

## New Selections for K-8 & High School, Fall 2018



We are pleased to present the latest selection of Top Grade titles for students of all ages. These samples come to you **free of charge** to preview and share within your school board. The selection includes the best that Canadian publishers have to offer. As always, we encourage you to **enjoy** the review copies included in the mailing, **share** the books and catalogues with your colleagues, and **purchase** any titles you're interested in from your preferred wholesaler or bookseller.

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### TREE SONG

TIFFANY STONE  
ILLUSTRATED BY HOLLY HATAM

A joyful look at the life cycle of a tree with children interacting with nature at each stage. Beautifully illustrated by #1 New York Times artist Holly Hatam, and lyrical text by award-winning Canadian author Tiffany Stone make this an ideal read-aloud and introduction to Life Cycles, nature, and seasons.

**ANNICK PRESS** • 9781773210018 • 21.95 • Hardcover • Age 3-5 • Grades K-2  
Language Arts • Nature/Life cycles  
Teacher guide available (<http://annickpress.com/books/catalog/?f=lp>)  
Also available: A Flock of Shoes by Tiffany Stone • Author available for school visits  
@hollyhatamillustration



### ANNA AT THE ART MUSEUM

HAZEL HUTCHINS AND GAIL HERBERT  
ILLUSTRATED BY LIL CRUMP

A little girl becomes bored and cranky during a visit to an art museum until she begins to identify with details in the paintings, which suddenly seem to come alive. Filled with representations of paintings from many world-class galleries, this charming book is the perfect introduction to art. Backmatter includes information on each artwork featured in the book. Art has been chosen from diverse periods of history and countries, including Canada.

**ANNICK PRESS** • 9781773210438 • 21.95 • Hardcover • Age: 4-6 • Grade: K-2  
Language Arts • Art • Creativity & Self expression • Teacher Guide available  
Author available for local school visits



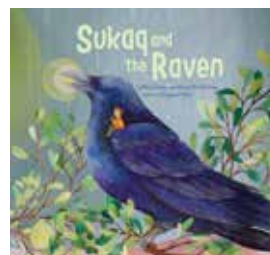
### ANGUS ALL AGLOW

HEATHER SMITH  
ILLUSTRATED BY ALICE CARTER

Angus loves sparkly things, so much so that he can hear them. His unique ability is lost, however, when Angus wears his grandma's necklace to school, and his classmates tease him. Saddened by their laughter, Angus stops hearing the sparkle.

A gentle story of acceptance, generosity and friendship, *Angus All Aglow* reminds us that it only takes one kind gesture to restore your sparkle, and returning kindness can make you glow from the inside out.

**ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS** • 9781459814936 • 19.95 • Hardcover • Age 3-5 • Grade K-2  
Language Arts • ebook available: 9781459814950 • Also available: Harry's Hiccups by Jean Little • Author available for local school visits • @Heather\_T\_Smith

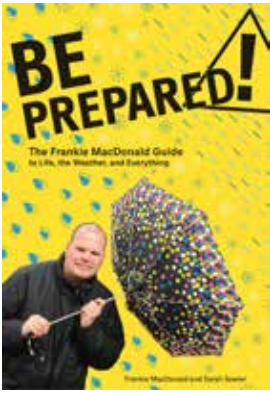


### SUKAQ AND THE RAVEN

ROY GOOSE; KERRY MCCLUSKEY  
ILLUSTRATED BY SOYEON KIM

Sukaq loves to drift off to sleep listening to his mother tell him stories. His favourite story is the tale of how a raven created the world. But this time, as his mother begins to tell the story and his eyelids become heavy, he is suddenly whisked away on the wings of the raven to ride along as the entire world is formed!

