

MFAC Publications and Awards

Our students and alumni do more than hone their craft -- they get their work published.

Many of the projects that students work on while they are enrolled in the Creative Writing Programs become successful books. These works catch the attention of publishers and critics alike, earning awards and gaining literary recognition.

Here are books by our students and alumni that have been published or are forthcoming in the world of literature for children and young adults.

Sarah Ahiers

Thief's Cunning (YA Novel)

HarperTeen, 2017

Finalist for Minnesota Book Award

Assassin's Heart (YA novel)

HarperTeen, 2016

Finalist for Minnesota Book Award

Cecilia Aragon

Flying Free: My Victory Over Fear to Become the First Latina Pilot on the U.S. Aerobic Team
(YA/adult memoir)

Blackstone Publishing, 2020

Winner of a 2022 Nancy Pearl Award.

Writers in the Secret Garden: Fanfiction, Youth, and New Forms of Mentoring, with Katie Davis
(nonfiction)

MIT Press, 2020

Megan Atwood

The Devils You Know (YA Novel)

Soho Tee, 2017

Ice Cream Summer (An Orchard Novel), illustrated by Natalie Andrewson (middle-grade novel)

Aladdin, 2017

Once Upon a Winter (An Orchard Novel), illustrated by Natalie Andrewson (middle-grade novel)

Aladdin, 2017

Also author of *Dear Molly*, *Dear Olive* series, *Real Life Ghost Stories*, *The Contest Book* series, *The Dario Quincy Academy of Dance* series, *The Paranormalists Book* series, and more.

J. J. Austrian

Worm Loves Worm, illustrated by Mike Curato (picture book)

Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2016

Winner of a Minnesota Book Award

Cheryl Bardoe

Bei Bei Goes Home: A Panda Story (NF PB)

Candlewick Entertainment, 2021

Nothing Stopped Sophie (nonfiction MG)

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2018

Behold the Beautiful Dung Beetle, illustrated by Alan Marks (NF picture book)

Charlesbridge, 2014

John Burroughs Riverby Award, Cook Prize Honor Book (Bank Street College), NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book, Outstanding Children's Book Award—Animal Behavioral Society

The Ugly Duckling Dinosaur (NF picture book)

Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2011

Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age (picture book)

Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010

Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas (picture book),

Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2006

Daniel Bernstrom

A Bear, a Man, and a Donut Van, illustrated by Brandon James Scott (PB)

Hippo Park Books, 2026

The Dumped Truck, illustrated by Marcelo Verdad (PB)

HarperCollins, 2026

Habitat Heroes and the Platypus Party, illustrated by Carolina Coroa (PB)

Disney Hyperion, 2026

The Cookie Vote, co-written with Margaret McNamara, illustrated by G. Bryan Karas (PB)

Random House Studio, 2025

One Day at the Bottom of the Deep Blue Sea, illustrated by Brandon James Scott (PB)

Hippo Park, 2025

a bear, a fish, and a fishy wish, illustrated by Brandon James Scott (picture book)

Hippo Park, 2024

Good Night, Little Man, illustrated by Heidi Woodward Sheffield (picture book)

HarperCollins, 2023

Song in the City: A Charming Picture Book About a Blind Girl and Grandmother Experiencing Vibrant Sounds for Kids, illustrated by Jenin Mohammed (PB)

Amistad for Young Readers, 2022

A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree, illustrated by Brandon James Scott (picture book)

Hippo Park, 2022

Big Papa and the Time Machine, illustrated by Shane W Evans (picture book)

HarperCollins, 2020

Winner, 2021 Minnesota Book Award in Children's Literature, 2021

Gator, Gator, Gator, illustrated by Fran Preston-Gannon (picture book)

HarperCollins, 2018

Bank Street College Best Children's Books of the Year

One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree, illustrated by Brendan Wenzel (picture book)

Harper Collins, 2016

Molly Burnham

The Infinite Questions of Dottie Bing, illustrated by Fanny Liem (middle-grade novel)

