

BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS



FANTASTIC FLOWERS

AUTHOR: Susan Stockdale ILLUSTRATOR: Susan Stockdale PUBLISHER: Peachtree Publishers PUB DATE: March 2017 EAN: 9781561459520 PRICE: \$25.95 AGES: 2-6 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: nature, flowers, environmental science

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1561459526

With rhythmic, rhyming text and beautifully patterned paintings, award-winning author and illustrator Susan Stockdale introduces young readers to seventeen fantastic flowers that resemble all kinds of things. Budding botanists will delight in how much the flowers look like upside-down pants, prickly pineapples, or even tiny babies! They will learn what a flower is and how it's pollinated, and can compare and contrast the whimsical images of the flowers to actual photographs of them.



UKALIQ AND KALLA GO FISHING

AUTHOR: Nadia Mike ILLUSTRATOR: Amanda Sandland PUBLISHER: Inhabit Media PUB DATE: April 2017 EAN: 9781772271355 PRICE: \$16.95 AGES: 3-5 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: friendship, humour

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1772271357

Ukaliq and Kalla are two friends who could not be more different. Ukaliq is loud, excited, and always looking for adventure. Kalla, on the other hand, is calm, quiet, and knows it's best to be well-prepared before travelling out on the land or sea ice. When the two friends head out for a day of fishing, Ukaliq can barely wait to get his line in the water – but his eagerness to catch a fish may just leave him empty-handed in the end.



WHAT'S MY SUPERPOWER?

AUTHOR: Aviaq Johnston ILLUSTRATOR: Tim Mack PUBLISHER: Inhabit Media PUB DATE: June 2017 EAN: 9781772271409 PRICE: \$16.95 AGES: 3-5 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: self esteem, character education

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1772271403

Nalvana feels like all of her friends have some type of superpower. She has friends with super speed (who always beat her in races), friends with super strength (who can dangle from the monkey bars for hours) and friends who are better at her than her at a million other things. Nelvana thinks she must be the only one in town without a superpower. But then her mom shows Nalvana that she is unique and special – and that her superpower was right in front of her all along.



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PIKIQ

AUTHOR: Yayo ILLUSTRATOR: Yayo PUBLISHER: Tradewind Books PUB DATE: February 2017 EAN: 9781926890050 PRICE: \$19.95 AGES: 3-6 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: diversity, creativity, imagination

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1926890051

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED. In the far, far north, Pikiq finds paint, paintbrushes, and a book with pictures of tropical animals and far away places abandoned in the deep snow. Inspired, he draws fantastic creatures everywhere, and colour bursts onto the white landscape.



MRS. MCBEE LEAVES ROOM 3

AUTHOR: Gretchen Brandenburg McLellan ILLUSTRATOR: Grace Zong PUBLISHER: Peachtree Publishers PUB DATE: April 2017 EAN: 9781561459445 PRICE: \$25.95 AGES: 3-7 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: transitions, endings, acceptance, friendship

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1561459445

It's not just the end of the school year at Mayflower Elementary. It's time to say good-bye to Mrs. McBee, the beloved teacher in Room 3, who is leaving the school. Young readers will join Mrs. McBee and the children of Room 3 as they find their own ways of helping each other get ready to leave.



STANLEY'S STORE

AUTHOR: William Bee ILLUSTRATOR: William Bee PUBLISHER: Peachtree Publishers PUB DATE: March 2017 EAN: 9781561458684 PRICE: \$22.95 AGES: 3-7 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: careers, community, animals

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1561458686

Welcome to Stanley's store – he has fresh fruits and veggies to be unloaded and Myrtle needs help at the cheese counter and – oh no! Charlie just knocked over Stanley's produce display. Even for an industrious hamster like Stanley, running a store is hard work. Ongoing book in the Stanley series. Negotiations ongoing for an animation series – possibly late 2017.