**INHABIT MEDIA** • 9781772271393 • 16.95 • Hardcover • Age: 5-7 • Grade: K-2  
Language Arts • History and heritage • Aboriginal studies  
Also available: The Raven and the Loon by Rachel and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley  
Author available for local school visits • @McCluskeyKerry

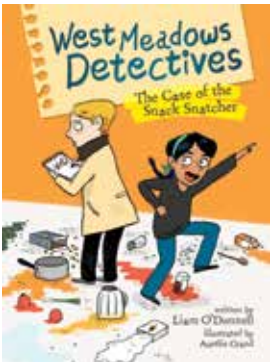


### BE PREPARED!: THE FRANKIE MACDONALD GUIDE TO LIFE, THE WEATHER, AND EVERYTHING

FRANKIE MACDONALD AND SARAH SAWLER

Ever wonder where clouds come from? Or how meteorologists predict the weather? This brand new book, starring Nova Scotia's favourite weather reporter, Frankie MacDonald, and written by author Sarah Sawler, shares stories from Frankie's early years, along with facts about all things sunny, rainy, snowy, and stormy. Filled with pictures, graphics, and advice from Frankie himself, this book has everything you need to Be Prepared!

**NIMBUS PUBLISHING LIMITED** • 9781771085755 • 16.95 • Paperback • Age: 7-9 • Grade 2-4  
Science (Meteorology) • Social Studies (Inclusive Education) • Autism and Bullying awareness  
Ebook available: 9781771085762 • Teacher Guide available  
100 Things You Don't Know About Atlantic Canada by Sarah Sawler  
@SarahSawler, @frankiemc



### WEST MEADOWS DETECTIVES: THE CASE OF THE SNACK SNATCHER

LIAM O'DONNELL  
ILLUSTRATED BY AURÉLIE GRAND

The first book in a mystery series featuring Myron, whose unique perspective from the autism spectrum makes him a top-notch sleuth. Together with his Resource Room 15 classmates, each of whom has different skills and abilities, Myron cracks the case when the school kitchen is burgled. A fun and accessible page-turner for independent readers.

**OWLKIDS BOOKS** • 9781771473453 • 11.95 • Paperback • Age: 8-10 • Grade 2-4  
Language Arts • Social Studies • Ebook available: 9781771472302  
Teacher Guide available  
[http://www.owlkidsbooks.com/ResourcesActivities/TheInsideTrack.aspx#westmeadows]  
Also available: West Meadows Detectives: The Case of Maker Mischief by Liam O'Donnell  
@liamodonnell

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## Participating Publishers

### ANNICK PRESS

annickpress.com

### ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS

orcabook.com

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breakwaterbooks.com

### OWLKIDS BOOKS

owlkidsbooks.com

### GOOSE LANE EDITION

gooselane.com

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ronsdalepress.com

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portageandmainpress.com/  
highwater-press

### ROSEWAY PUBLISHING

fernwoodpublishing.ca/  
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### INHABIT MEDIA

inhabitmedia.com

### SECOND STORY PRESS

secondstorypress.ca

### NIMBUS PUBLISHING

nimbus.ca



### THE SECRET OF BOWRING PARK

CHRISTINE GORDON MANLEY  
ILLUSTRATED BY LAUREL KEATING

Far away on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, nestled away in a quiet city park, there is a statue of Peter Pan that every child swears is magic. When the visitors leave and the gates are locked, the rabbits and squirrels, mice and fairies all come alive to the soft whisper of a flute, and one night a young girl sees it all. *The Secret of Bowring Park* is a story of magic, eternal childhood, and the bond between two sisters.

**BREAKWATER BOOKS** • 9781550817317 • 12.95  
Paperback • Age: 8-10 • Grade: 4-6  
Language Arts • Author available for local school visits

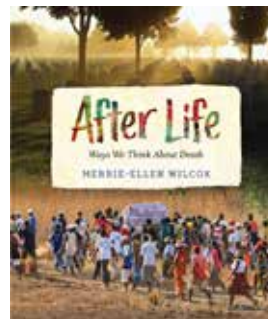


### BLACK WOMEN WHO DARED

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY NAOMI M. MOYER

Inspirational stories of ten Black women and women's collectives from Canadian and American history. Included are leaders and groundbreakers who were anti-slavery activists, business women, health-care activists, civic organizers and educators. Celebrate these remarkable women, some of whom you may be hearing about for the first time, and the profound impacts they've made.