Dial Books, 2023

Teddy Mars Almost an Outlaw

Katherine Tegan Books, 2017

Teddy Mars Almost a Winner

Katherine Tegan Books, 2016

Teddy Mars Almost a World Record Breaker

Katherine Tegan Books, 2015

Winner of the Sid Fleischman Humor Award

Miriam Busch

Raisin, the Littlest Cow, illustrated by Larry Day (picture Book)

Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2017

Lion, Lion, illustrated by Larry Day (picture book)

Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2014

Junior Library Guild Selection

Bank Street College Best Children's Books of the Year

Indie Next List Great Reads

NPR's Best Books of 2014

Meg Cannistra

How to Heal a Gryphon (middle-grade novel)

Inkyard Press, 2022

The Trouble with Shooting Stars (middle-grade novel)

Simon & Schuster, 2019

Jyoti Chand

Fitting Indian, illustrated by Tara Anand (YA graphic novel)

HarperCollins, 2024

Sherryl Clark

The Only Branch on the Family Tree, illustrated by Astred Hicks

University of Queensland Press, 2025

Mina and the Whole Wide World, illustrated by Briony Stewart (verse novel)

Winner of the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Children's Literature

Our Australian Girl: The Rose Stories (4-book series) (middle-grade novels)

Penguin eBooks, 2017

Do you Dare: Jimmy's War (middle-grade nonfiction)

Puffin, 2015

Dying to Tell Me (middle-grade novel)

Kane/Miller Book Publishers, 2011

Farm Kid (verse novel)

Penguin, 2005

NSW Premier's Literary Award for Children's Books, Patricia Wrightson Prize

Sixth Grade Style Queen (Not!)

Puffin, 2008

Children's Book Council of Australia Honour Award

Author of Ellyse Perry series, Meet Rose series, Nibbles series, and Aussi Bites series

Ailynn Collins

Mars or Bust!: Orion and the Mission to Deep Space (middle-grade nonfiction)

Capstone Press, 2019

Author or co-author of multiple books in the *Michael Dahl Presents: Mysteries* series for Capstone Press.

Melinda Cordell

Courageous Women of the Civil War: Soldiers Spies, Medics, and More (nonfiction)

Chicago Review Press, 2016

Jill Davis

Orangutans Are Ticklish (picture book)

Schwartz & Wade, 2010

The First Rule of Little Brothers (picture book)

Knopf, 2008

Ronni Davis

This Night Is Ours (YA novel)

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, April 2024

When the Stars Lead to You (YA novel)

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2019

Danielle Davison

Hattie, the Little Camper, illustrated by Alyssa Russell (picture book)

Sleeping Bear Press, 2026

Naomi Kinsman Downing

Brilliant Hues (Faithgirlz/From Sadie's Sketchbook Book 4) (middle-grade novel)

Zonderkidz, 2012

Waves of Light (Faithgirlz/From Sadie's Sketchbook Book 3) (middle-grade novel)

Zonderkidz, 2012

Flickering Hope (Faithgirlz/From Sadie's Sketchbook Book 2) (middle-grade novel)

Zonderkidz, 2011

Shades of Truth (Faithgirlz/From Sadie's Sketchbook Book 1) (middle-grade novel)

Zonderkidz, 2011

Loretta Ellsworth

Tangle-Knot, illustrated by Annabel Tempest (picture book)

Page Street Kids, 2023

Stars Over Clear Lake (novel)

St. Martin's Press, 2017

Unforgettable (novel)

Walker Books for Young Readers, 2011

In a Heartbeat (novel)

Walker & Company/Macmillan, 2010

In Search of Mockingbird (novel)

Henry Holt, 2007

The Shrouding Woman (novel), Henry Holt, 2002

Alexandra Fallgren

I Don't Belong to You (YA novel)

Norton for Young Readers, 2027

Elizabeth Fixmer

Saint Training (middle grade novel)

ZonderKidz, 2010

Claire Forrest

I Gave You My Heart (YA Novel)

