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Mike Boldt
Doubleday Books For Young Readers

Be You!

Peter H. Reynolds
Scholastic Inc.

Boxitects

Kim Smith
HarperCollins Canada

Fast Friends

Heather M. O'Connor & Claudia Dávila
Scholastic Canada Ltd.

Going Up!

Sherry J. Lee & Charlene Chua
Kids Can Press

Grandmother School

Rina Singh & Ellen Rooney
Orca Book Publishers

My Day with Gong Gong

Sennah Yee & Elaine Chen
Annick Press

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family

Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali & Hatem Aly
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Salma the Syrian Chef

Danny Ramadan & Anna Bron
Annick Press

The Truth About Wind

Hazel Hutchins and Gail Herbert & Dušan Petričić
Annick Press

2020

Emma's Gems

Anne Renaud & Leanne Franson
Peanut Butter Press

Giraffe and Bird Together Again

Rebecca Bender
Pajama Press

The Magic Boat

Kit Pearson & Katherine Farris & Gabrielle Grimard
Orca Book Publishers

Me, Toma and the Concrete Garden

Andrew Larsen & Anne Villeneuve
Kids Can Press

Mustafa

Marie-Louise Gay
Groundwood Books

A Plan for Pops

Heather Smith & Brooke Kerrigan
Orca Book Publishers

The Reptile Club

Maureen Fergus & Elina Ellis
Kids Can Press

Sleep, Sheep!

Kerry Lynn Sparrow & Guillaume Perreault
Kids Can Press

Sloth at the Zoom

Helaine Becker & Orbie
Owlkids Books

★ **That's Not Hockey!** ★

Andrée Poulin & Félix Girard
Annick Press

2019

★ **Barnaby Never Forgets** ★

Pierre Collet-Derby
Candlewick Press

The Better Tree Fort

Jessica Scott Kerrin & Qin Leng
Groundwood Books

Harry's Hiccups

Jean Little & Joe Weissmann
Orca Book Publishers

I Love My Purse

Belle DeMont & Sonja Wimmer
Annick Press

I Love Sharks, Too!

Leanne Shirliffe & Lorenzo Montatore
Sky Pony Press

The Magician's Secret

Zachary Hyman & Joe Bluhm
Tundra Books

Sun Dog

Deborah Kerbel & Suzanne Del Rizzo
Pajama Press

Tricky

Kari Rust
Owlkids Books

What's My Superpower?

Aviaq Johnston & Tim Mack
Inhabit Media

Where Oliver Fits

Cale Atkinson
Tundra Books

2018

The Branch

Mireille Messier & Pierre Pratt
Kids Can Press

The Darkest Dark

Chris Hadfield & Kate Fillion & Eric & Terry Fan
Tundra Books

Even Superheroes Have Bad Days

Shelly Becker & Eda Kaban
Sterling Publishing

French Toast

Kari-Lynn Winters & François Thisdale
Pajama Press

Great

Glen Gretzky & Lauri Holomis & Kevin Sylvester
Puffin Canada

The Little Boy Who Lived Down the Drain

Carolyn Huizinga Mills & Brooke Kerrigan
Fitzhenry & Whiteside & Limited

Milo and Georgie

Bree Galbraith & Josée Biscaillon
Owlkids Books Inc.

The Owl and the Lemming

Roselynn Akulukjuk & Amanda Sandland
Inhabit Media Inc.

★ **Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist** ★

Jess Keating & Marta Álvarez Miguéns
Sourcebooks

A Squiggly Story

Andrew Larsen & Mike Lowery
Kids Can Press

2017

The Artist and Me

Shane Peacock & Sophie Casson
Owlkids Books

The Good Little Book

Kyo Maclear & Marion Arbona
Tundra Books

Harry and Walter

Kathy Stinson & Qin Leng
Annick Press

If I Had a Gryphon

Vikki VanSickle & Cale Atkinson
Tundra Books

Invisibill

Maureen Fergus & Dušan Petričić
Tundra Books

★ **The Night Gardener** ★

Eric Fan and Terry Fan
Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers

Snap!

Hazel Hutchins & Dušan Petričić
Annick Press

Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox

Danielle Daniel
Groundwood Books

Stanley at School

Linda Bailey & Bill Slavin
Kids Can Press Ltd.