**SECOND STORY PRESS** • 9781772600711 • 18.95 • Hardcover • Age 8-10 • Grades 4-6  
History • English • Political Science • Also available: The Promise by Margie Wolfe and Prina Bat Zvi, illustrated by Isabelle Cardinal • @naomimoyer



### AFTER LIFE: WAYS WE THINK ABOUT DEATH

MERRIE-ELLEN WILCOX

Why do we die? Why can't we live forever? What happens to us after death? Moving between science and culture, *After Life: Ways We Think About Death* takes a straightforward look at these and other questions long taboo in our society. By showing the fascinating, diverse ways in which we understand death, both today and throughout our history, the book also shines a light on what it is to be human.

**ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS** • 9781459813885 • 24.95 • Hardcover • Age: 10-12 • Grade: 7-8  
Social Studies • Ebook available: 9781459813915  
Also available: Pride: Celebrating Community and Diversity by Robin Stevenson  
Author available for local school visits • @MerrieEllenW



### IKWE: HONOURING WOMEN, LIFE GIVER, AND WATER PROTECTORS

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY JACKIE TRAVERSE

Ikwe is a new colouring book by Anishinaabe artist Jackie Traverse. Featuring brand new works, the stunning images in IKWE celebrate the spiritual and ceremonial aspects of women and their important role as water protectors.

**ROSEWAY PUBLISHING** • 9781773630731 • 20.00 • Paperback • Age: 11-13 • Grade: 7-8  
Indigenous Studies • Social Studies • Art  
Also available: Terra Nova by Shane Arbutthott  
Also available: Sacred Feminine: An Indigenous Art Colouring Book  
Author available for local school visits

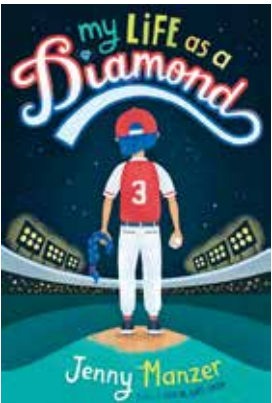




**TREE MUSKETEERS**  
NORMA CHARLES

Jeanie Leclare has a secret. Her new friends want to save a giant cedar tree near their school from a developer. Trouble is, that developer is Jeanie's uncle. What will she do when her new friends find out? Now it's more important than ever to become a Tree Musketeer and save that tree.

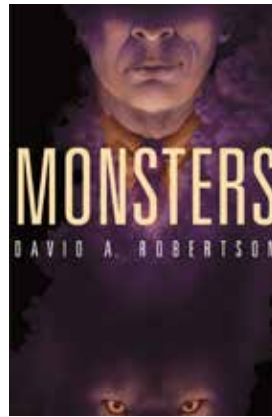
**RONSDALE PRESS** • 9781553805502 • 11.95 • Paperback  
• Age: 8-10 • Grade: 2-4 • Language Arts • Environment Studies • Ebook available: 9781553805519  
Also available: Last Chance Island by Norma Charles  
Author available for local school visits • @ncharles44



**MY LIFE AS A DIAMOND**  
JENNY MANZER

Talented baseball player Caspar "Caz" Cadman has a great arm and a big secret. No one knows that Caz used to live life as a girl named Cassandra. And it's nobody's business. Caz will tell his new friends when he's ready. But when a player on a rival team starts snooping around, Caz's past is revealed. Will Caz's teammates rally behind their star pitcher? Or will Caz be betrayed once more?

**ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS** • 9781459818316 • 10.95 • Paperback • Age: 9-11 • Grade: 4-6  
Language Arts • Ebook available: 9781459818330 • Also available: Kasey & Ivy by Alison Hughes  
Author available for local school visits • @JennyManzer



**MONSTERS**  
DAVID ALEXANDER ROBERTSON

Cole Harper is struggling to settle into life in Wounded Sky First Nation. He may have stopped a serial killer but the trouble is far from over. A creature lurks in the shadows of Blackwood Forest, the health clinic is on lockdown by a mysterious organization, and long-held secrets threaten to bubble to the surface. *Monsters* is the second novel in David A. Robertson's The Reckoner trilogy. It is the follow-up to Strangers.

**HIGHWATER PRESS** • 9781553797487 • 19.95 • Paperback • Age: 13-15 • Grade: 9-10  
Language Arts • Aboriginal Studies • Ebook available: 9781553797609 • Also available: Strangers by David A. Robertson • Author available for local school visits • @DaveAlexRobert

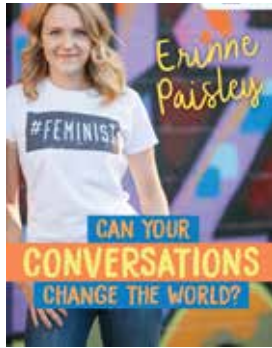


**THE STORY OF MY FACE**  
LEANNE BAUGH

A teenager who survives a bear attack learns that some scars just can't be ignored.

**SECOND STORY PRESS** • 9781772600704 • 13.95  
Paperback • Age: 15-17 • Grade: 11-12  
English • Ebook available: 9781772600735  
Also available: The Pain Eater by Beth Goobie  
Author available for local school visits  
@BaughLeanne

## High School Selections



**CAN YOUR CONVERSATIONS CHANGE THE WORLD?**  
ERINNE PAISLEY

Whether you are talking with one close friend or hanging out with a group of classmates, it matters what you say and how you say it. *Can Your Conversations Change the World?* provides insight into the origins and history of feminism, how it plays out on the global stage and what it means to be a young feminist and activist today.

This book is the third title in the PopActivism series.

**ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS** • 9781459813090 • 14.95 • Paperback • Age: 13-15 • Grade: 9-10  
Global Citizenship • Ebook available: 9781459813113  
Also available: Can Your Smartphone Change the World? by Erinne Paisley • @ErinneP



**FIRE SONG**  
ADAM GARNET JONES

A powerful and critically-acclaimed Own Voices novel based on the award-winning film of the same name. Shane is reeling from his sister's suicide. The person he wants to turn to the most for comfort is David, but how can he when their relationship is a secret from everyone on the rez?

**ANNICK PRESS** • 9781554519774 • 12.95  
Paperback • Age: 15-17 • Grade: 11-12  
Language Arts • Indigenous Studies  
LGBTQ Studies • Ebook available: 9781554519798  
Teacher Guide available [http://annickpress.com/books/catalog/?f=lp]  
Also available: #NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women • Author available for local school visits • @adamgarnetjones



**ALL THE THINGS WE LEAVE BEHIND**  
RIEL NASON

*All the Things We Leave Behind* is about remembrance and attachment, absence and adolescence, and about what we collect and what we leave behind. In this highly affecting novel, Nason explores the permeability of memory and the sometimes confusing bonds of human emotion.

**GOOSE LANE EDITIONS** • 9780864920416 • 19.95  
Paperback • Age: 15-17 • Grade: 9-10  
Language Arts • Women's studies, coming-of-age  
Ebook available: 9780864920416  
Also available: The Town That Drowned by Riel Nason  
Author available for local school visits • @RielNason

## Author Visits

Looking to book an author to visit a classroom or library in your community? Here are a few suggestions. Provincial Arts Councils and Writers' Guilds can also assist with bringing creators into your schools. And remember that many authors and illustrators have their own websites where they can be contacted directly.