Scholastic, 2027

Where You See Yourself (YA novel)

Scholastic, 2023

Winner of a 2024 Schneider Family Honor Award

J. B. Frank (Loretta Caravette)

Somewhere in the City, illustrated by Yu Leng (Picture Book)

Familias Publishing, 2021

Count on Me 1 2 3, illustrated by Ela Smietanka (Board Book)

Familias Publishing, 2021

Down on the Funny Farm with Cow and Friends: A Joke Book from the Barnyard Gang

Sky Pony, 2025

Down on the Funny Farm with Cow and Friends: A Joke Book from the Barnyard Gang
(Middle-Grade Novel)

Sky Pony, 2025

Amanda Glaze

The Lies of Alma Blackwell (YA novel)

Union Square & Company 2024

The Second Death of Edie and Violet Bond (YA novel)

Union Square & Company 2022

Olivia Ghafoerkhan

Siblings: The Ultimate Teen Guide (nonfiction book)

Bowman and Littlefield Publishing Group, 2019

Beth Hollar Gier

It's Like We Touched the Moon (verse MG novel)

West 44 Books, 2025

Rebecca Grabill

A Year with Mama Earth, illustrated by Rebecca Green (picture book)

Eerdman's Books for Young Readers, 2019

Violet and the Woof, illustrated by Dasha Tolstikova (picture book)

HarperCollins, 2018

Halloween Goodnight, illustrated by Ella Okstad

Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2017

Markelle Grabo

The Redwood Bargain (Gothic YA)

Page Street YA, 2026

Call Forth a Fox, illustrated by Gaby Verdooren (YA Novel)

Page Street YA, 2024

Dori F. Graham

Brave Miss Muffet, illustrated by Kyle Beckett (picture book)

Reycraft Books, 2022

Kesha Grant

Liberty's Forgotten Hero, illustrated by Anastasia Magloire Williams (PB NF)

Lee & Low Books, 2026

Women in the Civil Rights Movement (middle-grade nonfiction)

Children's Press, 2020

Molly Beth Griffin

Far, Far Away, illustrated by Bau Luu (PB)

Charlesbridge, 2025

Everything Grandma Needs, illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan (picture book)

Charlesbridge (PenguinRandomHouse), 2025

Rings of Heartwood: Poems on Growing, illustrated by Claudia McGehee (NFPB, poetry)

Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2025

Just Us, illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan (picture book)

Charlesbridge (PenguinRandomHouse), 2024

The Big Leaf Leap, illustrated by Meleck Davis

Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2022

Ten Beautiful Things, illustrated by Maribel Lechuya (picture book)

Charlesbridge, 2021

School Sidekicks Series (8 titles), illustrated by Mike Deas or Colin Jack (early reader)

Picture Window/Capstone, 2019

Rhoda's Rock Hunt, illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell (picture book)

MHS Press, 2014

Silhouette of a Sparrow (novel)

Milkweed Editions, 2012

Winner of Milkweed Prize for Literature

Loon Baby (picture book)

Houghton Mifflin, 2011

Erin Berger Guendelsberger

Little Red Sleigh Soars with Santa, illustrated by Elizaveta Kretyakova (picture book, part of Little Heroes, Big Hearts Series)

Sourcebooks, 2026

Little Orange Pumpkin, illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin (picture book, part of the Little Heroes, Big Hearts Series)

Sourcebooks, 2024

Little Purple Tractor, illustrated by Annelouise Mahoney (picture book, part of the Little Heroes, Big Hearts Series)

Sourcebooks, 2024

Little Yellow Bus, illustrated by Suzie Mason (picture book, part of the Little Heroes, Big Hearts Series)

Sourcebooks, 2022

Little Blue Bunny, illustrated by Stila Lim (picture book, Part of Little Heroes, Big Hearts Series)

Sourcebooks, 2022

Little Red Sleigh, illustrated by Elizaveta Kretyakova (picture book, part of the Little Heroes, Big Hearts Series)