The Wolf-Birds

Willow Dawson
Owlkids Books

2016

Butterfly Park

Elly MacKay
Running Press/Publisher's Group Canada

The Cardinal and the Crow

Michael Moniz
Simply Read Books

Fishermen Through and Through

Colleen Sydor & Brooke Kerrigan
Red Deer Press

Henry Holton Takes the Ice

Sandra Bradley & Sara Palacios
Penguin Young Readers; Dial

★ **If Kids Ruled the World** ★

Linda Bailey & David Huyck
Kids Can Press

In a Cloud of Dust

Alma Fullerton & Brian Deines
Pajama Press

Sam's Pet Temper

Sangeeta Bhadra & Marion Arbona
Kids Can Press

Stop, Thief!

Heather Tekavec & Pierre Pratt
Kids Can Press

Super Red Riding Hood

Claudia Dávila
Kids Can Press

We're All Friends Here

Nancy Wilcox Richards & Tom Goldsmith
Scholastic Canada Ltd.

2015

★ **The Day My Mom Came to Kindergarten** ★

Maureen Fergus & Mike Lowery
Kids Can Press

The Highest Number In The World

Roy Macgregor & Geneviève Després
Tundra Books

Kenta and The Big Wave

Ruth Ohi
Annick Press

Loula Is Leaving for Africa

Anne Villeneuve
Kids Can Press

The Man with the Violin

Kathy Stinson & Dušan Petričić
Annick Press

Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress

Christine Baldacchino & Isabelle Malenfant
Groundwood Books

The Most Magnificent Thing

Ashley Spires
Kids Can Press

My Blue Is Happy

Jessica Young & Catia Chien
Random House

Oddrey and the New Kid

Dave Whamond
Owlkids

Young Frank, Architect

Frank Viva
Abrams

2014

A Good Trade

Alma Fullerton & Karen Patkau
Pajama Press

I Dare You Not To Yawn

Helene Boudreau & Serge Bloch
Candlewick Press

If You Hold A Seed

Elly MacKay
Running Press

In The Tree House

Andrew Larsen & Dusan Petricic
Kids Can Press

Mr. Zinger's Hat

Cary Fagan & Dusan Petricic
Tundra Books

★ **Oddrey** ★

Dave Whamond
Owlkids Books

Sky Color

Peter H. Reynolds
Candlewick Press

This Is Not My Hat

Jon Klassen
Candlewick Press

Uncle Wally's Old Brown Shoe

Wallace Edwards
Orca Books

Willow Finds A Way

Lana Button & Tania Howells
Kids Can Press

2013

The Busy Beaver

Nicholas Oldland
Kids Can Press Ltd.

Don't Laugh at Giraffe

Rebecca Bender
Pajama Press Inc.

Ella May and the Wishing Stone

Cary Fagan & Geneviève Côté
Tundra Books

Here Comes Hortense!

Heather Hartt-Sussman & Georgia Graham
Tundra Books

JoJo the Giant

Jane Barclay & Esperança Melo
Tundra Books

★ Kate and Pippin ★

Martin Springett & Isobel Springett
Puffin Canada/Penguin Group

Larf

Ashley Spires
Kids Can Press Ltd.

Really and Truly

Émilie Rivard & Anne-Claire Delisle
OwlKids Books Inc.

Splinters

Kevin Sylvester
Tundra Books

You Are Stardust

Elin Kelsey & Soyeon Kim
OwlKids Books Inc.

2012

A Flock of Shoes

Sarah Tsiang & Qin Leng
Annick Press

★ Giraffe and Bird ★

Rebecca Bender
Dancing Cat Books/Cormorant Books

Kiss Me! (I'm a Prince!)

Heather McLeod & Brooke Kerrigan
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

The Little Hummingbird

Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas
D&M Publishers/Greystone Books

Making the Moose Out of Life

Nicholas Oldland
Kids Can Press

Noni Says No

Heather Hartt-Sussman & Geneviève Côté
Tundra Books

One Hockey Night

David Ward & Brian Deines
Scholastic Canada/North Winds Press

Roslyn Rutabaga and the Biggest Hole on Earth!