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BABY ON BOARD

AUTHOR: Marianne Berkes ILLUSTRATOR: Cathy Morrison PUBLISHER: Dawn Publications PUB DATE: March 2017 EAN: 9781584695929 (hardcover); 9781584695936 (paperback) PRICE: \$25.95 (hardcover); \$13.95 (paperback) AGES: 3-8 FORMAT: simultaneous hardcover and paperback picture book THEMES: nature, animal babies/families, habitats

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1584695927 (hardcover); www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1584695935 (paperback)

A heartwarming and informative picture book showing how animals carry their young. Tucked in pouches, gripped in teeth, propped on backs or underneath – these are just some of the clever ways animals carry their babies. Backmatter includes creative activities and an "Explore More" section.



ANIMALS ILLUSTRATED: WALRUS

AUTHOR: Herve Paniaq ILLUSTRATOR: Ben Shannon PUBLISHER: Inhabit Media PUB DATE: June 2017 EAN: 9781772271423 PRICE: \$15.95 AGES: 4-6 FORMAT: hardcover non-fiction THEMES: nature, Arctic animals

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/177227142X

Book 4 in the Animals Illustrated series introducing Arctic Animals to young readers. In this new addition to the series kids will learn how walruses raise their young in the cold Arctic Ocean, what they eat, and where they can be found, along with other interesting information, like the fascinating uses for their characteristic tusks.



A DAY WITH YAYEH

AUTHOR: Nicola Campbell ILLUSTRATOR: Julie Flett PUBLISHER: Tradewind Books PUB DATE: May 2017 EAN: 9781926890098 PRICE: \$19.95 AGES: 4-7 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: diversity, First Nations, family

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1926890094

An entire family goes out for a romp in the woods picking mushrooms and herbs. A humorous picture book set in the Okanagon area of British Columbia. Award-winning First Nations author Nicola Campbell works with the award-winning Cree-Metis illustrator Julie Flett.



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THE LITTLE BOY WHO LIVED DOWN THE DRAIN AUTHOR: Carolyn Huizinga Mills ILLUSTRATOR: Brooke Kerrigan PUBLISHER: Fitzhenry & Whiteside

PUB DATE: June 2017 EAN: 9781554553952 PRICE: \$18.95 AGES: 4-7 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: family - siblings, imagination, growing up, humour

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1554553954

Sally loves taking baths – not because of the bubbles but because that was when she could talk to the Little Boy Who Lived Down the Drain. She heard about him when her mother read to her baby brother about Baa Baa Black Sheep and his three bags of wool – one of them going to the little boy who lived down the drain. And a friendship was born...



THANK YOU LUCKY STAR

AUTHOR: Lora Rozler ILLUSTRATOR: Jan Dolby PUBLISHER: Fitzhenry & Whiteside PUB DATE: June 2017 EAN: 9781554554102 PRICE: \$18.95 AGES: 4-7 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: diversity, character education

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1554554101

Lora Rozler explores the world with a series of evocative situations with a child being thankful in different languages – Yiddish, Persian, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Cree



BOONOONOOUS HAIR

AUTHOR: Olive Senior ILLUSTRATOR: Laura James PUBLISHER: Tradewind Books PUB DATE: March 2017 EAN: 9781926890074 PRICE: \$19.95 AGES: 4-8 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: diversity, days of the week

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1926890078

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED. A vibrant and exquisitely illustrated book, written by Commonwealth Prize-winning Jamaican-Canadian Olive Senior and with pictures by the acclaimed artist Laura James, a young girl learns to love her difficult-to-manage voluminous and Boonoonoonous Hair.





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BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS...

AUTHOR: Jennifer Lanthier ILLUSTRATOR: Patricia Storms PUBLISHER: Clockwise Press PUB DATE: April 2017 EAN: 9781988347059 PRICE: \$19.95 AGES: 4-8 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: friendship, empathy, forgiveness, humour

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/198834705X

A new picture book from the award-winning author of The Stamp Collector. Oscar is penning the ultimate break-up letter to his former Partner in Adventure and now Sworn Mortal Enemy. Is their friendship doomed to destruction along with the world of imagination that the two have built together?



