Pulse, 2013

\$19.99 HC 978-1-4424-6311-0

\$11.99 PB 978-1-4424-6312-7

\$9.99 EB 978-1-4424-6313-4

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

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

After two years in juvenile detention, Darren is out and determined to get even with Diamond Tony. Working as an informant for the police, he must infiltrate the drug cartel, but any mistake could be his last. When a turf war breaks out between two opposing gangs, Darren gets caught in the middle, and the cop's think he's playing both sides. Darren must stay on his game if he wants to get out alive.

DRUGS | VENDETTAS | CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS | AFRICAN AMERICANS

Thornhill

(Hemlock, Book 2)

Written by Kathleen Peacock

New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2013 | \$19.99 HC (jacket) 978-0-06-204868-4

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

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 7

Mackenzie goes in search of Kyle after he leaves Hemlock to enrol in a werewolf-rehabilitation camp. When she finds him in Colorado, their reunion is cut short by a Tracker raid and they end up trapped inside Thornhill, a camp for young werewolves. As Mackenzie devises an escape plan, she uncovers dangerous secrets about Thornhill and the dangers facing those she loves.

WEREWOLVES | MYSTERY | JUVENILE DETENTION HOMES | REHABILITATION

The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B

Written by Teresa Toten

Toronto: Doubleday Canada, 2013

\$14.95 PB 978-0-385-67834-6

\$9.99 EB 978-0-385-67835-3

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

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 6

When Adam meets Robyn at a support group for kids coping with obsessive-compulsive disorder, he is drawn to her almost before he can take a breath. But when you're almost 15 and the everyday problems of dealing with divorced parents and step siblings are supplemented by the challenges of OCD, it's hard to imagine yourself falling in love.

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES | OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISORDER | ROMANCE

Urgle

Written by Meaghan McIsaac

Toronto: Dancing Cat Books, 2013

\$12.95 PB 978-1-77086-308-8

271 pages, 5 3/8" x 8"

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

The Brothers of the Ikkuma Pit know no mothers. Abandoned at birth, they fend for themselves, each training a younger member to survive. When a Little Brother is ready to handle life on his own, it's time for the Big Brother to leave the Pit. When Urgle's little brother, Cubby, is taken, Urgle and three of the other brothers go in search of Cubby, learning about the outside world and the terrible truth of their own origins.

FANTASY | BROTHERS | SURVIVAL

Teen Fiction (Hi-Lo)

Big Air

(Podium Sports Academy)

Written by Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Toronto: James Lorimer, 2013

\$16.95 HC 978-1-4594-0530-1

\$9.95 PB 978-1-4594-0531-8

\$7.95 EB 978-1-4594-0532-5

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

IL: Ages 13 and up RL: Grades 5-6

Jax is in his last year at Podium Sports Academy and he's got a sponsorship from a big snowboarding company in the bag. But when his older brother, always the troublemaker in the family, shows up in Calgary unexpectedly, Jax's sponsorship is threatened. The police are asking questions about a break-in at the house where he lives, and, although he wants to help his brother, he doesn't want to risk his future as a professional boarder.

SNOWBOARDING | ADDICTION | FAMILY PROBLEMS

Crash

(Orca Soundings)

Written by Lesley Choyce

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2013

\$16.95 LIB 978-1-4598-0525-5

\$9.95 PB 978-1-4598-0522-4

\$9.95 EB 978-1-4598-0524-8

130 pages, 4 1/4" x 7"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 3

Just when 16-year-old Cameron thinks he's going to straighten out his life, his parents break up and he ends up living on the street with his dog. He meets a troubled girl named Mackenzie and life gets even more turbulent. Cameron used to think he could survive anything, but he may need help to survive this.