Marie-Louise Gay
Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press

Small Saul

Ashley Spires
Kids Can Press

Stanley's Little Sister

Linda Bailey & Bill Slavin
Kids Can Press

2011

Big Bear Hug
Nicholas Oldland
Kids Can Press

C'mere Boy!
Sharon Jennings and Ashley Spires
Kids Can Press

Have I Got a Book for You!
Mélanie Watt
Kids Can Press

The Imaginary Garden
Andrew Larsen and Irene Luxbacher
Kids Can Press

Jack the Bear
Christina Leist
Simply Read Books

★ **My Think-A-Ma-Jink** ★
Dave Whamond
Owlkids

Perfect Snow
Barbara Reid
Scholastic Canada & Ltd.

Proud as a Peacock, Brave as a Lion
Jane Barclay and Renné Benoit
Tundra Books

Violet
Tania Duprey Stehlik and Vanja Jovanovic
Second Story Press

Willow's Whispers
Lana Button and Tania Howells
Kids Can Press

2010

★ **Boo Hoo Bird** ★
Jeremy Tankard
Scholastic Canada

Bradley McGogg, The Very Fine Frog
Tim Beiser and Rachel Berman
Tundra Books

Crocodiles Play!
Robert Heidbreder and Rae Maté
Tradewind Books

Farley Follows His Nose
Lynn C Johnston and Beth Cruikshank
The Bowen Press / HarperCollins Canada

The King Has Goat Ears
Katarina Jovanovic and Phillipe Béha
Tradewind Books

The King's Taster
Kenneth Oppel
Paintings by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher
HarperCollins Canada

Stanley's Beauty Contest
Linda Bailey and Bill Slavin
Kids Can Press

There's a Cow Under My Bed!
Valerie Sherrard and David Jardine
Creative Book Publishing

When Stella Was Very, Very Small
Marie-Louise Gay
Groundwood Books

You're Mean, Lily Jean
Frieda Wishinsky and Kady MacDonald Denton
Scholastic Canada

2009

Buttercup's Lovely Day

Carolyn Beck
Orca Book Publishers

★ **Chester** ★

Mélanie Watt
Kids Can Press

Clancy with the Puck

Chris Mizzoni
Raincoast Books

Eliot Jones, Midnight Superhero

Anne Cottringer
Scholastic Canada Ltd

It's Moving Day

Pamela Hickman
Kids Can Press

Making Grizzle Grow

Rachna Gilmour
Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd

Mattland

Hazel Hutchins and Gail Herbert
Annick Press

My New Shirt

Cary Fagan
Tundra Books

Stanley at Sea

Linda Bailey
Kids Can Press

Such a Prince

Dan Bar-el
Clarion

2008

The Farm Team

Linda Bailey & Bill Slavin
Kids Can Press

Fox Walked Alone

Barbara Reid
Northwinds Press/Scholastic Canada Ltd.

Grumpy Bird

Jeremy Tankard
Scholastic Press

In My Backyard

Margriet Ruurs & Ron Broda
Tundra Books

Jeffrey and Sloth

Kari-Lynn Winters & Ben Hodson
Orca Book Publishers

Lily and the Paper Man

Rebecca Upjohn & Renné Benoit
Second Story Press

The List

Hazel Hutchins & Maria van Lieshout
Annick Press

Please, Louise!

Frieda Wishinsky and Marie-Louise Gay
Goundwood Books

A Sack Full of Feathers

Debby Waldman & Cindy Revell
Orca Book Publishers

★ **Scaredy Squirrel Makes A Friend** ★

Mélanie Watt
Kids Can Press

2007

Camilla Chameleon
Colleen Sydor & Pascale Constantin
Kids Can Press

Clara and the Bossy
Ruth Ohi
Annick Press

Earth to Audrey
Susan Hughes & Stéphane Poulin
Kids Can Press

Penelope and the Monsters
Sheri Radford & Christine Tripp
Lobster Press

★ **Scaredy Squirrel** ★
Mélanie Watt
Kids Can Press

Sophie and the Sea Monster
Don Gillmor & Michael Martchenko
Scholastic Canada

Stanley's Wild Ride
Linda Bailey & Bill Slavin
Kids Can Press

Taming Horrible Harry
Lili Chartrand & Rogé
Tundra Books

Wake up, Henry Rooster!
Margriet Ruurs & Sean Cassidy
Fitzhenry and Whiteside

Where's My Hockey Sweater?
Gilles Tibo & Bruno St-Aubin
Scholastic Canada

2006

Ben Over Night
Sarah Ellis & Kim LaFave
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Beneath The Bridge
Hazel Hutchins & Ruth Ohi
Annick Press