Sourcebooks, 2021

USA Today bestseller list

The Christmas Blessing: A One-of-a-Kind Nativity Story for Kids About the Love That Brings Us Together, illustrated by Gail Yerrell

Sourcebooks, 2021

Goodnight ABCs (board book)

Sourcebooks, 2021

Can You Put Me to Bed, illustrated by Ando Twin

Sourcebooks, 2021

Amanda Henke

Not a Book About Bunnies, illustrated by Anna Caviscourt

Starry Forest Books 2023

Barbara Herkert

A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider: The Story of E.B. White, illustrated by Lauren Castillo (nonfiction picture book)

Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt/Macmillan, 2017

Mary Cassatt: Extraordinary Impressionist Painter, illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska

Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt/Macmillan, 2015

Sewing Stories: Harriet Powers' Journey from Slave to Artist, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley
(picture book biography)

Knopf Children's Books, 2015

Christine Heppermann

What Goes Up (YA Novel)

Greenwillow Books, 2020

Ask Me How I Got Here (YA Verse Novel)

Greenwillow Books, 2016

Maya's Story (Backyard Witch) with Ron Koertge (middle-grade series)

Greenwillow Books, 2018

Jess's Story (Backyard Witch), with Ron Koertge

Greenwillow Books, 2017

Sadie's Story (Backyard Witch), with Ron Koertge

Greenwillow Books, 2016

Poisoned Apples (YA poetry collection)

Greenwillow Press, 2014

City Chickens

Houghton Mifflin, 2012

Melanie Heuiser Hill

Around the Table That Grandad Built, illustrated by Jaime Kim (picture book)

Candlewick Press, 2019

Giant Pumpkin Suite (middle-grade novel)

Candlewick Press, 2017

Winner of the Mathical Book Award Honor

Bonnie Sue Hitchcock

Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town (stories)

Wendy Lamb Books/Penguin Random House, 2021

The Smell of Other People's Houses

Wendy Lamb Books, 2016

William C. Morris Award finalist

New York Public Library's Best Books for Teens

Jonathan Hillman

The Wishing Machine, illustrated by Nadia Alam (picture book)

Simon & Schuster, 2023

Big Wig (picture book)

Wiseman Books/Simon & Schuster, 2022

Justina Ireland

Tales from Cabin 23: The Boo Hag Flex (middle-grade novel)

Balzer + Bray, 2024

Rust in the Roof (young adult novel)

Balzer + Bray, 2022

Ophie's Ghosts (middle-grade novel)

Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2021

Finalist for a Cybil's Award

Deathless Divide (YA novel)

Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2020

Dread Nation (YA novel)

Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2018

New York Times Bestseller

Promise of Shadows (YA novel)

Simon & Schuster, 2015

Vengeance Bound (YA novel)

Simon & Schuster, 2014

The Amazing Spider Man (trilogy) (middle-grade graphic novel)

Marvel, 2024

Star Wars: The High Republic (middle-grade graphic novel)

Disney Lucas Films Press, 2025

Star Wars: A Test of Courage (middle-grade graphic novel)

Disney Lucas Films Press, 2021

Star Wars: Spark of the Resistance (middle-grade graphic novel)

Disney Lucas Films Press, 2019

Star Wars: Lando's Luck (middle-grade graphic novel)

Disney Lucas Films Press, 2018

Landra Jennings

Wand (middle-grade novel)

Harper/Collins, 2023

The Whispering Fog (middle-grade novel)

Clarion, 2022

Rachel Katz

Rise Up! Powerful Protests in American History, illustrated by Sophie Bass (NF PB)

Barefoot Books, 2025

2026 Massachusetts Great Reads, 2025 Eureka Silver Award, Literary Hub Most Anticipated Reads of 2025

Janel Kolby

Winterfolk (YA Novel)

HarperTeen, 2018

Lilly LaMotte

Chloe's Lunar New Year, illustrated by Michelle Lee (debut picture book)

