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Love from A to Z
2019, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
Themes: young adult, contemporary romance, social themes
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Karen Bass

Two Times a Traitor
2017, Pajama Press
Themes: adventure, time-slip
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A Likkle Miss Lou: How Jamaican Poet Louise Bennett Coverley Found Her Voice
2019, Owlkids Books
Themes: picture book biography, language, diversity
ISBN: 9781771473507
Ages: 4–8

Malaika’s Costume
2016, Groundwood Books
Themes: picture book, people and places, Caribbean and Latin America
ISBN: 9781554987542
Ages: 3–7

Jess Keating

Elements of Genius: Nikki Tesla and the Ferret Proof Death Ray
2019, Scholastic Canada
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ISBN: 9781443411653
Ages: 8–12

What Makes a Monster?: Discovering the World’s Scariest Creatures
2017, Kroff Books for Young Readers
Themes: science, animals
ISBN: 9780553512304
Ages: 6–9

Qin Leng

Good Night, Good Night
2018, HarperCollins Canada
Themes: picture book, poetry, bedtime
ISBN: 9780735264069
Ages: 3–7

The Almost Epic Squad #3: Super Sketchy
2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: humorous stories, action and adventure, superheroes
Ages: 9–12

Lesley Livingston

The Valiant
2017, HarperCollins Canada
Themes: Fantasy, Roman Empire
Paperback ISBN: 9781443446297
Ages: 14+

Godfrey Nkongolo

Light a Candle
2019, Orca Book Publishers
Themes: historical fiction picture book, Africa
ISBN: 9781459817005
Ages: 4–8

Jay Odjick (illustrator)

Bear for Breakfast / Makwa kidji kijebà wisiniyàn
2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: humorous stories
ISBN (English): 9781443170550
ISBN (Dual Language): 9781443175111
Ages: 3–8

Blackflies
2017, Scholastic Canada
Themes: picture book, people and places, Indigenous
ISBN: 9781443157919
Ages: 3–8

Kevin Sands

Call of the Wraith: Blackthorn Key #4
2018, Simon & Schuster
Themes: historical fiction, friendship, secret societies
ISBN: 9781534428478
Ages: 8–12

The Assassin’s Curse: Blackthorn Key #3
2017, Simon & Schuster
Themes: historical fiction, friendship, secret societies
ISBN: 9781534405240
Ages: 8-12

Richard Scrimger

The Almost Epic Squad: Irresistible
2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: humorous stories, action and adventure, superheroes
ISBN: 9781443157889
Ages: 9–12

Downside Up
2016, Tundra Books
Themes: family grief, alternate world, illusion/reality, dragons
ISBN: 9781770498457
Ages: 10+

Sharon and Bram

Skinnamarink
2019, Tundra Books
Themes: music, friendship
ISBN: 9780735264089
Ages: 3–7

Ashley Spires

Fairy Science
2019, Tundra Books
Themes: science, fairies
ISBN: 9780735264250
Ages: 3–7

The Most Magnificent Thing
2014, Kids Can Press
Themes: picture book, perseverance
ISBN: 9781554537044
Ages: 3–7
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Themes: action-adventure fiction, superheroes, friendship
ISBN: 9781443148955
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Haunted Canada 9
2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: curiosities and wonders
ISBN: 9781443148893
Ages: 12-15

Haunted Canada & More Chilling True Tales
2018, Scholastic Canada
Themes: children’s nonfiction, curiosities and wonders
ISBN: 9781443148832
Ages: 9–12

Snowhook
2019, Dundurn Press
Themes: young adult, action/adventure, survival, winter
ISBN: 9781459743007
Ages: 12-15

Bounced
2017, Scholastic Canada
Themes: mystery and detective stories, humour
ISBN: 9781443157179
Ages: 9–12

Light a Candle
2019, Orca Book Publishers
Themes: historical fiction picture book, Africa
ISBN: 9781459743007
Ages: 8–12

Neil Flambé and the Duel in the Desert
2017, Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers
Themes: action-adventure, mystery, cooking and food
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Ages: 4–8

Irene Luxbacher

Treasure
2019, Orca Book Publishers
Themes: picture book, treasure hunt, natural world
ISBN: 9781459817340
Ages: 4–8

Eric Hogan and Tara Hungerford

Gumboot: The Case of the Vanishing Caterpillar: A Gumboot Kids’ Nature Mystery
2019, Firefly Books
Themes: nonfiction picture books, TV tie-in series, nature, mystery
ISBN: 9780228101949
Ages: 3–7

Mireille Messier

Trésor
2019, Orca Book Publishers
Themes: picture book, treasure hunt, natural world
ISBN: 9781459823273
Ages: 4–6

Barbara Reid

Picture the Sky
2017, North Winds Press (imprint of Scholastic Canada)
Themes: picture book, nature
ISBN: 9781443107617
Ages: 3–8

The Branch
2016, Kids Can Press
Themes: picture book, caring for the environment, intergenerational friendship
ISBN: 9781771385640
Ages: 3–7

Chief Lady Bird and Sunshine Tenasco

Nibi’s Water Song
2019, North Winds Press
Themes: picture book, people and places, Indigenous
ISBN: 9781443107891
Ages: 4–8

Andrew Larsen

Me, Toma and the Concrete Garden
2019, Kids Can Press
Themes: picture book, nature, friendship
ISBN: 9781771389174
Ages: 3–7

The Canadian Kids’ Guide to Outdoor Fun (05/2019)
2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: sports and recreation, camping and outdoor activities
ISBN: 9781443148450
Ages: 6–12

Irene Luxbacher

The Not-So-Far-Away Adventure
2016, Kids Can Press
Themes: picture book, grandparents, adventure
ISBN: 9781771380973
Ages: 3–7

Joanne Robertson

The Water Walker
2017, Second Story Press
Themes: nonfiction picture book, Indigenous, water protection
ISBN: 9781772600384
Ages: 6–9

Andrew Larsen

The Imaginary Garden
2009, Kids Can Press
Themes: picture book, family, creating art, imagination
ISBN: 9781554532797
Ages: 3–7

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The Case of the Wooden Timekeeper: A Gumboot Kids Nature Mystery
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