



# CHOICES *from the* CHILDREN'S ROOM

*Looking for the perfect book for a holiday gift?  
Our youth librarians suggest their favorite titles of 2015!*



## PICTURE BOOKS

***The Skunk* by Mac Barnett. Illustrated by Patrick McDonnell.**  
Why is the skunk following the man? The man escapes, but something is missing. *Roaring Book*

***A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to School* by Davide Cali. Illustrated by Benjamin Chaud.**  
A boy explains the fantastical events that made him late for school. *Chronicle*

***The NEW Small Person* by Lauren Child.**  
Elmore Green is used to being the most adorable...until someone NEW takes his place. *Candlewick*

***The Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña. Illustrated by Christian Robinson.**  
Nana and C.J. find the beauty in their routine bus ride. *Putnam*

***Mr. Postmouse's Rounds* by Marianne Dubuc.**  
Join Mr. Postmouse as he delivers just the right packages to his friends and neighbors. *Kids Can*

***Waiting* by Kevin Henkes.**  
Five little friends on the windowsill show how wonderful and important the wait can be. *Greenwillow*

***The Snow Beast* by Chris Judge.**  
Don't let his looks deceive you, the Snow Beast is quite the jovial party host. *Andersen*

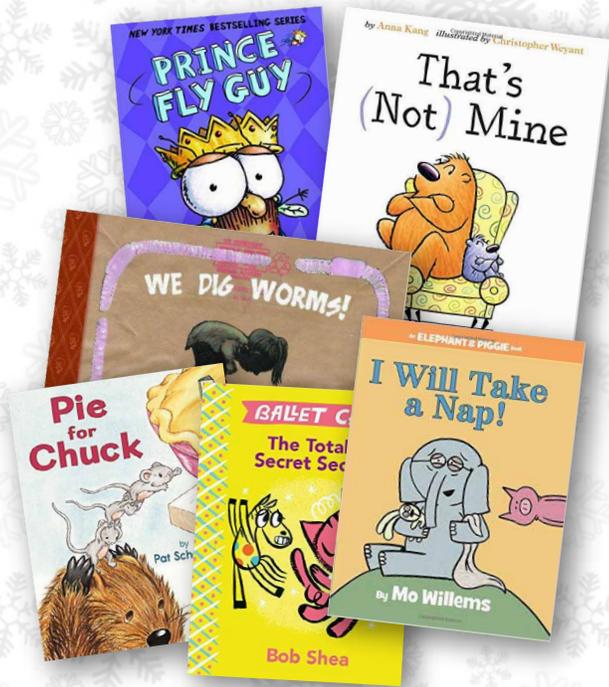
***I Am Yoga* by Susan Verde. Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds.**  
Feeling small and overwhelmed, a child reminds herself she is the whole universe. *Abrams*

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## FOLK/FAIRYTALES

**Party Croc!** A Folktale from Zimbabwe retold by Margaret Read MacDonald.

Illustrated by Derek Sullivan.

A cautionary tale about extending invitations, accompanied by festive illustrations. *Albert Whitman*

**The Grasshopper and the Ants** retold by Jerry Pinkney.

Beautiful watercolors bring to life a classic fable about planning ahead. *Little, Brown*

**Interstellar Cinderella** by Deborah Underwood.

Illustrated by Meg Hunt.

For people who like their princesses with a little space travel and power tools. *Chronicle*

## BEGINNING READERS

**Prince Fly Guy** by Tedd Arnold.

Buzz writes fairy tales while Fly Guy imagines himself as Prince Charming. *Scholastic*

**That's (Not) Mine** by Anna Kang.

Illustrated by Christopher Weyant.

One comfy chair. Two furry creatures. Who will get to sit? *Two Lions (Amazon)*

**We Dig Worms** by Kevin McCloskey.

The worms tell all in comic book style! All your questions answered! *TOON Books*

**Pie for Chuck** by Pat Schories.

This woodchuck knows when to call on his friends for a little help. *Holiday House*

**Ballet Cat: The Totally Secret Secret** by Bob Shea.

Will Sparkles the Pony's terrible secret mean the end of his friendship with Ballet Cat? *Disney-Hyperion*

**I Will Take A Nap!** by Mo Willems.

Silliness abounds as Gerald tries, and fails (or does he?), to take a nap. *Disney-Hyperion*





## NONFICTION

***Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans* by Don Brown.**

Powerful graphics depict the reality of what happened during and after Hurricane Katrina. *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*

***Face-Off: Top 10 Lists of Everything in Hockey* by the editors of Sports Illustrated Kids.**

Terrible sweaters, toothless smiles, and memorable players and moments are honorably catalogued. *Sports Illustrated*

***How to Swallow a Pig: Step-by-Step Advice from the Animal Kingdom* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page.**

Learn survival tricks from nature's best teachers! *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*

***Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound* by Andrea Davis Pinkney.**

Break out the vinyl and follow "The Groove" on this moving and fascinating journey. *Roaring Brook*

***Rad American Women A-Z* by Kate Schatz. Illustrated by Miriam Klein Stahl.**

Get inspired by these 26 awesome leaders, inventors, and artists! *City Lights*

***Sex is a Funny Word: A Book About Bodies, Feelings, and YOU* by Cory Silverberg. Illustrated by Fiona Smyth.**

A fun conversation guide to clarifying and discussing sexual values for kids and families. *Triangle Square*

***Atlas of Adventures* by Rachel Williams. Illustrated by Lucy Letherland.**

There's something new to find at every destination! *Wide Eyed Editions*

## FICTION

***Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate.**

Jackson struggles with his family's imminent homelessness and the reappearance of his childhood imaginary friend. *Feiwel & Friends*

***Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson.**

Friend troubles force Astrid to immerse herself in roller derby in this entertaining graphic novel.