HarperCollins, 2023

Unhappy Camper, illustrated by Ann Xu (middle-grade graphic novel)

HarperCollins, 2022

Measuring Up (middle-grade graphic novel)

HarperCollins, 2021

Junior Library Guild Selection

Finalist for 2023 Bluestem Award, 2022-23 Georgia Children's Book Award, Washington State Book Award

2022 Cybil's Award for Graphic Novel, Elementary/Middle Grade

Susan Latta

Bold Women of Medicine (middle-grade nonfiction)

Chicago Review Press, 2017

Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2018, Sixth to Eighth Grade

Aimee Lucido

Words Apart, illustrated by Phillippa and Rachael Corcutt (middle-grade verse novel)

HarperCollins, 2025

Pasta Pasta Lotsa Patsa, illustrated by Mavisu Demirag (PB)

Beach Lane Books, 2024

Lucky Penny, illustrated by Jon Davis (early reader)

Apples & Honey Press, 2024

Recipe for Disaster (middle-grade novel)

Versify, 2021

Second Banana, illustrated by Kate Berube (picture book)

Harry N. Abrams, 2020

Emmy in the Key of Code, illustrated by Abigail Dela Cruz (middle-grade novel)

Versify, 2019

Winner of the Northern California Book Award, long-listed for 2021 Carnegie Medal

Megan Lynch

Bone Carnival (middle-grade novel)

Orange Blossom Publishing, 2023

Ann Matzke

My Life as a Native American (Little World Social Studies) (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2019

Reading Maps (Little World Social Studies) (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2019

My Life as a Pioneer (Little World Social Studies) (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2012

What Are the Branches of Democracy (Little World Social Studies) (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2012

Hedgehog (You Have a Pet What?!) (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2018

Skunk (You Have a Pet What?!) (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2017

Mini-Horse (You Have a Pet What?!) (nonfiction series)

Roarke Educational Media, 2015

Can You Guess? (picture book)

Rourke, 2010

Plus 1, Minus 1 (picture book)

Rourke, 2010

Tracy Nelson Maurer

Lady Bird Johnson, That's Who!, illustrated by Ginnie Hsu (nonfiction picture book)

Henry Holt & Co., 2021

Samuel Morse, That's Who!, illustrated by el primo Ramon (nonfiction picture book)

Henry Holt & Co., 2019

Junior Library Guild Selection

John Deere, That's Who!, illustrated by Tim Zeltner (nonfiction picture book)

Henry Holt & Co., 2017

Junior Library Build Selection, American Farm Bureau Foundation Book of the Year, National Science Teachers of America STEM Book

Noah Webster's Fighting Words, illustrated by Ginnie Hsu (nonfiction picture book)

Millbrook Press, 2017

New York Public Library 2017 Best Picture Book list

Storm Codes (picture book)

Windward, 2007

Debra McArthur

A Voice for Kansas (middle-grade novel)

Kane Miller Books, 2012

Bank Street College Best Children's Books of the Year

Kansas Notable Books

Raoul Wallenberg: Rescuing Thousands from The Nazis' Grasp (HOLOCAUST HEROES AND NAZI CRIMINALS) (YA nonfiction)

Enslow Publishing Inc., 2005

Christine McDonnell

Sanctuary: Kip Tiwernan and Rosie's Place, the Nation's First Shelter for Women, illustrated by

Victoria Tentler-Krylov (nonfiction biography)

Candlewick, March 2022

2023 Jane Addams Children's Book Award Honor Book; Goddard Riverside CBC Youth Prize for Social Justice; Horn Book Fanfare Best Books of 2022; Kirkus Best Books of 2022

When the Babies Came to Stay, illustrated by Jeanette Bradley (picture book)

Viking Books for Young Readers, 2020

Gary Metivier

Cody and Grandpa's Christmas Tradition, illustrated by Traci Van Wagoner (picture book)

Pelican, 2016

Until Daddy Comes Home, illustrated by Robert Rath (early reader)