A STICK UNTIL...

AUTHOR: Constance Anderson ILLUSTRATOR: Constance Anderson PUBLISHER: Star Bright Books PUB DATE: April 2017 EAN: 9781595727770 (hardcover); 9781595727787 (paperback) PRICE: \$25.95 (hardcover); \$10.95 (paperback) AGES: 4-8 FORMAT: simultaneous hardcover and paperback picture book THEMES: imagination and creativity; nature

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1595727779 (hardcover); www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1595727787 (paperback)

A stick is just a stick until ... an elephant turns it into a flyswatter, an alligator uses it to catch prey, or a child uses a stick as a toy. Author Constance Anderson shows readers how a simple stick can become a tool or a toy in this enjoyable look at the many uses animals and people can find for sticks.



ZEBRA ON THE GO

AUTHOR: Jill Nogales ILLUSTRATOR: Lorraine Rocha PUBLISHER: Peachtree Publishers PUB DATE: April 2017 EAN: 9781561459117 PRICE: \$25.95 AGES: 4-8 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: cause and effect, circus, animals

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1561459119

Jill Nogales's rollicking text keeps readers on their hooves (toes) as fierce lion and speedy zebra cause chaos in the circus ring when their act does not go according to plan.





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PUTUGUQ AND KUBLU

AUTHOR: Danny Christopher ILLUSTRATOR: Astrid Arijanto PUBLISHER: Inhabit Media PUB DATE: May 2017 EAN: 9781772271430 PRICE: \$5.95 AGES: 5-7 FORMAT: paperback original graphic novel THEMES: siblings, Inuit stories

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1772271438

Putuguq and Kublu are a sister and brother who cannot get along. They love to pull pranks and one-up each other every chance they get. When one of Putuguq's pranks does not go as planned, the feuding siblings find themselves on the land with their grandfather, learning a bit about Inuit history – between throwing snowballs, that is.



SUKAQ AND THE RAVEN

AUTHOR: Kerry McCluskey & Roy Goose ILLUSTRATOR: Soyeon Kim PUBLISHER: Inhabit Media PUB DATE: June 2017 EAN: 9781772271393 PRICE: \$16.95 AGES: 5-7 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: First Nations, traditional folktale, creation myth

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/177227139X

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.



FATIMA AND THE CLEMENTINE THIEVES

AUTHOR: Mireille Messier ILLUSTRATOR: Gabrielle Grimard PUBLISHER: Red Deer Press PUB DATE: April 2017 EAN: 9780889955295 PRICE: \$18.95 AGES: 5-8 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: problem-solving, strong female lead character, cultural diversity,

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/0889955298

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED. A strong independent young girl must figure out how to save her family's clementine plantation after a herd of elephants plot a path through the orchard. Based on the traditional African proverb: When spider webs unite, they can stop elephants.





SONG ON THE WIND

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AUTHOR: Caroline Everson ILLUSTRATOR: Anne Marie Bourgeois PUBLISHER: Fifth House Publishers PUB DATE: June 2017 EAN: 9781927083307 PRICE: \$18.95 AGES: 5-8 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: bedtime, First Nations

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1927083303

This poetic story follows sleepy-eyed children through bedtime tales and tender lullabies. Their parents sing of white polar bears, northern lights, sea creatures, and woodland animals.



SPARKLE BOY

AUTHOR: Leslea Newman ILLUSTRATOR: Maria Mola PUBLISHER: Lee & Low Books PUB DATE: May 2017 EAN: 9781620142851 PRICE: \$26.95 AGES: 5-8 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: diversity, gender, family, siblings

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1620142856

Casey loves to play with his blocks, puzzles and dump truck, but he also loves things that shimmer, sparkle and glitter. When his older sister, Jessie, shows off her new shimmery skirt, Casey wants a shimmery skirt too. The adults in Casey's life embrace his interests, but Jessie is worried that he will be teased and bullied. But when the boys at school tease him she realizes he has the right to be himself and wear whatever he wants.



