

Telling Tales®

2019-20 Reading List



Telling Tales is excited to be partnering with Forest of Reading, Canadian Children's Book Centre and a wide community of authors, booksellers and publishers to promote a new national "I Read Canadian" campaign. On February 19, 2020, young people across the country in schools, libraries, and daycares will be invited to read together—a Canadian book of their choice as part of the new "I Read Canadian Day".

Join this exciting celebration of Canadian literature and culture.

Let Telling Tales be your trusted guide to best in Canadian books for young people. From board books and young adult novels to new releases and award-winning stories, Telling Tales has something for all ages and reading abilities.

Main Event

S.K. Ali



Love from A to Z

2019, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
Themes: young adult, contemporary romance, social themes
ISBN: 9781534442726
Ages: 14 and up

Saints and Misfits

2018, Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
Themes: teen fiction, girls and women, social themes, religion and faith
ISBN: 9781481499255
Ages: 14 and up

skalibooks.com

Karen Bass



Two Times a Traitor

2017, Pajama Press
Themes: adventure, time-slip
ISBN: 9781772780246
Ages: 10–13

The Hill

2016, Pajama Press
Themes: young adult, teen adventure and thriller
ISBN: 9781772780024
Ages: 12 and up

karenbass.ca

Erin Bow



Stand on the Sky

2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: people and places, Asia
ISBN: 9781443163798
Ages: 9–12

Plain Kate

2010, Scholastic Canada
Themes: young adult fiction, magical realism
ISBN: 9781443175043
Ages: 12 and up

erinbow.com

Charlene Chua (illustrator) Terry and Eric Fan



Amy Wu and the Perfect Bad

2019, Aladdin
Themes: people and places, family
ISBN: 9781534411333
Ages: 0–8

The Wind Plays Tricks (03/2019)

2019, Albert Whitman & Company
Themes: picture book, animals, sounds
ISBN: 0807587354
Ages: 3–5

charlenechua.com



The Scarecrow

2019, HarperCollins
Themes: friendship, seasons
ISBN: 9780062475763
Ages: 4–8

Ocean Meets Sky

2018, Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers
Themes: picture book, family, imagination, nature
ISBN13: 9781481470377
Ages: 4–8

thefanbrothers.com

Melanie Florence



Just Lucky

2019, Second Story Press
Themes: YA fiction, foster care, resilience
ISBN: 9781772601046
Ages: 13–17

He Who Dreams

2017, Orca Book Publishers
Themes: middle reader fiction, Indigenous, identity
ISBN: 19781459811027
Ages: 12–18

melanieflorence.com

Shauntay Grant



Africville

2018, Groundwood Books / House of Anansi Press
Themes: Africville, Black History
ISBN-10: 1773060430; **ISBN-13:** 9781773060439
Ages: 4–7

shauntaygrant.com

Holly Hatam (illustrator)



Dear Boy

2019, HarperCollins
Themes: boys, encouragement
ISBN: 9780062422514
Ages: 4–8

Jack (Not Jackie)

2018, Little Bee Books
Themes: LGBT, social themes
ISBN: 9781499807318
Ages: 4–8

hollyhatam.com

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Nadia L. Hohn



A Little 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

nadialhohn.com

Jess Keating



Elements of Genius: Nikki Tesla and the Ferret Proof Death Ray

2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: action and adventure
ISBN: 9781338295214
Ages: 8-12

What Makes a Monster?: Discovering the World's Scariest Creatures

2017, Knopf Books for Young Readers
Themes: science, animals
ISBN: 9780553512304
Ages: 6-9

jesskeating.com

Qin Leng



Good Night, Good Night

2018, HarperCollins Canada
Themes: picture book, poetry, bedtime
ISBN: 9781443411653
Ages: 0-5

The Better Tree Fort

2018, Groundwood
Themes: picture book, treehouse, community
ISBN: 9781554988631
Ages: 4-8

qinillustrations.com

Lesley Livingston



The Almost Epic Squad #3: Super Sketchy

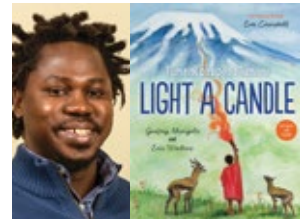
2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: humorous stories, action and adventure, superheroes
ISBN-13: 9781443157858
Ages: 9-12

The Valiant

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

lesleylivingston.com

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

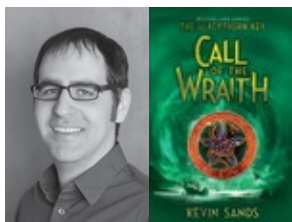
2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: humorous stories
ISBN (English): 9781443170550
ISBN (Dual Language): 9781443175111
Ages: 3-8

Blackflies

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

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Kevin Sands



Call of the Wraith: Blackthorn Key #4

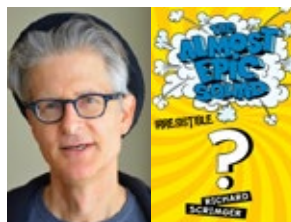
2018, Simon & Schuster
Themes: historical fiction, friendship, secret societies
ISBN: 9781534428478
Ages: 8-12