Pelican, 2014

Saluting Grandpa

Wild Horses Publishing, 2011

Kalena Miller

South of Somewhere (MG novel)

Albert Whitman & Co., 2024

Becoming Brigitte (MG novel)

Delacorte, spring 2022

The Night When No One Had Sex (YA novel)

Adams Books for Young Readers, 2021

Cheryl Minnema

Johnny's Pheasant, illustrated by Julie Flett (picture book)

University of Minnesota Press, 2019

Hungry Johnny, illustrated by Wesley Ballinger

University of Minnesota Press, 2014

Diane Mullen

One Little Lot: The 1-2-3s of an Urban Garden, illustrated by Oriol Vidal (picture book)

Charlesbridge, 2020

Tagged (YA novel)

Charlesbridge, 2015

Mackenna J. Myers

The Stripe and the Star (Horizon set/series) (young adult novel)

Jolly Fish Press, 2025

Jane O'Reilly

The Notations of Cooper Cameron (middle-grade novel)

Carolrhoda Books, 2017

The Secret of Goldenrod (middle-grade novel)

Carolrhoda Books, 2016

Cristina Oxta

Teen Titans Go!, illustrated by Dario Brizuela (chapter book series)

Capstone Publishing, 2024

What Lolo Wants, illustrated by Jamie Bauza (picture book)

Kids Can Press, 2024

Tara and the Towering Wave: An Indian Ocean Tsunami Story, illustrated by Francesca Ficorilli
(middle-grade novel)

Capstone Publishing, 2020

Red Riding Hood, illustrated by Miguel Riaz Rivas (early reader)

Picture Window Books, 2020

Tae Kwon Do Test, illustrated by Amanda Erb (early reader)

Picture Window Books, 2020

Stan Lee: Get to Know the Comics Creator (middle-grade nonfiction)

Capstone Press, 2020

Stephen Hawking: Get to Know the Man Behind the Theory (middle-grade nonfiction)

Capstone Press, 2019

Bobbie Peyton

Dancing the Tinikling (picture book)

Sleeping Bear Press, spring 2023

Melody Reed

The Major Eights 6: The Secret Valentine, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)

little bee books, 2020

The Major Eights 5: The New Bandmate, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)

little bee books, 2018

The Major Eights 4: Starstruck, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)

little bee books, 2020

The Major Eights 3: The Goo Disaster, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)

little bee books, 2018

The Major Eights 2: Scarlet's Big Break, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)

little bee books, 2018

The Major Eights 1: Battle of the Bands, illustrated by Emilie Pepin (early chapter book)

little bee books, 2018

Lisa Frenkel Riddiough

Heartfelt (board book)

Workman Publication Kids, 2026

Furious Turtle, illustrated by Andrea Tsurumi (picture book)

Disney Hyperion, 2026

Embarrassed Ferret, illustrated by Andrea Tsurumi (picture book)

Disney Hyperion, 2025

Letters to Live By: An Alphabet Book with Intention, illustrated by Asa Gilland (picture book)

Running Press, 2022

Elvis and the World as It Stands (middle-grade novel)

Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2021

Barbara Carroll Roberts

When George Washington Bowed to the New Nation, illustrated by Anne Yvonne Gilbert
(middle-grade NF)

Creative Editions, 2026

The Metamorphosis of Bunny Baxter (middle-grade novel)

Penguin/Random House, 2025

A Rose Named Peace (nonfiction)

Candlewick, 2021

Nikki on the Line (middle-grade novel)

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2019

Devon Rohana (Garza)

Mister in the Stars, illustrated by G. Brian Karas (picture book)

Anne Schwartz Books, Sept. 2026

Brita Sandstrom

Hollow Chest (middle-grade novel)

Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins, 2021

Melissa Savage

Kharma Moon, Ghost Hunter (middle-grade novel)

Crown Books for Young Readers, 2021

Nessie Quest (middle-grade novel)