*Dial*

***Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones.**

Sophie has discovered some strange birds—and her neighbor is a bit too interested in them. *Knopf*

***The Truth about Stacey* by Ann M. Martin. Illustrated by Raina Telgemeier.**

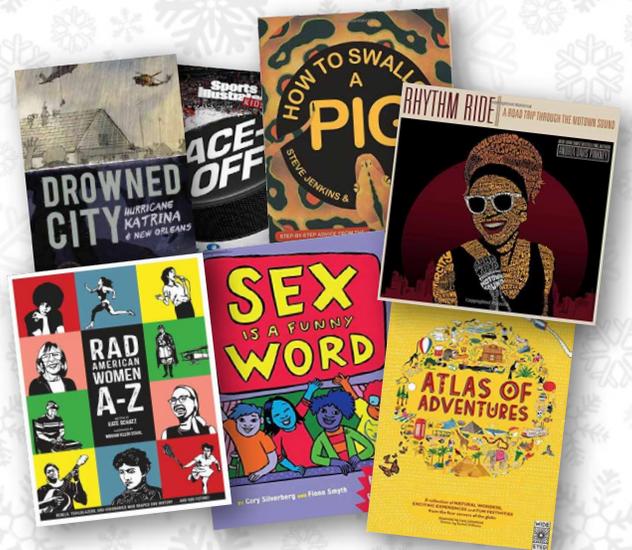
Stacey is dealing with a disability, her overprotective parents, and competition on the babysitting market! *Graphix*

***The Marvels* by Brian Selznick.**

Wonder and mystery lurk within the story, the words, the pictures...and the house. *Scholastic*

***Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead.**

Friendship endures as this trio of seventh graders encounters obstacles and opportunities. *Wendy Lamb*



## POETRY

### **Beastly Verse**

Illustrated by JooHee Yoon.

Classic poems and striking images celebrate the animal kingdom. *Enchanted Lion*

### **Neon Aliens Ate My Homework: And Other Poems by Nick Cannon.**

Illustrated by Art Mobb, et al.

Holding in your laughter will be a chore with this illustrated collection of rhymes. *Scholastic*

### **Over the Hills and Far Away compiled by Elizabeth Hammill.**

Nursery rhymes from around the world shine alongside beautiful illustrations from 70 artists. *Candlewick*

### **Jumping Off Library Shelves selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins. Illustrated by Jane Manning.**

Fifteen lyrical poems paired with gorgeous illustrations highlight the wonders that await at the library. *WordSong*

### **The Death of the Hat: A Brief History of Poetry in 50 Objects selected by Paul B. Janeczko. Illustrated by Chris Raschka**

Unique and fun, the latest collection from this pair creatively explores poetry past to present. *Candlewick*

### **Changes: A Child's First Poetry Collection by Charlotte Zolotow. Illustrated by Tiphanie Beeke.**

A volume of verse to delight young children through the seasons. *Sourcebooks Jabberwocky*



## TEENS

### **Mosquitoland by David Arnold.**

Angry and disillusioned, Mim embarks on a road trip adventure to reunite with her mother. *Viking*

### **The BreakBeat Poets: New American Poetry in the Age of Hip-Hop edited by Kevin Coval, Quraysh Ali Lansana, and Nate Marshall.**

Experience poetry in a whole new way. *Haymarket*

### **Food52 Baking: 60 Sensational Treats You Can Pull Off in a Snap by the editors of Food52.**

Recipe for Success: (1) Master a couple of these sweet recipes. (2) Share. (3) Repeat. *Ten Speed*

### **The Trouble in Me by Jack Gantos.**

Jack's turn for the worse begins with fire and a tough guy named Gary Pagoda. *Farrar, Straus, & Giroux*

### **Wolf by Wolf by Ryan Graudin.**

In an alternate history with victorious Axis Powers, one young woman with a secret competes in a deadly race. *Little, Brown*

### **I Am Princess X by Cherie Priest. Illustrated by Kali Ciesemier.**

A comic heroine's likeness mysteriously surfaces, giving cause to question a tragic event's credibility. *Arthur A. Levine*

### **Nimona by Noelle Stevenson.**

Nimona is going to be Lord Blackheart's evil sidekick no matter what! *HarperTeen*

### **An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir.**

Despite grave danger, Laia and Elias form an unlikely partnership to topple an evil empire. *Razorbill*

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