The Assassin's Curse: Blackthorn Key #3

2017, Simon & Schuster
Themes: historical fiction, friendship, secret societies
ISBN: 9781534405240
Ages: 8-12

kevinsandsbooks.com

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+

scrimger.ca

Sharon and Bram



Skinamarink

2019, Tundra Books
Themes: music, friendship
ISBN: 9780735264069
Ages: 3-7

sharonandbram.com

Ashley Spires



Fairy Science

2019, Tundra Books
Themes: science, fairies
ISBN: 9780735264250
Ages: 3-7

The Most Magnificent Thing

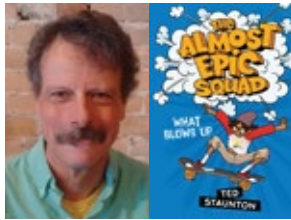
2014, Kids Can Press
Themes: picture book, perseverance
ISBN: 9781554537044
Ages: 3-7

ashleyspires.com

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Ted Staunton



The Almost Epic Squad: What Blows Up

2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: action-adventure fiction, superheroes, friendship
ISBN: 9781443157827
Ages: 8–12

Bounced

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

tedstauntonbooks.com

Jo Storm



Snowhook

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

jostorm.com

Joel Sutherland



Haunted Canada 9

2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: curiosities and wonders
ISBN: 9781443148955
Ages: 9–12

Haunted Canada 8: More Chilling True Tales

2018, Scholastic Canada
Themes: children's nonfiction, curiosities and wonders
ISBN: 9781443148832
Ages: 9–12

joelsutherland.com

Kevin Sylvester



The Almost Epic Squad: Mucus Mayhem

2018, Scholastic Canada
Themes: action-adventure fiction, superheroes, friendship
ISBN: 9781443157797
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
ISBN: 9781481410427
Ages: 8–12

kevinsylvesterbooks.com

Eric Walters



Light a Candle

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

Fourth Dimension

2018, Penguin Teen
Themes: dystopian fiction, survival, science fiction
ISBN: 9780143198444
Ages: 12-18

ericwalters.net

Janet Wilson



Our Future: How Kids Are Taking Action

2019, Second Story Press
Themes: children's empowerment, role models
ISBN: 9781772601039
Ages: 8–12

Our Earth: How Kids Are Saving the World

2010, Second Story Press
Themes: social justice, environmentalism
ISBN: 9781897187845
Ages: 3–6

janetwilson.ca

Nicola Winstanley



How to Give Your Cat a Bath in Five Easy Steps

2019, Tundra Books
Themes: picture book (animals), read-a-long, humour
ISBN: 9780735263543
Ages: 3–7

A Bedtime Yarn

2017, Tundra Books
Themes: picture book, sleep, emotions
ISBN: 9781101918081
Ages: 3–7

Celebrating Graphic Novels



Britt Wilson



The Almost Epic Squad: Irresistible

2019, Scholastic Canada
Themes: humorous stories, action and adventure, superheroes
ISBN: 9781443157889
Ages: 9–12

brittwilson.com

Tory Woollcott



Science Comics: The Brain

2018, Raincoast Books
Themes: non-fiction, graphic novel, science
ISBN: 9781626728011
Ages: 9–13

torywoollcott.com

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Nature Tales

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Dan Lawrie
International
Sculpture
Collection

Helaine Becker



Megabugs

2019, Kids Can Press
Themes: bugs, science
ISBN: 978177138811-5
Ages: 8-12

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

helainebecker.com

Eric Hogan and Tara Hungerford



Gumboots: The Case of the Vanishing Caterpillar: A Gumboot Kids' Nature Mystery (08/2019)

2019, Firefly Books
Themes: nonfiction picture books, TV tie-in series, nature, mystery
ISBN: 9780228101949
Ages: 3-7

The Case of the Story Rock: A Gumboot Kids Nature Mystery

2019, Firefly Books
Themes: nonfiction picture books, TV tie-in series, nature, mystery
ISBN: 9780228101925
Ages: 3-7

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

2019, Firefly Books
Themes: nonfiction picture books, TV tie-in series, nature, mystery
ISBN: 9780228101963
Ages: 3-7

The Case of the Growing Bird Feeder: A Gumboot Kids Nature Mystery

2019, Firefly Books
Themes: nonfiction picture books, TV tie-in series, nature, mystery
ISBN: 9780228101901
Ages: 3-7

gumbootkids.com

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

flare.com/how-i-made-it/chief-lady-bird

herbraids.com

Andrew Larsen



Me, Toma and the Concrete Garden

2019, Kids Can Press
Themes: picture book, nature, friendship
ISBN: 9781771389174
Ages: 3-7

The Imaginary Garden

2009, Kids Can Press
Themes: picture book, family, creating art, imagination
ISBN: 9781554532797
Ages: 3-7

andrewlarsen.ca

Irene Luxbacher



Treasure

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

The Not-So-Far-Away Adventure

2016, Kids Can Press
Themes: picture book, grandparents, adventure
ISBN: 9781771380973
Ages: 3-7

ireneluxbacher.com

Mireille Messier



Trésor

2019, Orca Book Publishers
Themes: picture book, treasure hunt, natural world
ISBN: 9781459823273
Ages: 4-8

The Branch

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

mireille.ca

Barbara Reid



Picture the Sky

2017, North Winds Press (imprint of Scholastic Canada)
Themes: picture book, nature
ISBN: 9781443163026
Ages: 3-8

Picture a Tree

2011, North Winds Press (imprint of Scholastic Canada)
Themes: picture book, nature
ISBN: 9781443107617
Ages: 3-8

barbarareid.ca

Joanne Robertson



The Water Walker

2017, Second Story Press
Themes: nonfiction picture book, Indigenous, water protection
ISBN: 9781772600384
Ages: 6-9

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