Yearling, 2021

The Truth About Martians (middle-grade novel)

Yearling, 2020

Lemons (middle-grade novel)

Crown Books for Young Readers, 2018

Bigfoot, Tobin, and Me (middle-grade novel)

Chicken House, 2017

Sonja Solter

When You Know What I Know (middle-grade novel-in-verse)

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2020

Caren Stelson

Returning the Sword: How a Japanese Sword of War Became a Symbol of Friendship and Peace,
illustrated by Amanda Yoshid (NFPB)

Carolrhoda Books, 2025

Stars of the Night: The Courageous Children of the Czech Kindertransport, illustrated by Selina Alko (nonfiction picture book)

Carolrhoda Books, 2023

A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story, illustrated by Akira Kusaka (nonfiction picture book)

Carolrhoda Books, 2020

Finalist for the 2021 Minnesota Book Award in Children's Literature

Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story (middle-grade nonfiction)

Carolrhoda Books, 2016

2017 Robert F. Sibert Honor Book

Bank Street College's Best Children's Books

Cybill's Award

Jane Adams Children's Book Award

Junior Library Guild Selection

New York Public Library Best Books for Teens

Orbis Pictus Award

Eija Sumner

The Good Little Mermaid's Guide to Bedtime, illustrated by Nici Gregory (picture book)

Tundra Books, 2024

Best Children's Books of the Year, Bank Street College

Blue Ribbon title, Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

Crocodile Hungry, illustrated by John Martz (picture book)

Tundra Books, 2022

Melanie Sumrow

Girls Like Her (YA novel)

Clarion, 2024

Golden Kite Award

Odyssey Award Honor

Inside Battle (YA Novel)

Yellow Jacket, 2020

2020 New York Public Library's Best Books for Kids

Best YA Novels of 2020, *Children's Book Review*

The Prophet Calls (Upper MG Novel)

Yellow Jacket, 2018

Patricia Sutton

Capsized: The Forgotten Story of the SS Eastland Disaster (middle-grade nonfiction)

Chicago Review Press, 2018

New York Public Library's 100 Best Books for Kids

Kirkus Reviews' Best Books of 2018

Society of Midland Authors Literary Award Honoree

Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People List

Cybils Literary Award Winner

Cooperative Children's Book Center's Choice

Tofte/Wright Children's Literary Award

Jamie Swenson

Chirp: Chipmunk Sings for a Friend, illustrated by Scott Magoon (picture book)

Simon & Schuster, 2021

A Fall Ball for All, illustrated by Chiara Fidele (picture book)

Millbrook Press, 2018

Big Rig, illustrated by Ned Young (picture book)

Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016

If You Were a Dog, illustrated by Chris Raschka (picture book)

Straus & Giroux, 2014

Boom, Boom, Boom!, illustrated by David Walker (picture book)

Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2013

Brandon Terrell

Scars in the Sky: What if the biggest hoax in the history was real, illustrated by Brant Schoonover, Foreword by Eija Sumner

Terrell Publishing, 2026

Blair Thornburgh

Second Banana, illustrated by Kate Berube (picture book)

Harry N. Abrams, 2020

Ordinary Girls (YA Novel)

HarperTeen, 2019

Publishers Weekly Best Book

Booklist Editors Choice for Books for Youth

Skulls, illustrated by Scott Campbell (picture book)

Atheneum, 2019

Who's That Girl (YA Novel)

HarperTeen 2017

Ari Tison

Together We See (YA Novel)

Farrar Strauss & Giroux, 2026

When I Was a Little Girl, illustrated by Sarah Gonzales (PB)

HarperCollins, 2026

Saints of the Household (verse novel)

Farrar Strauss & Giroux, 2022

Walter Dean Myers Award

Pure Belpé Award

Finalist, William C. Morris Award

Kim Tomsic

The Truth About 5th Grade, illustrated by Mark Parisi (middle-grade graphic novel)