**AUTHORS' BOOKING SERVICE**  
Authorsbooking.com

**THE CANADA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS**  
canadacouncil.ca/writing-and-publishing

**CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK CENTRE**  
directory.bookcentre.ca

**THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN POETS**  
poets.ca/links/writers-in-schools-programs

**CANSAIP (CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN'S AUTHORS, ILLUSTRATORS & PERFORMERS)**  
cansaip.org/School/LibraryVisits

**THE WRITERS' UNION OF CANADA**  
writersunion.ca/school-visits



### THE THING YOU'RE GOOD AT

LESLEY CHOYCE

Maria is the daughter of undocumented immigrants who have been living and working in the country for a long time. When they are suddenly deported, Maria, who was born here, decides to hide in her friend Jake's basement rather than risk becoming a ward of the state. But when she is abducted by people on the lookout for teenage girls who have lost their parents to deportation, Jake must find Maria before it's too late.

**ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS** • 9781459818040  
• 9.95 • Paperback • Age: 13-15 • Grade: 9-10  
Language Arts • Ebook available: 9781459818064  
Teacher Guide available  
Also available: Hide and Shriek by Alison Hughes  
Author available for local school visits  
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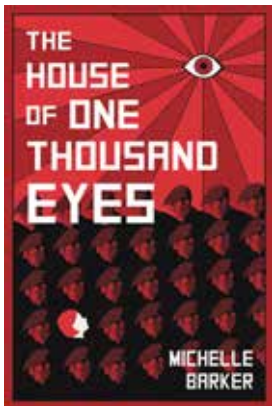


### LOST BOY

SHELLEY HRDLITSCHKA

Jon is banished from his polygamous community when he is caught kissing a girl. Although he finds support in the friendship of other "Lost Boys," he is utterly unprepared for life outside Unity. He spirals into a life of numbing booze, drugs and homelessness. When he hits rock bottom, someone from his past enters his new life and helps him find his way.

**ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS** • 9781459816374 • 14.95  
Paperback • Age: 15-17 • Grade: 11-12  
Language Arts • Ebook available: 9781459816398  
Also available: Sister Wife by Shelley Hrdlitschka  
Author available for local school visits  
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### THE HOUSE OF ONE THOUSAND EYES

MICHELLE BARKER

The gripping story about the devastating effects of a totalitarian regime are brought to light in this story of Lena, a young woman who must survive the repressive society of East Germany in the 1980s. When Lena's uncle, a best-selling novelist, disappears without a trace, Lena refuses to give up her search for him, regardless of the consequences.

**ANNICK PRESS** • 9781773210711 • 19.95  
Hardcover • Age: 16+ • Grade: 11-12 • Language Arts  
History Politics/Mental Health  
Ebook available: 9781773210735  
Teacher's Guide available  
Also available: Erebos by Ursula Poznanski  
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### VIOLA DESMOND: HER LIFE AND TIMES

GRAHAM REYNOLDS, WITH WANDA ROBSON

In 1946, Viola Desmond was arrested for refusing to give up her seat in a whites-only section of a movie theatre in Nova Scotia. Her singular act of courage was a catalyst in the struggle for racial equality that eventually ended segregation practices in Nova Scotia. Authors Graham Reynolds and Wanda Robson (Viola's sister) look beyond the theatre incident and provide new insights into her life.

**ROSEWAY PUBLISHING** • 9781773631233 • 10.00 • Paperback • Age: 15-17 • Grade: 11-12  
Canadian History • Social Studies • Ebook available: 9781773631240  
Teacher Guide available • Also available: Viola Desmond's Canada: A History of Black and Racial Segregation in the Promised Land




### THE WATER BEETLES

MICHAEL KAAAN


Winner of the 2018 Amazon Canada First Novel Award, *The Water Beetles* is an engrossing story of adventure and survival. Based loosely on the diaries and stories of the author's father, this mesmerizing story captures the horror of war, through the eyes of a child, with unsettling and unerring grace.

**GOOSE LANE EDITIONS** • 9780864929662 • 22.95  
Paperback • Age: 16+ • Grade: 11-12 • Language arts  
History • WWII, Hong Kong  
Ebook available: 9780864929679  
Also available: The Endless Battle: The Fall of Hong Kong and Canadian POWs in Imperial Japan by Andy Flanagan • Author available for local school visits  
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