STREET KIDS | HOMELESSNESS | FAMILY PROBLEMS

My Side

(Orca Soundings)

Written by Norah McClintock

Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2013

\$16.95 LIB 978-1-4598-0517-0

\$9.95 PB 978-1-4598-0511-8

\$9.95 EB 978-1-4598-0513-2

110 pages, 4 1/4" x 7"

IL: Ages 12-16 RL: Grades 4-5

When quiet, shy Addie is lured into the woods, she is convinced she's going to die. She quickly finds out that there are worse things than terror — things like betrayal by her best friend and public humiliation in front of the entire school. But there are two sides to every story.

BULLYING | CYBER BULLYING | PEER PRESSURE

SAR: Powderhounds

Written by Heather Kellerhals-Stewart

Toronto: James Lorimer, 2013

\$19.95 HC 978-1-4594-0518-9

\$12.95 PB 978-1-4594-0519-6

\$9.95 EB 978-1-4594-0520-2

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

IL: Ages 13-15 RL: Grades 3-5

Luc isn't afraid to take chances while downhill skiing. His girlfriend is more cautious on the slopes, but the two become lost anyway. When the search-and-rescue team learns that the skiers are missing, rookie team member Chic decides to head out and find them on his own.

SKIING | WINTER | SURVIVAL | SEARCH AND RESCUE

So Much Potential

Written by Margaret J. McMaster

Kingsville, ON: Mansbridge Dunn

Publishers, 2013

\$12.95 PB 978-0-9810525-7-1

91 pages, 5 3/8" x 8 3/8"

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 4

Andy Towell is a doctor's son and is expected to go to university after high school. Andy, however, has no desire to become a doctor like his dad and wants to be a fisherman. Andy decides to find work at the processing plant, until he can get a job on one of the boats. Then one of the guys he works with goes missing, Andy sees something he shouldn't and he finds himself in danger.

FISHING | FISHING INDUSTRY | DRUGS | MYSTERY

Graphic Novels

Story Collections

Hocus Pocus Takes the Train

(*Hocus Pocus*, Book 2)

Story by Sylvie Desrosiers

Illustrated by Rémy Simard

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2013

\$16.95 HC 978-1-55453-956-7

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

IL: Ages 3-7 RL: Grade 1

A magician's rabbit is up against a fast train and a meddlesome dog in his quest to reunite a stuffed toy with its toddling owner. Even the earliest readers will delight in this second wordless comic adventure featuring Hocus Pocus and Dog.

RABBITS | DOGS | ADVENTURE

Jane, the Fox & Me

Written by Fanny Britt

Illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault

Translated by Christelle Morelli and Susan Ouriou

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2013

\$19.95 HC 978-1-55498-360-5

\$16.95 EB 978-1-55498-361-2

101 pages, full-colour, 8 3/4" x 11 1/2"

IL: Ages 10-14 RL: Grades 5-6

Hélène has been inexplicably ostracized by the girls who were once her friends. Her school life is full of whispers and lies. Her loving mother is too tired to be any help. Fortunately, Hélène has Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* and on a trip to nature camp she makes a friend. This title is also available in French as *Jane, le renard & moi*.

BULLYING | FRIENDSHIP

Just So Stories, Volume I

Written by Rudyard Kipling

Illustrated by Ian Wallace

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2013

\$19.95 HC 978-1-55498-212-7

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

IL: Ages 6 and up RL: Grades 3-4

Ian Wallace, one of Canada's most accomplished children's book illustrators, reinterprets the famous *Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling with his vibrant art. Included in this first volume are favourites such as "The Elephant's Child," "How the Leopard Got His Spots" and "How the Camel Got His Hump," along with three other tales. A great read-aloud collection.

ANIMALS | ORIGIN STORIES

Biography & Speaking Out

Cat Champions: Caring for our Feline Friends

Written by Rob Laidlaw

Toronto: Pajama Press, 2013

\$19.95 HC 978-1-927485-31-6

\$14.95 PB 978-1-927485-54-5

63 pages, full-colour, 7" x 9"

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grade 4

Meet young "cat champions," kids who are helping lost, abandoned and feral cats by volunteering at shelters, fostering kittens, raising awareness about cats who need help and organizing fundraisers. Learn about the issues facing our feline friends and be inspired to become a "cat champion" yourself.