Bigbeard's Hook
Evan Solomon & Bill Slavin
Viking Canada & 2005

★ **The Boy Who Loved Bananas** ★
George Elliott & Andrej Krystoforski
Kids Can Press

Gummytoes
Sean Cassidy & Sean Cassidy
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Leon's Song
Stephanie McLellan & Dianna Bonder
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Mile High Apple Pie
Laura Langston & Lindsey Gardiner
Bodley Head/Random House

Penelope And The Humongous Burp
Sheri Radford & Christine Tripp
Lobster Press

Rainy Days With Bear
Maureen Hull & Leanne Franson
Lobster Press

Stella Princess Of The Sky
Marie Louise Gay
Groundwood Books

2005

A Very Unusual Dog

Dorothy Joan Harris & Kim LaFave
North Winds Press/Scholastic

Bagels from Benny

Aubrey Davis & Dušan Petričić
Kids Can Press

Camels Always Do

Lynn Manuel & Kasia Charko
Orca

★ Drumheller Dinosaur Dance ★

Robert Heidbreder & Bill Slavin & Esperança Melo
Kids Can Press

Our Canadian Flag

Maxine Trottier & Brian Deines
North Winds Press/Scholastic

Perfect Man

Troy Wilson & Dean Griffiths
Orca

Suki's Kimono

Chieri Uegaki & Stéphane Jorisch
Kids Can Press

The Sidewalk Rescue

Hazel Hutchins & Ruth Ohi
Annick Press

This is the Dog

Sheryl McFarlan & Chrissie Wysotski
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Too Many Books!

Gilles Tibo & Bruno St-Aubin
Scholastic Canada

2004

An Alien in My House

Shenaz Nanji & Chum G. McLeod
Second Story

The F Team

Anne Laurel Carter & Rose Cowles
Orca

Hank and Fergus

Susin Nielsen-Fernlund & Louise-Andre Laliberte
Orca

How Hot Was It?

Jane Barclay & Janice Donato
Lobster Press

It Couldn't Be Worse

Vlasta Van Kampen
Annick

Jillian Jiggs and the Great Big Snow

Phoebe Gilman
Scholastic

Sink or Swim

Valerie Coulman & Rogé
Lobster Press

★ Stanley's Party ★

Linda Bailey & Bill Slavin
Kids Can Press

The Subway Mouse

Barbara Reid
Scholastic

You Can't Rush a Cat

Karleen Bradford & Leslie Elizabeth Watts
Orca

2003

Alphabeasts

Wallace Edwards
Kids Can Press

Badger's New House

Robin Muller
Scholastic Canada

Courage to Fly

Troon Harrison & Zhong-Yang Huang
Red Deer Press

Full Moon Rising

Joanne Taylor & Susan Tooke
Tundra Books

Give Maggie a Chance

Frieda Wishinsky & Dean Griffiths
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

The Name of the Child

Marilynn Reynolds & Don Kilby
Orca Book Publishers

The Rumor: A Jataka Tale from India

Jan Thornhill
Maple Tree Press

Stella: Fairy of the Forest

Marie-Louise Gay
Groundwood Books

When the Giant Stirred: Legend of a Volcanic Island

Celia Godkin
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

★ **Z is for Zamboni: A Hockey Alphabet** ★

Matt Napier & Melanie Rose
Sleeping Bear Press

2002

The Best Figure Skater in the Whole Wide World

Linda Bailey & Alan and Lea Daniel
Kids Can Press

Big Ben

Sarah Ellis & Kim La Fave
Fitzhenry and Whiteside

Caribou Song

Tomson Highway & Brian Deines
Harper Collins

Emma's Cold Day

Margriet Ruurs & Barbara Spurl
Stoddart Kids

It's Raining It's Pouring

Andrea Spalding & Leslie Elizabeth Watts
Orca Books

M is for Maple: A Canadian Alphabet

Mike Ulmer & Melanie Rose
Sleeping Bear Press

No Two Snowflakes

Sheree Fitch & Janet Wilson
Orca Books

Oma's Quilt

Paulette Bourgeois & Stephane Jorisch
Kids Can Press

What The Animals Were Waiting For

Jonathan London & Paul Morin
Scholastic

★ **When Pigs Fly** ★

Valerie Coulman & Rogé
Lobster Press