THE CRANE GIRL

AUTHOR: Curtis Manley ILLUSTRATOR: Lin Wong PUBLISHER: Lee & Low Books PUB DATE: March 2017 EAN: 9781885008572 PRICE: \$28.95 AGES: 6-10 FORMAT: hardcover picture book THEMES: folktale, diversity

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1885008570

While gathering firewood, Yasuhiro comes upon an injured crane hidden in the snow. He rescues and comforts the bird, then watches it fly away. The next night, a mysterious girl, Hiroko, arrives at Yasuhiro's home seeking shelter. When Hiroko notices that Yasuhiro's father is struggling to earn money she offers to weave silk for him to sell. When the silk fetches a good price, the boy's father's greed has a life-changing effect on them all.





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FLOWERS FOR SARAJEVO

AUTHOR: John McCutcheon ILLUSTRATOR: Kristy Caldwell PUBLISHER: Peachtree Publishers PUB DATE: April 2017 EAN: 9781561459438 PRICE: \$29.95 AGES: 7-10 FORMAT: hardcover picture book with audio CD THEMES: community, healing, peace, Bosnian war

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1561459437

From the author of the bestselling *Christmas in the Trenches*. Young Drasko is happy selling flowers with his father in the Sarajevo marketplace, where people from every neighbourhood and background have mingled for generations. Yet when war encroaches, everything changes. Drasko's neighbourhood begins to feel the full weight of war. But an unlikely act of heroism helps Drasco – and the world – understand the power of beauty and kindness in the face of violence. The enclosed CD includes reading of the text along with a special guest performance from the cellist of Sarajevo – Vedran Smailovic.



OUTSIDE SHOT

AUTHOR: Fred Bowen PUBLISHER: Peachtree Publishers PUB DATE: March 2017 EAN: 9781561459551 (hardcover); 9781561459568 (paperback) PRICE: \$22.95 (hardcover); \$10.95 (paperback) AGES: 7-12 FORMAT: simultaneous hardcover and paperback middle grade novel THEMES: sports, basketball, teamwork

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1561459550 (hardcover); www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1561459569 (paperback)

The latest middle grade novel in Fred Bowen's sports stories. Eighth grade basketball player Richie Mallon is known as "the shooter". He never plays any other roles on the court; he lets his teammates do the assisting and rebounding. Richie makes the team under a tough new coach, but he's not a starter. Then when his shooting skills go into a slump, he must find a way to become a more well-rounded player. Includes nonfiction backmatter about basketball's greatest shooters.



SMILEY: THERAPY DOG PAR EXCELLENCE

AUTHOR: Joanne George ILLUSTRATOR: Photographs by Joanne George PUBLISHER: Fitzhenry & Whiteside PUB DATE: April 2017 EAN: 9781554554126 PRICE: \$18.95 AGES: 9+ FORMAT: hardcover non-fiction THEMES: animals – dogs; special needs

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1554554128

A biography of a very special dog – Smiley. Veterinary technician Joanne George found Smiley on a rescue mission at a puppy mill. Smiley had been born without eyes and with dwarfism and his time in the puppy mill had caused serious anxiety. He was going to need some extra special care – and Joanne started the project to give Smiley a loving home. In the process Smiley taught Joanne patience, understanding and acceptance. Smiley and Joanne now work with St John's Ambulance's therapy dog program visiting schools, nursing homes, libraries, and children's programs.





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EAT THIS!

AUTHOR: Andrea Curtis ILLUSTRATOR: Peggy Collins PUBLISHER: Red Deer Press PUB DATE: April 2017 EAN: 9780889955325 PRICE: \$16.95 AGES: 10+ FORMAT: paperback original nonfiction THEMES: media literacy, food literacy, critical thinking

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/0889955328

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED. From the bestselling author of What's For Lunch this new nonfiction looks into food advertising and marketing to show young people how to recognize the messages. A cutting-edge look at fast-food marketing which will also contribute towards building healthy eating behaviours.