CATS | ANIMAL WELFARE | ANIMAL SHELTERS | VOLUNTEERISM

Looks Like Daylight: Voices of Indigenous Kids

Written by Deborah Ellis

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2013

\$15.95 HC 978-1-55498-120-5

\$14.95 EB 978-1-55498-413-8

252 pages, b&w, 5 3/4" x 8 3/4"

IL: Ages 11-16 RL: Grades 5-7

For two years, author Deborah Ellis travelled across the United States and Canada interviewing Native children. The result is a compelling collection of interviews with children aged nine to 18 as they talk about their daily lives, the things that interest them and about how being Native has affected who they are and how they see the world. They come from all over the continent, and their stories run the gamut — some heartbreaking, many others full of pride and hope.

FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN | NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN

Folktales

The Raven and the Loon **Written by Rachel Qitsualik-Tinsley and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley**

Illustrated by Kim Smith

Iqaluit: Inhabit Media Inc., 2013

\$16.95 HC 978-1-927095-50-8

32 pages, full-colour, 9 1/4" x 7 3/8"

IL: Ages 4-10 RL: Grades 2-3

Long ago, Raven and Loon were both white. Their feathers had no colour at all. Raven spent his days swooping through the sky, trying to fight off his incessant boredom, while loon spent her days in her iglu, working away on her sewing. One day, Raven visited Loon and suggested a sewing game that would give their feathers some much-needed colour. The results — not at all what the two birds expected — led to Raven and Loon acquiring their now-familiar coats.

INUIT FOLKTALES, LEGENDS & MYTHS | RAVENS | LOONS

History, Geography & Culture

A History of Just About Everything: 180 Events, People and Inventions That Changed the World

Written by Elizabeth MacLeod and Frieda Wishinsky

Illustrated by Qin Leng

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2013

\$21.95 HC 978-1-55453-775-4

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

IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-4

In this book, readers will find information about everything, from the first appearance of humans six million years ago to events that have happened in the 21st century. Important inventions and discoveries are discussed, as are people who have made significant contributions in the arts, architecture and language. Science, math and medicine as well as

history, politics and religion are included; and events such as women winning the right to vote and the building of the first computer are also mentioned.

WORLD HISTORY | CIVILIZATION | TRIVIA

Pandemic Survival: It's Why You're Alive

Written by Ann Love and Jane Drake
Illustrated by Bill Slavin

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2013

\$24.99 HC 978-1-77049-268-4

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

IL: Ages 12 and up RL: Grade 6

Authors Ann Love and Jane Drake delve into the history of many diseases, giving readers an in-depth look at the causes, symptoms and often bizarre

cures that were administered to the sick and dying. They also discuss the evolution of medicine and introduce readers to the pioneers who discovered things like vaccines, stressed the importance of cleanliness and invented antibiotics.

DISEASES | HISTORY OF DISEASE | EPIDEMICS | MEDICINE

Music & Plays

Razia's Ray of Hope: One Girl's Dream of an Education (CitizenKid)

Written by Elizabeth Suneby
Illustrated by Suana Verelst

Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2013
\$19.95 HC 978-1-55453-816-4
32 pages, full-colour, 9 1/4" x 12 1/4"
IL: Ages 8-12 RL: Grades 3-5

Razia dreams of getting an education, but in her village in Afghanistan, girls haven't been allowed to attend school for many years. When a new girls' school opens, a determined Razia must convince her father and older brother that educating her would be best for her, their family and their community.