HarperCollins, 2024

The Elephants Come Home: A True Story of Seven Elephants, Two People, and One Extraordinary Friendship, illustrated by Hadley Hooper (NF picture book)

Chronicle Books, 2021

Finalist for Cybil's Award

The 12th Candle (middle-grade novel)

Katherine Tegan Books, 2019

Guitar Genius, illustrated by Brett Helquist (NF picture book)

Chronicle Books, 2019

The 11:11 Wish (middle-grade novel)

Katherine Tegan Books, 2018

Hebah Uddin

A Bit of Earth: A Reimagining of "The Secret Garden" with an Immigrant Orphan Finding Friendship and New Beginnings (as Karuna Riazi) (middle-grade novel)

Greenwillow Books, 2026

Sabrina Swept Away (as Karuna Riazi) (middle-grade novel)

HarperCollins, 2025

The Battle (as Karuna Riazi) (middle-grade novel)

Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, 2020

The Gauntlet (as Karuna Riazi) (middle-grade novel)

Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, 2018)

Elizabeth Verdick

Hi, Worry. Bye, Worry!, written with Elizabeth Rae, illustrated by Steve Mark, Little Laugh & Learn Series (picture book)

Free Spirit Publishing, 2025

Make Way for Harriet and May, illustrated by Yana Kozak (picture book)

Worthy Kids/Hatchette, 2025

Not a Spot to Spot: The True Story of Kipekee, the Giraffe Born Without Spots, illustrated by Zoe Waring (picture book)

Simon & Schuster, 2025

Trusty Bus, illustrated by Jeff Harter (picture book)

Simon & Schuster, 2025

Wiggly Time, illustrated by Marieka Heilein (board book)

Free Spirit Publishing, 2023

Try Again Time, illustrated by Marieka Heilein (board book)

Free Spirit Publishing, 2021

Bike & Trike, illustrated by Brian Biggs (picture book)

Simon & Schuster, 2020

Small Walt Spots Dot, illustrated by Marc Rosenthal (picture book)

Simon & Schuster, 2020

Bike and Trike, illustrated by Brian Biggs (picture book)

Simon & Schuster, 2020

Small Walt and Mo the Tow, illustrated by Marc Rosenthal (picture books)

Simon & Schuster, 2018

Small Walt, illustrated by Marc Rosenthal (picture book)

Sion & Schuster, 2017

Peep Leap, illustrated by John Bendall-Brunello (picture book)

Two Lions, 2013

Healthy Baby Board Book Series

Free Spirit Publishing, 2013

Toddler Tools Board Book Series

Free Spirit Publishing, 2009

Best Behavior Board Book Series

Free Spirit Publishing, 2004

Alicia D. Williams

Nani and the Lion, illustrated by Anna Cunha (PB)

Atheneum/Caitlin Dlouhy Books, 2026

Mid Air, illustrated by Danica Novgorodoff (middle-grade verse novel)

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2024

The Talk, illustrated by Briana Mukodiri Uchendu (picture book)

Atheneum/caitlyn Dlouhy Books in 2022

Chisholm Dared: The Story of the First Black Woman in Congress, illustrated by April Harrison
(NF picture book)

Anne Schwartz Books (Random House, 2021)

Winner of the 2022 Jane Adams Children's Book Award

Genesis Begins Again (middle-grade novel)

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books (January 15, 2019)

Newbery Medal Honor Award

Winner of the Coretta Scott King—John Steptoe for New Talent Award

William C. Morris Prize Finalist

An NPR Favorite Book of 2019

A School Library Journal Best Middle Grade Book of 2019

Kirkus Prize Finalist

Jump at the Sun: The True Life Tale of Unstoppable Storycatcher Zora Neale Hurston,
illustrated by Jacqueline Alcantara (nonfiction picture book)

Atheneum/Simon & Schuster, 2021

NEA Read Across America March

Jennifer Wilson (Coats)

Someday We'll Find It (YA novel)

HarperTeen, 2022

TOTAL:

Many more books written for hire and many individual poems, stories, and articles published.