CLUTCH

AUTHOR: Heather Camlot PUBLISHER: Red Deer Press PUB DATE: April 2017 EAN: 9780889955486 PRICE: \$12.95 AGES: 10+ FORMAT: paperback, middle grade novel THEMES: family, community, historical, friendship, coming of age

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/0889955484

It's 1946. A poor Jewish neighbourhood in Montreal, a million miles away from the posh mansions on the other side of town. But a 12-year-old boy can hope. Just across town something incredible is happening – against all the odds. Jackie Robinson has just started with the Montreal Royals. If Jackie can break down barriers, then so too can a poor Jewish kid from The Plateau.



SKY WATCHERS

AUTHOR: Elyse Kishimoto PUBLISHER: Green Jelly Bean Press PUB DATE: March 2017 EAN: 9780994089748 PRICE: \$12.95 AGES: 10+ FORMAT: paperback young adult novel THEMES: fantasy, time travel

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/0994089740

Book 2 in The Dining and Social Club for Time Travellers Series. A mysterious island has appeared off the coast of Morocco, baffling scientists. Strange sightings, both wondrous and terrifying are cropping up worldwide. Meanwhile the time travellers are getting along worse that ever, the very fabric of the cosmos is unravelling and the most feared armies of all time have returned to wreak havoc upon the world.



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BENT NOT BROKEN: MADELINE & JUSTIN

AUTHOR: Lorna Schultz Nicholson PUBLISHER: Clockwise Press PUB DATE: March 2017 EAN: 9781988347035 PRICE: \$12.95 AGES: 12+ FORMAT: paperback young adult novel THEMES: special needs, friendship

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1988347033

The third book in the acclaimed One-2-One series. Meet Madeline and Justin. Before Madeline's bike accident left her with a traumatic brain injury, she and her twin sister were inseparable. So were her parents. But now, Madeline's parents were divorced and Becky has become rebellious and angry. At least Madeline knows she can rely on the therapy horses she visits each week. Justin is the president of his school's Best Buddies Club. He goes with Madeline to see the therapy horses to escape the gloom of his home life and the pressures of the final year of high school.



HOW SAMANTHA SMART BECAME A REVOLUTIONARY

AUTHOR: Dawn Green PUBLISHER: Red Deer Press PUB DATE: May 2017 EAN: 9780889955493 PRICE: \$14.95 AGES: 14+ FORMAT: paperback young adult novel THEMES: dystopian; social awareness; politics, activism

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/0889955492

What happens when a strong-arm is elected leader of a deeply divided nation? What happens to young adults when government no longer tolerates diversity or free speech? This is the story of how Sam Smart became a Revolutionary.



WHY THE MONSTER

AUTHOR: Rachel & Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley ILLUSTRATOR: Toma Feizo Gas PUBLISHER: Inhabit Media PUB DATE: June 2017 EAN: 9781772271416 PRICE: \$13.95 AGES: 14+ FORMAT: paperback young adult novel THEMES: fantasy, adventure, Inuit spiritualism

www.fitzhenry.ca/Detail/1772271411

Huuq is a young Inuit boy who has never fit into camp life. One day, fleeing yet another attack from the camp bullies, Huuq finds himself alone and far away, with only his dog Qipik as company. On a lonesome hill, Huuq and Qipik find an egg – no ordinary bird's egg. It is almost like a stone. When Huuq breaks the mysterious egg, it unleashes a series of events that turn Huuq into a monstrous half-human creature. As Huuq tries to figure out why he has been turned into a monster, what the egg and its contents mean, and how he can return to his natural self, he is thurst into a world of fearsome creatures, mystical powers, and an evil the likes of which he has never encountered.