RAZIA JAN | AFGHANISTAN | GIRLS'
EDUCATION | GIRLS' SCHOOLS

Age of Minority: Three Solo Plays

Written by Jordan Tannahill

Toronto: Playwrights Canada Press, 2013
\$19.95 PB 978-1-77091-194-9
122 pages, 5 1/4" x 8 3/8"

IL: Ages 14 and up RL: Grades 6-8
This collection includes *Get Yourself Home* by Skyler James, which follows the journey of a young lesbian who leaves the army after being outed by her fellow soldiers; *Peter Fechter: 59 Minutes*, which chronicles the last hour in the life of a teenager in East Berlin in 1962, who is shot while trying to cross the Berlin Wall; and *rihannaboi95*, which focuses on a Toronto teen whose world comes crashing down when YouTube videos of him dancing to songs by his favourite pop heroine go viral.

HOMOSEXUALITY | LOVE | INTOLERANCE

Legends, Icons & Rebels: Music That Changed the World

Written by Robbie Robertson, Jim Guerinot, Sebastian Robertson and Jared Levine

Toronto: Tundra Books, 2013
\$35.00 HC 978-1-77049-571-5
119 pages, full-colour, 12" x 12"
IL: Ages 11-14 RL: Grades 4-5
The authors of this book pay tribute to 27 extraordinary artists whose innovations changed music for generations to come. Read about Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Bob Marley, Louis Armstrong, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, Patsy Cline, Aretha Franklin and many more. Discover the challenges these artists faced, the musical influences that shaped them and how their music inspired other artists, touched listeners and shone a light on social injustice. Includes two CDs.

SINGERS | SONG WRITERS | MUSIC |
MUSIC INDUSTRY

Science & Nature

Before the World Was Ready: Stories of Daring Genius in Science

Written by Claire Eamer
Illustrated by Sa Boothroyd

Toronto: Annick Press, 2013
\$24.95 HC 978-1-55451-536-3
\$14.95 PB 978-1-55451-535-6
125 pages, full-colour, 6 1/2" x 9"
IL: Ages 9-12 RL: Grade 5

Read about eight great scientists whose ideas changed the world and discover that their ideas were not always so readily accepted. From Copernicus's sun-centred model of the universe in the 16th century to Rachel Carson's warnings about the dangers of pesticides in the 20th century, people have come up with ideas the world wasn't ready to hear. Over time, however, modern scientists have verified that their ideas were, in fact, theoretically sound.

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES | SCIENTISTS |
INVENTORS

The Great Bear Sea: Exploring the Marine Life of a Pacific Paradise

**Written by Ian McAllister and
Nicholas Read**

Photography by Ian McAllister
Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 2013
\$19.95 PB 978-1-4598-0019-9
\$19.95 EB 978-1-4598-0521-7
121 pages, full-colour, 7 1/2" x 9"
IL: Ages 10 and up RL: Grade 5

This book introduces readers to the mysterious underwater world off the coast of the Great Bear Rainforest. This amazing part of the northeast Pacific Ocean is home to whales, sea lions, dolphins, orcas, sea otters and wild salmon. Filled with spectacular images, the book explores the uncertain future

of the Great Bear Sea in this age of climate change, overfishing, pipelines and oil tankers. Can the rainforest survive without the sea to feed and nourish it?

GREAT BEAR SEA | MARINE LIFE |
ENVIRONMENTALISM

Is This Panama? A Migration Story

Written by Jan Thornhill
Illustrated by Soyeon Kim

Toronto: Owlkids Books Inc., 2013
\$17.95 HC 978-1-926973-88-3
\$17.95 EB 978-1-77147-038-4
40 pages, full-colour, 9 1/4" x 9 1/4"
IL: Ages 5-8 RL: Grade 3

After discovering the other Wilson's warblers have left without him, Sammy must make his first migratory journey from near the

Arctic Circle to Panama alone. Along the way, Sammy asks the ptarmigan and sandhill cranes if they know how to get to Panama, but they are headed to other destinations just like the caribou, monarch butterfly and garter snake. After three weeks of travelling, Sammy decides he doesn't care if he reaches Panama or not; he's exhausted!

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Written by Lizann Flatt

Illustrated by Ashley Barron

Toronto: Owlkids Books Inc., 2013

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